

Monday, November 21

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM ADORATION

9:00 AM John Dejno +

Tuesday, December 22

9:00 AM Roger Daanen +

Wednesday, December 23

9:00 AM Charles Lopez +

Thursday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM Katie Gohl +

8:00 PM Carol Kane +

Friday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM Kayla Murphy +

Saturday, December 26

5:00 PM Owen Lecheler +

Sunday, December 27

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Patrick's



December 24 & 25

4:00 PM - Christmas Eve

Julie Heise

6:00 PM - St. Patrick's,

West Albany

8:00 PM Jodi Hogan - Christmas Eve

9:00 AM Missy Kluesner - Christmas Day

December 26 & 27

5:00 PM Volunteer

10:00 AM Volunteer

January 1

6:00 PM Volunteer

PARISH SUPPORT December 13, 2020

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$4,380.00
OFFERTORY	107.51
CANDLES	20.00
RETIREMENT FUND	235.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	185.00
CHRISTMAS	125.00
DONATION	\$1,000.00

DECEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR
CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families) \$3,764.00DECEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR
BLDG. FUND (11 Families) \$614.00IF POSSIBLE REMEMBER ST. MARY'S IN YOUR
WILL!Thank you to Schleicher Funeral
Home for the 2021 calendars. We
very much appreciate your gift.Michael Arendt Jim Arendt
Augie Schleicher

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Lk 1:26-30

The Savior is coming to us. Soon the Son of God will be born. I think it is a good question to ask ourselves, "How am I receiving Jesus into my heart and my life this Christmas?" Life gets busy and can easily distract our focus from God. Advent is a time of making space for Christ in our heart so that we can place him in the center of our life again.

In the gospel today, the Blessed Virgin makes room for Christ even though she is troubled at first. God speaks to her through an angel and asks her to accept and receive Jesus into her womb, her heart and her life. Christmas is a great opportunity for us to recommit our life to Jesus by making room for him and placing him at the center of our life.

God bless, Fr. Fasnacht

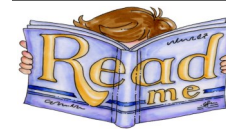
"PRAYER FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT"



O Creator God, our world is pregnant with the anticipation of the birth of your Son. We are bursting in our preparedness, for the feast of Christmas will soon be here. Everything seems to be

in order: the plans are agreed to, the tree is decorated, most of the gifts are wrapped, and we think we are ready. However, Lord, as we pause to offer this prayer, we realize that some things have been rushed, and, in the process, some important things have been forgotten. In this brief moment of quiet, help us to be at least thankful. Help us to appreciate the Word that comes to dwell with us. Help us to hope in the promise of His way, truth, and life. Help us to join with the angels who sing your praise. Grant us the lasting peace of this great season of joy. We pray in the name of our long-expected Lord. Amen."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



General Safety Reminders:

When coming forward for Holy Communion, please keep a 6 foot distance between each person & parishioners are asked to receive in the hand. If someone still wishes to receive on the tongue, they should be near the end of the communion line.

People are asked to not shake hands or greet each other by touching.

The Diocesan Safety Regulations advise that those who are 65 or older or have health issues to stay home but each person should make their own decision.

Please wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer and sneeze or cough into your elbow.

Due to Governor's face mask law, Minnesotan's must wear a face mask in indoor public settings unless you have an exemption or are under 5 years old. Some of our staff have a health exemption. Thank you.



Working to Reduce Poverty in America.

Thinking about adoption but not sure where to start? Catholic Charities offers free adoption information meetings to help you learn about the process to begin building your family. We have adoption social workers in Winona, Rochester, Mankato, and Worthington who can walk you through the process of international or domestic infant adoption. Please mail adoption@ccsomn.org or call 507-287-2047 to schedule an information meeting.

FATHER FASNACHT'S 10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS can be viewed livestream or the recorded version on Father Fasnacht's Youtube Channel. At this time we are unable to stream on Facebook but go to Parish Website to watch.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE.....

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00 PM
8:00 PM

ST. PATRICK'S 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:00 AM



December 23rd NO CLASSES

December 30th NO CLASSES

January 6th Grade 5 - 8

FAITH FORMATION January 13 Grades 1 - 4



Sani-Wipe Team: we will be making Sani-Wipes every Wednesday after the 9 AM Mass. We will make less at a time so they don't dry out. Thank you!

Would you like to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to learn about and identify the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have been given? Join us for a (free) Life In The Spirit seminar, using "The Wild Goose" series by Father Dave Pivonka, starting Wednesday January 6th and ending February 17th, 2021. We will meet online via Zoom at 7:00pm CST, sponsored by The Breath of God Zoom prayer group. Zoom login information will be sent upon registration. Contact Joshua for more information and to register: [\(218\) 349-9660](tel:2183499660) or jjj3279@aol.com

