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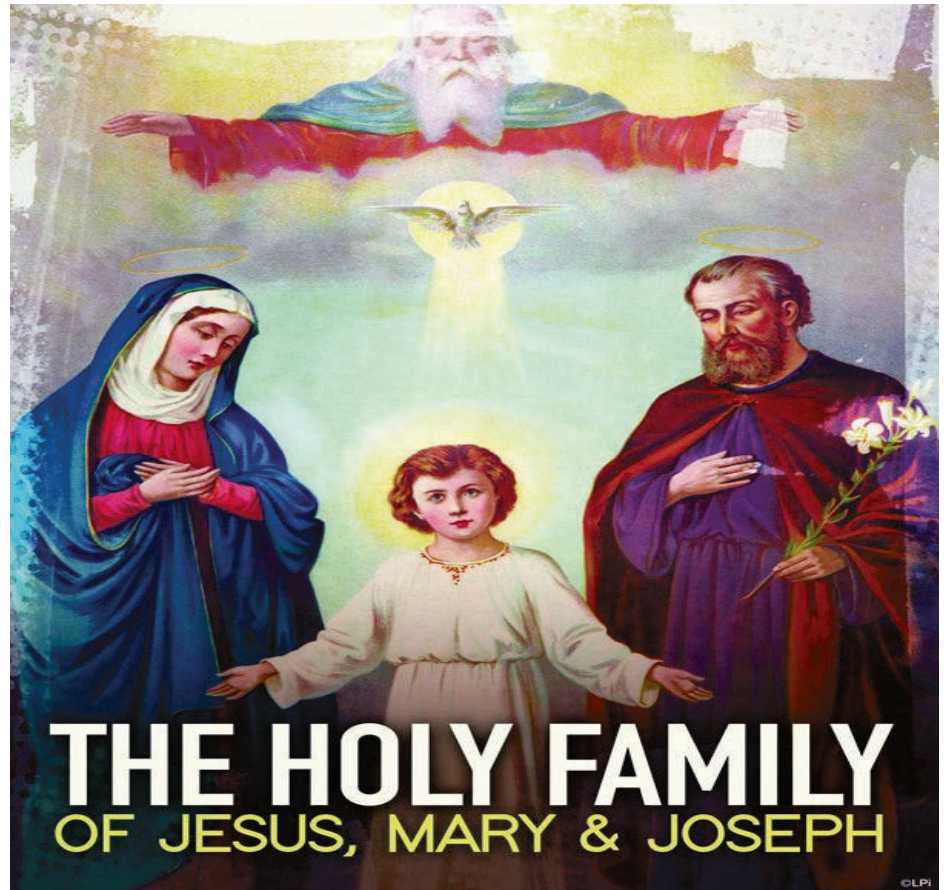
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Mass Schedule (Effect July 1, 2021)

Weekends.....Saturday 4 pm (SSK),
Sunday 8:30 am (SJN) & 10: a m (SSK)
HolydaysSee bulletin
Weekdays..... See bulletin

Perpetual Help Novena (SSK)
Wednesdays after Mass.

Reconciliation (SSK)
Saturday 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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,

We continue our celebration of the Christmas mystery this weekend with the feast of Holy Family. This feast continues our reflection on the humanity of Jesus and how God, who created the heavens and the earth, was born in time and made human.

Of all the mysteries of our Lord's life that we celebrate, Christmas is probably the most celebrated. This would make sense, since it is the feast that God identifies with us most closely. For centuries humanity knew that God dwelt in heaven and at times appeared on earth in various ways, but this would be the first time that God would be physically present in a tangible and visible form. Because God came down from heaven to dwell among us, it seems natural that this feast would be held in high regard and much festivity.

The Feast of the Holy Family continues this theme. Not only did God come down to earth and take human form, but He also lived in a human family. In this way, God would identify with us even more and we would be reminded that He experienced a significant aspect of life that all human beings do. With this experience, He would also raise the family up to an even higher dignity.

In our day and time, we see the family under attack in many ways. When Christ became part of a human family, He demonstrated to us that He had high expectations for the family and that it would be a place where He Himself would be present. The family is the source of many good things, and is even the way that the faith is passed down from generation to generation. With the breakdown of the family comes many negative consequences for the Church and for humanity in general.

And so we continue to call upon Christ to strengthen our families and assist them with His grace. Christ knew that family life would be a challenge from time to time and would sometimes be a source of sadness and difficulties. But He has promised to be with every family. The more that a family allows Christ to be present, especially through prayer and the practice of the faith, the more the family will be filled with peace, harmony and goodness.

Finally, one more note about the feast days. Usually January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is a Holyday of Obligation. This year, since it falls on a Saturday, it is not. Mass will still be offered on that day at 9am for those would like to celebrate the feast and ask God's blessing upon the coming year.

In Christ,
Fr. Arens



Sanctuary Candles donated this week in Memory of Bonnie & Frank Merchlewitz from Luke and Brenda



To: Delores Merchlewitz
Who celebrates her 92nd Birthday
On December 27th.

SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA



Baptized at St. Stanislaus last weekend:
Wren Jennifer Scharmer
Child of Ethan & Rebecca
May she always remain a child of God.

THANK YOU for Gifts received:

- Gifts were received in Memory of Robert Schultz from Family and Friends.
- A gift was received in Memory of Robert Schultz from Richard & Sharon Flatten

FALL FESTIVAL: We are seeking a chair person for the Kid's Games Area of our Fall Festival. If interested: call the parish office at 452-5430 for details.



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

	<u>11/12/21</u>
Envelopes	\$5,638.00
Plate	\$422.20
Ret. Rel. & C.U. Coll.	\$ 2,168.50

Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

As of December 12, 2021

Goal	\$35,378
Number of Donors	81
Total Pledge & Paid	\$11,238
% of Total.....	31.64%

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SAINT JOHN NEPOMUCENE

After 24 years, I am retiring as seasonal decorator for St. John's. Anyone interested in doing this work for the church, beginning February 1, 2022, please contact Father Arens. May the peace and blessings of Christmas fill your hearts — Bea

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

	<u>11/12/21</u>
Envelopes	\$589.00
Plate	\$44.00
Ret. Rel. & C.U coll.	\$113.50

Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal As of December 12, 2021

Goal	\$5,439
Number of Donors	25
Total Pledge & Paid	\$6,895
% of Total	126.77%

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RESPECT LIFE:

Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. The conviction that human life is sacred and that each person has inherent dignity that must be respected in society lies at the heart of Catholic social teaching. Calls to advance human rights are illusions if the right to life itself is subject to attack. We believe that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death; that people are more important than things; and that the measure of every institution is whether or not it enhances the life and dignity of the human person. (*US Bishops: Faithful Citizenship - Civic Responsibility for a New Millennium, 1999*).



SJN AND SSK NEWS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." Let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 18-20, 2022 in WINDOM, MN and Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. For more information, call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit them at southmnwwme.org.



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Whether a pregnant woman is excited to bring her new baby home or is choosing the loving option of adoption, Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings. Our social workers travel to new and expectant parents all across the Diocese to bring help and hope through financial assistance, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, free baby items, and helping women throughout the entire process of placing a child for adoption. We are honored to work with those who are pregnant or have a child under 12 months old. We work with teens and adults, women who are single or married, those who are financially secure or living in poverty. Reach our social workers at 800-222-5859 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

A WHOLE NEW YEAR

A whole new year is mine today...
May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!

I'd strengthen friendships, old and true
And learn to cherish new ones, too;
To keep on learning and to grow
A little better as I go.

To cast aside each grudge and grief,
And hold fast to a firm belief
That life is joyous, gracious, good,
When lived in terms of brotherhood.

To welcome fun, and play awhile,
To lighten work with a happy smile!
To thank the Lord and every day
Remember Him, and kneel to pray,
In gratitude for strength and health
And blessings which are all my wealth.
This year's gift from God to me
To spend, or use, or set me free..
A whole new year is mine today
May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27	• St. John the Apostle	
	No Mass	SSK
Tuesday, December 28	• Holy Innocents	
	No Mass	SSK
Wednesday, December 29	• St. Thomas Becket	
11 AM	† John J. Rompa	SSK
Thursday, December 30	•	
11 AM	† Donald Wieczorek, Sr.	SSK
Friday, December 31	• St. Sylvester, I	
11 AM	† Charles S. & Sally Crippa	SSK
Saturday, January 1	• Holy Mary Mother of God	
9 AM	† Deceased Members of the Bronk Family	SSK
4 PM	† Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord Robert Ramer	SSK
Sunday, January 2	• Epiphany of the Lord	
8:30 AM	† Msgr. Francis Galles	SJN
10 AM	For the People of the Parishes	SSK

Note: No weekday Mass on Tuesday this week.
There will be a 9 am Mass on Saturday morning.

SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS :

First Reading:

“I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD.” (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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OF THE WEEK

This Week

Wednesday, December 28

11:30 am Perpetual Help Novena Basilica
No Faith Formation
No Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 31

Parish Offices closed

Saturday, January 1

3:15-3:45 pm Confessions Basilica



Readings for the week of December 26:

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 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

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

Adults: How would you have reacted if you were Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple?

Child: What do you think it was like for Jesus to be in the temple for three days without his parents?

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