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to *love*,
to *serve* and
to *be hope*

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

Sunday, December 20 & Christmas, 2020



**4th SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

"Behold, you will
conceive in your womb
and bear a son,
and you shall name
him Jesus."
- Lk 1:31

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**THE NATIVITY
OF THE LORD**

"For today in the city
of David a savior has
been born for you who
is Christ and Lord."
- Lk 2:11

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and New Year's

Lord's Day Masses: All Are Welcome

See website for current information.

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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

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: (12/1 - 12/7)

Online	4,660.00
In Person/mail	18,852.00
Simplified Giving (automatic transfers)	10,381.00
TOTAL	33,893.00

YEAR TO DATE: (11/30/20)

	Actual	Budgeted
Operating Revenue	\$ 491,745	\$ 490,250
Operating Expenses	<u>518,060</u>	<u>530,371</u>
Net Income (loss)	\$ (26,315)	(40,121)

Making Contributions

You can now make a contribution to St. Thomas Becket with a quick text message!

Simply send a text to

651-401-7814

with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!

End of the Year 2020 Offerings and Donations

As the end of the year approaches, we are aware that many of you will want to make gifts to the parish – as you have so generously done in the past.

Our financial advisors have stressed that in order for the gift to be considered a 2020 contribution, donors must relinquish control of the donation on or before Thursday, December 31.

Any checks postmarked on or before December 31 will also be recorded as 2020 donations.

A great option for end-of-the-year donations is to go the parish website: www.stbeagan.org, and click on the "Donate" box in the bottom right corner of the homepage. You will then be able to donate either via a deduction from your checking or savings account or by credit card.

Any donation done before midnight on December 31 will be considered a 2020 donation.

Parish office hours until January 4

Monday, December 21	9am - 3 pm
Tuesday, December 22	9am –3 pm
Wednesday, December 23	9am –3 pm
Thursday, December 24	9am-12 pm
Friday, December 25	CLOSED

Monday, December 28	9am - 12 pm
Tuesday, December 29	9am – 12 pm
Wednesday, December 30	9am – 12 pm
Thursday, December 31	9am – 12 pm
Friday, January 1	CLOSED

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Schedule



CHRISTMAS EVE - 3:00 PM
Fr. Mike Erlander

CHRISTMAS EVE - 10:00 pm
Fr. Tim Wozniak

CHRISTMAS DAY - 11:00 am
Fr. Tim Wozniak

Some spots might still be available at
<https://bookapew.com/app/mn/stb/>

LIVESTREAM

There will also be a livestream for both Masses on Christmas Eve.

Below are the links to those Livestreams or you can go to our website at www.stbeagan.org.

Christmas Eve - 3:00 pm
<https://youtu.be/CUWHf3eWAsU>

Christmas Eve - 10:00 pm
https://youtu.be/VM_xwfc0Bk0



JustFaith

Faith & Racial Healing:

Embracing Truth, Justice, and Restoration

REMOTE SESSIONS

Do you want to address racism in your community, but you don't know where to begin?

Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, JustFaith Ministries' program, *Faith & Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice and Restoration* is an 8-session program that guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States, that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another.

Your only cost, besides faithful participation in the prayer, reading and conversations, will be the cost of the three books, about \$40. The parish will pay the registration fees. The program will be offered **remotely** via Zoom on Monday evenings from 6:30 pm -9:00 pm starting January 11th - March 8th.

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, we can assist you in getting the app set up - very easy! This program is open to others in the community, including non-parishioners.

Invite a friend to share the journey -all are welcome!
If interested, please contact Dan Rietz at mnrietz@gmail.com.

Kids
corner

Read the
Gospel & Color



4th Sunday of Advent • Luke 1:26-38

Sharing the Gospel

Think of the people you trust. These are people you can count on, no matter what happens. Both Mary and Elizabeth were amazed to learn that they were pregnant. God had surprised each of them with a special miracle - a baby. God trusted them both to take care of their babies. Mary and Elizabeth trusted God to help them. You can trust God, too.

Prayer

God, help me to trust you like Mary and Elizabeth did.

Readings

Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is

62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. **Night:**

Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps

97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Floral Dedications



Thank you for your participation in this special opportunity for community prayer.

This year's Christmas Flowers were dedicated in memory of:

William (Bill) & Agnes Doll
Robert Sr. & June Doyle
Florence & Bernard Dynski
Walter & Margaret Fletcher
Basilius & Frances Geier
Hilarion (Larry) W. & Myrtle Geier
George & Mercein Holzemer
Robert & Elsie Kappus
Gerald & Jerolyn Klement
Pat & Glaydes Mach
Gene & Betty McCaghy
Mimi, Jake & Makenzie Roberts
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Earl & Peg Welhaven
Vincent and Ethel Zelek
Mom & Dad
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Gil Leslie
Mary Matlon
Donald McGlauchlen
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Euphelia Michels
Phyllis Michels
Walter Michels
Walter Michels
Family & Friends
Paul Polaczyk
Andrew Steinert
Kate Steinert
Harold Wade
Keith Wade

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2021 is the first day of a new year in which we hope life will improve for us, our neighbors, our country and our world. It is also the Feast of Mary Mother of God, the oldest holy day in our church history, and proclaimed by St. Pope John Paul II as the World Day of Peace. You are invited to begin this year by coming to mass at 10:00 a.m. and join our parish in prayer for this new year. Make your reservation on our website as usual.

Do you have a green thumb?

People are needed to water the plants in the church. You would be on a monthly schedule with a partner for roughly three to four months a year of your choosing.

Email Jackie at jackieg@stbeagan.org for information or to volunteer.

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.

Everyday Stewardship

Full of Joy

Last year we waited much too long to buy our Christmas trees. We usually have one in the living room and then one by the large window in our room that sits at the front of the house. Essentially, there is one for us to see and then one for all the neighbors walking their dogs in the December cold. If you wait too long to buy a fresh tree you might just not find a tree. But last year I found one tree lot I had not bought from in the past. Luckily, they had some great trees. The price was a little higher than I was used to, but a tree would be mine no matter what.

What I found interesting at the lot was a group of about nine young people sitting around a fire, laughing and drinking coffee. I wondered, "All of these people for a tree lot late at night and this late in the season?" What I found out was that these weren't paid workers. These were recovering drug and alcohol addicts. This was their rehab's tree lot, and this was their service and group therapy. I spoke to a couple of them and found they were the nicest people around. They were full of joy for the new life they had found and thankful for the people who helped bring them through the trial of their lives. Suddenly, that tree they sold me seemed more beautiful and majestic than it had when I first drove up.

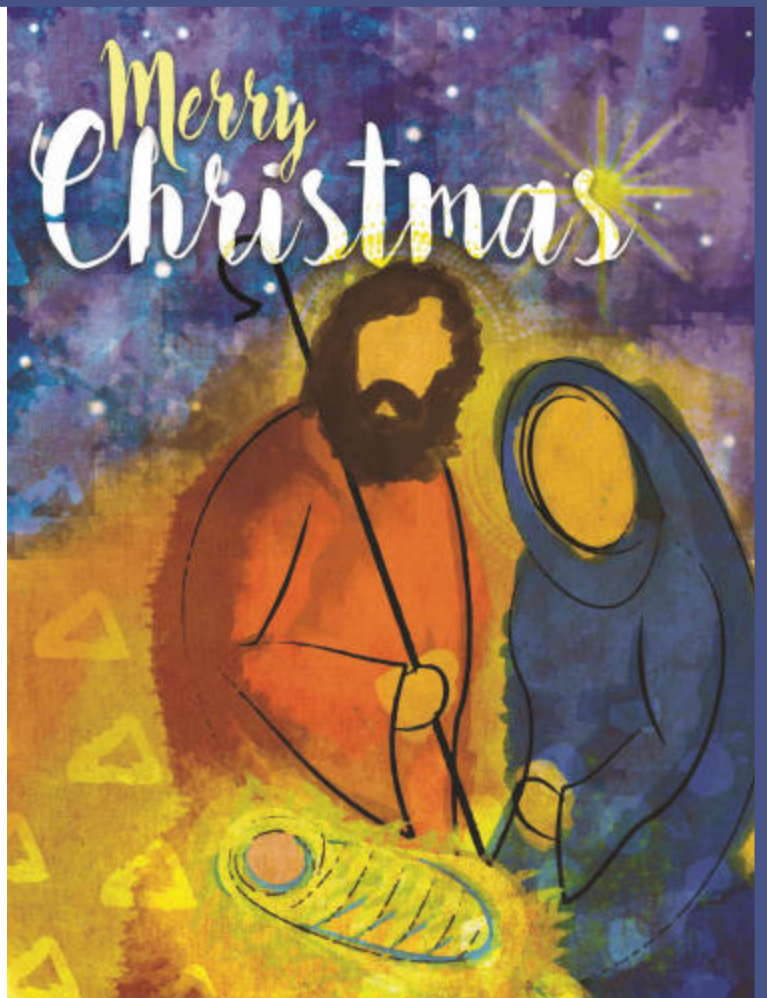
This Christmas may the Lord that slept in a manger provide for your rest. May the God that gives many gifts to all of us bless you abundantly. And may the Prince of Peace help you to find true gratitude for the gift of life. May you and yours feel the joy of the season, like a group of recovering addicts around a campfire on a cold December night. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Merry Christmas

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

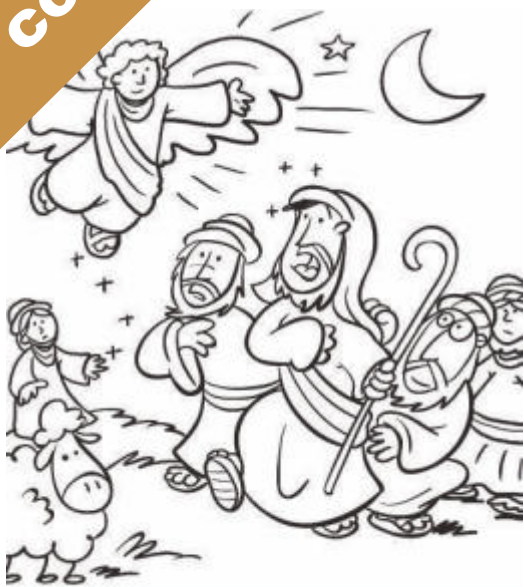
Let us pray...

God,
 you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season.
 Amen.



Kids corner

Read the Gospel & Color



Christmas + Luke 2:1-14

Sharing the Gospel

Think of the places you sleep when you are away from home. Some kids sleep in hotel beds. Other kids sleep in sleeping bags on the floor. The night Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph were far from their home, too. While angels sang and shepherds visited, their newborn King slept on a bed of hay. It was simple, but all he needed.

Prayer

God, Jesus slept on hay, and he was King. I am so thankful for my comfortable pillow!

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

listed	fields	Savior
engaged	sheep	heaven
traveled	angel	peace

Isitde	<u>l</u> <u>i</u> <u>s</u> <u>t</u> <u>e</u> <u>d</u>
anleg	_____
peeca	_____
enggade	_____
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