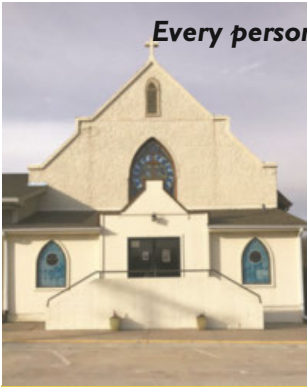
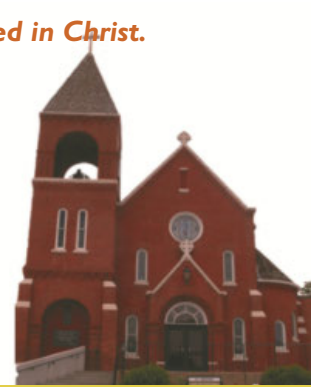


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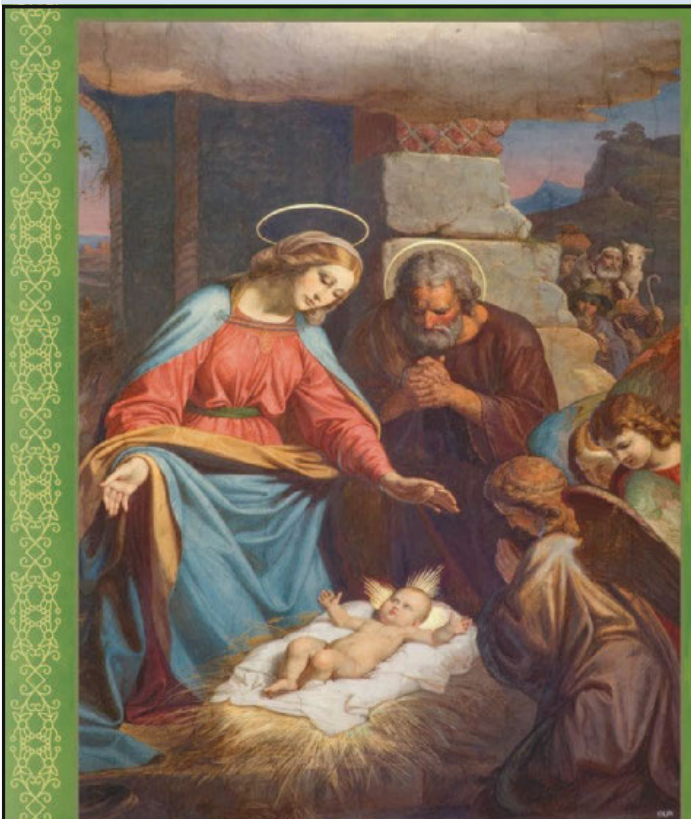
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THE NATIVITY of the Lord

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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DECEMBER 25 & 26, 2021

Fr. Raphael, the Deacons and the parishioners of St. Anne & St. Patrick churches welcome you to our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr., Deacon or any parish member. We are happy you are here! If you are interested in making St. Anne or St. Patrick your home parish, please contact the appropriate parish office (see the numbers above) or simply ask someone here; they will be happy to help you contact Annette or Michele. It is a simple process to become a registered member. Again, welcome! We hope you return again soon. Be blessed!

Dear Friends:

We have come to the end of the **Advent Season**. We can look back and review how this season has been for us: a time in our liturgical year for quiet hope and preparation; a time in our natural year when the hours of darkness are greatest. The early darkness and cold tend to bring people indoors and create an atmosphere for quiet reflection. Advent heralds the light: New light shed on old conclusions; the light of hope against the force of darkness; the light from within working to penetrate ignorance; the light of knowledge filling our lives with the beauty and wisdom of those who have walked this human path before us and opened the way. Hopefully, Advent has been a space in which we've been invited to expand and transform our daily lives. Within these days is a call to our sleeping souls to move to greater awareness. Lived with intention, Advent becomes a passage through which the Spirit at the core of life draws closer.

As we now enter into the **Christmas Season with the Nativity of the Lord**, two reflections might be in order.

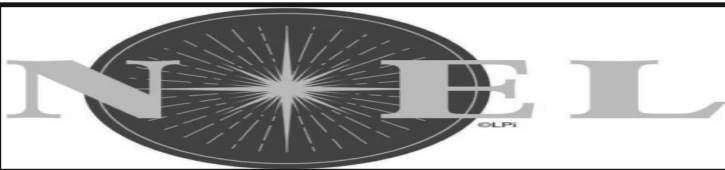
First, the story is told of Shah Abbas, a Persian king who loved his people very much. To know and understand them better, he would mingle with them in various disguises. One day he went as a poor man to the public baths and went into a tiny cellar and sat beside the fireman who tended the furnace. When it was mealtime the king shared the lonely fireman's coarse food and talked to him as a friend. Again and again the king visited until the man grew to love him. One day, expecting the man to ask some gift from him, the Shah told him he was the king. But the fireman sat gazing at his ruler with love and wonder and at last spoke, "You left your palace and your glory to sit with me in this dark place, to eat of my coarse food, to care whether my heart is glad or sorry. On others you may bestow rich presents, but to me you have given yourself, and it only remains for me to pray that you never withdraw the gift of your friendship." *This beautiful story reminds us that Christ, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, left the glories of heaven in order to share himself with us. That gift of his love and friendship will never be withdrawn from us. He chose to be your friend and mine forever.*

Second, Dr. Peter Kreeft is a convert to the Catholic Church from reformed Protestantism. He has authored many books. One of them is **'Jesus Shock.'** In it he writes: "... So please be alone with Christ now, frequently, before the Eucharist. This is one of the most practical things you can possibly do. For there will come a day, sooner than you wish, when you will be alone with Him and unable to return to your friends or your family or your home or the pleasures of the world, ever again. You will be alone with Christ at the border of eternity. Why wait until that momentous moment to be alone with Him? Why not *practice now*? The supreme practice is communal: the Mass. Just as Heaven is communal (scripture never describes Heaven as private mystical experience, but always as public liturgy), so is earth. Those cathedrals were built not only to house the Eucharist for private adoration, but above all for the public celebration of the Mass, the liturgy, the '*opus dei*,' (i.e., the work of God), the greatest event in history made really present on the altar again and again to every time and place. Adoration means especially Eucharistic adoration. In that silence there is a power greater than a thousand nuclear bombs, greater than the sun, greater than the Big Bang. It is the power of God, released when the atom of the Trinity was split on the Cross and the explosion of redeeming blood came out. In Eucharistic adoration we touch this power, which is the root of everything, for it is Christ. We touch the candle of our souls to the fire of His passion, His passion for souls, and we catch that flame. But we must do this for His sake, not for our sakes, and not even for the sake of revival in the Church, not even for the salvation of the world, but for Him first of all. He is not a means to any end; He is the end. He must be adored for His own sake, because of what He is. He commands us to-adore-Him-for-His-own-sake, not to-adore-Him-for-our-sake; He commands this for our sake, not for His own sake, since He does not need us but we need Him ..."

Something to think about:

Three men (a surgeon, an architect, a politician) were having a debate on what is the oldest occupation. The surgeon claimed his was the oldest because the first surgical operation was performed in the Garden of Eden when a rib was taken from Adam and transplanted into Eve. The architect claimed his profession was the oldest because he brought order out of chaos. The politician boasted that his was the oldest because he created chaos.

Peace and Noel Blessings to you!
Padre Masabakhwa, R.



Saturday, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 am Mass St. Anne: Presider's Intentions
9:30 am Mass St. Patrick: Presider's Intention

Sunday, December 26:

8:00 am Mass St. Anne:
Meldine Streit
9:30 am Mass St. Patrick:
Cynthia Lopez



No daily Mass Tuesday through Friday

Saturday, January 1: WORLD DAY OF PEACE

4:00 pm Mass St. Anne: John Lorenzen
5:30 pm Mass St. Patrick: Norma Otterpohl

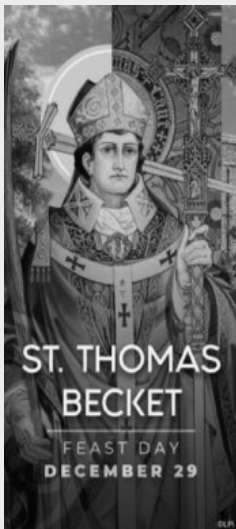
Sunday, January 2:

8:00 am Mass St. Anne: Ezekiel Lorenzen
9:30 am Mass St. Patrick: Samuel Wilson



Readings for the Week of December 26

Sunday: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sam. 1:20-22, 24-28 •
Ps 128:1-5 or 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 • Col. 3:12-21 or
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 • Luke 2:41-52



Monday - 1 John 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday - 1 John 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7-8; Matt. 2:13-18
Wednesday - 1 John 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Luke 2:22-35
Thursday - 1 John 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40
Friday - 1 John 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; John 1:1-8
Saturday - Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Sunday - *Isaiah 60:1-6*
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

ST. ANNE MINISTRY



Sat. January 1 4:00 pm Mass
Hospitality: Tom B.
Lector: Kay B.

Sunday, January 2 8:00 am Mass
Hospitality: Bill & Christa U.
Lector: Shannon T.
Tithe Counters: Joe E. & Bill U.

Pope Francis' January Intention

For True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY

Sat. January 1 5:30 pm Mass
Hospitality: volunteers



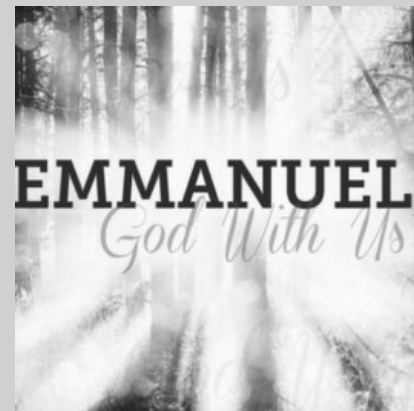
Servers: volunteers
Lector: Renee Carney
Offertory Gifts: volunteers

Sunday, January 2 9:30 am Mass

Hospitality: volunteers
Servers: volunteers
Lector: Steve Van Riper
Offertory gifts: volunteers
Tithe Counters: volunteers

Please pray for:

Bill Reisz
Wayne Roberts family,
Sophia Pendland,
Yoanna Lopez,
Michael Ringstad,
Kevin Strocher,
John Lorenzen,
Mike Godden,
Tony Boyce,
Cynthia Lopez,
Julie Wegner, Linda Mueller, and Lori Dickman-Colberg



**** After 30 days on the Prayer List, names will be removed. If you would like to renew them please call or email the parish offices or the bulletin editor.**

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Saturdays: 2 to 3 pm at St. Patrick

Second Saturdays: 2 to 3 pm at St. Anne

Or anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANOINTING)

Anointing is available upon request for serious illness, before surgery & in emergency any time.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To have your child baptized, you must be a registered parishioner in good standing for at least 3 months. Baptismal requests must be made at least one month before the desired date. A baptismal class is required for first time parents. Please call the office to schedule.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

To be married at the parish, you or your intended spouse or your parents must be a registered parishioner in good standing for at least six months before a date can be requested, with a minimum of six months for marriage preparation. The couple needs to talk with a priest or deacon six months before the anticipated wedding date. If a prior marriage is involved; one year notice is necessary.

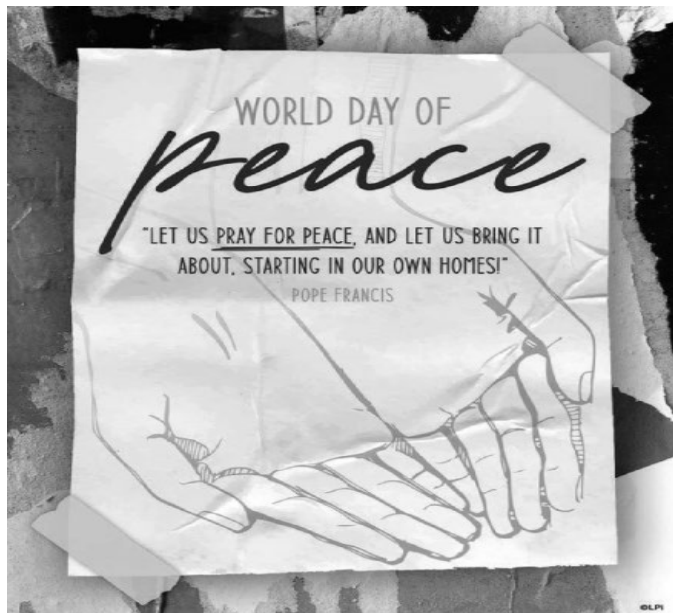
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Please call the parish office when a parishioner is admitted to any of the area hospitals/care centers, and desires Holy Communion or a visit. If a homebound parishioner would like a pastoral visit, or to receive the Eucharist, call the parish office.

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St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The *Acts of the Apostles* tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people.

He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



St. Stephen, pray for us.

*“It is Christmas
every time you let
God love others
through you...yes,
it is Christmas
every time you
smile at your
brother and offer
him your hand.”*

—MOTHER TERESA



Finance Report

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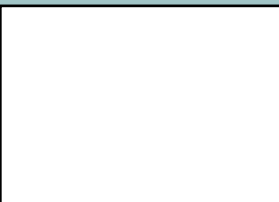
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