Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:15 pm **Sunday:** 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Weekdays: 8:30 am Tues., Wed. & Fri., 7:00 am Thurs, (Church)& 9:15 am Thurs. (Lake Shore Inn) Televised Mass on Channel 8: 9:20 am Sunday and 4:00 pm Monday/Mediacom Channel 8 and 107.2

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Reconciliation

Saturday - 4:00 pm and 1/2 hour before Masses on Sunday Baptism Preparation Sessions

Class for all expectant parents is required.

Marriage

Arrange at least 6 months in advance.

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9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Friday Address 111 NW 4th St. Phone 835-1222

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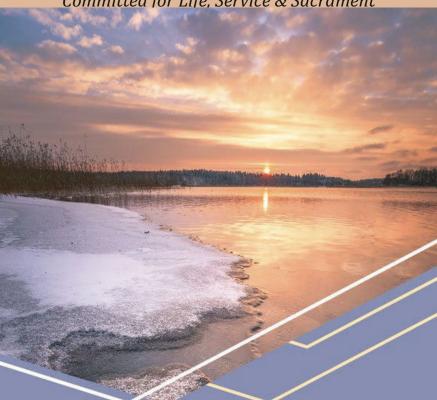
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- Lk 3:16

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Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: "Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego".

- Lc 3, 16

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. | Leccionario II # 1987 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Liturgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 111 4th Street NW, Waseca. December 11, 2021 - Mass at 5:15 p.m.



We are now in the Third Sunday of Advent! Time sure does fly by so quickly! We are continuing to explore the beauty of the Holy Mass. Last weekend we talked about the Prayers of the Faithful, for this weekend we are going to talk about the preparation of the altar and what happens.

Before Covid 19, we would often have families bring up the unconsecrated bread and wine for the priest to receive and to bring it to the altar. This may seem just a simple action of bringing up the gifts which consist of bread and wine. This is symbolic of our old Jewish tradition of presenting gifts and sacrifices to the priest so that he could offer them on behalf of the people. What merely looks like bread and wine will soon change in a process called transubstantiation. This means that the substance of bread and wine actually becomes the Body and Blood of Christ. This action of the faithful bringing the gifts to the priest means that we are offering ourselves back to God with our prayers and our lives.

The priest then ascends to the sanctuary to offer the ultimate sacrifice for himself and the people that he serves. He takes the corporal which is a special altar linen that is square in shape to catch any particles of the body of Christ that might fall. Then he uncovers the pall which is the hard square shape that sits on top of the chalice. He takes the bread and asks God's blessing for it as well as pouring the wine and water in the chalice by saying, "As the priest pours a little drop of water in the wine during the preparation of the gifts, he says in a low voice (a secret one!), "By the mystery of this water in wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

Michael Grosch writes about this practice in his article, The Secret Prayers of the Mass, "So when we mix the two, it's a symbol of what's happening with the Eucharist. Human beings are amazing creations, but we're nothing on our own — we need God. Unlike water and oil, water and wine mix completely, so if we are the water, Jesus is the wine, and we see the point of his becoming a man. St. Athanasius (296-373 AD) said, "God became man, so that man might become like God." Jesus, the Son of God, (symbolized in this case by wine) completely humbled himself, so that we (symbolized by the water) could be built up and share completely and inseparably in his divine life."

Sincerely, Fr. Thê



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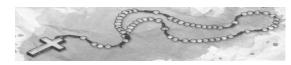
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Please remember in your prayers all those of our parish who are ill or injured, especially, **Jean Byron**, **Marlene Robinson**, **Darcy Barnes**, **Donna**

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Join us this Advent in a public rosary rally to give praise to the Child Jesus, to honor His birth and let Him know there is room for Him in our hearts. We will gather in Sacred Heart church on Saturday, Dec. 18th at noon. Any questions contact Joan Dahle at 507 461-6725.

Special Masses

Christmas Eve Mass December 24, at 4:00pm and 7:00pm Christmas Day December 25, at 10:00am

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3 DECEMBER 12, 2021



Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday:Zep 3:14-18a/ls12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/ Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

[4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18

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Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Sharing the Gospel with Children Sharing the Gospel

How can you show you love God? Instead of keeping all of your clothes and food, share some with people who don't have any. Be happy and thankful for all God has given you. When you love God more than money, you'll be happy to share.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to share happily with others.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself sharing a snack with a classmate who has none.

Mission for the Week

LPiResourceCenter.com

The next time you go grocery shopping with your parents, ask if you can pick out some foods to share with the poor. As a family, talk about how thankful you are for the many ways God takes care of you



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Before Christianity came to be, trees that remained green all year round warded off evil spirits and were special to people during the winter. It wasn't until the sixteenth century in Germany that trees were brought inside and decorated. When does the Christmas tree go up in your home or parish? Continue the tradition by gathering together and blessing this special symbol.

You may bless the tree as soon as you put it up, or you can wait until after you have decorated it. When you are ready to do the blessing, gather everyone around the tree and designate someone to lead the following prayer.

You will need water or holy water (if available) to celebrate this blessing.

Leader: Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus. (Have everyone extend a hand in a gesture of blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water on the tree while praying the following prayer.)

Leader: Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence because we know you love us.

All: Amen.

Prayer From: Loyola Press

Yours In Christ, LeAnn Dahle



Holy Water

Question:What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to

my non-Catholic friends?

Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!



December 12, 2021 3rd Sunday of Advent

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina) ©LPi



For the Week of December 11-19

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:15 pm Mass † Leo Hoehn

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass † People of Sacred Heart

10:00 am Mass † Chuck Possehl

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

5:00 am Monday to 5:00 pm Friday Eucharistic Adoration TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Mass † Leon & Emily Sexton

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30 am Mass Bill & Eileen Harguth family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 am Mass † Mary Buenzow

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30 am Mass † Bill & Shirley Riegert

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

5:15 pm Mass † Pamela Fitzsimmons

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass † Peter Hansel

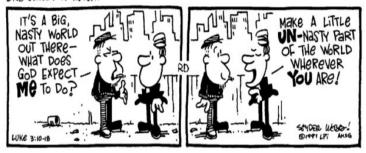
10:00 am Mass † People of Sacred Heart





Happy 90th birthday Marilyn Smith

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Thanks for reading!

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CDA Christmas Party!

Tuesday December 14, 2021 Parish Center Dining Hall 6p.m. Potluck & Craft & Social Bring a dish to pass.

If you want to participate in craft, which is string art, bring a hammer and \$10. Will need

to contact Pat (507-461-5095), or Joann(507-201-7545), December 9, 2021.



Pope Francis and Bishop Quinn invite you to participate in...

A two-year preparation process for the 26th Ordinary Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome in the fall of 2023, has begun. The topic of the Synod will be "synodality", a term which Pope Francis uses to describe our Church's "journeying together" – prayerfully listening to the needs and experiences of God's people in order to faithfully discern the best way forward.

Pope Francis has asked the entire Church to take an active part in the synod, inviting people from all walks of life and from all around the world to gather together for prayer, sharing experiences, listening, and seeking the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

During this diocesan phase of the Synod, these gatherings will include parishioners, consecrated men and women, people of other Christian communities, and those "on the margins" of society and church life. There will be listening sessions held in each parish/cluster in the new year which will include prayer, reflection, and discussion on the life of our Church today, and how the Holy Spirit is calling us to continue our mission of proclaiming Jesus Christ to the world.

"A basic question prompts and guides us:
How does this 'journeying together,' which takes place
today on different levels (from the local level to the
universal one), allow the Church to proclaim the
Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to
her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in
order to grow as a synodal Church?"

The "vital pillars" of the synod process are:

- Communion: "God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith. We all have a role to play in
 discerning and living out God's call for his people."
- Participation: "A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God laity, consecrated and
 ordained to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another."
- Mission: "The Church exists to evangelize.... Our mission is to witness to the love of God in the midst of
 the whole human family."
 [From the "Handbook for the Synod"]

The goal of the Synod is for the Church "to listen to the living voice of the entire People of God."

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry News and Notes

Youth Faith Formation Topics: Dec 12th — Dec 18th
Sun. Dec 12th

@ 7:00-8:30 PM

Pre-Confirmation: Action P.L.A.A.N; Liturgical Seasons

Confirmation: Class (with sponsor) - The Commandments, Saints, Relics, Images

Wed. Dec 15th

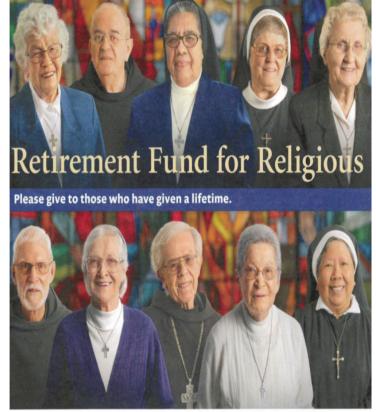
@ 6:00-6:45 PM

Grades K-1: You Care. All people care for God's word. Scripture: Genesis 1:28 and Noah's Ark

Grade 2: Returning to Love; Being Sorry. Scripture: Luke 15:17 -24Grades 3-4: Making Good Choices. God has given you free will so that you can make good choices. Scripture: Luke 10:30-37

@ 6:30-8:00 PM

Grades 5-8: "Source: Why Do I Need to Pray?". An Edge Night to inspire the youth to pray and for the youth to see prayer as a relationship with God.



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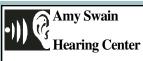
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