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Sunday, December 6, 2020



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Lord's Day Masses: All Are Welcome

See website for current information.

ONLINE:

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, January 4, 2021 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 December 6, 2020

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/ Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/ Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/ Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Next Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Prayers for the Sick

Please hold these parishioners in your prayers:

Janet 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: (11/17 - 11/23)

Online	3,465.00
In Person/mail	3,040.00
Simplified Giving (automatic transfers)	<u>10,381.00</u>
TOTAL	16,886.00

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

Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy.

A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— 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.

R. C. I. A. AN INVITATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND/OR HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC

Do you have questions about the Church after worshipping with us online?

Wondering about the role of God in your life, about Jesus, Pope Francis, the Catholic Church today? Wanting to know more about the Catholic faith of someone you love? Thinking about being baptized? Already baptized but want to find out about becoming Catholic? Do you have a child seven years old or older who isn't baptized? Do you have a young person baptized in another tradition but seeking 1st Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church? Are you or a friend or loved one looking for a faith community which can nurture growth in faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which people ages 7 to 107 become Catholic Christians. But before making this decision we spend time exploring our own faith and the faith of this community.

Then the process is tailored to the needs and background of the person. If you have questions, call or email Jackie Graham at 651-452-8775 or jackieg@stbeagan.org.

Stewardship Message

Never underestimate the power of simple courtesies.

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.

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.)

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers Cal Kania, who died on Wednesday, November 18, at the age 86.

Our sincere condolences go to his loving wife, Vivian; children, Denise (Jim Pfau), Mark, Matthew (Camey); 6 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

The Funeral Mass was held here on Saturday, November 28.

*May God grant eternal rest
and give comfort to the family at
their time of loss. Amen.*

Gospel Meditation

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not? ©LPi

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.

Help make some phone calls

Caring Ministries wants you - help make phone calls to parishioners

The Caring Ministries Council wants to form a small group of parishioners who will make phone calls to parishioners who may be especially isolated during these Covid-19 restrictions.

We will provide the information and training to help you make the calls.

If interested, please email Jamie at jmoloney1240@gmail.com.

FREE Grab & Go Meals

Grab and Go meal bags include breakfast, lunch, supper, and snack for any child 18 or younger.

Pick up options:

Option 1: Daily pick up between 10 am -11 am.

Option 2: Monday, 1-day pickup of all 5 days of Grab and Go meal bags. Please email the number of students to foodservices@epiphanymn.org by noon Friday for the following week.

These meals MUST be picked up Monday between 10:00 am—11:00 am

Mondays are our only weekly pickup day and meals must be ordered each week.

Christmas Floral Dedications

Deadline is FRIDAY, December 11



CHRISTMAS FLORAL DEDICATIONS

Dedicate a loved one in prayer by offering beautiful Christmas plants for our worship space during the Christmas Season.

Suggested donation: \$10 each. Make checks payable to **St Thomas Becket—Christmas Floral**. Place form and donation in an envelope and put in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Your loved one's name will be listed in the bulletin. Forms must be received by Friday, **December 11**. **Please PRINT carefully:**

In Memory of:

From:

ADVENT project for your home

One family praying and waiting in their home this Advent season!

They planted their paperwhite bulbs to remind them that there is much unseen growth in times of waiting and darkness, but not for long, soon the manger will be filled with good deeds of straw and a new beautiful life and light of the world!



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th,
Live Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Reservations only on **Book-a-pew** on our website.



Keep Christ in Christmas

Creativity Contest!

Every year the Eagan Knights of Columbus sponsors an annual contest for our STB Youths in grades kindergarten to five. And this year, you can enter and submit virtually and safely!

Q: How do I enter?

A: Go to stbeagan.org and look under "What's Happening" to print the form and return it via email to monical@stbeagan.org or drop it off safely outside of church in the STB drop box. Printed copies can also be picked up at church.

Q: Why should I enter?

A: The top three winners in grades preschool-2 and grades 3-5 will win Target gift cards in time for Christmas!

Q: How are winners notified?

A: Winners will be notified via email or text (whichever you supply) and gift cards will be mailed.

DEADLINE: December 15, 2020

Kids corner

Read the Gospel & Color



2nd Sunday of Advent • Mark 1:1-8

Sharing the Gospel

John the Baptist had an important message.

When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop.

Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude?

Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie?

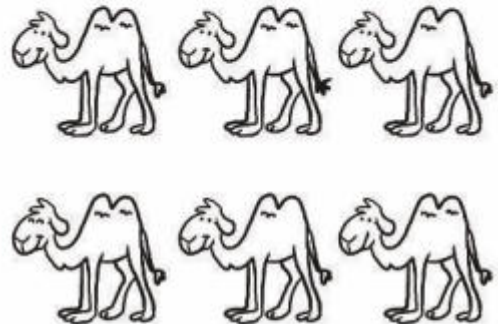
Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me.

PUZZLE

Find the 2 identical camels.



MISSION

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