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Baptism

Call Parish Office to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

Marriage

Call Parish Office a minimum of six months in advance to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

Visitors

We are blessed to have you worship with us at Mass. If you would like to become a parishioner you can call the parish office or download a registration form from our website.

Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:15 pm	SC
Sunday	8:30 am	SC
Sunday	10:30 am	MI
Tuesday	6:00 pm	SC
Wednesday	8:30 am	SC
Thursday	8:30 am	MI
Friday	8:30 am	MI

Tuesdays

1:00 PM Mass at Hillcrest
Assisted Living in Nashwauk

Confession

Tuesday	5:00-5:30 pm	SC
Saturday	3:30-4:00 pm	SC
Sunday	7:45-8:15 am	SC
Saturday	9:00-10:00 am	MI
1st Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

Fr. Joe is always open to making appointments for confession.

Adoration

Tuesday	9:00 am-5:45 pm	SC
1st Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

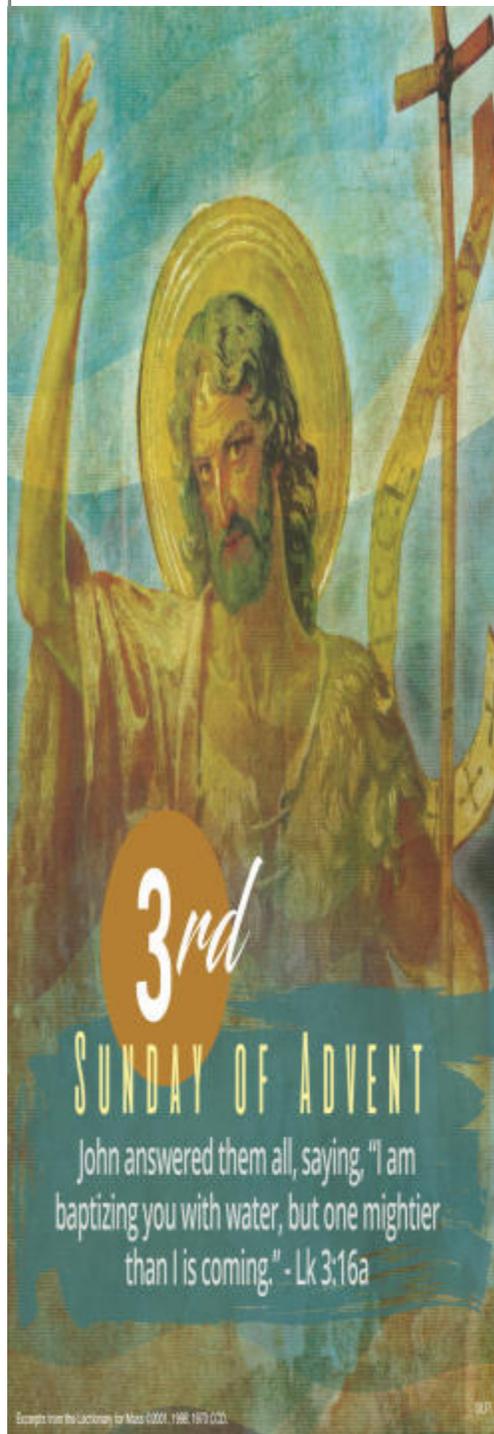
*cancelled due to Father's absence

Homebound Ministry

Fr. Joe visits the homebound within the parish boundaries on First Fridays.

Fr. Joe visits parishioners in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living in Grand Rapids and Hibbing on First Thursdays.

If you know of parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the parish.





December 18-23

Tuesday –Jayne Owens, †
 Wednesday –Mary Lushene
 Thursday– David Peterson
 Friday– Jerry Tuomala, †
 Saturday–Jeanne Ricker †
 Sunday 8:30– LeAnn Denne, †
 Sunday 10:30– Parishioners

Saturday 4:15 pm December 22

Lector: Clare Dulong
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Gary & Candy Brooks, June & Ron Johnson

Servers: Greg, Cliff, Jerry

Sunday 8:30 am December 23

Lector: Debbie Troumbly
 Ministers of Holy Communion: Terry Maciej, Mike Troumbly, Terry McCollor, Jackie DeNucci

Servers: Ava, Damon, Adeline

Ushers: Volunteers

Counters: Lorri Shalley & Greg Brandner

Sunday 10:30 am December 23

Lector: Pat Guyer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Pat Guyer, Tessie Guyer, Lanea Johnson, Karen Tok

Server: Darric Davidson

December Cleaners: Teresa Kessler 22nd



Bulletin articles need to be submitted by Tuesday at 10:00 am for the week the bulletin is printed. The Friday before if it is a holiday.

Know someone who could use prayers?
 CALL- -St. Cecilia's Prayer Chain:
 Darlene or Ted Squillace 885-1057.
 Mary Immaculate Prayer Chain:
 Teresa Kessler 910-9007.

Sister Dorene King from St. Scholastica Monastery has been assigned to our parishes to be a prayer advocate. She is praying for us, but if you have a special intention please call (218)723-6555.

ASK FR. JOE

“What are some best practices to be observant of daily Scripture readings and how to make your home a holy place for such practices?”

Reading the daily readings for Mass is a wonderful practice that we as Catholics should do more often. There are several ways to look up the passages for the day and read them. Have you noticed that our bulletin has the daily readings for the week listed? Just grab your bulletin and your Bible and you are ready to go! They are also listed online in many places. The U.S. Bishops Conference website posts the readings themselves. Visit www.usccb.org/bible/ to check it out. “The Word Among us” (of which we provide a limited number of copies), along with “Magnificat” are publications that have the daily readings and some reflections as well. You can also find suggested plans online of how to read the whole Bible over the course of a year.

There are two tips that I would like to give to anyone interested in taking up daily Scripture reading or any other new devotion. The first is to actually schedule when you will do this each day. I’ve talked with many people who had good intentions to start a new religious practice, but if their day got busy and stressful they told themselves, “Well, I’ll do it when I get around to it”. At the end of the day, they were surprised that “round to it” never came up. Actually schedule a specific time each that you will do this practice. Write it on an actual calendar or put it in your phone. If something else comes up, reschedule. The second tip is not to beat yourself up if you miss a day or several days. If you miss a day, just tell Jesus you are sorry ask Him to help you do better tomorrow. Be patient with yourself. It will all come together.

Lastly, how to make your home a more holy place. One suggestion is to have a scheduled time when all electronics and other distractions are turned off and the family prays together. Another suggestion is to have a designated prayer space in your home. Maybe it is a corner or a wall of a room. Maybe it is even a whole room. Maybe it is your favorite chair with a crucifix or a statue and your Bible close by. Try to have your prayer space free of distractions (like the TV or the computer) and use it specifically for times of prayer. Starting a new religious practice and trying to make your house more conducive to prayer can both take some time, but I have found that if you keep at it and are intentional about your desire to grow in holiness, you will start to see the fruits.

Curious About China? Father Dave Tushar is again offering the opportunity to experience a true “Taste of China,” visiting Beijing, Xi’an, Chengdu, Suzhou and Shanghai from October 7 to October 22. Arrangements are through Hua Travel, a Chinese agency specializing in small group tours. This is not a pre-packaged tour, but a customized small group tour with the same experienced Chinese tour guide during the entire trip. Trip includes round trip air (economy booking) with Delta from Minneapolis and back to Minneapolis, accommodations at 5-star Hotels with buffet breakfasts and travel within China. References are available. Could this be the Christmas or New Year’s gift for another or yourself that you have always thought about? For detailed tour information and pricing, please call Father Tushar at 218-384-4563. Deadline: June 1, 2019.

The Elementary Christmas Plays will be on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 3:45pm at St. Cecilia's and on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 10am at Mary Immaculate.

Kids of all ages are welcome to participate. Teens in 9-11 grade can help for confirmation hours. We will rehearse on December 19th during normal elementary faith formation times. Out of town relatives are welcome to join us, too!

Check out the "GIFT NOOK"! Lots of things available including Christmas. The only price is a free will donation that goes towards extra youth activities. The GIFT NOOK is located over by the classrooms at St. Cecilia's.

Third Weekend Social on December 16 at St. Cecilia's will be hosted by social concerns.

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." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 5-7, 2019 in Baxter, MN and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!



Get a new perspective on age-old story. Dr. Scott Hahn offers a historical perspective on the birth of Christ that will strengthen your understanding of the Advent season and give you a greater appreciation for Christ's kingship. **FORMED.org** Parish code is **KVR7DF**

Readings for the Week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Youth Minister's Letter

Have you ever noticed it is easier to get something done or to get better at something if you have a deadline? I have noticed it in my own life. I remember growing up having to practice my violin and piano for my weekly lessons. At the beginning of the week I would procrastinate. While I would put the time in that my parents told me to do, I often practiced the songs I liked and not always what I was assigned. However, the night before my lessons I would practice as hard as I could so that I wouldn't disappoint my teacher. The difference between practicing just to pass the time and practicing to actually get better makes all the difference. It was when I had my lessons coming up, a concert, or a wedding that I actually got much better at my instruments. It is the same in sports. Researchers have found that there is a great difference between those who go to a sports practices just to pass the time and those who approach every practice as a way to get better at basketball, hockey, or whatever sport they play. The spiritual life is much like practicing instruments and playing sports. You can come to Mass passively, just doing enough to get by, but just 'getting by' isn't enough to grow very much. We only have one week left until Christmas. You can wait passively by just letting the time pass by. However, you can also wait actively, in such a way that you are preparing to become a better Christian. This type of active waiting is what is going to allow you to grow in the spiritual life. So, as you get ready to welcome the Holy Family into your life at Christmas, I challenge you to find ways to grow in virtue. Perhaps this will be being extra nice to the uncle you don't like, or perhaps it will be trying to find a way to pray even in the busy days of this week. No matter what you decide to do, please actively keep Christ at the center of your Christmas preparations. God Bless!

God Bless, Christina

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