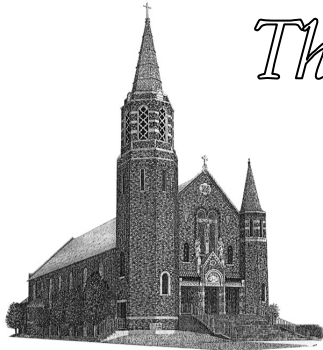
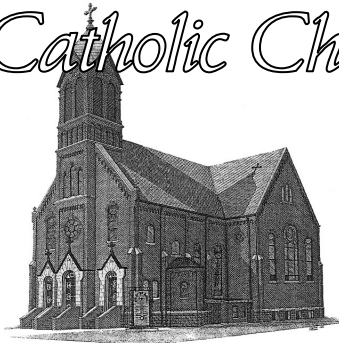


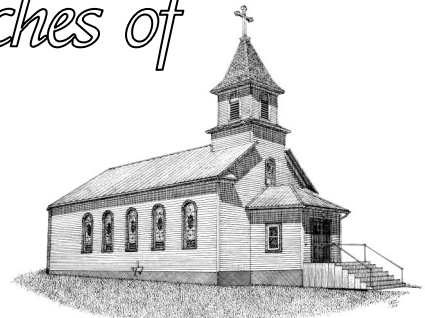
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The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary, And Joseph

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From the Pastor's Desk

"Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord"! These words from the Psalm response for the Mass during the night of Christmas fill our hearts with great joy! God has loved us so much that he sent his most precious gift to us—Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Glory to God in the Highest! I wish each of you a most Blessed and Merry Christmas.

With our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, we begin the Liturgical Season of Christmas. While the Season of Christmas is the shortest season of the Church Year, it is filled with special solemnities and celebrations. We will celebrate The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph the weekend of December 26-27. Next is the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. The special Mass schedule for this Holy Day is as follows:

Thursday, December 31st at 5:30pm—Sts. Peter & Paul, Strasburg

Thursday, December 31st at 7:30pm—St. Michael, rural Linton

Friday, January 1st at 9:00am—St. Mary, Hague

Following the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord. And then we will conclude the Season of Christmas by celebrating The Baptism of the Lord. What a wonderful few weeks ahead! And, there is much more to celebrate in the days between these special solemnities. Christmas is more than just a day! Let us open our hearts to receive all that God wants to give us during this most special season. God Bless all of you!

*Please be attentive to appropriate Social Distancing.
 Wearing a Mask is strongly encouraged.*

The Week's Schedule

Sun.,	Dec. 27	8:45 a.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Andy & Rita Feist+ & Family
		11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael All Parishioners
Mon.,	Dec. 28		No Mass
Tues.,	Dec. 29		No Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul
Wed.,	Dec. 30		No Mass or Adoration at Sts. Peter and Paul
Thur.,	Dec. 31	5:30 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Mariettia Brooks+
		7:30 p.m.	Mass at St. Michael Jared Jacob+
Fri.,	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary All Parishioners
Sat.,	Jan. 2	4:00 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul All Parishioners
		7:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Mary Rainer & Alice Heier+ & Patrick Roehrich+ & Families
Sun.	Jan. 3	8:45 a.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Sebastian+, Elizabeth+, & Virgil+ Scherr & Family
		11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael Robert Vetter+ & Family

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: The sacrament is available in Strasburg from 3:15-3:50 p.m. on Saturdays, in Hague from 6:15-6:50 p.m. on Saturdays, and at St. Michael Church 10:30-10:55 a.m. on Sundays. The sacrament is also available 15 minutes before weekday Masses or at your convenience by calling the parish office.

No Eucharistic Adoration at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Strasburg and **St. Mary's Parish in Hague this week.**

"Jesus Is The Reason For The Season!"



News and Events

Sts. Peter & Paul's bell update from Fr. Shannon: As I discussed at the end of Mass last weekend, the current control system for both the manual and electronic bells is not repairable. The cost of the new system that will replace it is \$11,500. However, if the parish would be able to pay in full by the end of this calendar year, we would get a 10% discount making the total \$10,350. That is a significant savings! The good news is that as of Wednesday evening (December 23rd), we have received contributions totaling \$9,000! We are almost there!! If you are able to help get us to the "finish line", your contribution will be greatly appreciated. It will be wonderful to hear our bells ringing again!

Fr. Leonard Eckroth's Mailing Address: Emmaus Place, 1020 N 26th St, Apt. 1, Bismarck, ND 58501-3186.

No Masses or Adoration at Strasburg next week Tuesday & Wednesday, December 29th & 30th.

A **Parishioner** has purchased a book for every parish family this Christmas entitled, **"I Heard God Laugh"** by Matthew Kelly. Please take a copy home with you. — There are also homemade **"Rosaries"** that Fr. Shannon has Blessed that were sent to us from a gentleman from New York, and also the Catholic Devotional that is sent to our parishes every year. These items are all in the back of your church. Please help yourselves.

The New Living Faith Booklets for January—March 2021 are in the back of church.

Strasburg & Hague Parishioners: *Your "2021" Church Contribution Envelopes are in the back of Church. They are in alphabetical order. The new calendars are also in the back, compliments of Myers Funeral Home.* We ask that you take your envelopes with you before leaving Mass but **Please Do Not Use them before New Years Eve Masses as they are for "2021"**. If you did not get envelopes, please call Alice at 336-7172 and I will get them ready for you as there are many envelopes left. If any children or students would like envelopes, please give me a call. This is for Strasburg & Hague Parishes. I will be very happy to get them ready for you.

Please call the Rectory Office at 336-7172 for any reason before coming over. Fr. Shannon & I need to be careful with this COVID pandemic going on. There are times I am working from home due to the COVID. Any questions, please leave a message on the answering machine & we will get back to you. **Thank You for understand!**

Retirement Fund for Religious Special Collection. If anyone would like to give a donation to the Religious Retirement, please get it in by this coming weekend, December 26th & 27th. **Thank you to all who have already done so!**

No Strasburg Senior Citizens meeting or noon meal in December. They will resume again on January 26, 2021.

Catholic United Financial has requested that the St. Mary's Council meeting that is scheduled for Sunday, January 3rd, be postponed until further notice.

Pray for the sick: Eileen Weisbeck, Wylis Silvernagel, Geneva McCord, Leo Roehrich, Beth Kelsch, Gene Millner, Ron Bosch, Victoria Schumacher, Dick Shaw, Tony Baumgartner, Fr. David Zimmer, Phyllis Fischer, Myron Mattern, Marvin Feist, Eugene Getz, Ron Kramer, Todd Moch, Leo & Nancy Weber.

Pray for our deceased: Veronica Masset, Ervin Selzler, Magdalena Wolbaum, Timothy Feist, Marlon Ohlhauser, and Clara Braun.

Stewardship—A Way Of Life: "Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, ". . . do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit . . ." **Stewardship Thought:** "Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts." (Matthew 5:16)

Vocation Views: Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness, and love. What will you do to show your love for your family? Ask for the grace to be holy. (Colossians 3:12-21)

Intercessions For Life: For all families: That as the domestic Church they may seek to pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love We pray to the Lord. . . .

Liturgy Assignments

Sts. Peter & Paul, Strasburg

Weekday Lector: Volunteers!

December 31st at 5:30 p.m. — Thursday—New Year's Eve

Lector: Jessa Heidrich

Head Usher: Jim & Irene Rohrich

January 2nd at 4:00 p.m.— Saturday

Lector: Irene Herr

Head Usher: Andy & Mona Reis

January 3rd at 8:45 a.m.— Sunday

Lector: Jay Schmaltz

Head Usher: Ben & Veronica Glass

St. Mary, Hague

January 1st at 9:00 a.m. — Friday—New Year's Day

Lector: Lisa Hulm

Head Usher: Andy Hulm

Money Counters: Duane Wald & Andrea Hulm

January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. — Saturday

Lector: Gloria Odden

Head Usher: Andy Hulm

Money Counters: Leo Meier & Rocky Eberle

St. Michael, Rural Linton

December 31st at 7:30 p.m.— Thursday—New Year's Eve

Lector: Isadore Gross

Sacristan: Jim Schmidt

Money Counters: Patty Gross, Isadore Gross, Janet Engelhardt

Rosary: Marie Vetter

January 3rd at 11:00 a.m.— Sunday

Lector: Marie Vetter

Sacristan: Rod Jacob

Money Counters: Dan Vetter, Rod Jacob, Kevin Leier

Rosary: Isadore Gross

