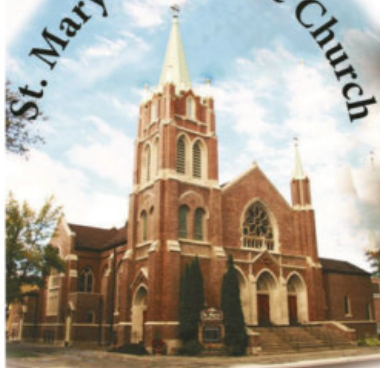


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Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 5:30 PM
 Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Liturgies

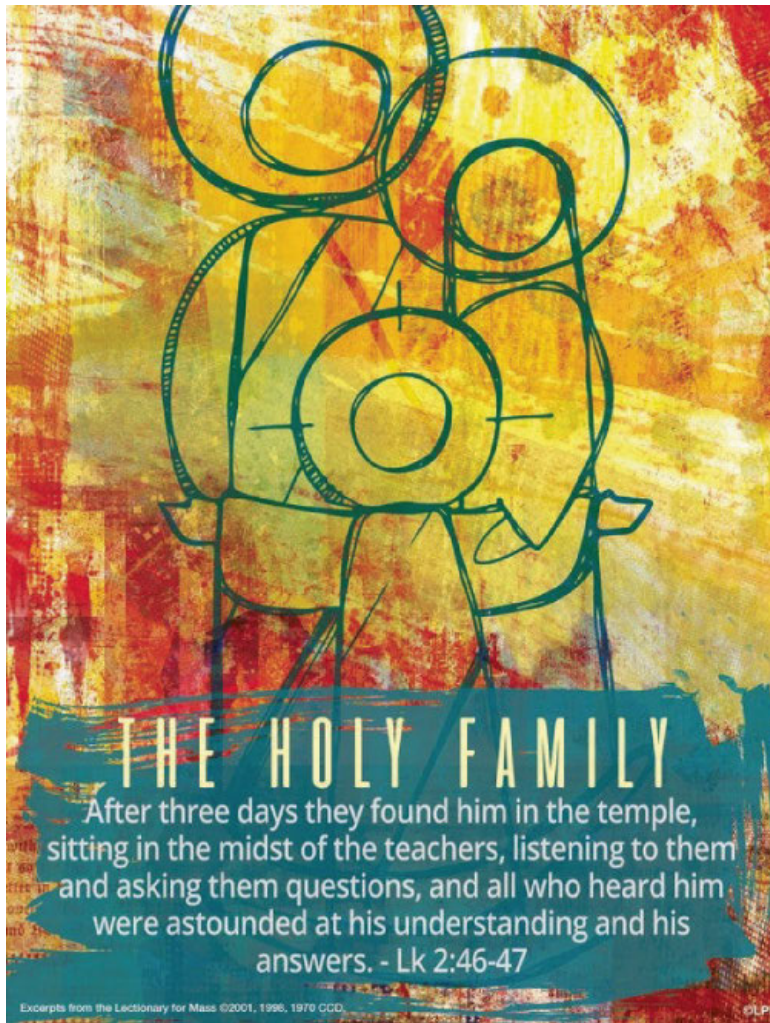
Monday - NO Mass
 Tuesday - 12:10 PM
 Wednesday - 12:10 PM
 Thursday - 8:00 AM
 Friday - 8:00 AM

Reconciliation

6-6:45 PM Wednesdays (when RE classes)
 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM Saturdays:
 Half hour before Saturday 5:30 PM &
 Sunday 8:30 AM weekend Masses or by
 appointment.

Baptism - Contact parish office.

Marriage - Contact parish office 6 months
 in advance.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Jesus, our Savior, is born! Merry Christmas! In many ways, this has been a turbulent past couple of years. The Christmas season reminds us that God, our Emmanuel, is with us. Jesus our brother accompanies us through the whole of life. Our struggles cannot conquer him or erase the victory he has won for us. The heartaches, illnesses, and troubles of life will pass away, but Christ remains with us always. There may have been no room for Mary and Joseph at the inn, but let's see to it that there is always room for our Savior in our hearts. This is a special time for me as a Pastor because I get to see numerous relatives of our parishioners who "come home" for Christmas. If you are spending the holiday out of town, I wish you safe travels and pray that you will be able to create wonderful new memories with your loved ones.

This Sunday is Holy Family Sunday. I'd like to share with you some remarks Pope St. Paul VI made while on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land: "[In Nazareth] we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character, exemplifying its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings; in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children—and for this there is no substitute."

God Bless You!
Father James Gross



**Psalm 96:
Today Is Born
Our Savior
(Alleluia)**

**Observances for the week of
December 26, 2021**

Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Monday: Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Thursday: Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Friday: Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

Saturday: The Octave Day of Christmas, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgical Assistants:

Saturday, January 1st at 5:30 PM

Altar Servers: Henry Lents, Theo Lents, Zack Nygaard

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Comm: Suzanne Flom

Lector: Don Votava

Sacristan: Heather Gilbert

Sunday, January 2nd at 8:30 AM

Altar Servers: Paige Stokke, Thomas Dahl, Teresa Haman

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Comm: Angela Scheett

Lector: Stephanie Korynta

Sacristan: Vicki Carter

Sunday, January 2nd at 10:30 AM

Altar Servers: Taylor Hodny, Jaris Restad, Lucy Restad

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Comm: Mary Thompson

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Sacristan: Dana Hillebrand

St. Mary's News



We would like to thank Joel & Suzie Flom, Larry Lewandowski, Tony Scheett, Ken Schill, Janice Sayers, and Linda & Don Palmiscno for cleaning our church in preparation for the Birth of Jesus.

Living Joy

St. Mary's is giving a copy of **LIVING JOY**, 9 rules to help you rediscover and live joy every day, by Chris Stefanick to each parish family. Please take a copy (at church entrances) for your family.



St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society will be meeting on Monday, January 3rd 7:00 p.m. in Church Social Hall. Initial planning for Lenten Soup Suppers.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Rosary



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will not be leading the Rosary together at 5:30 p.m. for a couple of months (January & February.)

We are asking you to pray a Rosary at home with your family for America, as we remember that our country was founded "One Nation Under God!"



St. Mary's sends their sympathy and prayers to **Alberta Kurtyka** and **Kristina Kotrba** on the recent death of their son / brother

Warren Volker Jr.

"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen,"



St. Mary's Parish Office will be **CLOSED**

**Friday, December 31st
New Year's Eve**



St. Mary's Parish Family:

Please notify the Parish Office if you: change your phone number (example: drop your landline); get a new cell phone number; get a new/change e-mail address; change of address; etc.

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* e-mail: stmarysgfnd@yahoo.com or

* complete this form and place in collection basket

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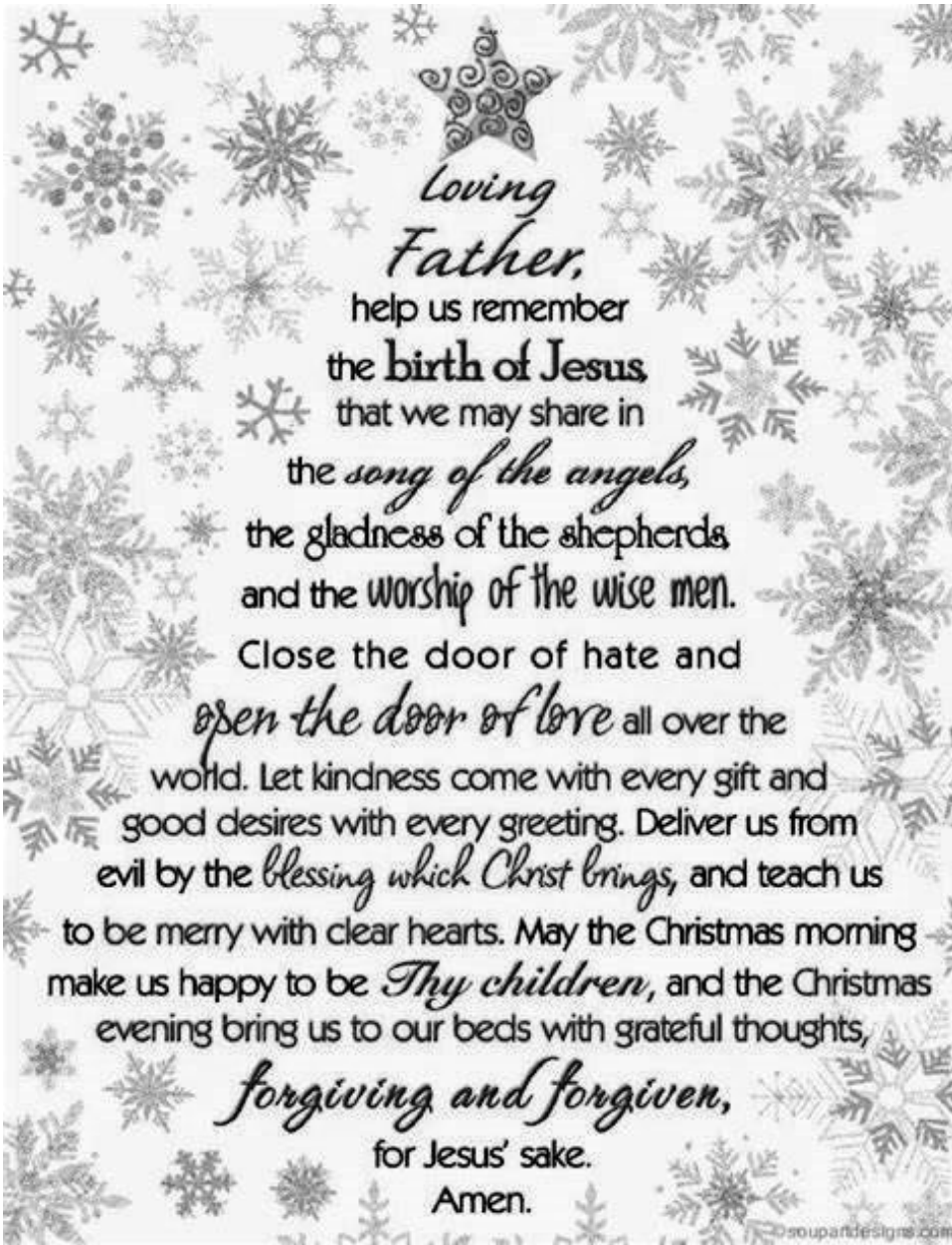
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Stewardship Moment:

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people who are different than you, those who you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.



“And there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.”

Luke 2:8-9



Monday, December 27th: NO MASS

Tuesday, December 28th:

12:10 P.M. † David Knapp
by Cabrini Knapp

Wednesday, December 29th:

10:00 A.M. † Fr. Vincent Tuchacherer
by Fr. James Gross
(At Parkwood Place)

12:10 P.M. † LaVerne Olich
by Tony & Joan Scheett

Thursday, December 30th:

8:00 A.M. † David Knapp
by Vicki & Dave Schreiner

Friday, December 31st:

8:00 A.M. † Darren Gross
by St. Mary’s Staff

Saturday, January 1st:

8:00 A.M. Private Intentions Fr. Gross
5:30 P.M. † Judy Rosencrans
by St. Mary’s Staff

Sunday, January 2nd:

8:30 A.M. † David Knapp
by Leila Badran
10:30 A.M. For the Parishioners



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sacrificial Giving

“No report at time of printing for December 18th & 19th”

Received December 11th & 12th:

Envelopes.....	\$5,196.00
WeShare.....	\$1,262.00
Loose.....	\$251.25
Children.....	\$1.75
Total.....	\$6,711.00

Weekly Collection budget
\$ 5,206.00

Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of
December 26 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6,12-14/
Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5/Col 3:12-
21 or 3:12-17/Col
3:15a,16a/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1Jn 1:1-4/Ps
97:1-2,5-6,11-12/See Te
Deum/Jn 20:1a,2-8

Tuesday: 1Jn 1:5-22/Ps
124:2-3,4-5,7cd-8/See Te
Deum/Mt 2:13-18/

Wednesday: 1Jn 2:3-11/Ps
96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6/Lk 2:32/
Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1Jn 2:12-17/Is
96:7-8a,8b,10/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1Jn 2:18-21/Ps
96:1-2,11-12,13/Jn
1:14a,12a/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps
67:2-3,5,6,8/Gal 4:4-7/Heb
1:1-2/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps
72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:2/Mt
2:1-12



News & Notes



Collar Classic

Monday, December 27,
2021, 7:00 PM

Shanley High School, Fargo
and Real Presence Radio:
AM 1370 KWTL Grand Forks
FM 98.3 K252GC Fargo

Priests vs. seminarians
annual basketball game.
Cheer for your pastor or
future pastor .

World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1 every year, is primarily a Catholic feast day dedicated to universal peace on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. On this day, Popes generally make authoritative declarations on the Catholic Social Teachings (C.S.T.) The theme of the feast has always been about creating a culture of care. The Pope and the Vatican Church stress the need to care and share tolerance for each other, and to create a society that focuses on good moral values and does not yield to the temptation to disregard others. The benefits of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year's World Day of Peace.



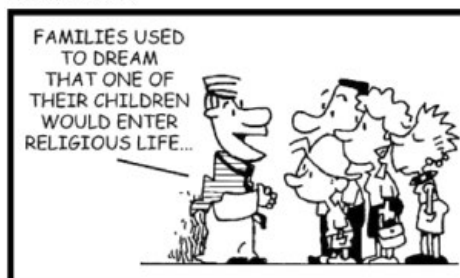
"Only if people change will the world change; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light which so unexpectedly [on the night of Christmas] entered into our night."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Pilgrimage to the East Coast Shrines with Bishop Folda, September 10-14, 2022

Join a Pilgrimage to Washington D.C, Emmitsburg and Philadelphia with Bishop Folda, September 10-14, 2022. Travel with the bishop to some of his favorite shrines in the USA! Sites include the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, St. John Paul II National Shrine, Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine, and the saints in Philadelphia; St. John Neumann and St. Katherine Drexel along with many other historical sites. Pilgrimage cost based on double rooms: \$2195.00. Deadline to register is January 20, 2022. Visit Fargodiocese.org/events for more details and registration link. Or call the Diocese of Fargo for registration forms, 356-7900. Organized by Peter's Way Tours.

HOLY FAMILY





St. Mary's wishes all a **Merry Christmas**

On this sacred night, may the immortal message of Christmas fill your heart and home with euphoria, now and all through the coming year.

May you have a **Blessed Christmas Season**

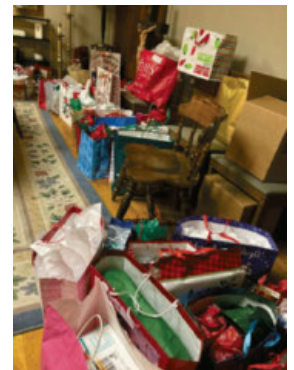


"Our Lady of Czestochowa"

Presented to Vicki Schreiner in heartfelt appreciation of her dedicated service to the Lord and her brothers and sisters at St. Mary's Parish from 2006-2021

May God Bless You!

← **Fr. James Gross & Vicki**
(photo by Dave Schreiner)



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Thank you from St. Mary's Social Concerns Committee to everyone who gave gifts for our Jesse Tree recipients:

- * Heartland Neighborhood at Valley Senior Living
- * Women's Pregnancy Center
- * St. Gianna's Maternity Home
- * Teenagers-at-Risk - Students in the GF School System.

May God bless you!



"Cookie Walk"

Thanks to all (*bakers, workers, & walkers*) who helped make it a success!



Lt to Rt: Bridgie Hansen, Ellen Rose, Aida Wakefiedl, Pat Quant, Evie Rerick, Mary Thompson, Sandy Samson, Rena Helbling, Virginia Esslinger, Linda Palmiscno, Kathy Daucsavage, and Virginia Achen

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