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F: 9am- 12pm (noon)

Holy Redeemer -

Please contact St. Aloysius

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

You read about this every now and then in the newspapers or hear about it on the nightly news especially during the cold season of the year. What I am referring to is a story that ran on the front page of the *Dallas Morning News* several years ago. The story was about a house that had burned down killing five people inside.

What made the story especially tragic was that the owner of the house had been planning for two weeks to install smoke detectors in the house. He told reporters that it was something that he kept putting off because he was too busy with other things. Now five members of his family are dead and there is nothing he, or anyone else, can do to bring them back to life.

It was James Matthew Barrie, the author of *Peter Pan*, who once said that the most dangerous day in our lives is the day when we discover the word "tomorrow."

There is a great tendency in all of us to put things off until tomorrow. Jesus has something to say about this in our Gospel reading for this First Sunday of Advent. Talking about that all important moment when he will return at the end of the world to judge the living and the dead, Jesus says, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy..." so that day may not "...catch you by surprise like a trap." "Be vigilant at all times...." "Pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent...."

In other words, Jesus is telling us to be ready for that all important moment Jesus is warning us about getting so involved with the ordinary things of life that we forget about the most important thing in life; that is, we forget about the next life.

Which life is more important to you? Is it the few years that we spend in this world or the eternity of years that we will spend in the next world to come with God or separated from him in hell? Beware! Be vigilant! Pray! These are three important instructions Jesus gives us today as we begin this season of Advent.

The word "Advent" means "coming." The word underscores Advent's purpose. That is why it is such an important season in the Church's year. The season is to make ready, to prepare ourselves, for the coming of Jesus.

And the coming of Jesus that we are to make ready for is not just the liturgical recalling of Jesus' first coming into the world over 2,000 years ago at Christmas. Rather Advent is also getting ready for his second coming at the end of time. It is to prepare for that moment when Jesus returns in power and majesty to take us with him body and soul into the eternal glory of his heavenly kingdom.

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Welcome to all those who celebrate with us, whether life long parishioners, new arrivals in the area, or visitors! **If you have not registered, or if you have moved, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.**

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- New Parishioner
- Update/Changed Info
- St. John
- St. Mary
- St. Aloysius
- Holy Redeemer

This Week in the Area Faith Community

SAVE THE DATES

- Tues., Dec 11: 7:00 pm St Mary's School Christmas Concert
- Thurs., Dec 13: 7:00 pm Play Island Preschool Christmas Concert
- Fri., Dec. 21-Tues., Jan 1: St. Mary's School Winter Break
- Sun., Jan. 20: St. John's Big Cash Raffle and Men's Breakfast
- Sun., Jan. 27-Feb 2: Catholic Schools Week
- Sat., March 9: 4:00 pm Confirmation Mass at St. Aloysius
- Wed., March 27: St. Mary's & St. Al's High School Faith Formation Spaghetti Supper/Mission Meal at St. Mary's Church Hall
- Thurs., March 28: 7:00 pm St. Mary's School Spring Concert—school gym
- Sat., April 6: St. Mary's School Prime Rib Dinner at St. Aloysius Jubilee Center
- Sun., April 14: Catholic United Financial Palm Sunday Brunch at St. Mary's Church hall

AFC MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Amplifier aids available for the hearing impaired are located at the entrances of the church at SM & SA. Please ask the ushers for assistance.

Date & Time	Location	Intention
<u>Sun., Dec. 2</u>		
8:00-8:20 am	SA	Sacr. of Reconciliation
8:30 am	SA	+ Villa Collyer McDowell
8:00-8:20 am	SJ	Sacr. of Reconciliation
8:30 am	SJ	People of AFC
10:00-10:20 am	HR	Sacr. of Reconciliation
10:30 am	HR	+ Francis Serbus
10:30 am	SM	+ Robert & Lucille Eiler
<u>Mon., Dec. 3</u>		
8:30 am	SM	+ Tena Rathman
<u>Tues., Dec. 4</u>		
10:30 am	HR Renvilla	+ Special Intention
<u>Wed., Dec. 5</u>		
9:00 am	SJ Prairie View	+ Wilma, Al, Kathy Ebbers
10:15 am	SJ BLHCC	+ Scott Kramer
<u>Thurs., Dec. 6</u>		
8:00-8:20 am	SA	Sacr. of Reconciliation
8:30 am	SA	+ Bertha Jakobitz
11:00 am	SM	+ Martin & Catherine Tersteeg
Prepared By Gr. 4		
<u>Fri., Dec. 7</u>		
8:00-8:20 am	SA	Sacr. of Reconciliation
8:30 am	SA	+ Ann Schoolmeesters
8:30 am	SM	+ Francis Halder
5:30 pm	SA <u>Imm. Conc.</u>	+ Dorothy Corens
<u>Sat., Dec. 8</u>		
9:00 am	SM <u>Imm. Conc.</u>	People of AFC
11:00 am	SM	Sacr. of Reconciliation
4:00 pm	SM	+ Margaret Fink
4:30-4:50 pm	SA	Sacr. of Reconciliation
5:00 pm	SA	+ Ginny Leither
<u>Sun., Dec. 9</u>		
8:00-8:20 am	SA	Sacr. of Reconciliation
8:30 am	SA	+ Mary Ann Schmoll
8:00-8:20 am	SJ	Sacr. of Reconciliation
8:30 am	SJ	+ Wally Runtzel
10:00-10:20 am	HR	Sacr. of Reconciliation
10:30 am	HR	+ Mayme Dworshak
10:30 am	SM	People of AFC

Calendar of Events December 2 - December 9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9:30 am Coffee & Rolls SA/JC 9:30 am FF Gr. 7-12 SJ 11:30 am CCW/Bkfst HR	No Events	7:00 am Men's Group Mtg. SA/JC 10:30 am Advent Prayer Service SM/gym 12:30 pm Music Planning Mtg. SM 3:00- 4:30 pm CUF Christmas Party SM/School 5:30 pm Christmas Cantata Practice SA 6:30 pm RCIA Mtg. SA/JC	AFC Faith Form. Classes 1:00-3:00 pm Quilters SA/CB 5:30 pm Christmas Cantata Practice SA 6:30 pm Parish Choir SM/SA
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00 am Advent Reflection SA 2:00 pm SM Staff Mtg. SM 5:00 pm Liturgy Mtg. SM 7:00 pm Christmas Cantata SA	9:00 am Advent Reflection SM 9:00-12:00 pm Adoration SA	3:00-6:00 pm St. Mary's CCW Theme Basket/Bake sale SM/CB 5:00 pm Theme Basket Meal following Mass SM/CB	9:30 am-12:30 pm St. Mary's CCW Bake Sale & Meal SM/CB

Area Faith Community News

PASTOR'S CORNER

We begin the beautiful Season of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. Enclosed in this weekend's bulletin is our Advent and Christmas liturgical schedule for reconciliation, advent prayer services, Christmas programs and Christmas Mass and New Year's Mass schedule. Also included is our parish's Annual Report.

Fr. Joe Steinbeisser

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Pastoral Reflection Continued:

So Advent happens at one of the busiest time of the year for most of us to remind us not to become so busy with the things of this world that we put off getting ready for the life to come. But if we do, we will spend an eternity regretting that fact that we never got around to preparing for his coming in glory. How tragic that would be!

Happy Advent!

On Saturday of this coming week the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day in the United States and it is one of two holy days (the other is Christmas) that the obligation to attend Mass is not dispensed with when the holy day falls on a Saturday or a Monday. The times for Masses for the holy day can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

This solemnity is often confused with the Annunciation when Mary became pregnant with Jesus. To confuse it even more, the Gospel reading for this solemnity is the story of Jesus' conception in the womb of Mary, the story of the Annunciation. This solemnity, however, celebrates the fact that God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of his Son. In order to carry out her mission, she was conceived immaculate. This means that Mary was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Ann, and was kept free from every personal sin her whole life long. She is one full of grace, the all holy one.

Have a good week.

Fr. George Schmit

AFC PRAYER CORNER

In order to keep the prayer corner current, names will be kept on the prayer corner until **Jan. 1, 2019** unless requested to come off earlier. In order for names to be on our prayers corner, the **INDIVIDUAL** or a **FAMILY MEMBER** must inform the parish office for you parish. Due to the Privacy Act we are unable to put names on our prayer list without their permission.

Please Pray for:

Abrahamson, Mike SA
Anderson, Elaine SM
Bremseth, Carter SA
Dolezal, Buddy SM
Dolezal, Joann SM
Gravelle, Rose SM
Henrich, Katie SM
Johnson, Dianna HR
Kirtz, Gerald SJ
Lykken, Chase SM
Minkel, Sandra SM
Rothmeier, Robert SA
Ryan, Ron SA
Steffel, Karen SA
Successful Recovery SM
Sullivan Family, HR

SA VIGIL LIGHTS

Vigil Lights for these special intentions will burn at the SA Shrine the week of Dec 1.

- 1) Mary Lou Dobmeier 2) Special Int.
- 3) Gavin Fischer 4) Julie Vogt
- 5) Eugene & Sally Pietig

Candles are \$4.00 Each.

Please place your single intention and money in the collection or bring it to the Parish Office no later than 12:00 noon on Mon. The candles are lit on Sat. and will burn throughout the week.

AFC PRAYER CHAIN

Do you or someone you know need prayer? Contact Duane or Julie Remer @ 320-523-5784 or Rose Mary Kirtz @ 320-848-2167 for confidential prayers or

if you are interested in serving on our prayer chain.



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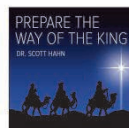
Prepare the Way of the King

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Ready Your Heart this Advent

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

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"Just what I needed for this Advent!"

—Leslie H., Veneta, OR



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School and Area Faith Community News

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Coffee & rolls: St. Aloysius will have coffee and rolls served by St. Mary's Students today, Dec. 2, after the 8:30 am Mass. The proceeds from this event will help St. Mary's 7th & 8th grade students raise funds for their upcoming May 2019 New York & Boston Trip. The funds will directly help with cost of meals and t-shirts for this trip. Please join us for fellowship and help the students at St. Mary's!

St. Mary's School Christmas Concert is Dec. 11th at 7:00 pm in the church. Please come and join the students as we celebrate Jesus' birth through the colors of Christmas.

ST. MARY'S CASH CALENDAR WINNERS

November 25	Michelle Albers	\$50.00
November 26	Katerina Malecek	\$25.00
November 27	Kathryn & Scott Hagen	\$25.00
November 28	Jim Seidl	\$25.00
November 29	Maylon Thorstad	\$25.00
November 30	Rory Seifert	\$25.00
December 1	Geraldine Muhvic	\$25.00

St. Mary's School Website:
stmarysschoolbirdisland.com

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We thank them for their ad. Please support our sponsors as they make the bulletin, website & online giving available at no cost to the AFC.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

We will be offering 2 Masses in our AFC.

- Fri., Dec 7, 5:30 pm at St. Aloysius Church, Olivia
- Sat., Dec. 8, 9:00 am at St. Mary's Church, Bird Island

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedule:

- Dec. 24, 4:00 pm St. Mary's & St. Aloysius
- Dec. 24, 6:00 pm Holy Redeemer & St. John's
- Dec. 24, 10:00 pm St. Mary's
- Dec. 25, 8:30 am St. Aloysius
- Dec. 25, 10:30 am St. Mary's

New Years Eve Mass Schedule:

- Mon., Dec. 31: 5:00 pm St. Aloysius
- Mon., Dec. 31: 7:00 pm St. John's
- Tues., Jan. 1: 8:30 am Holy Redeemer
- Tues., Jan. 1: 10:30 am St. Mary's

AFC NEWS

Donations are being accepted for **Christmas flowers** at all **AFC parishes**. There is an envelope in your envelope packet, if you are doing the online giving there is a fund set up for Christmas flowers, or you can place your donation in the collection marked Christmas Flowers, your name and who the flowers are in memory of. **Donations need to be received by Mon., Dec. 17.** Thank you for your generous donation.

St Mary's CCW is hosting their **Annual Theme Basket & Bake Sale** on Sat., Dec. 8 from 3:00-6:00 pm with an evening meal to follow after Mass and Sun., Dec. 9 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm with a meal serving 10:00 am-12:30 pm with the silent auction closing at 12:30 pm. Need not be present to win! Baskets will have a "Buy It Now" option starting at 5:15 pm on Saturday.

The Renville County Christmas Choir will be performing their cantata **Christmas Presence, A Gathering of Hope, Peace and Love** at the Emden Christian Reformed Church on Sun., Dec. 2 at 2:00 pm and at St. Aloysius Church in Olivia on Thurs., Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm. This concert is sponsored by the Olivia Kiwanis Club as a fundraiser for Renville County Food Shelf and Santa's Closet. Come and enjoy the music of Christmas as we begin our Christmas celebrations.

Thank you to all who have given to the **Diocesan Ministries Appeal**. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the pews or in the back of church. Remember that your gift also supports our parish maintenance projects since 20% of every dollar comes back to our parish.

NUDCCW Scholarship Applications are available at St. Mary's Parish office if you are interested in applying for a scholarship you can also visit www.nudccw.org for an application. Applications must be received by the NUDCCW by March 1, 2019.

End of Year Contributions: The end of the year is approaching quickly. If you are behind on what you intended to give your parish in 2018, you still have a couple of weeks to catch up and still gain the deductions on your taxes. Donations you would like credited to your 2018 contribution statement need to be to the parish offices by noon on Fri., Dec. 30, 2018 and must be dated for 2018. Any donations dated 2019 will be applied to your 2019 statements. Thank you for your generous support of your parish!

Ministry Schedules

HOLY REDEEMER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

10:30 am Sunday, December 9

Rosary: Diane A.
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul H, Jill H.
Lector: Tyler R.
Gift Bearer: Jim & Robin Kleinhuizen
Servers: Anabelle, Jack
Money Counter: Chuck H., Jim S., Gene A.
Music: Mettlers

Ministers of Hospitality: Jim & Robin Kleinhuizen,
Ryan & Erin Lippert

ST. ALOYSIUS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekday Ministry: Mon (3) Money Counter: Louisa/Betty
Thurs (6) Lector: Katie **Chalice:** Rich

Fri (7) Lector: Jim **Chalice:** Margaret **8 AM Rosary: Need**
5:30 pm Friday, December 7 Immaculate Conception

Ministers of the Word: ***Needed***

Acolytes: ***Needed***

Plate: Father, ***Needed***

Chalice: ***Needed***

Ushers: ***Needed***

Depositor: Needed

5:00 pm Saturday, December 8

Minister of the Word: Barb Mathiowetz
Acolytes: John Remer, Colter Johnson
Plate: Father, Kathy McRell
Chalice: Kathy Frank, MaryElla Clouse, Sue Klinghagen,
Linda Bremseth
Rosary: Remer
Gift Bearers: Fred & Toots Amberg
Music: **TBD**

Depositor: Ann Fank

8:30 am Sunday, December 9

Minister of the Word: Joe Hennen
Acolytes: Matthew Moose, Carter Bremseth
Plate: Father, Betty Rau
Chalice: Mark Moose, Joe Hennen, Margaret Meuhlberg,
Katie M.
Rosary: Margaret
Gift Bearers: Jim & Dianne Zenk
Music: **TBD**

Depositor: Tom Rau

Ministers of Hospitality: December

Saturday Main: Jim Wagemaker, Lowell Herdina

Gathering: Greg Steffel, Jeff Lingl

Sunday Main: Doug Lippert, Mike Filzen

Gathering: Greg Erickson, ***Volunteer***

Family Service Group #2 will serve the next funeral

ST. MARY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

9:00 am Saturday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

Ministers of the Word: ***Need 1 or 2***

Acolytes: ***Need 1 or 2***

Plate: Father,

Chalice: ***Need 2***

Ushers: ***Need 2 or 4***

Music: Maleia Ryberg & Mike Nagel

4:00 pm Saturday, December 8

Ministers of the Word: Karen Schulte & Sue Ebbers

Acolytes: ***Need a volunteer***

Plate: Father, Kathryn Knight

Chalice: Dolly Squibb, MaryAnn Dobmeier

Rosary: Karen Schulte

Music: Judy Schindler & Amy Hollan

10:30 am Sunday, December 9– Choir sings

Ministers of the Word: Nancy Schoon & Chris Honzay

Acolytes: Luke & Grace Tersteeg

Plate: Father, Pat McNamara

Chalice: Terri McNamara, Chris Honzay, Karen Smith,
Nancy Aaseth

To Choir: Lou van der Hagen & Ashley Aarons

Music: Parish Choir with Nick & Lizz Strandberg

Ministers of Hospitality: December

Saturday 4:00 pm– John Domeier (Captain),

Mitch Lothert, Paul O'Halloran, Jim Jacobs

Sunday 10:30 am– Tom Neubauer (Captain),

Marty Athmann, Randy Kramer, Gerald Elfering

Money Counters: Monday, Dec. 3 @ 1:00 pm

Bill Jungers, Gary Abraham & office staff

December Altar Care:

Todd & Trish Sheehan (chairpersons),

Ross & Dawn Soukup, Trent & Lexi Squibb,

Donna Strey, Don & Mary Swoboda

CCW Circle #4 will serve the next funeral

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Sunday, December 9

Minister of the Word: ***Volunteer***

Acolytes: Dornseif

Plate: Father

Chalice: Bruce & Monica Freberg

Offertory Gifts: Carol W., Betty R.

Music: Choir

Rosary: ***Volunteer***

Sacristan: Carol

Ministers of Hospitality: December

Betty Raitz, Lyle Macik, Mark & Sara Kramer

Family Service Group #2 will serve the next funeral

Stewardship - Weekend of November 17/18 & 24/25, 2018

	Holy Redeemer	St. Aloysius	St. Mary	St. John
Adult	\$ 4,004.27	\$ 7,643.00	\$ 7,399.00	\$ 1,369.00
Youth	\$ 32.25	\$ 20.78	\$ 18.11	\$ 3.00
Plate	\$ 404.25	\$ 506.00	\$ 341.00	\$ 66.00
Votive	\$ 3.85	\$ 79.50	\$ 23.55	\$ 7.78
Other	\$ 701.00	\$ 1,073.00	\$ 10,370.00	\$ 1,295.65
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,211.06	\$ 258.00	—	—
Totals	\$ 6,356.68	\$ 9,580.28	\$18,151.66	\$ 2,741.43
DMA Goal *	\$ 5,862.98	\$14,697.61	\$22,086.58	\$ 5,381.09
Cash received	\$ 811.10	\$ 411.10	\$ 575.00	\$ 300.00
Cash pledged	\$ 811.10	\$ 411.10	\$ 575.00	\$ 300.00

*Diocesan Ministry Appeal: Remember that 20% of our donations come back to each parish.

Parish News

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Ministry sign up sheets for Immaculate Conception Mass on Dec., 8 at 9:00 am, for Christmas Eve. and Christmas Day Masses and Solemnity of Mary Mass at 10:30 am on Jan. 1, are located in the south sacristy and for ushers is in the hallway by the elevator. Please sign up or call the parish office if you can help. THANK YOU!!

Thanks to everyone who represented St. Mary's at the Ecumenical Prayer Service on the eve of Thanksgiving at the Bird Island United Methodist Church. A total of \$373.00 was given in the offering for the Renville County Food Shelf. Thank you!

HOLY REDEEMER NEWS

We are in need of **Mass intentions**. Please contact the parish office or drop a note in a sealed envelope at Mass!

ST. ALOYSIUS NEWS

SA has the month of Dec. for delivering **Meals on Wheels**. A sign up sheet is located in the Gathering Space. Please sign up to help or call the parish office. Meals can be picked up at the Chatterbox Café at 11 am and there are about 5-8 stops.

Ministry sign up sheets for Immaculate Conception Mass on Dec., 7th at 5:30 pm and for Christmas Eve. & Christmas Day Masses and Solemnity of Mary Masses are located in the Gathering Space.

We are looking for **new acolytes!** If you are in Grade 5 or above and wish to be trained or if you have kids that were trained and need a refresher, please contact the parish office or email: nancyp@heartofjesusafc.org. Training date TBD.

Judy Kopacek is facing a long recovery after an abscess was removed from her spine. She has been transferred to Rice Care Center, 1801 Willmar Avenue SW, Room #102 Willmar, MN 56201. Ron has requested cards to keep her spirits up.

Food for thought...As Christmas is fast approaching, we are called to be mindful of all God's blessings. One way to show our gratitude is by helping others less fortunate. This advent CCW is providing: **1). Hope Pregnancy Center** – helping women and children in West Central Minnesota by providing gifts that could be given to a newborn or young child such as clothes and diapers. We will be setting up a crib and having it marked "Gifts for Baby Jesus". **2). Hats, Mittens and socks for people in need.** Please hang donated new socks, hats and mittens up on our Christmas tree that will be set up in the gathering area. Donations will be given to local areas in need.

Choir practice on Dec. 12 will be at 7 pm instead of 6:30 pm.

Christmas Prelude Music will begin at 3 pm on Christmas Eve., Dec. 24th.

A campaign to address several maintenance needs in our parish: As of November 26 far we have received 78 pledges back from parishioners for a total of \$248,390 pledged. Of the \$248,390 pledged we have received: \$133,525. Our campaign committee is discussing next steps to reach out to the households we are waiting to hear back from.



Parish News Cont....

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

CCW Service projects: We will be collecting for Renville County Food Shelf and Santa's Closet. Items can be left in the designated boxes in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your generosity!

Sign up sheets for Christmas Eve 6pm Mass and New Year Eve 7:00 pm Masses are located in the Gathering Area. Please consider signing up. Thank you!!

Dear CCW Members: Betty and Rhonda are going to continue to be co-chairs for the 2019 year. At the end of 2019, we will need a new president or co-presidents. We are hoping someone will come forward to accept this position. If not, St. John's CCW will be in jeopardy of losing things like the funeral committee and other programs within the church. We are honored to have served the CCW. Thank you, Rhonda and Betty

CCW Dues Reminder: Please be sure to turn in your CCW dues. There was an envelope in the collection envelope packet or you can put it in an envelope marked "CCW Dues" and place it in the collection basket. Thank you!!

Diocese of New Ulm & Area News

All families, especially those with children, are invited to attend an **Advent Prayer Service with Bishop John M. LeVoir** on **Sun., Dec. 9,** with a 4:00 pm service at the **Church of St. Anastasia, Hutchinson.** Families are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set. The figure will be blessed by Bishop LeVoir individually as families come forward in procession. There will be a blessing for families and expectant mothers as they prepare for Jesus' birth in their hearts. A "swaddling clothes" collection (blankets, sleepers, layette items, etc.) and cash donations will be taken for babies in need. For more information, contact the diocesan evangelization and catechesis offices at 507-233-5325.

Support the **Retirement Fund for Religious.** A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

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Coffee is available at: St. Aloysius, St. Mary's & Holy Redeemer church offices.
\$10 per bag- ground & whole bean available.

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