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December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Mass Schedule

Check bulletin or call the parish office
for any changes in mass times.
Weekday..... Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday 8:00 am (SSK)
School Mass .. Wednesday 9:45 am* (SSK)
Weekend..... Saturday 4:00 pm (SSK),
Sunday 8:00 am (SJN) & 10:00 am (SSK)
Holydays See bulletin
*When school is in session.

Perpetual Help Novena (SSK)

Wednesdays after 8:00 am Mass.

Reconciliation (SSK)

Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm.



4th Sunday of Advent

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Lk 1:41-42*

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Parish Office 1-2 months
Prior to the birth of your child.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements to be made 6 months
In advance. Contact the Pastor.

Visitation

Please notify parish office when a hospitalized /
homebound parishioner desires holy communion.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Adults desiring baptism, confirmation or full
membership in the Catholic Church, contact
Parish Office. Sessions begin in fall.

New Parishioners

Please register at the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 10 AM. Notices must be in writing.

Key: Saint John Nepomucene = (SJN)
Saint Stanislaus Kostka = (SSK)

We, the Catholic Parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka and the Catholic Parish of St. John Nepomucene, called to Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and nourished by Word and Eucharist, commit our time, talent, and treasure to the growth of God's Reign in our world. -Mission Statement

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER ARENS

My friends,

Our Advent observance is almost over. Soon we will be celebrating the glory of our Lord's birth and the possibility of salvation. If you took some extra opportunities to enter into the Advent season in prayer and reflection, soon you will be seeing its rewards. May all of us be filled with peace and joy as we approach the celebration of Christmas and come to a deeper appreciation of just what God has done for us.

Advent for followers of Jesus is a season of quiet and preparation. Unlike the secular world and others who have been celebrating Christmas before the Halloween decorations were even put away, we have taken our time with this great mystery. Its only after proper preparation that the liturgy will celebrate Christmas. In order to really appreciate the coming of the Savior, the liturgy first has us contemplate the time before the Savior came and before the world knew of its offer of salvation. Then, after hearing the prophets of the Old Testament teach us about the future coming of the Savior, we celebrate the fulfillment of those prophesies and the unfolding of God's plan for us. Our observance of Christmas as Catholics is quite different from the secular world, but as we see, there is a good reason for that.

As we do celebrate Christmas, I wish you all the best our Lord has to offer this time of year. Thanks to all who have sent Christmas greetings, gifts, and kind wishes. I am very happy to be your pastor and have found the communities to be very friendly and welcoming. Know of my daily prayers for you and your families.

In Christ,
Fr. Arens



Sanctuary Candles donated this week in Memory of Hilary & Dolly Watembach from Paula

VESPER: Join us during Advent for Vespers and Benediction on Sunday, December 23rd, at 3 PM in the Basilica. Vespers is a collection of evening prayers and psalms that are recited which will conclude with Benediction, a blessing from our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

Youth Envelope Boxes for 2019 are available in the back of church.

RESPECT LIFE: "To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to\ other." —Pope St. John Paul II, February 13, 1982 homily

SAINT STANISLAUS KOSKA

An ancient Advent Hymn (c. 400)

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega;
He the source, the ending He,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed,
when a virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven adore Him,
angel hosts, His praises sing,
pow'ers, dominions, bow before Him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ery voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father
and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory
evermore and evermore!



Parish Support: Amount needed each week to meet our expenses: \$10,500

Due to the early print date of the bulletin, the amounts will appear in next week's bulletin

Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal As of December 14, 2018

Goal\$39,520
Number of Donors100
Total Pledge & Paid \$18,521.70
% of Total..... 46.8%

Please help us reach our goal by December 31.

Envelopes in bi-monthly support packets & at the doors of the church.

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SAINT JOHN NEPOMUCENE

St. John's Church Support Envelopes for 2019 are now available for pick up in the back of church. If you would like us to bring your box to the parish office for pick up, call the parish office (452-5430).

Also Youth Envelope Boxes for 2019 are available.

Parish Support: Amount needed each week to meet our expenses: \$2,000

Due to the early print date of the bulletin, the amounts will appear in next week's bulletin.

Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal As of December 14, 2018

Goal	\$6,580
Number of Donors.....	22
Total Pledge & Paid	\$6,840
% of Total	103.79%

Thank You!

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CITY WIDE MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S:

Christmas Eve, December 24:

4 pm at St. Stan's & St. Casimir's
4:30 pm at St. Mary's
5:15 pm at Cathedral
5:30 pm at St. John's
8 pm at St. Mary's
9 pm at Cathedral

Christmas Day, December 25

7 am at Cathedral
8 am at St. John's
8:30 am at St. Mary's
9 am at St. Casimir's
10 am at St. Stan's
10:30 am at St. Mary's & Cathedral

New Year's Eve 12/31

4 pm at St. Stan's
5:15 pm at St. Mary's
5:15 pm at Cathedral

New Year's Day 1/1

7 am at Cathedral
8:30 am at St. Mary's
9 am at St. Stan's
9 am at St. Casimir's



SJN AND SSK NEWS

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, 90 gift bags of toiletries were delivered to the Red Wing Correctional Institute for the boys who live there. The effort to send food to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation resulted in about 60 pounds of food and about \$100 in cash contributions. Thank you very much for helping people who live on the margins of our societies and do not have all that they need to live a meaningful life.

Winona Catholic Daughters Court #191 will host a donut and coffee Sunday and membership drive on Sunday, January 6, at the 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses at St. Mary's Church. Winona Court Regent, Colleen Peplinski will speak briefly at each mass regarding the Court and all that the group does. Brochures will be available.

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart invites you, your friends and family to attend Cor Jesu on Friday, January 4, from 7-9 pm. Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, and music in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome. For more details, call Steven at 507-312-9041.

Cathedral is offering an adult Faith Formation Video series **"Why We Worship"**, **"The Biblical Roots of the Mass by Dr. Brant Pitre**. Answering the question: "Why do Catholics do what they do at Mass?" Come learn what the Bible says about the mystery and meaning of the Mass. It will be group discussion with DVD presentations. Times will be Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm or Mondays "Brown Bag" 12:10-12:50 pm. Three Sessions to be held January 7 thru January 22. at the Cathedral. No cost. Deadline to register is January 3. Register online at cascwinona.org or forms available in Cathedral's Gathering Space. Contact Donna 454-1296

Catholics at the Capitol 2019: Now is the time to begin to transform politics in Minnesota. Join your local bishop and 2,000+ Catholics in St. Paul on Tuesday, February 19, to learn how you can build relationships with your newly elected officials and advocate for life and human dignity. Get your tickets, register for transportation, and find more details about this inspiring day of prayer, education and advocacy by visiting: www.CatholicsAtTheCapital.org.

Married couples, let us strive to become the work of the Lord by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next Weekends are February 8-10 in Windom, MN and April 26-28 in Hutchinson, MN. For more information, call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit southmnwwme.org.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24 •

8 AM	No Mass	SSK
4 PM	†Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord- Dorothy Paszkiewicz	SSK
5:30 PM	† Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord- Rita Lueck	SJN

Tuesday, December 25 • Nativity of the Lord

8 AM	For the People of the Parishes	SJN
10 AM	Dolores Cieminski	SSK

Wednesday, December 26 • St. Stephen

8 AM	† Steven Waters	SSK
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Thursday, December 27 • St. John

8 AM	† Juliane Burbach	SSK
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Friday, December 28 • The Holy Innocents

8 AM	† Rita Lueck	SSK
4 PM	Wedding-Janice Holtet & Michael Bork	SSK

Saturday, December 29 • St. Thomas Becket

4 PM	†Vigil Mass for Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—Betty Jean Senty	SSK
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Sunday, December 30 •

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8 AM	† Johanna Szymkowiak	SJN
10 AM	† John (Jack) Thompson	SSK

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 29, at 4 PM (SSK)

Lector	Mark Moga
EMS	Fran, Chris, Teresa Wojciechowski, Al Greenwood
Servers	Kyra & Molly Kotsmith
Gift Bearers	Fran, Chris, Teresa Wojciechowski
Ushers	Joe Pellowski, Rock Arnoldy, Bob Cyert, Sue Ryan

Sunday, December 30, at 8 AM (SJN)

Lector	Dorothy Duellman
EMs	Don & Jan Nitti
Servers	Nick Walechka, Gail Ramczyk
Ushers	Kevin Salisbury, Mark Yackel
Gift Bearers	Chris Antoff

Sunday, December 30, at 10 AM (SSK)

Lector	Jean Galewski
EMs	James & Sharon Cichosz, Dianne Cordes, Carole Tomaszewski
Servers	Sheridan Family
Gift Bearers	Bill & Pat Berg-Steinhoff
Ushers	Brian Masyga, Rudy Klink, Dan Sheridan, Mike Rouster

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This Week

Monday, December 24

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 25

Parish Offices Closed

No Bingo

Wednesday, December 26

8:30 am Perpetual Help Novena

Basilica

No Faith Formation

No Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 29

3 pm Confessions

Basilica



May the blessings of
this Holy Season
be yours in abundance.
A joyous Christmas!

Readings for the week of December 23, 2018

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/ Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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

Tuesday: 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

Midnight: 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

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

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

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

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

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9- 10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Adult: When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

Child: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?

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