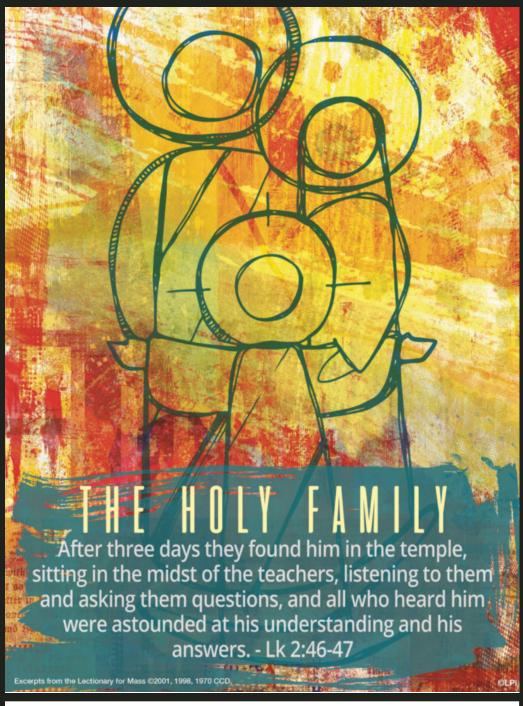
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Feast of the Holy Family-December 26, 2021



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MISSION STATEMENT

We call each other
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Sunday, December 26

Masses:

8:00 am, 10:00 am, Noon, and 5:30 pm

The 10:00 am Mass is streamed live and recorded.

Beginning January 4

Additional Daily Masses:
Tues. & Thurs. at 7:30 am
Wed. at 5:30 pm
(Noon Mass will still be offered
Monday through Friday as

Monday through Friday as well as Saturday at 8:00 am.)

Additional Confession time: Fridays: 11:30 to 11:55 am

Monday, December 27

*Parish office will be closed all day

*The building will be open for Noon Mass only

*No Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, January 1

Mary, the Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Confessions: 8:30 am Mass: 9:00 am



The Holy Family-December 26, 2021

First Reading (*Sir* 3:2-6, 12-14)

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.
My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;

revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins — a house raised in justice to you.

Second Reading (Col 3:12-21)

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

First Reading (1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28)

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the

Second Reading (1 Jn3:1-2, 21-24)

LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel (Lk 2:41-52)

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From the Desk of Fr. Tony

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

December 26, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Pope Paul VI called the Holy Family the school of Nazareth. He said, "Nazareth is a kind of school, where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound, yet full of hidden meaning and gradually we may even learn to imitate him."

Since the earliest times of Christianity, the family has been called the domestic church. This means that everything that we are called to live out as disciples of Christ we are called to live first in our families. It is in our families that we get to practice the selfless love of neighbor that Christ taught us we are to have. It may also be the hardest place for us.

Everything that the scriptures commands us to do it, commands us to do firstly in our families. Philippians 2:3 says, "Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility, count others better than yourselves."

Let us pray with Saint John Paul II, "May the Holy Family, icon and model of every human family, help each individual to walk in the spirit of Nazareth. May it help each family unit to grow in understanding of its particular mission in society and the Church by hearing the Word of God, by prayer and by a fraternal sharing of life. May Mary, Mother of "Fairest Love", and Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, accompany us all with their constant protection. Amen."

God bless, Fr. Tony

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 26:

(8 am) Thanksgiving-God's blessing (10 am) + Brian J. Koepnick

Monday, December 27:

(Noon) + Karen Gutmair

Tuesday, December 28:

(Noon) + Karen Gutmair

Wednesday, December 29:

(Noon) Marija Vaitkeviciute

Thursday, December 30:

(Noon) + Lois Beierman

Friday, December 31:

(Noon) For all the deceased

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 1:</u>

Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 2:

(8 am) + For the Iffert family (10 am) + Pat Williams family (5:30 pm) + Sandy D'Jock

Eucharistic Adoration

(Emmaus Chapel)

Tuesday through Friday: 12:30-4:30 pm

Confessions

(Emmaus Chapel)
Tuesdays:
6:15-6:45 pm

Wednesdays:

11:30 am-Noon

<u>Saturdays</u>:

8:30-9:00 am

Front Desk Hours

Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (Office closed December 27)

Readings: Week of December 26

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

Dig deeper into these Readings at www.tinyurl.com/bible-at-sin

For all Parishioners

We are still in need of lectors and sacristans for our Weekend and Daily Masses. Please email: liturgy@sjn.org to get involved! It is a wonderful service opportunity.



Emergency Collection

Archbishop Hebda is asking all Archdiocesan parishes to take an emergency collection to help those suffering from the devastation of tornados in the United States. Please send checks to St. John Neumann and make out to Center for Mission (include Emergency Collection in the memo line). St. John Neumann will forward all funds collected to the Archdiocese, who will forward to the USCCB Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund.

Prayer Line

Do you have a prayer request that you would like to send out on the SJN Prayer Line? Prayer requests may be submitted to **prayerline@sjn.org** or directly with pastoral care. Would you like to join the prayer line ministry as a volunteer to pray for those intentions that have been submitted? Connect with Lori at Lori.Hannasch@sjn.org or 651-209-8590 to become a member of the prayer line ministry.



SAVE THE DATE-SJN BLOOD DRIVE

2022 American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John Neumann is scheduled for Thursday, **March 10 from 1:00-7:00 pm**. For those who are Whole Blood donors, the 8 weeks date between donations is January 1, 2022. Our SJN blood drive Red Cross site is up and donors can now sign up at redcrossblood.org: find a blood drive - refine search - choose date - refine results & pick your donation time.



Pizza-Bingo Party

All Family Formation students (Grades K through 5) are invited to a Pizza-Bingo party. Join us on Wednesday, January 5 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm or 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the SJN Social Hall. For questions contact Tonya.Brost@sjn.org or call 651-209-8589. Watch your email for sign-up!

Worship

Eucharistic Adoration

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him!"

This is the season of celebrating the Incarnation when Jesus took on flesh and blood. Just as the shepherds adored Jesus, we can adore His real presence as He left us His flesh and blood in the Eucharist. Let us resolve in this new year to spend some time adoring our Emmanuel, God with us, at Eucharistic Adoration.

Please note the schedule into the new year:

Monday, Dec. 27 – Mass at noon, no Eucharistic Adoration hours

Tuesday - Friday, Dec. 28 - 31 – normal Eucharistic Adoration hours (12:30 pm to 4:30 pm)

Monday, January 3 – Mass at noon, no Eucharistic Adoration hours

Tuesday, January 4 – normal Eucharistic Adoration hours resume



First Saturday Devotions

On Saturday, January 1, the morning Mass will be at 9:00 am. Hence from 8:15 to 8:45 am in the main church, we will have First Saturday Devotions in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. What a wonderful way to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary by making a resolution to make the Five First Saturdays! There's no time like to present to join many in praying in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of sinners as Our Lady requested.

Pastoral Care

Lay Ministers Needed

Lay Presiders are needed to assist on a rotating basis for Word & Communion Services at Brookdale Senior Living on Sundays after the 10:00 am Mass. Time commitment is about one hour each Sunday you are scheduled. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Lori.Hannasch@sjn.org at 651-209-8590.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday**, **January 5 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm** in Social Hall B. Come and join us for fellowship and prayer as you knit or crochet. For additional information regarding the Prayer Shawl Ministry, suggested instructions and size requirements, please pick up a brochure in the hallway or contact Lori.Hannasch@sjn.org at 651-209-8590.

Do you know someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl of their own? Completed prayers shawls are available through pastoral care for anyone who is in need.

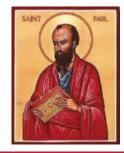
BeFriender Ministry

Are you or a loved one facing a life challenge of any kind? Trained BeFriender Ministers are available to walk with you during any challenging times that you may be experiencing. For more information on this Ministry, please contact Lori.Hannasch@sjn.org or call 651-209-8590.



Discipleship

St. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, is teaching the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus – by living their lives with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. For St. Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is the way the Christian community ought to live and it is the way its members should behave in their interactions with others. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?



Justice & Charity

Blankets 4 Babes

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 4, 10:00 to 11:45 am. Location is off site. Contact Rozann at 651-334-3207 or rozannrey@gmail.com for further information and questions.

SAVE THE DATE-Speaker Coming to St. John Neumann Monday, January 24 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Social Hall

IMMIGRATION AND THE MINNESOTA ECONOMY by Bill Blazar.

- * Bill Blazar has 27 years of experience working on important immigration reform legislation.
- * His presentation will focus on the immigrant's important contribution to the economy of our state.
- * He will help us understand the forces driving increased migration.
- * He will highlight why increased immigration is important to our state and economy.

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Celebrate Prolife

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, let us remember and pray for all expecting mothers and their babies.

Pregnancy Choices Baby Shower January 16 – February 19

More information in next bulletin.

Financial Information

Giving Appreciated Stock Now

You've likely seen recent reports of record highs in the stock market. The market doesn't perform according to calendar dates, like year-end giving timelines. For appreciated assets, the best time to give is when you feel they've appreciated and can maximize your charitable giving.

Gifts of long-term appreciated stock — stock that you've held for more than one year — can offer a tax-smart way to support the works of St. John Neumann. Consider the following:

- 1) When the market is strong and your stock has appreciated, the value of your gift is higher. Simply put, you have more to give.
- 2) You may be able to give up to 30% more by avoiding capital gains tax on stock when you gift it to St. John Neumann Catholic Church. This is especially beneficial when the stock has experienced significant growth.
- 3) You may also receive an income tax deduction for the full value of the donation up to 30% of your adjusted gross income.

In these ways, a gift of appreciated stock can be more advantageous to you than a gift of cash. Contact Mark at Mark.Joerger@sjn.org with any questions.

We advise you to seek your own legal, tax, and financial advice in connection with contribution and tax matters.

Year End Contributions: All donations you want reflected on your 2021 Contribution Statement must be postmarked or received in the SJN office no later than Friday, December 31, 2021. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your donation!

Gifts Contributed Week ended December 12 , 2021	267
Online Giving	\$ 10,930
Fiscal Year-to-Date Information: July 1, 2021-December 12, 2021 (week 24)	
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	

Note: No stock gifts were received this week.

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