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**A Welcoming Spirit-led  
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where each is called**

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

“Your Spiritual home,  
where each is called by name.”

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**



**THE HOLY FAMILY**

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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**Lord's Day Masses: All Are Welcome**

See website for current information.

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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](http://www.fscsmn.org) or call 651-406-4747

## Readings

Week of December 27, 2020

- 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
- Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/ Mt 2:13-18
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/ Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/ Jn 1:19-28
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## 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

<b>OUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:</b> (12/8 - 12/14)			
	Online		5,742.00
	In Person/mail		17,115.00
	Simplified Giving (automatic transfers)		10,381.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33,238.00</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE:</b> (11/30/20)			
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	
	Operating Revenue	\$ 491,745	\$ 490,250
	Operating Expenses	518,060	530,371
	Net Income (loss)	\$ (26,315)	(40,121)

## Everyday Stewardship

### The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## 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.

## Becoming Human: Dismantling Racism

The Church of the Risen Savior invites you to join in *Becoming Human: Dismantling Racism*. This is a 7-module online course created by the Racial Justice Initiative at the University of St. Thomas in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences and the Basilica of St. Mary. We will have discussion groups of the course on Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30 p.m. beginning January 5, 2021 and Wednesday afternoons 3:00-4:00 p.m. beginning January 6, 2021. **Registration required by December 29<sup>th</sup>**. There is no cost to participate. Learn more at [www.risensavior.org/2020/11/20/becoming-human/](http://www.risensavior.org/2020/11/20/becoming-human/) Contact: Grace Koleczek (952) 698-1724 or email [grace.koleczek@risensavior.org](mailto:grace.koleczek@risensavior.org).

## Finding it hard to focus?

**Feeling anxiety and unrest?**

**Longing to go deeper and feel God's presence?**

**Learning about and practicing Centering Prayer may be a gift to you!**

Here are a couple of links that offer information and insight about this personal prayer style. These are not short, simple descriptions, but Centering Prayer is not a short, simple idea. These are intended for those who want to explore a spiritual practice rooted in Jesus' own words.

See, for example these words of invitation from the Gospel of Matthew 6:6, "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Creator who is in secret, and your Creator who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you."

\* Contemplative Outreach: <https://www.minnesotacontemplativeoutreach.org/centering-prayer.html>

\* You tube resources: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FWvxwfn\\_CE&t=262s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FWvxwfn_CE&t=262s)

## 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](mailto:jackieg@stbeagan.org) for information or to volunteer.

## Stewardship Message

Be the reason someone believes in the goodness of people.

## 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](http://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.**

## Next Week Parish office hours

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  
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### JUST-FAITH MINISTRIES

**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 eight-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](mailto:mnrietz@gmail.com).

## In Loving Memory

### *Rev. Thomas Brioschi*

Date of Death : December 28, 2007

Pastor of St. Thomas Becket

July 2003 - December 2007



## 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 year, 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](mailto:logsdon.marylou@gmail.com). All are welcome.

## Gospel Meditation

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this?

There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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# THANK YOU!

- To all the people who donated poinsettias for the beauty of our celebrations
- To our liturgical ministers who are giving of their time and talent in service to the Christmas season celebrations at STB
- To our music ministers who are leading us in praise and joyful thanksgiving for the coming of our Lord
- To Julie Loehr for her vision and to all of our talented and hard-working parishioners who decorated the church and grounds.
- To Dan Rohda who donated our outside wreath and garland and the volunteers who braved the cold and the heights to deck out our church.
- To Bryan Racine who live-streamed our Christmas Masses for everyone to celebrate
- To Monica Lopez whose amazing talents have given us exceptionally well-done videotaped Masses

This has been a challenging year due to COVID19, but together we made it through 2020; with face masks, social distancing, viewing our recorded Masses, having to reserve a seat for Mass, giving online offerings, bringing food to our local food shelves, managing to donate so much for our Easter and Christmas sharing programs, for being patient and learning via Zoom.

It is ALL of us who keep our spirit alive, and we are so very blessed to all of you, for not giving up, for believing and for never losing hope.

We truly represent our mission statement:

*to Love, to Serve, to be Hope*

**YOU HAVE ALL MADE CHRIST ALIVE IN OUR HOLY PLACES:  
OUR HOMES AND IN OUR CHURCH!**



## Our Parish Manger Scene

We have used the manger scene you see on the ambo platform since the early 90's. The stable was designed by Terry Tambornino who built it with red weather-beaten siding from an old barn that stood on our land when it was purchased.

Bill Fliehr's mother made the ceramic figures. She and Bill painted them and donated them to STB.

This manger is a parish treasure for its connections to our land and our origins.

## Kids corner

Read the Gospel & Color



Holy Family • Luke 2:22-40

## Sharing the Gospel

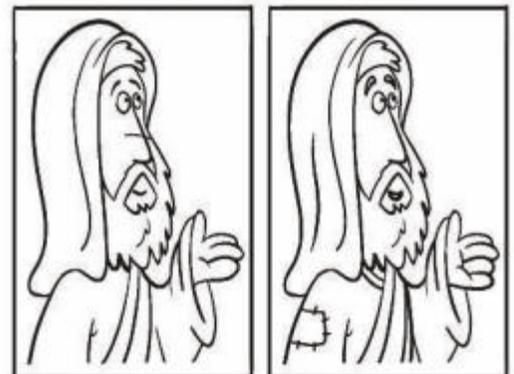
Love God and trust him with your life. Then you will want to do what God asks. Simeon listened to God. Anna served God for many years in the temple. Mary and Joseph did everything God asked them to do for Jesus. Everyone in the temple knew that Jesus was sent by God to be their Savior. They trusted God with Jesus' precious life.

## Prayer

God, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask me to.

## PUZZLE

Find 8 differences.



## MISSION

Jesus belonged to God. Look up the word "belong" in the dictionary. Thank God that you are his child, too.



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