

January 2, 2022

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

Welcome to our Five Star Area Catholic Community



St. Joseph, Clarissa - Christ the King, Browerville - St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie - St. Joseph, Grey Eagle - St. John the Baptist, Swanville

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**St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie**

**Tuesday, January 4**

7:00 p.m. Mass No Mass

**Wednesday, January 5**

8:30 a.m. Mass No Mass

**Thursday, January 6**

8:30 a.m. Mass No Mass

**Friday, January 7**

8:30 a.m. Mass † Diane Imdieke

10:30 a.m. Mass Nursing Home

**Saturday, January 8**

5:00 a.m. Mass † Ken & Rhonda Rausch

**Sunday, January 9**

8:00 a.m. Mass † Josephine Terwey

10:00 a.m. Mass † For the People of Our Parishes

11:45 a.m. Mass Español † Juan Hernandez

**St. Joseph, Grey Eagle & St. John's, Swanville**

**Monday, January 3**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** No Mass

**Tuesday, January 4**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** No Mass

**Wednesday, January 5**

5:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** No Mass

**Thursday, January 6**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** No Mass

**Saturday, January 8**

4:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † David Wegleitner

**Sunday, January 9**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Lenore Pallansch

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** For the People of Our Parishes

**St. Joseph, Clarissa & Christ the King, Browerville**

**Tuesday, January 4**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** No Mass

**Wednesday, January 5**

11:00 a.m. Mass **CTK** No Mass

**Thursday, January 6**

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** No Mass

10:30 CTCCC No Mass

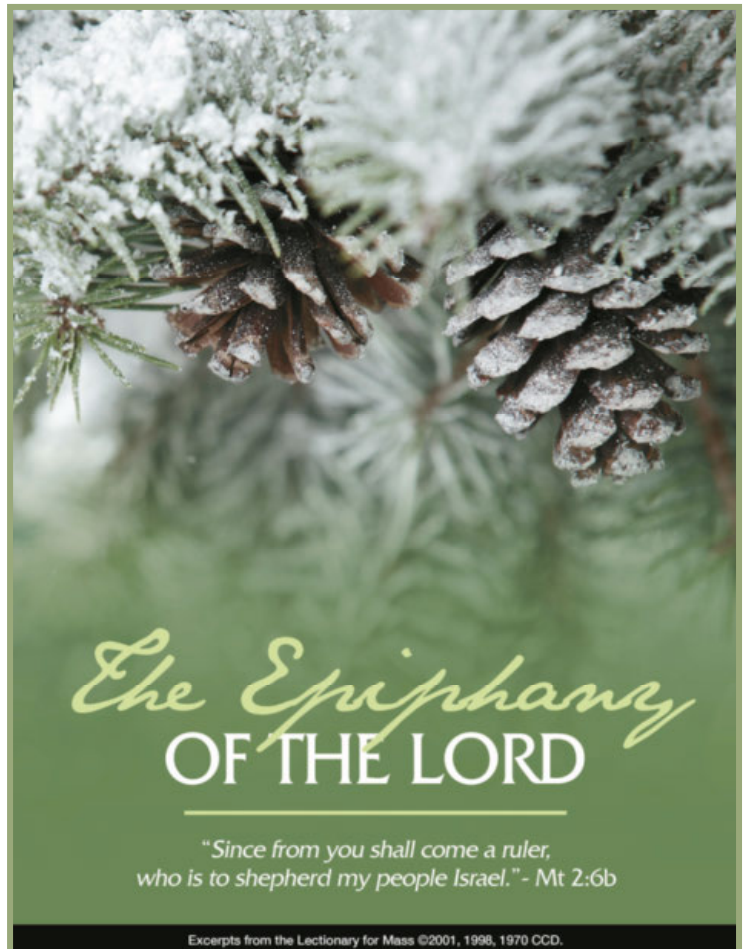
**Friday, January 7**

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Jerry and Betty Smieja

**Sunday, January 9**

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Bradley Schettler

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** For the People of Our Parishes



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Tl 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

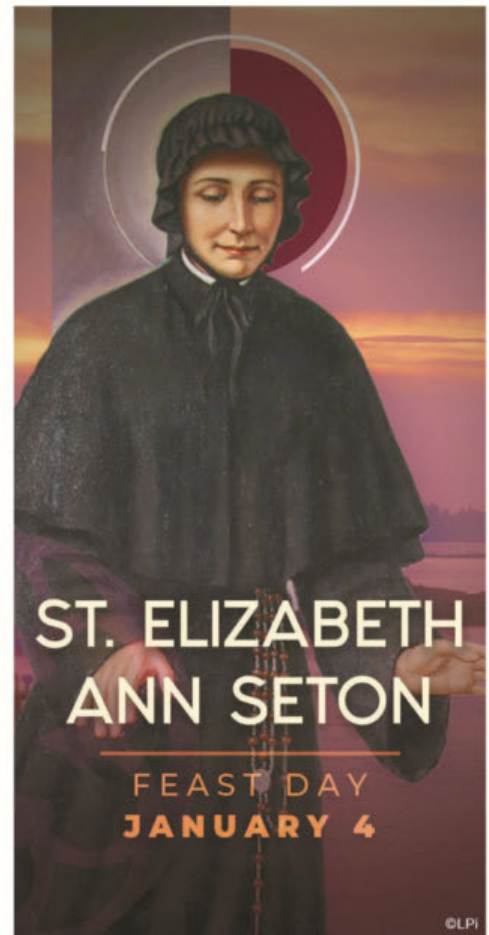
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



**Five Star Area Catholic Community  
Browerville - Grey Eagle - Clarissa - Long Prairie - Swanville**

Now that 2021 has passed it is good for us to thank God for the Blessings we continue to receive. Appreciating another year of Life. Thanking God for our family and friends. Looking at the support we received and greeting as we look at our Christmas Cards. Thanking those that brought us goodies, gifts, Christmas parties, and the friendship we share with others. Praying for the safety of all who travel. Thanking God for our health and the health of all. Supporting those who lost loved ones this 2021.

As we begin 2022, I think of the new year's resolutions I have. I would like to take more time for personal prayer. Life can be so busy. Time can slip by so fast taking the quiet time in prayer is not always easy to come by. Before I know it the day is done, finished, and now time to rest. I would like to take more time of exercise. I enjoy getting on the motorcycle going from Parish to Parish for Mass or meeting, but I also like riding my bike. I do not take as much time as I should though on my bike seeing the beauty of God's creation. I would like to spend more time with family. Going to see my brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, those who are close to me. Taking better care of my health is another goal. Resting properly, eating healthier, relaxing more, and listening better to my doctor. Each of us have our resolutions for 2022. What do we want to do to make this new year better for us? Thank You God for the gift of Life, and family as we begin 2022. God Bless us all.

Fr. Ron

**Adoration of Blessed  
Sacrament  
and  
Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**



**Saint Joseph, Grey Eagle**

To make an arrangement for Confession, please call Fr. Ron at 320-290-4902.

**Saint John the Baptist,  
Swanville**

To make an arrangement for Confession, please call Fr. Ron at 320-290-4902.

**Saint Mary of Mount Carmel,  
Long Prairie**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation will be in the Cry Room:**

Tuesday 6:30 a.m.

Thursday before & after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is in the Chapel.

**Christ the King, Browerville**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(Confessions):**

Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

Sunday – 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

By Appointment – Call Fr. Bechtold at 320-247-4907

**Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament:**

Wednesday – 9:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
(w/ Confessions)

**Saint Joseph, Clarissa**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.





**St. Joseph Catholic Church  
of Grey Eagle**

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Grey Eagle MN 56336

**Websites:** [www.stjosephgreyeagle.org](http://www.stjosephgreyeagle.org)

**Parish Office:** 320-285-2545 [sjoseph@meltel.net](mailto:sjoseph@meltel.net)

Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to  
4:00 p.m. & Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Mary Woeste

**Faith Formation Coordinator:** Carissa Bitz  
[sjosephff@meltel.net](mailto:sjosephff@meltel.net)

**Offering:** December 18-19 Adults \$3,536.00; Loose  
\$6,460.00; Flower Collection \$120.00; Retired  
Religious \$25.00; Helping Hands \$250.00.

**Total:** \$10,391.00

**Attendance:** Saturday – 100 and Sunday 82

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.**

**Ushers:** Adrian Johnson and Leroy Blommel

**Servers:** Nadia and Anika Berscheit

**EM's:** Natalie Prasch, Janice Lind, Rosemary Berscheit,  
and Kaye Johnson

**Lector:** Pete Berscheit

**SUNDAY, January 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.**

**Ushers:** Ken Sinclair and Gene Fischer

**Servers:** Rebecca and Amanda Berscheit

**EM's:** Chuck and Brenda Sprenger, Rita Fischer, and  
Richard Seifert

**Lectors:** Jim Nies

**2022 Calendar:** The 2022 calendars are here and can  
be picked up in the entryway of the church.

**Thank you:** Thank you to everyone who donated  
towards the Christmas decorations and thank you to  
the volunteers who helped decorate the church.

“And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

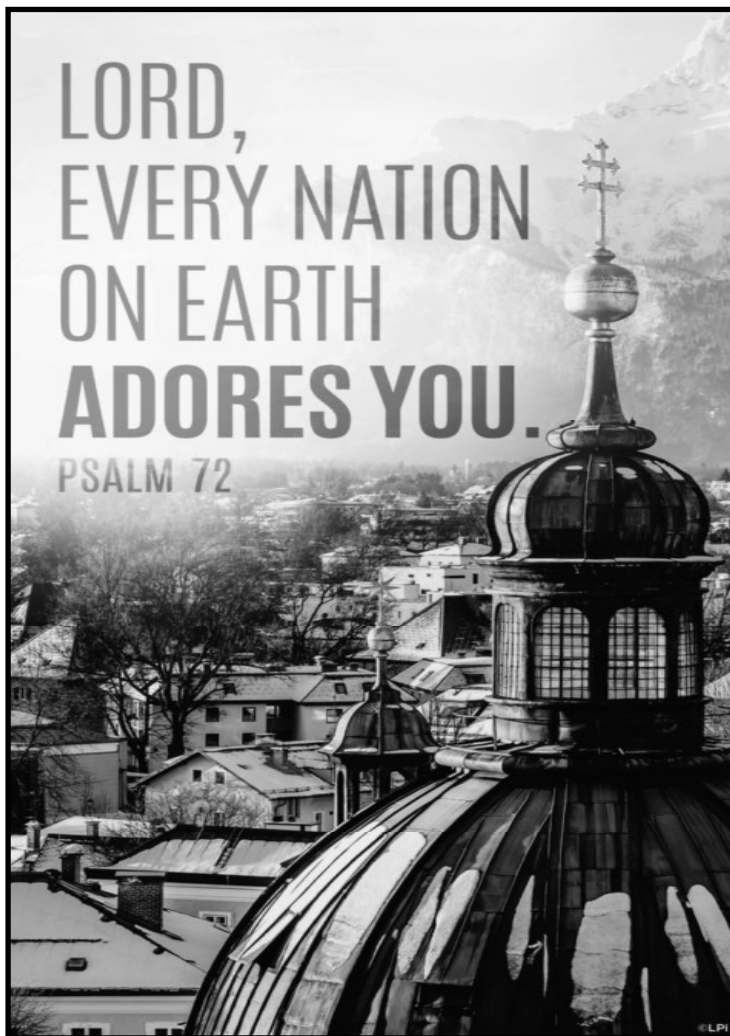
— Mt 2:6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**Question:** What happens to a consecrated host if it  
accidentally falls to the ground?

**Answer:** This a very practical question because, as we  
all know, accidents happen, even during the most  
careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to  
this question is that nothing happens to the  
consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains  
in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that  
might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: *How should the  
minsters respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?*  
If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary  
minister of holy Communion should immediately pick  
up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of  
the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would  
use the purificator (and additional purificators if  
needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be  
reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the  
water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is  
located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of  
holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels,  
etc.). ©LPi





**Church of St. John the Baptist  
of Swanville**

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**Parish Office:** 320-547-2920 [stjs@sytekcom.com](mailto:stjs@sytekcom.com)  
Hours Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon  
**Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Val Sobania  
**Faith Formation :** Marge Mettler 320-547-2513

**JANUARY MINISTRIES**

**Ushers:** Bob Koetter & Dean Doroff  
**Lector:** Ann Peterson  
**EM's:** Ann Peterson & Marge Mettler

**COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

Adults: \$1,015 Plate: \$273 Christmas: \$20  
Christmas Flowers: \$45 Votive Lights: \$61  
Immaculate Conception: \$20  
Funeral Stipend \$100  
Knights of Columbus donation \$600 **TOTAL \$2,034**

**Additional Christmas Flowers** in honor/memory of  
The family of Harold & Pat Reith and Richard &  
Josephine Sobotka.

**FAITH FORMATION**

Marge Mettler Coordinator 320-547-2513  
Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>: Regular Classes at 6:30 p.m.

**OUR AUCTION/DINNER IS FEBRUARY 25, 2022**

We need the list of items for the auction by February 4<sup>th</sup>. Al W. needs to get the auction bill ready for print so they can be distributed on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call as soon as you know what you plan to donate even if the project is not finished yet. Then I have to organizer for the program, etc. and all this takes a lot of time. Thank you.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is a trusted name, tried by time, present where men are living a life of virtue. Knights lead with faith, Knights serve those in need. We are sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers. For more information contact Tom DeFrance at 320-360-1175.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND KEEP GOD IN YOUR LIFE**

**Thanks to the ladies who decorated** the church for Christmas. This takes a lot of time and planning. They always do an excellent job! Over the past few years, several people come from other areas to take pictures of our decorations for the seasons. This is a huge complement to our decorating committee!

**The start of this new year is a good time** for parents to talk with their children about bullying. Some feel they don't need to have this talk because their child does not bully others. Maybe talk about how they and their friends can help to STOP others from doing it. They can step in and let the bully know it is not acceptable. Maybe they can help the bully to better understand others who are different. Do they know the person has to work to help support the family and misses out on all the fun activities at school? Have they any knowledge that he or she may be abused at home? A person is sometimes teased because he or she seems sad and detached from others. Does anyone consider that they may have lost a loved one or they may have been bullied many times in the past. A person is poked fun of because of physical imperfections. It is not something they wished upon themselves. Often bullies need help themselves, they lack confidence in themselves and try to build themselves up by bringing others down. Maybe your child can help the bully find good things about himself or herself? Maybe they can invite the bully to join some of their activities? You (one person) and your friends can make a big difference to help STOP bullying. It is the young people that can help STOP bullying at a young age. Make 2022 the year you become a leader to help others. One last thing --- sometimes we tease another person in what we think is a joking way. But, if the other person feels hurt and does not take it as a joke, tell them you are sorry and did not mean to hurt them.



**Christ the King Catholic Church  
of Browerville**

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**Parish Office:** 320-594-2291  
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**Faith Formation Coordinator:** Ryan Perish  
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**Christ the King School:** Principal Cindy Iten  
320-594-6114 website: christthekingschool.org  
**Prayer Chain Line:** Karen Benning 320-760-0476  
Kathy Lucas 320-594-6202

**Baptism preparation classes** are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**Bulletin deadline for CTK** is Tuesday noon.

**Last Sunday Mass Count:** 213

**Stewardship**

<b>December 19</b>			
Loose	345.00	Candles	61.00
Adult	5821.76	Decorations	102.00
Child	13.00	Fuel	1,050.00
<b>Total Regular</b>	<b>6,179.76</b>	Fall Collection	1,275.00
Coffee & rolls	144.00	Religious Retire.	50.00
Christmas	850.00	Immaculate Con	25.00

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Sunday, January 9**  
**Rosary:** Lee and Mary Martinek  
**Lector:** Bob Schueller  
**Servers:** Ben and Nick Biegler  
**Ushers for January:** Mike Iten, Roy Perish, Jim May, Joe Buhl  
**Church Cleaning:** Mark & Lynn Geraets, Arlis Gonsior Dave Gould

**We are happy to register** you as a new parishioner. Stop in or call the parish office, located in Christ the King School, if you would like more information.

**CTK Parish News**

**Thank you to Father Mitchell** for his leadership. He continues to lead us with faith and purpose. God bless you, Father Mitchell.

**Thank you** to our parishioners who continue to support our parish with time, talent, and treasure. We are very blessed here at Christ the King.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available on Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 8:20 a.m. and by appointment. Call Father Mitchell to set up a time.

**Mass Time Change** – During the school year the Mass on Wednesday will remain at 11:00 a.m. even if the students are not in school. The Wednesday Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. during the summer months.

**Bulletin deadlines have been very early during the holidays.** This bulletin was done before Christmas so the Christmas collection and other information will be in next week’s bulletin.

**Student contribution envelopes** will be handed out during Faith Formation sessions.

**St. Ann’s Mission group** will not meet in January.

**Calendars for 2022 have been ordered.** They will not be here before January 1<sup>st</sup> but should be available in the entrances in early January.

**Sunday Mass Intentions** – Christ the King has the first and third Sunday of each month as People of the Parishes for the intention. Those Sundays will not be available to schedule Masses on.

**Looking ahead** – The KC’s will sponsor a Pro-Life Breakfast on Sunday, January 16.

**Christ the King Catholic School News**

**Christ the King school students** return to school tomorrow, January 3.

**If you haven’t viewed the students Christmas program,** it is available on Christ the King School Facebook page.

**Christ the King School Parish Board of Education Meeting** is Wednesday, January 12.



**Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
of Clarissa**  
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**Prayer Chain Line:** Kathy VanHeel 218-756-2215  
Rita Walker 218-738-5781

December 12th/19th			
Adult	\$2012.00	Flowers	\$75.00
Loose	\$54.00	Votive Candles	\$9.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2066.00</b>	Immac. Concept.	\$85.00
Mass Count	78	Retirement	\$50.00
Christmas	\$700.00		

**Ministry Schedule - January 9, 2022**

**Sacristan:** Eileen Uhlenkamp  
**EM:** JacyRea Almquist **Lector:** Bev Desotell  
**Ushers:** Mike Rolfes, Laura Rolfes

**Rest in God's Peace**

Eternal rest grant to Jerry Pachan whose funeral was celebrated December 27th.  
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**Envelopes for 2022** will be coming late. Please us a plain envelope with your name and number on it. Or you can use an older envelope and change the date. Thank you.

**Faith Formation classes** will resume January 12th.

**The 2022 calendars** will be coming early part of January.

**Thank you** to all that stayed and helped decorate the church. It was much appreciated. Also, thank you to the choir for the wonderful music on Christmas weekend. A special thanks to Tom Harren for the beautiful voice making Christmas Special.

**The Epiphany of the Lord:** In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important. We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi



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Church Of Long Prairie**  
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**Faith Formation Coordinator:** Amanda Hinson

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**Sacramental Coordinator:** Jenna Miller

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320-357-0813 [ldinkel@stmaryslp.org](mailto:ldinkel@stmaryslp.org)

**Prayer Line:** Mary Kay Eifert 320-732-3341

**Adoration Chapel:** Mary Marcoullier 320-732-6289

Stewardship	December 12th		
Adult	\$8938.00	Votive Candles	\$138.00
Loose	\$1674.17	Maintenance	\$15.00
Youth	\$46.78	<b>Christmas</b>	\$500.00
EFT	\$853.00	Flowers	\$185.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12429.55</b>	Religious Ret	\$1255.00

Stewardship	December 19th		
Adult	\$6020	Votive Candles	\$33.75
Loose	\$1158.04	Maintenance	\$15.00
Youth	\$61.83	<b>Christmas</b>	\$1175.00
EFT	\$853.00	Immaculate Con	\$110.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9426.62</b>	Religious Ret	\$145.00

Please call the Parish Office if you would like your child to have contribution envelopes.

**Fr. Omar will be on retreat** this week through January 6th. Therefore, there will not be a Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

**Mark you calendar:** January 16th—the KC Profile Breakfast!



**Congratulations to Lance and Taylor Posterick** in celebrating their daughter Walker Mae's Baptism with our parish community.

**Congratulations to Neil and Amber Zimmer** in celebrating their daughter Maci Marie's Baptism with our parish community.

**Congratulations to Tyler and Megan Middendorf** in celebrating their daughter Finley Ann's Baptism with our parish community.

Our parish community shares in your joy and is privileged in welcoming Walker, Maci and Finley to our Catholic Church Family.

**KEYL is airing the Diocesan Mass** on Sundays at 10:00 am. The Stewardship Committee would like to invite our parish family to help make this ministry possible by sponsoring a Mass for \$30. Prayerfully consider a donation of any amount to advance this ministry. We are in need of more sponsors for this Mass. Please contact the Parish Office or put it in an envelopes in the collection with your name who the Mass intention is for. Thank you.

**\$800,000 Grant** – There will be three information meetings regarding the \$800.000 grant opportunity for St. Mary's.

**Saturday, January 8, 2022** after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, January 9, 2022** at 3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022** after the 7:00 p.m. Mass

If you will be making a donation to the Schulze Grant or the Community Grant please note on check memo line Schulze Grant or Community Grant. Thank you.

**School Resumes:** Tomorrow, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Catholic United Financial School Raffle:** St. Mary's School has not participated in the CUF Catholic School Raffle for over 7 years. It's back in 2022! Tickets are \$5 and 100% of the profits go to the school. There are amazing prizes and sales incentives! Our goal is to raise \$14,000. More details to come after the holiday break.

**St. Mary's Community Grant Meetings:** We hope you'll attend and become part of this important next step in the educational and evangelizing mission of our parish.



**Parents of First Communion students:** Plan to attend the First Confession Retreat on Saturday, January 22, 1:30-4:00 p.m. in the parish hall and church. You should complete the purple home workbook by then.

Sign-ups are now open for First Confessions on Saturday, January 29. Please contact Jenna Miller at 218-296-3989 or [jmiller@stmaryslp.org](mailto:jmiller@stmaryslp.org) to register for your choice of 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. confession time.

**Religious Education and Sacramental Prep** classes continue this Wednesday January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. First Communion 3:00-4:15p.m./Jr. & Sr. High, Confirmation 7:00-8:30 p.m.



**5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, January 8: Sacristan:** Sue Shutter **EM's:** Sue Shutter, Jane Mitzel, Jim Mitzel **Servers:** Jasper Miller, Leonidas Miller **Lector:** Richard Wagner  
**Music:** Miller Family

**8:00 a.m. Mass January 9: Sacristan:** Darlene Johnson **EM's:** Darlene Johnson, John Mertens, Marcy Weber  
**Server:** Aily Montanez **Lector:** Tom Sellnow **Greeters:** Elizabeth Sauer, Betty Schenk **Music:** Steve Hinson

**10:00 a.m. Mass January 9: Sacristan:** Patti Weibye **EM's:** Amy Middendorf, Patti Weibye, Jean Weinzierl  
**Server:** Joseph Sauer **Lector:** Mary Schmidt **Greeters:** Carole Archambault, Rick Archambault  
**Music:** Ave Maria

**Sanctuary Cleaner January 7:** Colleen Blasing & Bernell Wagner

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**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11).*

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold: We should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense: It represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh: a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Blessings to all of you in this New Year. Thank you for supporting diocesan ministries through the Appeal in 2021 and helping us to achieve our goal of \$1,400,000. As of December 22, the Appeal raised \$1,447,694 in gifts and pledges from 8,475 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Learn more at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

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Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.

## Mission for the Week

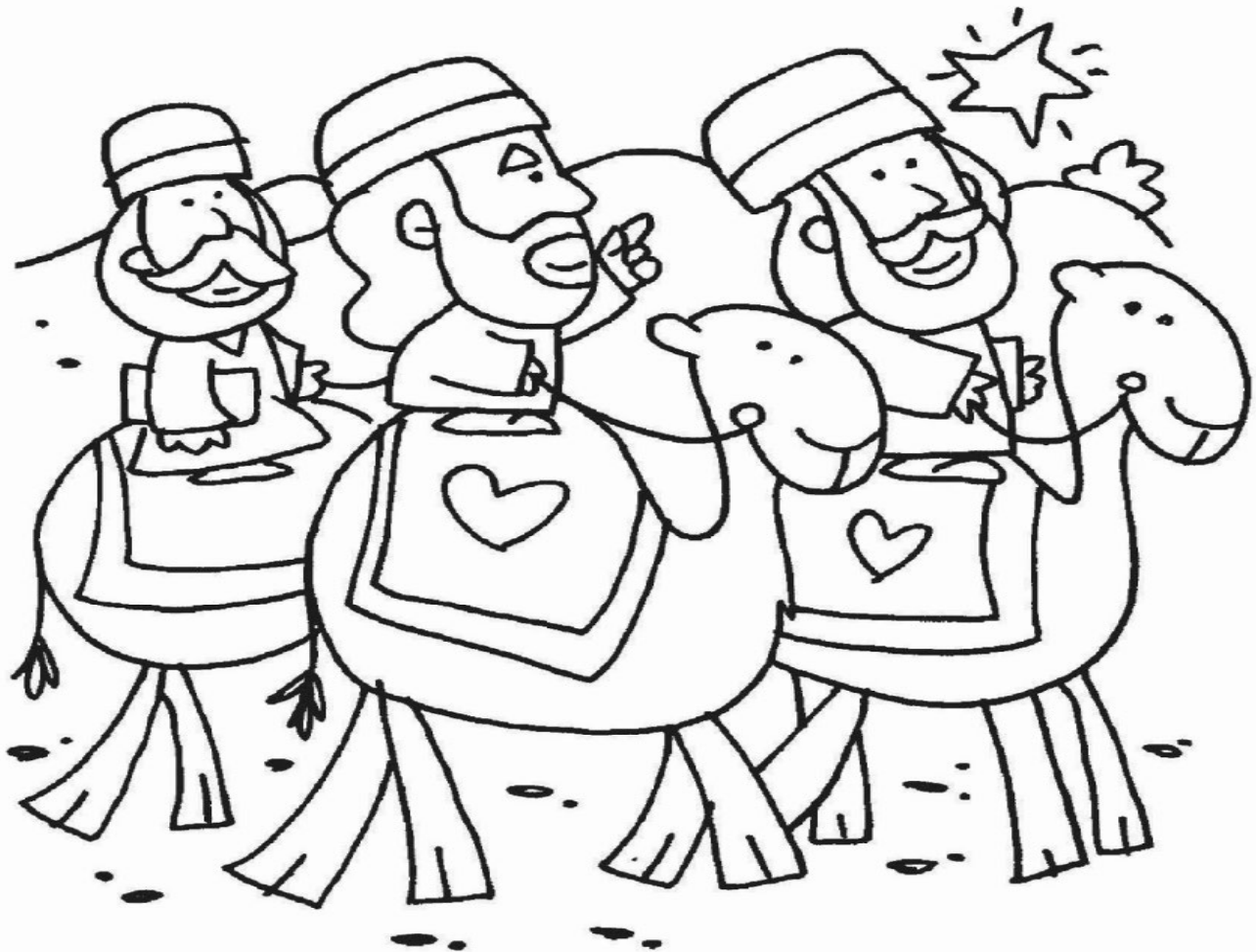
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**Five Star Area Catholic Community News:**

**The Garden of Eden and the Human Condition: Nostalgia or Anticipation?**

The story of Adam and Eve, originating over two-and-a-half millennia ago, arose at a time when the anthropological worldview was vastly different from our own. While we now stand under the light of the Big Bang Theory and evolutionary biology, this Genesis account of the human condition is still the basis for Christian salvation history. Prompted by the results of scientific discovery, Fr Michael Patella will explore the questions science raises for our concept of sin as well as pose an alternative framework for twenty-first century Christians to employ in their thinking about redemption.

Friday, January 14, presentation from 9am -1pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Synchronous Event. Free event. Registration is required: [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).



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