

January 1, 2017
Mary, Mother of God

All Saints Catholic Church

Mission Statement: "Rejoicing with gratitude in God's blessings, we invite and welcome all to share in the fullness of the Catholic faith. We live our baptismal call through worship, teaching, and serving one another."

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Happenings: Big and Small

Written by Bishop Robert F. Morneau, pastor of Resurrection Parish in Green Bay, WI, and retired auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay. This article was published by Liturgical Press in "Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas, Waiting in Joyful Hope 2016-2017".

Scripture: "It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. (Mark 1:9)

Reflection: A homiletic professor asserted that is anything is to happen in a homily the Holy Spirit must animate the poor words of the preacher and open the hearts of the congregation. Then there is a happening, an event of great importance.

The Holy Spirit was at the Jordan when John baptized Jesus. And a great happening transpired as a voice was heard calling Jesus God's Beloved Son and affirming Jesus' mission. The great happening was the salvation of the world.

On our Christian journey we celebrate the mysteries of our creation, redemption, and sanctification every time the Eucharist happens. We give thanks for the gift of life, the gift of Jesus, our Redeemer, and the great gift of the Holy Spirit who hovers over our bent and bruised world. The same Spirit that hovered over the Jordan and Jesus hovers over us and wants us to know that we are God's beloved daughters and sons. When we appropriate this good news, we then venture forth and journey with Jesus in his mission of being agents of the Father's love and mercy.

It is especially in the small happenings of life that we further God's kingdom: the word of encouragement to a struggling coworker, the phone call to a lonely person, the note of gratitude to a second-grade teacher, a smile of recognition across the room. The Spirit animates our simple deeds and bestows peace and joy to every open heart.

Meditation: What are the great and small happenings in your life? What role does the Holy Spirit play in your daily transactions?

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Animate our minds with truth and our hearts with affection and compassion. Make us instruments of Jesus' mission; empower us to give glory to God by our loving deeds. *Veni, Creator Spiritus.*

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS IN MEMORY OF:

The Ball/Disney/Tobin/Sherman Families from Jane & Joe Sherman

The Fillman & Pivonka Families from Don & Mary Fillman & Family

Karen Dupuy from Nate & Karey Smith Family

Ike & Marjorie Gomez & Janet Taylor from the Gomez Children & Their Families

Kenneth & Rosemary Poffenberger and William & Marian Schultz from Mark & Lisa

Poffenberger

John Higgins, David Higgins, Michael Higgins, & Cathryn Grace Higgins from Fr. Ray Higgins

Arthur & Gerene Norton from Carol Knowlton

William Hicks from Cathy Hicks

Gaylon & Mildred Vitzthum from Joy Smull

Bernard T. Hilgers, Mildred M. Hilgers, Jesse Sandoval from Dan & Anita Hilgers

Leo & Marie Tasler from Rick & Rita Rilea

Earl & Garnet & David Sanny from Rick & Rita Rilea

Parish News & Events

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Sunday 1/1 10am Mass For the People Birthday: Dillon Durbin <i>Father will be out of town through 1-12-17</i>	Monday 1/2 Birthdays: Robert James, Alan Bovee	Tuesday 1/3 No Mass Birthday: Presley Pivonka	Wednesday 1/4 Birthday: Lee Leyva	Thursday 1/5 9am No Mass Birthday: Eric Tiernan	Friday 1/6 No Mass Birthday: Reyes Leyva	Saturday 1/7 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass For Kathleen Doud Lewin Birthdays: Mark Whetstone, Mary Bovee
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Tithing Envelope boxes will contain an envelope for **Altar & Rosary dues** as we have done in the past as well as 12 **Repair Fund** envelopes, one for each first of the month building fund collection. This will eliminate the need to stuff them in the bulletins each month. The boxes are available in the gathering space at this time.

Financial Report for the week of December 24-25 **Tithes** \$3,115.00 **Children:** \$19.00 **Building Fund:** \$200.00
Christmas Collection: \$2,420.00 **2016** ADA Balance Due \$9,046.33

Harriet Nevins (Sister to Howard Messinger) **Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

Around the Diocese March for Life signup It's time to start thinking about joining the pilgrimage in January to Washington, D.C. and be a part of the annual March for Life. Lowans for LIFE is securing several buses to take pro-life lowans to the march, which will be on Jan. 27. Go to lowansForLIFE.org for details.

JustFaith It's time to think about being part of the spring **JustFaith** process. This is a transformative, small-group program that helps participants connect their faith with the needs of the world. Questions? Contact Susie Tierney at the Center for Social Ministry, 515-782-3054 or centerforsocialministry@gmail.com.


Beginning Experience If you become widowed, separated or divorced and are suffering alone, consider coming to a Beginning Experience open house this Friday, Jan. 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Church in Des Moines. This is a group that offers support from those who've also lost a spouse. Questions? Contact Dana Reed at 515-975-3745 or Mike Losee at 515-360-8268.

Weekly Prayer Requests

Please pray for: *Ruby Waltz, Bob & Mary Dickson, Mary Doud.*

To request prayer for someone for publication in the bulletin, please contact the church office at 515-523-1943 or via email at: stjohnallsaints@gmail.com. **Be sure to include the person's name, your contact information, and that you have permission to submit the name.**

SATURDAY 1-7-17 4:30pm Mass Liturgical Ministers	Rosary Leader Frank Holle	Cross Bearer Matt Dickson	Lector Roni Wilson	Greeters & Gifts Mark & Kari Tisl	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Mark & Kari Tisl, Jodi Bassett	REMEMBER: If you cannot serve, please be kind and find your own replacement.
	Ushers Matt & Jen Dickson	Altar Server Zoey Dickson	Commentator Carol Smith			

SUNDAY 1-8-17 10am Mass Liturgical Ministers	Ushers Bob Olson, Wayne Nosbisch	Altar Servers Sam Kasap Nate Gerling Gabe Gerling	Lector Donna Olson	Greeters & Gifts Dennis & Joyce Van Pelt	Ex. Ministers of the Eucharist Joyce Van Pelt, Jill Gerling, Cathy Hicks	
	Cross Bearer Dennis Van Pelt		Commentator Harriet Gulbranson			