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MASS SCHEDULE (ALL SAINTS)

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning
5:00 p.m. Saturday Evening (May-October)
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning
Holy Day Schedule: Consult Bulletin

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 11:00 a.m. & by appointment.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

101 Church St. P.O. Box 100
St. Clair, MN 56080
Phone: 507-245-3447
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MASS SCHEDULE (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)

9:00 a.m. Friday Morning
4:00 p.m. Saturday Evening (November-April)
8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning
Holy Day Schedule: Consult Bulletin

RECONCILIATION:

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & by appointment.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Baptism

Arrangements are made by contacting the parish offices in advance of the date.

Marriage

Arrangements for the date and preparations are made by contacting Fr. Schneider at least 9 months in advance.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process where adults become members in the Catholic Church. For additional information, contact Fr. Schneider.

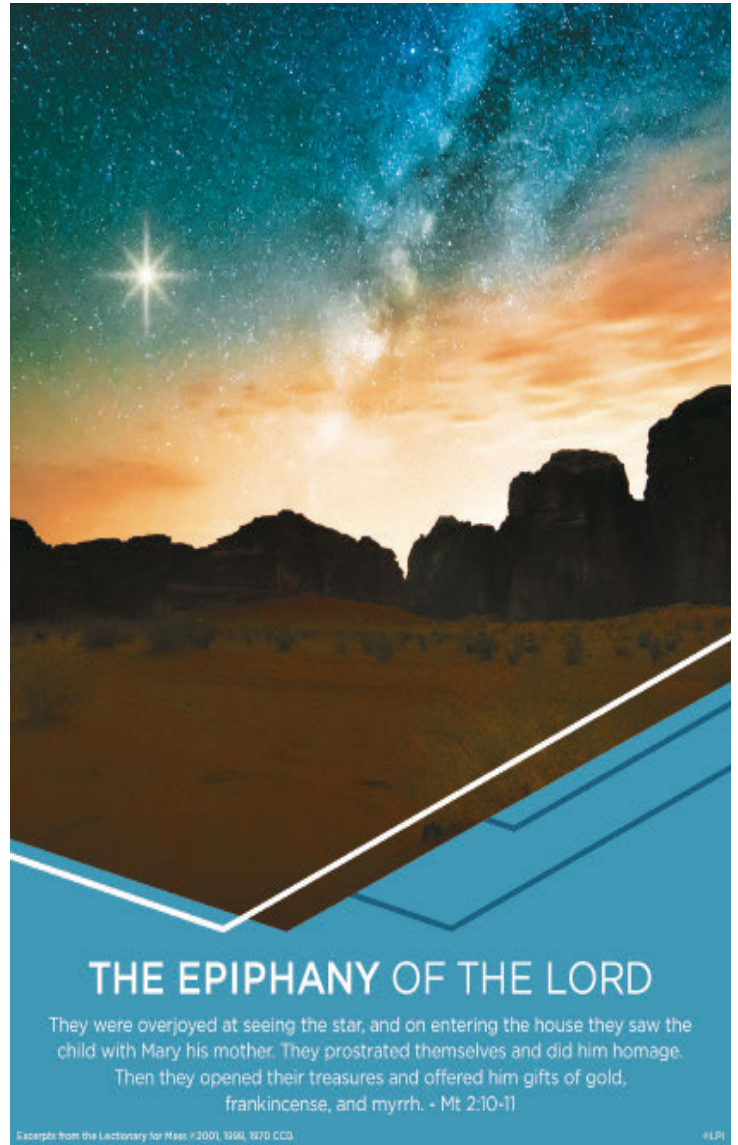
Pastoral Care

Please contact either parish office when someone is hospitalized or homebound, or if you would like to be added to our prayer chain, or if you would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick. Call Father's cell (507) 469-9979 if it is an emergency.

Devices to assist the Hearing Impaired

During Mass are available. Please contact an usher before Mass to learn where they are located.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Excerpt from the Lictionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCJ.

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Our Mission is to invite
all to strengthen their experience
of the message and Spirit of Jesus.

FATHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE**Another Road**

I want to start this morning by taking a short poll. First: How many of you still have your Christmas tree up? Second: What do you have on the top of your Christmas tree, a star or an angel? How many of you have stars on top of your tree? How many of you have angels?

The reason I asked the first question is: Christmas, from the Christian perspective isn't truly over until January 6th or Epiphany, the day we traditionally celebrate the visit by the Wise Men. The reason I asked the second question is: I think there are two types of people. Some are star people and some are angel people.

Biblically, the Angel represents those who had been waiting for the Messiah, for a sign from God, for a long time, like the Shepherds. They knew what the Angel meant when he told them about a Savior, a Messiah. They remembered the old prophecies. They remembered with anticipation.

And the Star was for those who were still searching, those still unsure, those still with questions, those on a quest to find out about this mystery and message from God wrapped up in human flesh and swaddling clothes.

A friend reminded me that God sent both the Angel and the Star because God always meets us where we are.

A Legend of the Magi and the True Story

There is a beautiful old tradition about the star in the East. The story says that when the star had finished its task of directing the wise men to the baby, it fell from the sky and dropped down into the city well of Bethlehem. According to some legend, that star is there to this day, and can sometimes still be seen by those whose hearts are pure and clean. It's a pretty story. It kind of makes you feel warm inside.

There are other legends about this story of the wise men from the east. For instance, how many wise men were there? In the old days in the east, they believed that there were 12 men who made the journey, but now most everyone agrees there were three. One old legend even tells us the names of the three. Melchior was the oldest of the group, with a full beard. He gave the baby the gift of gold. Balthasar also had a beard, but was not as old as Melchior. He presented the gift of myrrh. The youngest of the three was Casper, who had no beard yet, but did present the gift of frankincense to the baby.

These stories bring the wise men a little more to life, and add some color to the meaning of Christmas. They can also get in the way.

STEWARDSHIP**ALL SAINTS**

Weekend of December 18 & 19, 2021 Totals

Adults	\$3,243.00
Children	\$66.66
Offertory	\$939.00
Online Giving	\$940.00
Total	\$5,188.66
Religious Retirement	\$135.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Weekend of December 18 & 19, 2021 Totals

Adults	\$1631.00
Children	\$18.00
Offertory	\$614.00
Online Giving	\$340.00
Total	\$2603.00
Christmas Flowers	\$60.00
Christmas	\$100.00

FATHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE CONTINUED:

The problem with legends is that sometimes they add color to stories that don't need any additional color.

In fact, sometimes legends are so colorful, they are unbelievable, and can end up making the entire story unbelievable as well.

Kind of like that star falling in the well, it makes you warm inside. It also makes you wonder. I am not out to ban legends, but I do think it might be worthwhile to hear the story one more time, the way it was told the first time.

(by John B. Jamison from Time's Up!, CSS Publishing Company)

WEDDING: Congratulations to Tanner Lee Hering and Lindsay Marie Ayers who were joined in Holy Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, December 18, 2021 At All Saints with Father Robert Schneider officiating.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS**ALL SAINTS**

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Confirmation class will meet on Wednesday, January 5. The session begins with a light meal at 6:00 pm, and lesson starting at about 6:30. Please remember to bring your bible, Gospel connection and any paper work not turned in yet. No classes for grades 1-10.

First Communion Parent Meeting: The first Communion stuents and parents will meet with Father Schneider on Saturday, January 8 at 10:00am at All Saints in Madison Lake.

Christmas Pageant: Thank you to everyone who helped make the pageant possible. A special thanks goes out to the wonderful Faith Formation teachers. Our parish is very blessed with these wonderful people. Thank you to Gayle Depuydt who takes time out of her busy schedule to play so beautifully for us. And of course a thank you to the dedicated students who performed even though we had bad weather and few practices, students missing because of colds and many family get togethers. Thank you for sticking with it and doing a great performance.

RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) For those of you who are required to take a RMD, if you have the check made out to the church, there are no taxes taken out! For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from this contact your financial planner or tax preparer.

As Minnesota seasons are ever changing and life happens, you may want to consider our online giving option which you can choose to give weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or one time donations.

1. Go to our parish website as-ic.org
2. Click Online Giving then choose **All Saints or Immaculate Conception** giving button.
3. The first time click on Set up a New Account and follow directions.
4. After that you can have it automatically paid according to your wishes.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE**ALL SAINTS MASS INTENTIONS**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022
8:00 AM MASS **Ernest & Mary Ann Betlach**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022
10:00 AM MASS **Dale Thomas McShane**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022
9:00 AM MASS **Marv & Ardis Steel**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 2022
4:00 PM MASS **Parishioners**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022
8:30 AM MASS **Henry & Irma Seys**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROLES**ALL SAINTS****SATURDAY MASS WILL RESUME ON MAY 7, 2022**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 10:00 AM

Reader: John Landkamer
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Sprague
Servers: Leo & Owen Burns
Ushers: John (Wm) Ries, Jim Kotek
Brent Dauk, 1 Volunteer

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022 4:00 PM

Reader: Adison Nicolai
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lang
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Roger Seys & Stan Gartner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 8:30 AM

Reader: Connie Johns
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Lang
Servers: Charlie Rother & Andrew Rother
Ushers: Rick Nusser & Dan LInde

The deadline for our bulletin is **10:00 am on Tuesday**, unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions contact your parish office.



ALL SAINTS NEWS

2022 Church Giving Envelopes are now available at the back of church.

Wednesday evening prayer services (one monthly during Faith Formation classes) are **CANCELED** for the remainder of the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year.

PARISH TRUSTEES: Jen Frazee, Trevor Waagner

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL: Dick Arians, Todd Borchardt, Mark Braun, Dawn Dauk, John Landkamer, Greg Rosenow

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Darcy Anderson, Keri Even-son, Jen Frazee, Karlee Ouradnik, Bev Peters, Reinold Plate, Amy Taylor

CEMETERY: Frank Hodapp 243-3371

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWS

THANK YOU Thank you to all the wonderful helpers who came to decorate the church on Sunday afternoon. They made the church look beautiful for our Lord's birthday.

THANK YOU To the Hughes family for donating again this year a wooden nativity figure. This year's figure was a King. The children are always so pleased to receive a new figure.

OUTSIDE NATIVITY: The outside Nativity set is in need of a new home for storage. If you have a space in a garage or out building that would work to store the Nativity set please contact the parish office.

PARISH TRUSTEES: Troy Braun & Kim Bruender

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL: David Becker, Dan Ireland, Robert Kruse, Tonya Rule, Kelly Zabel

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Kim Carlson, David Ireland, Sharon Juliar, David Kruse, Linda Lynch, Carol Pluym, Tom Rother

CEMETERY: Dan Ireland or Stanley Hodapp

EPIPHANY



SYNOD

What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together as a parish community? Please attend the parish synod meeting where we will first gather for coffee and rolls, share scripture and then discuss questions presented to us by the Diocese.

January 30, 2022 at Immaculate Conception
Immediately after 8:30 AM Mass in the church basement

January 30, 2022 at All Saints
Immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass
in the church basement

CMA 2021 Share The Light of Hope:

All Saints has a goal of **\$26,100** as of December 20th, we have reached our goal of \$26,100. We had an anonymous donation of \$5,500 to get us to our goal. **THANK YOU!**

Immaculate Conception has a goal of **\$13,450** as of December 10th we have received \$16,195 in donations and \$40 in pledges for a total of \$16,235 or 120% of our goal. We are over our goal by \$2,745. **THANK YOU!**

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY NEWS



This year for gift exchange our preschoolers did a book exchange. It is so wonderful to see kids excited to read.

All Saints Academy is hiring. Please contact Liz at 507-243-3819 or asa.madisonlake@gmail.com

Did you know that All Saints Academy retained our 4 out of 4 STAR rating with Parent Aware? Our staff works hard to keep this rating!

Please make sure to follow us on Facebook.

If you are interested in a tour, please call 507-243-3819 and ask for Liz or email us at asa.madisonlake.childcare@gmail.

AREA HAPPENINGS

DO YOU PROVIDE CARE FOR A LOVED ONE? A FREE POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS workshop where participants learn skills proven to reduce stress, communicate more effectively, improve self-care, how to deal with difficult emotions, positive self-talk, etc. A FREE workshop sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern MN, will meet six Wednesdays, from 1 – 3 PM beginning Jan. 19th thru Feb. 23rd at Catholic Charities Office located at 201 N. Broad St, Suite 100. (lower level of the Union Square Bldg) Pre-register by January 14th as seating is limited. Email at mcassem@ccsomn.org or call 507-458-9687.

Paddlefish Days 10th Annual Chili Cook Off Beer & Wine Tasting. Saturday, January 15, 2022 5-8pm Point Pleasant on Madison Lake. Chili \$5, Beer/Wine \$12, Both \$15. Cash bar also available. Voting for the honor of “Best Chili.” Processed go to support the activities of the 2022 Paddlefish Days Celebration.

Winters can provide transportation challenges. Cancellation Closing Policy at All Saints in Madison Lake

When the Minnesota State Patrol issues a
“No Travel Advised”:

In Madison Lake, all activities will be canceled, but weekend Masses will be held if Fr. Schneider is home and it is possible to move safely in the City of Madison Lake. Please do not try to walk on icy and unplowed streets and sidewalks to attend Mass. The obligation to attend Mass is lifted when conditions are not safe to come to church.

Cancellation Closing Policy at Immaculate Conception in St. Clair

When the Minnesota State Patrol issues a
“No Travel Advised”:

All Activities, including weekend Masses, will be canceled at Immaculate Conception in St. Clair. Please do not try to drive to Mankato or elsewhere to attend Mass. The obligation to attend Mass is lifted when the authorities tell us it is too dangerous to drive.

Also, when school is canceled in St. Clair because of weather, all activities at Immaculate Conception Church, including daily Mass, will be canceled that day.



LOYOLA NEWS:

School-Based Mentoring Program Loyola Catholic School is participating in the YMCA School-Based Mentoring Program for the upcoming school year. The school-based mentoring program pairs Loyola Catholic School students with adult mentors for lunch once a week. For the students, it is an adult who will listen without judging, talk without preaching, and take a genuine interest.

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