Love God. Live the Eucharist.

Christ Our Light

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

There is something sacred about sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and his children. All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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DECEMBER 2021

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CHRIST OUR LIGHT - NORTH 804 7th Ave. S, Princeton, MN 55371

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM (Closed Noon—1:00 PM) Friday: 8:30 AM—12:00 Noon

Mass Schedule NORTH

Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM Tuesday 6:00 PM Wednesday 11:00 AM Thursday 11:00 AM Friday 11:00 AM

Weekend Mass will be streamed LIVE to our YouTube channel at 4:58PM on Saturdays and subsequently uploaded.

See schedule in bulletin for Holy Days.

For a complete staff listing, contacts are listed inside.

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SCHEDULE

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR SACRAMENTS

FUNERALS: Arrangements to be made with the pastor. **RECONCILIATION:** Sat. 4-4:30 PM, Sun. 8-8:15 AM or by appt.

ADORATION: Each first Wednesday, 9-10AM following Daily Mass.

BUSINESSES

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MARRIAGE: Arrangements to be made with the pastor at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

BAPTISMS: Parents are required to complete a pre-baptism class and arrange a date for Baptism. Please contact the parish office for details.

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PLEASE NOTE—WEEKEND MASS CHANGE: This weekend (The Holy Family), there will be no 5:00 PM Weekend Mass offered on Saturday, December 25. Please plan to join us for Mass on Sunday, December 26 at 8:30 or 10:30AM.

TAX-TIME PARISH PAY-OUT WINNERS

The \$1,000.00 winner for Christmas, December 25, 2021, is Meghan Kuhn of Virginia

The \$100.00 winner for Sunday, December 26, 2021, is Marilyn Herman of Zimmerman

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: January 1/2, 2021

GREETERS

5:00 PM	Teri Johnson
	Barbara Hudak
	Available Position
8:30 AM	Eileen Bialka
	Jack Povlock &
	Jim Larson
	Donna Fiala
10:30 AM	Dorothy Zimmerman
	Christine Nienaber
	Linda Englund
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5:00 PM Chad Bouley Mike Kulesa **Doug Maschler** Joe Rotz 8:30 AM Bob Goth Rick Olene Bruce Roehl Roger Winkelman 10:30 AM Larry Dehn Thomas Englund Daniel Nienaber Jayson Tadia

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 5:00 PM Sandy Dank

	Laura Pipenhagen
	Marie Blasey
8:30 AM	Lynne Winkelman
	Mike Deschenes
	Lila Spencer
10:30 AM	Darrin Goldstein
	Tammy Foster
	Dennis Dehn

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM Jack Bouley 8:30 AM Elizabeth Landwehr 10:30 AM Connor Bartell

LECTORS

5:00 PM	1	Johann Boden
	2	Phil Johnson
8:30 AM	1	Mary Blattner
	2	Kelly Harshman
10:30 AM	1	David Leom
	2	Kelly Guptil

PLEASE HOLD IN PRAYER ...

- parishioners and friends who are ill: Dan Luby, Darlene Donais, Margaret Haugland, Teri Haugland-Johnson, Bob Saunders, Kitty Brown, Doug Marshall.
- those in nursing homes, the homebound.
- those serving in the armed forces, or as full-time missionaries.
- all those affected by the coronavirus and other illnesses; for all who are working to keep us all safe and healthy.
- those who have passed away recently & their families, especially: Dennis Dahler. If you know of someone who would like to have their name added to the prayer list, please notify the bulletin editor. Their name will be listed for three weeks. Before calling, please seek the permission of the person. If a home visit is needed, contact the parish office for arrangements to be made.



PRAY FOR ST. CLOUD DIOCESAN CLERGY

Our priests and seminarians need our praverful support:

Sun.	December 26	Rev. Derek Weichmann
Mon.	December 27	Rev. Richard Aubol
Tues.	December 28	Rev. Mark Botzet
Wed.	December 29	Rev. Gregory Sauer
Thus.	December 30	Rev. Patrick Hoeft
Fri.	December 31	Rev. Brady Keller

DO YOU NEED A LISTENING EAR? Molly Weyrens, Pastoral Associate, and Fr. Kevin Anderson are available to meet with parishioners who have concerns they would like to discuss. Give a call to either person to set up an appointment. All conversations are confidential.

CHRIST OUR LIGHT PARISH SUPPORT: December 8-14, 2021

WEEKLY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

	Electronic Fund Transfers ks, and Children	
DECEMBER	Offering To-Date	

SPECIAL

Christmas Giving Program	\$3,860.00
Christmas	
Immaculate Conception	
Religious Retirement	

ONE IN THE LIGHT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Envelopes, EFT	\$2,446.00
Received To-Date	\$2,088,035.78
Pledged Amount	\$2,021,615.00
Extended Pledges	\$123,384.00
Pledges To-Date	\$2,144,999.00

STEWARDS AT WORK: Thank you to everyone who donated gifts, supplies, monetary donations and their time for the Christmas Giving Program! Because of the collective efforts of our community, we were able to help make this a merrier 2 Christmas for over 80 families! God bless you all!

MORE GOOD NEWS...

By Fr. Kevin Anderson, Pastor

In Luke's gospel, the angel said to the shepherds, *"I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people."* (Luke 2:10) Of course, the angel was referring to the birth of Jesus. But I would like to hire that angel to announce more good news (in case you haven't heard)...

The Zimmerman Church HAS BEEN SOLD! Wow, this is something to celebrate. The transaction is complete. A congregation who has been leasing a worship space in the northern suburbs of the Twin Cities, has purchased the building. They are a Slovakian WORD OF LIFE Church. Meaning that many of the members have roots from Slovakia (a country in Central Europe) and their liturgical language is Slovakian (a counterpart to Russian).

We are pleased to have them worshipping in that dear church. My hope is that they will love the building much as we did. They are already renovating parts of it. For example, new carpet is being installed in the sanctuary and some walls have been removed between offices.

As part of the sale, we agreed to leave many of the stained glass windows, the overhead lights, various desks, couches, bookcases as well as all the tables and chairs from St. Pius Hall (the basement). The white tables and chairs were donated by Our Lady's Quilters & Crafters and the discontinued St. Pius Men's Group. I wish to thank both groups, for without those items, the sale might not have gone through. For remember, we removed the pews in early summer and apparently tables and chairs are on backorder all over the country, so they would have been a church with nowhere to sit.

The removal of the pews, as well as the granite altar, granite ambo (also called a podium) and the two large Frescos were done when another group intended to purchase the building in May. When that sale dissolved, many parishioners, myself included, had second thoughts about this removal. [Note: all the aforementioned items are in storage for our future use.]

But had we NOT removed those items they probably would have been part of the sale to the WORD OF LIFE community. For the deal, from first viewing to receiving the full payment, came together in less than three weeks, which would NOT have given us a chance to remove them. And as is usually expected in a sale: affixed items were included with the purchase.

We were however able to negotiate to remove the Stations of the Cross after the closing date, as the buyers were not going to use them. They are removed, in storage and awaiting their placement as outdoor monuments along a walking trail on the new property, as outdoor Stations of the Cross. How cool is that!?

So with this sale, we are looking forward to beginning a new Capital Campaign which we are calling *IGNITE FAITH*. The campaign will begin at the end of February. It is our hope (expectation) to secure the rest of the funds needed to begin construction of the infrastructure and building on the new land. It was determined that this first phase would be a multi-purposed Social Hall (which gets transformed back and forth between a worship site and a hall for dining and large events.)

This is all very exciting! Not as big as the angel's message to the shepherds, but we are filled with similar gratitude and expectation for what's to come. Blessed "Good News" to you all.

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APP (ALL PEOPLE PRAYING) is a come-as -you-choose gathering to pray for individual intentions, church, community, country, and world. All are welcome on the first Monday of each month at 1PM for 30-min. of prayer. Our next gathering is set for Monday, January 3, in the Chapel. For details, contact Linda at 763-389-4605 or hammer2@q.com.

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE TO SATURDAY MASS

Every Saturday 5PM Mass – Location, pick-up times are:

SHUTTLE	

4:25 PM – Crystal Court Apartments
4:30 PM – Caley House
4:35 PM – Oaks Apartments
4:40 PM – Princeton Apartments

4:45 PM — Christ Our Light—North

TUNE IN TO MASS: Attend our weekend Masses from your own vehicle! Tune in to 90.5 FM from the parking lot. Instructions will be given for receiving communion.

FOOD COLLECTION: Christ Our Light is collecting non-perishable food items for *Princeton Pantry* and *Passing the Bread.* Please bring donations to the main entrance. PLEASE NOTE: We cannot accept expired items, open packages of food and/or fresh produce.



MINI CONCERT SERIES: Our next mini concert, will be held **Sunday**, **January 23**, at 10:00AM, featuring *Piano Duets & Trios:* Maureen Putnam, Michele Skeim, Lisa Fobbe & John Creasy. Mini concerts take place between the Sunday Masses monthly through March. A complete schedule and details regarding performers is posted on the parish website. Please plan to join us!



Dear God, rest your hands on recovery efforts in the Kentucky communities. Let all people find relief and healing in you. Amen.

Faith Formation Schedule 2021-22 FIRE (Families in Religious Education)

Wednesday, January 5:

Grades K-6 & Adults, 6:30–7:30PM; No FIRE Meal Wednesday, January 12:

Grades 7-11 & Adults, 6:30-7:30PM; No FIRE Meal NATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER: STACEY SUMEREAU

Young people (and adults alike) - get ready to be encouraged to know their worth and to embrace God's adventure... Come and be inspired by a powerful witness. Seventh grade and older, this is our next big event. Friends are welcome!

Sunday, January 16:

Spark (Grades 3-5) gather between Masses @ 9:30AM; Attend 10:30AM Mass together.



PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING CHALLENGE TO EARN A BENCH: Christ Our Light's Creation Care Team is organizing a collection of specific types of plastic film

(500 lbs. worth) which will be used to create a bench. We would like you to consider joining in our efforts by donating qualifying items:

- Grocery Bags
- Bread Bags

- Salt Bags Newspaper Sleeves
- Bubble Wrap
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Ice Bags
- Plastic Shipping Envelopes
- Ziploc & Other Re-closable Food Storage Bags
- Cereal Bags
- Case Overwrap

- Pallet Wrap & Stretch Film
- Wood Pallet Bags
 - Produce Bags

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

HELPFUL DISTINCTIONS: See if the package will stretch when you pull it. If yes, it can be included. If it tears like paper, then please don't put in the bin. Is the package shiny or does it make a crinkly/crunchy sound in your hand? If yes, do NOT recycle in the NexTrex® bin.

Special collection bins are located at the parish. If you have any questions regarding this project or our Creation Care Team, please contact: Molly Weyrens, Pastoral Asso-

RECYCLING REMINDER FROM OUR CREATION

CARE TEAM: Recycle your holiday boxes for a good cause: Princeton Civic Betterment holds a paper and cardboard collection the second weekend of every month. Proceeds go to scholarships for Princeton High School students. Drop off bins are located at Marv's True Valu parking lot. Acceptable items are clean, dry, flattened cardboard, paper, books, magazines. No phone books or garbage, please. The next collection is January 8/9, 2022.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS...

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun., December 26-The Holy Family

8:30 AM	Mass:	Deceased Members of the † Romai
		& † Lorraine Zeroth Family
10:30 AM	Mass:	Faith Communities of Christ Our
		Light and St. Mary's of Red Lake

Mon., December 27 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 28

6:00 PM Mass: † Marie Wendlant-Kruegel 6:45 PM Digna Adult Choir (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM AA Meeting (SEH)

Wed., December 29

11:00 AM Mass: For Isaac, Conrad & Corine Meier

Thursday, December 30

11:00 AM Mass: † Joe Crippes

Friday, December 31-New Year's Eve PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 PM † Chuck & † Joan Marchessault

Saturday, January 1-New Year's Day; Mary, the Mother of God; World Day of Peace

		† Mary Spiczka
Sun., January 2—The Epiphany of the Lord		
8:30 AM	Mass:	Faith Communities of Christ Our Light and St. Mary's of Red Lake
10:30 AM	Mass:	† Omar O'Connell

ENGAGE IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER... READINGS FOR THE WEEK: DEC. 25–JAN. 2

SAT 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: ls 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20; Day: ls 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2 -3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 SUN 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

- MON 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- TUES 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 WED 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- THURS 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- FRI 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 SAT Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6,
 - 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-
- Nxt SUN 13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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HAVE A MASS SAID in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for blessings received or to honor a special occasion. Please note, we do request a \$10.00 Mass stipend. Contact the Parish Office for assistance. You can request specific dates or arrange intentions to be used as needed.



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