



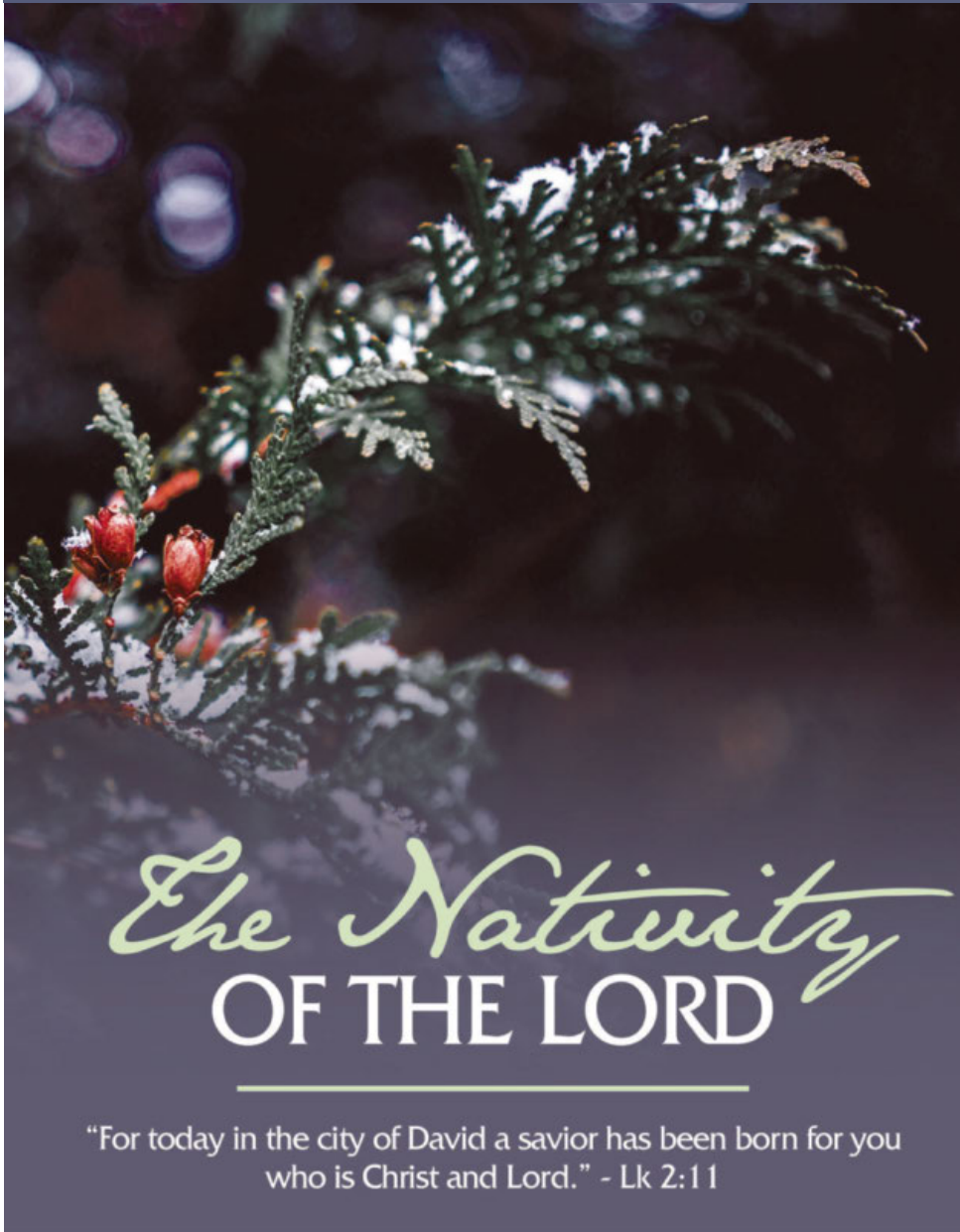
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where each is called**

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

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

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**



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

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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 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 Tuesday, January 4, 2022 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

December 25, 2021

### Friday: Christmas Eve

Is 91:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

### Saturday: Christmas Day

Is 91:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

## Prayers for the Sick

### *Please hold these parishioners in your prayers:*

Karen Little      Mary Cloutier      Judy Schmidt  
Lisa LaFrance      Janet Higgins

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

## End of the Year 2021

### 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 2021 contribution, donors must relinquish control of the donation on or before Friday, December 31.

Any checks postmarked on or before December 31 will also be recorded as 2021 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 top left 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 2021 donation.**

## 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.

## Calendar

### Monday, December 27:

Parish Office CLOSED

### Tuesday, December 28:

Office hours 9am-12pm

AA meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Wednesday, December 29:

Office hours 9am-12pm

No Event Scheduled

### Thursday, December 30:

Office hours 9am-12pm

Word Service, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Al-Anon meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Friday, December 31:

Office hours 9am-12pm

### Saturday, January 1:

New Year's Day

5:00 pm MASS, Fr. Tim (*Deacon Mickey preaches*)

### Sunday, January 2:

NO SGS

9:00 am Mass, Fr. Tim

11:00 am MASS, Fr. Mike

Confirmation red, student/parent orientation

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

## Friendly Reminder



If you choose to continue wearing a face mask to church, please don't forget to bring your own face mask. Thank You!

# ENTER INTO HOPE.... LEAVE TO BE HOPE

Fr. Kevin Clinton, a classmate of mine, Presided at Mass the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. He began his homily by mentioning that as he approached church, he saw the words of our Mission Statement: "To Love, To Serve, To Be Hope," above our doors.

I believe each of us needs Love, needs to be Served, needs Hope. This community is such a place, a place where we experience all of this in our Liturgies, our ministries, our concern for each other, in our prayer; you experience this as part of our parish.

I believe that as we leave this community we go To Love, To Serve, To Be Hope. It is in our words and actions that we do this. We are all "bearers of Christ." We all have the presence of Christ within us. Christmas is a reminder that Christ became one of us to show us how To Love, To Serve, To Be Hope. Christ is our hope, our unconditional love, is present to minister to us.

During these last almost two years of the pandemic you have been Love, ministered to me (Serve), been Hope for me. The Staff of this parish has been all of that for each other, for me and for you. I am blessed to be your Pastor and grateful to all of you. Thank You for who you are.

My prayer for you this Christmas is, as you Enter St. Thomas Becket you find Hope....as you Leave you are Hope; let Christ be your Hope.

Blessed Christmas, Love You!  
Fr. Tim

## 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 those who donated our outside garland and all the volunteers who braved the cold and the heights to deck out our church.

**WE REJOICE IN YOUR TALENT AND DEDICATION!**

## Stewardship Message

Kids need more hugs than they need things.



## 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:

Steve Andrews  
Gary Anger  
Lena Anger  
Stephan Bucko  
Jack Carlson  
David Carpenter  
Max Carpenter  
Joyce Clemens  
Thomas S. Condon  
Joan (Wozniak) Courchane  
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Jim Fletcher  
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Jeanette Johnson  
Joan Keuler  
George Nicholas Klaren  
Patrick Klaren  
John Leaman  
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Carole Kowalski  
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Eddie Wall  
Mikhail Zaplishnyy

Eduard & Phyllis Argue  
Jim and Mary Barnard  
Nana & Papa (Denn)  
Kay & Jim Dowd  
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Agnes & William (Bill) Doll  
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Leonard & Gen Phillipich  
George & Elaine Rudolph  
Dodie & Joe Swanson  
Rita & Rudy Wilcox  
Chester & Margaret Wozniak  
Vincent & Ethel Zelek

## Want to Talk?

Starting in January, our parish will be offering numerous sessions of **“Want to Talk: Communication Tools for Divided Times”**.

This program, for groups of 8-14, will be based on small group discussions, readings and videos. It will guide you in deepening your relationships while staying true to your values, whether you find yourself in a disagreement with a family member, interrupting racism in the workplace, facilitating political tensions in a pandemic, or working for systemic change around any justice issue.

The program draws upon the wisdom of non-violent communication, civil dialogue and grassroots organizing.

This is open to all, whether in the parish or not, regardless of whether you've taken any JustFaith programs in the past or not.

The first offering will be facilitated by Paul Mandell and Kadee Ruhland at the Ruhland's home on either Monday or Tuesday evenings, starting sometime in mid-January; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, others will follow based on interest levels and availability of facilitators. Some may be offered at different times of the day, or even virtually, depending on interest.

If interested, or for more information contact Dez at the office, 651-683-9808 or [dezs@stbeagan.org](mailto:dezs@stbeagan.org), or Paul Mandell at [paul.mandell@comcast.net](mailto:paul.mandell@comcast.net).

## Care notes

Our display for our Care Notes has moved. Next to the stairs.

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.

## The Racial Wealth Gap Part 2 of 4

This past fall, a small group of parishioners participated in a Just Faith Ministries Faith & Racial Justice program (8 weeks), sponsored by our STB Faith in Action Council. We wanted to share with the wider parish group one of the key learnings from the program.

**DID YOU KNOW** There is a Racial Wealth Gap in the U.S....AND..... 13 PUBLIC Policies have been found to be contributing factors? We will share all 13 with you over the next 4 weeks. Policies 1 & 2 follow. All 13 can be viewed at [www.stbeagan.org/racial-wealth-gap](http://www.stbeagan.org/racial-wealth-gap).

### **POLICY 3 THE NATIONAL HOUSING ACT OF 1934, PART 1**

The National Housing Act of 1934, Part 1 Policies under this law guaranteed federally-backed loans to whites and legally refused loans to blacks and anyone else who chose to live in or near black neighborhoods. This practice, known as “redlining,” targeted entire black neighborhoods and identified them as “Grade D.” This made it nearly impossible for appraisers in the private sector to do business in black neighborhoods because all the residents were considered bad credit risks.

### **POLICY 4 THE NATIONAL HOUSING ACT OF 1934, PART 2**

Since this legislation prevented blacks from receiving federally-backed home mortgages, whites usually purchased homes in black neighborhoods and then sold “housing contracts” to blacks who wanted to become homeowners, often for two or three times the amount of the mortgage. These contracts only guaranteed black families the rights to the house AFTER all the payments were complete. Missing even one payment, or being late, would result in the black family losing their house immediately.

### **POLICY 5 THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (1935)**

This act excluded farmworkers and domestic workers, who were predominantly black, from receiving old age and unemployment insurance. Although Social Security was meant to help those affected by the Great Depression, and African Americans were twice as likely as the “average” American family to face hunger during this time, 65 percent of African Americans were ineligible to receive Social Security.

### **POLICY 6 THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT OF 1938**

This was enacted to help bolster the economy and get the country out of the Great Depression, but it excluded tip-based jobs and other jobs predominantly held by black workers—including servers, shoe shiners, domestic workers, and Pullman porters—from this first-ever minimum wage legislation. Even though the black unemployment, hunger, and poverty rates were at least twice those of whites during the Great Depression, the very policies meant to alleviate economic strain were withheld from the black community.

## Feast of St. Thomas Becket

St. Thomas Becket | Feast Day December 29

Not many saints can be relatable to our times, but St. Thomas Becket (December 21, 1118 – December 29, 1170) is one of the few. King Henry II, a good friend, made him chancellor of England at the age of 36. Then, despite St. Thomas Becket warning the king that he would not blindly follow his wishes, he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162.

Soon after, King Henry insisted upon seizing Church rights. In the name of peace, St. Thomas Becket came close to a compromise, and momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court. But he later rejected this, and for his safety fled to France where he remained in exile for seven years.

Although returning to England meant almost certain death, St. Thomas Becket came back. According to historical accounts, King Henry implored, “Who will free me from this troublesome priest!” St. Thomas Becket was later murdered by four knights in his Canterbury Cathedral as he was praying. For his part in the murder, King Henry performed public penance after St. Thomas Becket's canonization.

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 - THE HOLY FAMILY



## *The Holy Family*

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.  
- Lk 2:46-47

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## Readings Week of December 26, 2021

### **Sunday:**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/  
Col 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### **Tuesday:**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/  
Mt 2:13-18

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,  
5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

### **Thursday:**

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/  
Lk 2:36-40

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12,  
13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/  
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**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

## STB Women's Retreat

### *Inspiration and Faith for the New Year*

**Saturday, January 8 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Give yourself a new year gift of a few hours to recharge your batteries and deepen your faith in God at this morning retreat for the women of St. Thomas Becket. Together we will spend time with the Word of God, drawing inspiration from scripture, poetry and meaningful stories. The retreat will include time for reflection and meditation as well as group discussion.

Facilitated by Heidi Busse, Editor at Twenty-Third Publications. Heidi has an M.A. in Theology from the University of St. Thomas and has offered retreats and presentations for adult formation and women's groups on topics ranging from biblical studies to daily spirituality. She lives in Bloomington with her husband, two busy teenagers and best dog, Lucas.

**Sign Up at** [www.stbeagan.org/womens-retreat](http://www.stbeagan.org/womens-retreat)

## In Loving Memory

*Rev. Thomas Brioschi*

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