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to *love*,
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to *be hope*

"Your Spiritual home,
where each is called by name."

Sunday, November 15, 2020



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." - Mt 25:21

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Lord's Day Masses: All Are Welcome

See website for current information.

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www.stbeagan.org

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CONFESSIONS:

Call parish office for appointment

Welcome!

a Catholic Community Where ALL are Welcome.

To New Parishioners: If you do not have a church home, we would be honored to have you as part of our parish family. Registration Forms are available at the New Parishioner Welcome Kiosk in the Commons, and online or call our Office at (651) 683-9808, and we will help you out.

Baptism: All parents (must be parishioners) are asked to attend a baptism preparation meeting prior to the baptism of their child. Please register online; if you have questions call the parish office at (651) 683-9808.

Next baptism preparation meeting is Monday, December 7 at 6:15 p.m.

Marriage: Registered parishioners should contact the Office at least eight months prior to requested date.

Anointing of the Sick: Available to anyone who is seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call Parish Office at (651) 683-9808.

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School and Tri-Parish Center: www.fscsmn.org or call 651-406-4747

Readings

Week of October 15, 2020

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
 Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-4

Prayers for the Sick

Please hold these parishioners in your prayers:

Jante Higgins	Mary Cloutier
Judy Schmidt	Peter DePover
Dale O'Brien	Lisa LaFrance

If you have someone you would like added to our confidential Prayer Line call Cathy at 651-344-3350.

Offerings

OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: (10/31 - 11/2)			
	Online		2,682.00
	In Person/mail		5,642.00
	Simplified Giving (automatic transfers)		<u>10,381.00</u>
	TOTAL		18,705.00
YEAR TO DATE: (10/31/20)			
	Actual	Budgeted	
	Operating Revenue	\$ 368,822	\$ 397,500
	Operating Expenses	<u>420,457</u>	<u>428,754</u>
	Net Income (loss)	\$ (51,635)	(31,254)

Everyday Stewardship

Buried in Your Backyard

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Advent 2020 A Sense of Place

On Thanksgiving weekend when many of us cannot go to other places to celebrate the holiday with the people we love, the holy season of Advent begins.

This year we are unable to celebrate the season and our customs in the same ways as we have done before. However, we are preparing some ways in which our sense of place in our church and in our homes may ground us in the love of God, help us to serve family, friends and strangers and open our hearts to hope for the future and spread it to others.

In our worship the Advent Candles will not be in the pews because there are so few people to make up the wreath. They will be in lanterns at the altar that will light our way to a sense of place called Church.

We will still have an empty manger, but cannot fill it at church. Here are some things you can begin to do now to more fully experience the Sense of Place which is church, home and your inner being.

MANGER:

Make a manger at home in a craft project (see below for an example) or using any container, like a bowl or box which is meaningful to you. See below for an idea. (see color photo on page 4)

ADVENT WREATH:

Make an Advent Wreath and light it when we light the Advent Candles at the video Mass. These wreaths are limited only by four candles and your imagination. Some helpful websites: <https://mariebostwick.com/diy-advent-wreath/> or <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/98657048058774629>.

Begin thinking about a special item that you have that is meaningful to you. Something that brings you joy, peace, hope, evokes a good memory. That gives you that sense of place in your life. Bring it to Mass on the Feast of Christ the King or have it with you that weekend when you watch the on-line Mass. We will bless those objects at that Mass and use them for contemplation during Advent.

Parish Engagement Council

So what is the Parish Engagement Council (PEC) you ask?

The Parish Engagement Council helps parishioners use their unique God-given talents to the benefit of others within our walls and beyond. From welcoming new members, to helping connect parishioners with the multitude of ministry opportunities available, to celebrating our successes, the Engagement Council strives to assist all who seek to love, to serve, and to be hope.

The PEC is currently looking for new faces with fresh perspectives.

This is essentially a "help wanted" plea to join a small but active and fun team. We assist all our STB ministries by building systems and creating tools to connect people and their gifts with ministry opportunities. If you have an interest or would like to learn more, please view the video describing our council (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAWbcf9-7fU>) and/or contact the PEC lead, Judy Urban (651.440-4148 or judyurbansm@netscape.net).

Please consider joining us!

Stewardship Message

Always help someone.
You might be the only one who does.

Help Local Businesses

Please help the Eagan Knights support our local Seminarians while enjoying fabulous hand-made, sweet and savory strudel from Ruhland's Strudel Haus. The ultimate convenience food, strudels go from the freezer to the oven and in about 45 minutes you have Love on a Plate for your holiday meals. Strudels include chicken pot pie, Italian, Apple and Blueberry Lemon. Orders are due by Dec 5th and pickup will be at St. John Neumann on Saturday December 19th at 9:00 AM Delivery is also available.

Please visit:

eaganknights7604.com to order. Proceeds will go towards supporting local seminarians.

For questions contact

eaganknights@gmail.com

Pre-Advent Family Event: Play, Prepare, & Provide

Sunday, November 22, 10-11:30am

Join us for this fun, interactive family event sponsored by Faith Formation and our Fun & Fellowship Council. You will plant a mason jar paperwhite bulb, play a game that imagines what it may have been like to be "On the Road to Bethlehem," and receive information and materials for our holiday service projects, the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, and a paper bag manger craft kit to hold your Advent reflections. And...there will be donuts!

Safety: Families will schedule a personalized arrival time on SignUp Genius to allow for easy distancing, and masks will be required. See the e-bulletin or below for the sign-up link and a video that shows how we will keep your family bubble intact during your activities.

SIGNUP:

<https://tinyurl.com/y26ku2n5>

VIDEO:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4nz2a2t>

CARES Grant

Several weeks ago parishioner, Mark Kahn, alerted us that the City of Eagan was offering \$25,000 CARES grants to non-profits in the city. We filed the necessary paperwork, and we are pleased to announce that we were chosen to receive one of the grants. You can view the award letter on the e-bulletin. We are grateful to the City of Eagan for their willingness to partner with area non-profits to help us through these difficult times.

Care notes

Our display for our Care Notes has moved. Make sure that you look for it and take a Care Note or two home with you, we have many topics for you to choose from.



Send us a recorded Greeting to post on the video Mass.

If you have seen our recorded Masses, you may have noticed some parishioners greeting us.

You can greet our community too!

This is what you need to record:

- 30 seconds max
- Introduce yourself or yourselves
- Greet all

You can email it to Monica Lopez at monical@stbeagan.org or call us if you need help sending it.

Donate by Text

Send a text with the dollar amount you'd like to donate to

651-401-7814,

and you'll be texted a secure link to follow where you can input your credit card information.

A Month to Remember

The month of November began with the **Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 1**. We began both of our Masses, taped and live, with the Litany of Saints. This litany petitions our companions in the Communion of Saints to pray with us. In addition to the traditional saints canonized by the Church the litany included people in our living memory who have been models of discipleship. Added to these are the nine people who have died since last November 1 whose funerals we have celebrated or are on hold. Inclusion of these people in our litany recognizes that while the Roman Church officially canonizes some people, **WE ARE ALL SAINTS BY VIRTUE OF OUR BAPTISM** and those who have gone before us are saints living in the presence of God.

This **Sunday, November 8 at the 9:00 live Mass**, we celebrated our **Mass of Remembrance**. This year because of the limitations of the pandemic we invited only the loved ones of those whose funerals we have or will celebrate in the future. These nine families lit a candle for their deceased loved one. These people will be memorialized on our knee-wall near the Baptismal Font with candles and in the Book of the Dead.

WE ARE ALSO INVITING PEOPLE TO BRING FRAMED PHOTOS OF THEIR DECEASED LOVED ONES AND PLACE THEM ON THE V-WALL (on the other side of the Sound Board). Please label the back of your photo with your contact information. You may pick up your picture on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Feast of Christ the King, on November 22nd.

All of these remembrances of our beloved dead will be featured in our taped Masses.

NEW: VIRTUAL WALL During November we will have a Wall of Remembrance on our website. You are invited to post pictures of your deceased family members with their name for posting on this Wall. This Wall will be shown during our taped Masses.



Guiding Star Wakota

New Building Heralds Service Expansion

The walls came tumbling down last week at the Wakota Life-Care Center on Robert Street South.

In their place, construction has started on a two-story, 10,000-square-foot building that will house the renamed and revitalized Guiding Star Wakota—the nonprofit organization that for more than four decades has provided compassionate care to pregnant women, their infants, and their families.

“We have a long history of serving women in northern Dakota County and Ramsey County. Our programs and services will not only continue but also expand when Guiding Star Wakota moves into its new space next year,” said Renee Skidmore, president of the Guiding Star Wakota Board of Directors. “We’ll have the capacity to offer many more services on site, such as an expanded curriculum of parenting and life skills classes, doula support, mental health counseling, and facilitated support groups.” In addition, Wakota plans to partner with a medical clinic to provide on-site, life-affirming healthcare services for entire families

Contributions from individual donors have covered much of the \$2.9 million construction cost, with major funding provided by the Peter J. King Family Foundation.

While construction is underway, Guiding Star Wakota has relocated to Suite 14A at Signal Hills Center at 1201 Robert Street S. It is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

C.R.I.B.

Wakota Life Center: we're elated to receive so many items for our C.R.I.B. ministry. Please continue to place your donations in the crib in the commons.



Confirmation Students Support Eagan Pointe Staff

24 Confirmation students from two of our Zoom classes participated in a service activity to collect, assemble, and deliver 60 care packages for the staff at Eagan Pointe care facility.

In addition, they put together baskets of granola bars, candy, pens and tootsie pops with notes of affirmation to be shared with the over 75 workers at Eagan Pointe. Each care package included a handwritten note of thanks. The groups made a sign expressing gratitude to let the employees know it was from St Thomas Becket confirmation teens.

MANGER



Make a manger at home in a craft project or using any container, like a bowl, a paper bag or box which is meaningful to you.

Kids corner

Read the Gospel & Color



Sharing the Gospel

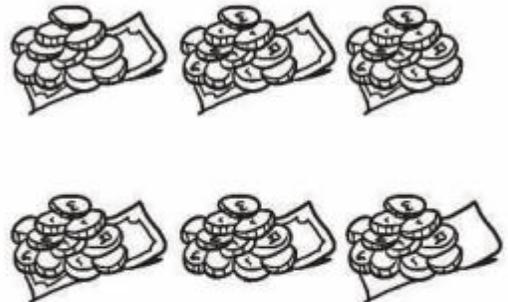
You can choose to waste your time, your money and your special talents. You can be selfish with them, too. Or, you can use those gifts from God to spread good news about Jesus. When you choose to use your gifts for God, and he will fill your heart with joy.

Prayer

God, help me to use my time, my money and my special talents for you.

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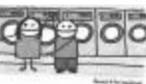
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