

December 26, 2021 • The Holy Family



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.  
~Lk 2:51-52



# St. John Vianney Holy Family

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St. John Vianney Weekend Mass Schedule  
Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm and Sunday 10:00am

Holy Family Weekend Mass Schedule  
Sunday 8:00am

May the peace of the newborn Christ be with you, Merry Christmas to you and all of your family! I pray that the Christ child brings joy to your heart, a removal of fear, and peace of reconciliation and redemption.



There has certainly been a lot going on in our nation and the world and plenty of things to be worried or fearful about. In some ways there were similar fears and worries in first century Judea, around the time of the birth of Christ. The good news is that Jesus is the Lord of time and history and the God of all. There is nothing happening that is outside of his knowledge, or his loving plan for our salvation. When the angels appeared to announce the coming of Christ, they frequently said to human beings: "Do not be afraid." To Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard." To Mary the Mother of God, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." To Joseph, husband of Mary, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home." To the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David, a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." (from the beginning of the gospels of Matthew and Luke)

When it came time for the birth of Christ, Caesar Augustus had issued a decree that a census take place and this required the return of everyone to the homeland of their ancestors. For Joseph, this meant going to Bethlehem which is where David was from, and Joseph is directly descended from King David. When they arrived, there was no room for them in the inn, and they had to make do in a poor and smelly stable with animals, with no crib for Jesus but the manger or the box which the animals ate out of. Since Jesus is God and controls every thing that happens, we must conclude that he chose and desired to be born this way, in complete poverty and humility, not being recognized by others except for the shepherds and wise men. It was through these means that God chose to be with us, to experience what we experience, especially those who live in poverty and go without, having to beg for food and assistance, in order to show us that he understands and wants to be with us in compassion.

Sometimes we are tempted to think that things happen to us randomly and often ask, "Why is this happening to me?" Other times we become afraid of what might happen and clamp down in fear trying to control the events of history and our life. In the same way that God foreknew and directed ahead of time all that happened to Jesus, he also directs with love and grace all the events of our lives, each one of us known and wanted by God. The angel or messenger of the Lord says the same words to us, "Do not be afraid." In other words, as St. Paul says, "have no anxiety about anything," (Philippians 4:4), and Jesus himself says, "Do not worry anymore... Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom... Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:32).

In next Sunday's reading, we have the story of Epiphany, the visit of the magi to Jesus, offering him gifts and doing him homage. The theme for World Youth day in Germany in 2005 was "Come Let us Adore Him, referring to the desire of the three kings to give Christ homage, since WYD was in Cologne Germany that year, and the relics of the three kings are contained in the Cathedral of Cologne. To adore Jesus means to love him with all our hearts. Let us pray with St. Francis de Sales: Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in his love enable you to profit by them. He has guided you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in his arms. Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day of your life. Either he will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all useless thoughts, all vain dreads and all anxious imaginations.

God Bless you,  
Fr. Andrew Beerman

**MASS**  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Mon. Dec. 27**.....**St. John**  
**No Mass Today**

**Tues. Dec. 28**.....**The Holy Innocents**  
**5:15pm** Mass at St. John Vianney Church  
†*Martha Maday Moltzen*

**Wed. Dec. 29**....**Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas**  
**8:40am** Mass at St. John Vianney Church  
†*Bonnie Stadther*

**Thurs. Dec. 30**.**Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas**  
**No Mass Today**

**Fri. Dec. 31**..**Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas**  
**8:30am** Mass at SJV Church  
†*Betty Mobry*  
**5:30pm** Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church  
*For the People*

**Sat. Jan. 1**  
**9:00am** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at SJV Church  
†*Ken Cloud*  
**5:00pm** Vigil Mass at St. John Vianney Church  
†*Helen Hager*

**Sun. Jan. 2**.....**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**8:00am** Mass at Holy Family Church  
†*Roger & Janice Jensen*  
**10:00am** Mass at St. John Vianney Church  
†*Julie Clements*  
**2:00pm** Mass in Spanish at St. John Vianney Church  
*For the People*

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<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Saturdays at St. John Vianney</b> 3:30-4:50pm <b>Sundays at Holy Family</b> 7:30-7:50am or by appointment</p>	<p><b>Baptism</b> Baptism classes are held quarterly. Call the parish office for more information on classes and to schedule a baptism.</p>	<p><b>Matrimony</b> Arrangements for Catholics, even those marrying outside the parish Church, must be made with the pastor at least six months in</p>
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## This Week

### Sunday, December 26

- 11:00am** Children's Choir Practice—Music Room  
**3:30pm** Spanish Prayer and Music—SJV Church  
**5:00pm** Hope Café—Hosp. Area  
**7:00pm** Charismatic Prayer Group—Music Room

### Monday, December 27

**Parish Offices Closed**

### Tuesday, December 28

### Wednesday, December 29

- 12:00pm** Women's Bible Study—Music Room

### Thursday, December 30

- 6:30pm** With One Voice—Music Room

### Friday, December 31

**Parish Offices Closed**

### Saturday, January 1

**Happy New Year!**

### Sunday, January 2

- 11:00am** Children's Choir Practice—Music Room  
**2:00pm** Mass in Spanish—SJV Church  
**3:30pm** Spanish Prayer and Music—SJV Church

Hay música y oraciones en español todos los Domingos de 3:30 a 5:30pm en la Iglesia de St. John Vianney. Todos están invitados.

*There will be music and prayer in Spanish every Sunday from 3:30-5:30pm at St. John Vianney Church. All are welcome!*

## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2022



## Reflexión Española



26 de diciembre de 2021

### La Sagrada Familia

Hoy es un día para celebrar a la familia - a la nuestra y a las familias de todo el mundo, de celebrar y gozar a los hijos, nietos y parientes cercanos y lejanos. Dios quiso nacer en una familia y por medio de ella, se nos ofrece una oportunidad para conocerle mejor y amarle más. Recordemos que es en la familia donde se forjan los santos y santas de Dios. Y es también en ella donde están los vicios y malas acciones. ¡Cuidado padres de familia! Aprender de la familia de Nazaret es importante.

Cada día del año es una oportunidad para continuar la búsqueda de Dios, de Jesús, en nuestro hogar. Podemos vislumbrar, en la Liturgia de hoy, a tres figuras importantes del hogar de Nazaret: una mujer con su pequeño y su esposo, listos para hacer la voluntad de Dios, para orar y platicar en familia. El papa Francisco nos dice que:

*“Realmente, hoy es un día hermoso... hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. El término sagrada coloca a esta familia en el ámbito de la santidad, que es un don de Dios, pero, al mismo tiempo, es una adhesión libre y responsable al plan de Dios” (12-29-2019).* Sé, y busco cuál es el plan de Dios para mi hogar o ¿ni siquiera me importa ese diálogo entre esposa, esposo e hijos? El tiempo de confinamiento debió ser una oportunidad para crecer en gracia y sabiduría en la familia. ¿Lo ve usted así? Padres de familia, la mejor herencia para sus hijos y nietos es fomentar la fe, la educación, el amor y la unidad en el hogar.

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## Calendar Raffle Winner:

**December 26: Gary Lutterman—\$500**

**Congratulations!!!**

*Check here every week to see who the next winner is!*

## Readings/Las Lecturas

### for the week of December 26, 2021

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/ Mt 2:13-18

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Lk 2:22-35

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/ Lk 2:36-40

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

**Holy Family Stewardship**  
**December 19, 2021**

Information for this week's contributions was not available at the time of publication.

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**Holy Family Cemetery**

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**Holy Family Liturgical Schedule**

**Fri., Dec. 31 at 5:30pm**

**LECTOR**

Mike Petrowiak

**SERVERS**

Jake Petrowiak

**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS**

Tim & Stacy Pytleski

**Sun., Jan. 2 at 8am**

**LECTOR**

Daryl Pytleski

**SERVERS**

Avery Kurt and Tyler Kurt

**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS**

Jim & Sylvia Pytleski

**JANUARY USHERS**

Lee Dallager and James Dallager



**Sunday, December 26 at 8:00am**

†Rosella Sogges

**Tuesday, December 31 at 5:30pm**

For the People

**Sunday, January 2 at 8:00am**

†Roger & Janice Jensen

**St. John Vianney Stewardship**  
**December 19, 2021**

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Please call the church office if you would like to conveniently contribute to St. John Vianney Church through automatic monthly or weekly electronic fund transfers.

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# St. John Vianney/Holy Family Parish News and Community Events

Due to a delay in production, the **contribution envelopes for Holy Family** have not yet arrived. The printing company will try and get them to us within the next few weeks. You can make contributions without your envelope by check, or by placing cash in an envelope with your name on it. Envelopes will be in the back of church as soon as they arrive.

**Christmas gifts for the priests:** **Fr. Parrott:** as a parish cluster we will be collecting money to buy **new tires for his vehicle**. Money that is to go toward Fr. Parrott's gift can be put in the collection baskets at Mass or brought to the parish center. Those checks should be made payable to St. John Vianney Church. **Fr. Beerman:** as a parish cluster we will once again be collecting money to pay for Father Beerman's **golf dues** at Interlaken Golf Club. As in the past, the check should be made out to "Ron Arens" and placed in the gift box at church or mailed to PO Box 190, Fairmont, MN 56031. The checks won't be cashed until the dues are paid. For more information please call Ron Arens 236-7459 or Dennis Lockwood 236-5782.

The **Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring their **18th annual raffle** with the proceeds to benefit the St. John Vianney School. This year the Knights will be selling 1,000 tickets at \$100 each and are giving out 36 cash prizes totaling \$40,000, with 1st prize being \$15,000. Raffle tickets are available at the SJV Parish Center, the SJV School or at Sovell Jewelry. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 or email at [alucas@frontiernet.net](mailto:alucas@frontiernet.net) Please note the Knights will not experience any financial gain as a result of this raffle and all proceeds will be given to our school, benefiting its students. To date, in addition to paying all taxes associated with the raffle, the Knights have donated \$617,600 to the St. John Vianney School as a result of it. Thank you to the parish for your continual support of our program.

## SYNOD 2021 - 2023



Communion  
Participation  
Mission

*"It is precisely  
this path of  
synodality which  
God expects of  
the Church of  
the third  
millennium."  
-Pope Francis*



**WHO?** The entire people of God are invited to the synod!

**WHAT?** The Synod is a way for us to all journey together in order to discern and to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Its goal is to promote communion, participation, and mission.

**WHEN?** Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at St. John Vianney Church in Fairmont  
or  
Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at SS. Peter & Paul in Blue Earth

**HOW?** The primary way of participating in the Synod is in a spirit of listening – first to the Holy Spirit, then to each other.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will host its **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Married Couples Retreat** in Lanesboro on the weekend of February 18-19. This year's theme is "Merciful Love" and couples will reflect on the importance of Divine Mercy in marriage. Married couples will enjoy a wine and cheese social Friday night with lunch and dinner included on Saturday, all while enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Lanesboro countryside. Register now at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org).

**TEC Retreat - February 19-21, 2022**  
**SS. Peter & Paul Church, Mankato**  
TEC (Together Encounter Christ) is a diocesan spiritual movement for older teens and young adults. It begins with a retreat weekend filled with dynamic reflections, music, sacraments, adoration, small group dialogue, and prayer. Afterwards, the TEC community evolves into a network of support that both reinforces parish involvement and personal spiritual growth. TEC leads participants to integrate Christ's Paschal Mystery (dying, rising, and going forth) at a time of passage through young adulthood.  
To register contact: Monica Anderson @ 507-363-1809 [monij@hotmail.com](mailto:monij@hotmail.com)



# St. John Vianney & Holy Family Youth News

## Christmas Blessing

May you follow the Christmas star to Jesus and let his light shine brightly through you. May Jesus bless your family this Christmas season. Let your hearts be filled with love for others and hope in the Lord. May Christ's joy and peace be with your family now and in the new year.



## Children's Sunday Ministries

**CLOW**= Jan. 2 & 16

**Sunday School**=Jan. 9

**Mass Bags and Magnifikids**  
are available in the Church Library

## Confirmation Reminders

**9-11<sup>th</sup> graders:** Gospel Reflection for December are due

**10-11<sup>th</sup> graders:** Gospel Reflection, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with Sponsor, & Saint name are due

**10-11<sup>th</sup> graders:** Saint paper or presentation is due Jan. 5

## Faith Formation Schedule

**Dec. 29:** No classes

**Jan. 5:** Classes/First Communion meeting at 5:30 (kids & parents) in the cafeteria

**Jan. 12:** Classes/5<sup>th</sup> grade Centers (kids & parents) at 5:30 in the cafeteria

## Liturgy and R.C.I.A.



### St. Vincent de Paul – Helping Friends in Need

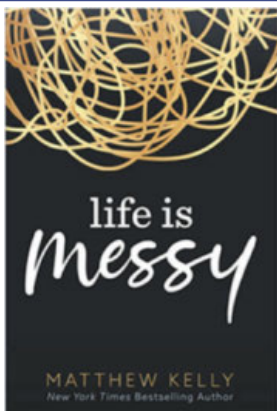
Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. **Since November, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our “brothers and sisters” who are poor by assisting 19 families, providing gifts, \$3,287 in rent, and \$326 for utility bills. Thank you!**

*Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (507) 399-8255 so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.*

If you're interested in helping those in need in our community please join us! Our next St. Vincent de Paul Conference meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 5 at 5:30 in the SJV Hospitality area.**



Our next free hot meal will be this Sunday, December 26 (Fourth Sunday of the month). Everyone is invited to join us for ham and scalloped potatoes with all the fixings. Dinner is served at 5 PM in the hospitality area at church. Anyone interested in helping can contact Bridget, 235-2451 or [bbecker@sjvhf.org](mailto:bbecker@sjvhf.org).



Did you pick up your Christmas present? This year's book is **Life Is Messy** by Matthew Kelly. Based on his own heart-wrenching personal journals, Matthew Kelly shares how the worst three years of his life, affected him, by exploring this question: Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever before? The answer will fill you with hope. There has never been a more urgent need for us to attend to what is happening within us. This is quite simply the right book at the right time.

Pick up a copy this weekend before they are all gone!



**American Red Cross**

**St. John Vianney  
Blood Drive  
Monday, January 10  
1 PM – 6 PM**

Volunteers needed contact:  
Bridget Becker 235-2451,  
[bbecker@sjvhf.org](mailto:bbecker@sjvhf.org)

To schedule a donation:  
[Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org)  
1-800-Red-Cross

# St. John Vianney Catholic School

Merry Christmas everyone! Jesus Christ is born! What a joyous time!!



Blessings,

Mrs. Sarah Striemer  
St. John Vianney Catholic School Principal

*SJV School Mission Statement:*

*The mission at St. John Vianney School is to provide a quality Catholic education based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

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**Betty Mobry—December 12, 2021**

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace, Amen.*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Donna Arkell, Amy Bacon, Andres Benes, Kathy Benes, Jim Bittenbinder, David Bulfer, Sandy Bulfer, Jessica Caldwell, Deanna Cassem, Melinda Chambers, Toby Close, Donna Determan, Donna Duffey, Tom Eiden, Amber Eriksen, Jessica Erickson, Shirley Erickson, Joe Fitzpatrick, Lee Freeman, Sam Frisch, Scott Fulmer, Zac Gerhardt, Elaine Gilmore, Matt Gullett, Pam Hansen, Lorri Harris, Rich Harris, Cyndi Johnson, Juli Johnson, Robert Johnson, Dave Krueger, Jane Kruse, Karen Jarrett, Danny Kennedy, Bonnie Larson, Marcia Leverson, Mitzi Lockwood, Janette Loe, Gary Maday, Malcolm Maday, Ron Maday, Joe Marushin, Loretta Mathiowetz, David Mau, Judith May, Tim Mee, Marty Minetto, Beth Nesbitt, Mike Newville, Lauren O'Donnell, Heather Olson, Linda Osmundsen, Uriah Pierce, Clayton Pytleski, Breck Remus, Anne Reutzel, MaryAnn Rieland, Sandy Roberts, Pat Samlaska, Joe Schissel, Sue Schissel, Joyce Schultz, Don Severson, Cindy Shank, Betty Siegler, Karen Smith, Tony Stadler, Mason Streiff, Delores Style, Diane Sukalski, Kelly (Collins) Thompson, Anne Timmerman, Mark Trembley, Darrell Wannarka, Roger Wehner, Cole Wensel, Susan Wensel, Abbie White, Daniel Wilcox, Pat Witty, Mollie Wolter,  
*.....and any others in need of our prayers.*

To add a name to this list or have name removed, please call the Parish Office at 235-2460 or email at: [stjohnvianneyfairmont@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnvianneyfairmont@gmail.com)



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