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to *love*,
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to *be hope*

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Sunday, November 22, 2020



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world." - Mt 25:34

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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 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1
Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
[Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a
[Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
[4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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: (11/3 - 11/9)

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

There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious! Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

— 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 or using any container, like a bowl or box which is meaningful to you. See below for an idea.

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.

Small Group Leaders Needed!

We are in need of about 10 more adult or confirmed teen small group leaders for Confirmation Year 1.

The students are mostly in grade 9; they will begin preparation this winter, break for the summer, and return in the fall for "Year 2."

We need leaders who can commit to seeing them through the entire process. The vision for the Confirmation program is, "A place where every young person is **Respected** as a child of God, **Supported** in developing a personal relationship with Christ, and **Challenged** by the Spirit to discover and share their unique gifts." If this sounds like something you want to be a part of, contact Dez Sobiech at dezs@stbeagan.org, or call the parish office. (Note: Classes this winter/spring will be either in person or online, depending on public health conditions. We hope to have everyone in person next fall.)

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.

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

For questions contact eaganknights@gmail.com



A Month to Remember

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 have invited only the loved ones of those whose funerals we have or will celebrate in the future. These nine families will light 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.

All those who attend Mass on-line are encouraged to light a candle in memory of their loved ones during the month of November.

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.

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.

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.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 26, at 9:00 am

Seating limited. Make your reservation on our website.



Christmas Light display at STB

During this season of craziness are you looking for something to look forward to? St. Thomas Becket is joining several area churches to create Christmas light displays. On Sunday, December 13th from 5-7pm, the community can drive through the parking lots to see displays of Christmas Hope and Joy.

There are several ways parishioners can help:

Please let us know if you have Christmas light displays to loan for a day or two, which could be set up Saturday December 12 or Sunday December 13. We would like to focus on a grouping of religious themed displays and have a separate grouping of secular displays.

Let us know if you would be interested in creating a light display (on your own or with a group), perhaps a giant star, outlines of the three wise men, etc.

We would like to hang lights on trees in front of the church and by our entrance sign, which can happen once we have purchased lights. Let us know if you have experience hanging lights on trees or if you would just be willing to help with this. Contact Kristin from STB's Fun and Fellowship Council at kmation@outlook.com to donate, volunteer or ask questions.

Exploring Sunday scriptures?

Are you interested in exploring the Sunday scripture readings with a small group of parishioners? A group of parishioners has been meeting via Zoom at 10:30-11:30 on Friday mornings to break open the Sunday readings. As we begin the new liturgical year with the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, it might be a good time to consider a new way to enhance your worship experience. If you are interested in joining us please contact Mary Lou Logsdon at logsdon.marylou@gmail.com. All are welcome.

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.

SHARE YOUR LIGHTS

The Season of light and Giving is almost here!

Choose how you would like to share your light this Advent and Christmas Season

STB ministries are working together this year to communicate meaningful options for your household to make a difference for families in need that live in the Minneapolis / St Paul area.

Explore the options and decide which giving opportunity is best for you and your family.

Hurry, sign up ends Sunday, December 6.



Option 1

STB's Christmas Sharing Tree

People served by the Neighbors Food Pantry in South St Paul and the Visitation Sisters of North Minneapolis will gratefully benefit from your kindness. This year, there **WILL NOT be a Giving Tree display of tags to pick up in the STB Commons.** Instead, please go to our website for

the link and choose the **gift** option you want to offer.

Gift Card Giving - Holiday gas card *CUB *Aldi *Target *Walmart

Choosing to give a Gift Card is always a welcome gift because it gives the receiver freedom to choose what they really need or want most! The Visitation Sisters and Neighbors Food Pantry offers these cards to people in need all through the year.



Option 2

Make a Christmas Care Box and Blanket for a Family

STB families create a present for families who need basic household items and food for the season. Including a warm fleece blanket and food.

Please sign up at our website. Directions and detail will be given for the contents of the box and the creation of the blanket.

Kids corner

Read the Gospel & Color



Matthew 25:31-46 • Christ the King

Sharing the Gospel

Share food with the hungry.
Give clothes to the poor.
Visit people who are sick.
Share the good news about Jesus with people who have made bad choices.
Jesus came to forgive them. God will see the loving things you do.
He will reward you one day in heaven.

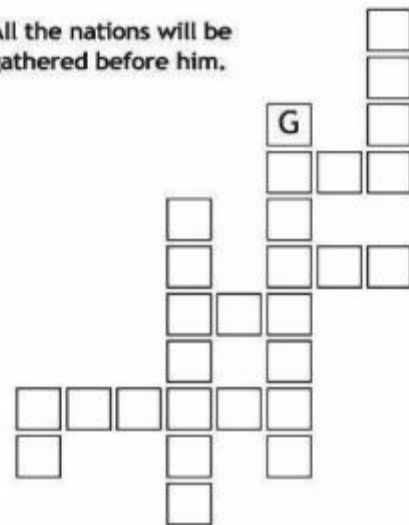
Prayer

God, help me to share what you have given to me.

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

All the nations will be gathered before him.



MISSION

Read Matthew chapter 25, verses 31 through 46 with your family. Decide how you will make a difference. Share as Jesus asks.



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