

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES:

- The Altar Society and KCs will lead rosaries before weekend Masses during the Advent season. **Rosary will start at 4:35 pm on Saturdays & 8:35 am on Sundays.**
- The **December 13<sup>th</sup> KC Christmas meal and program are cancelled.**



**CARRINGTON BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 6:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall.** Sponsored by Home & Away FCE Club. For more information or to sign up, call Susan Stoddard at 701-649-0080.

**THANK YOU AND UPDATE FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES NORTH DAKOTA:** This year we are so thankful for all of you who have faithfully supported our mission to help those in need and advocate for the common good of all! We have received wonderful feedback on our video for Catholic Charities Sunday and over \$155,000 toward our goal of \$175,000. During these challenging times, supporting Catholic Charities North Dakota is a concrete way to help others. Please join us at [www.CatholicCharitiesND.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesND.org) to learn more and make your gift online today!

### ▼ PLEASE PICK UP

**ADVENT DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS:** Please pick up an Advent daily reflection book.

**WEEKLY PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL PETITIONS:** That we realize suffering is a gift and helps us build empathy for others and build our dependence on God.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:** *“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 – 18*  
This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

### HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

- **For a life of prayer:** We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

## LIVE IN THE WORD OF GOD

*Readings for the Week of December 14-20*

Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 & Matthew 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 & Matthew 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 & Luke 7:18-23  
Thursday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10 & Matthew 1:1-17  
Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8 & Matthew 1:18-25  
Saturday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 & Luke 1:5-25  
Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16:25-27 & Luke 1:26-38



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 13, 2020

### NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE (12/19-20):

Sat. Eve.: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am  
Sunday: (Sykeston) 11:00 am

### PENANCE SCHEDULE:

Sat. Eve.: 4:00-4:45 pm  
Sun., Dec. 13 3:00-4:00 pm  
**or by appointment**  
**Please call Fr. Dodge**

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MONDAY, DEC. 14 – SUNDAY, DEC. 20:

**Effective Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>,** we resumed the public celebration of the Mass with directives from the Diocese of Fargo. There are many different safety protocols which will be observed until further notice. Please refer to the letter you received in the mail for the different safety protocols referenced by the Diocese.

**FOR THE TIME BEING,  
ONLY ONE LECTOR AND ONE SERVER WILL BE NEEDED.**

**MASS SERVERS:** Sat. Eve.: Luis Ordaz; Sunday: Jacob Boeshans.

**LECTORS:** Weekday: Tom Paintner; Sat. Eve.: Paul Murphy; Sunday: Joanne Becker.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** *If you have a special prayer need in your family, please call Gemma Bachmeier (652-2129) to start our parish prayer chain.*

**POLICY FOR BAPTISM:** For all those parents desiring Baptism for their child, they must first attend a Baptism class. Our next class is **Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.** Once you have attended the Baptism class, you are then free to schedule the Baptism by calling the office at 652-2519.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 14-20:**

Mon. 7:30 a.m. + John W. Murphy  
 Tues. 7:30 a.m. ROSARY AND DAILY READINGS  
 7:00 p.m. MASS AT SYKESTON + Roland Friezen  
 Wed. 7:30 a.m. + Lee Manley  
 Thurs. 7:30 a.m. + Msgr. Jeffrey Wald  
 Fri. 7:30 a.m. + John W. Murphy  
 Sat. 5:00 p.m. + Clarence & Dale Blonigen  
 Sun. 9:00 a.m. For the people of the parishes  
 11:00 a.m. MASS AT SYKESTON + Margaret Linhart

**CCD/CYO CLASSES: Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. As a reminder, the following guidelines were implemented by the Board of Education.**

- **Attendance:** If a student doesn't attend school on the day of CCD class due to an illness or being identified as a close contact/quarantined person, they will not be allowed to attend CCD classes that day.
- **UPDATE: CITY MANDATE:** Face Coverings: Because of the recent Carrington Mask Mandate effective November 10, 2020, students and teachers in ALL grades will now be required to wear face coverings (no gators) during CCD classes.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS received a book "My Picture Missal" recently in class - a gift from the Altar Society. We encourage the students to bring them to Mass and follow along.

**PARISH COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES:** Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic this year, Deanery 7 (our deanery) has decided not to hold Sunday communal penance services this Advent. Therefore, Fr. Dodge will hear **individual confessions on Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 pm in the room behind the parish hall kitchen, as well as the regular Saturdays. If those times are not good for you, please call Fr. Dodge to schedule an individual appointment.**

POINSETTIAS: You are encouraged to donate poinsettias to the church as memorials or in Thanksgiving. Please have them deliver the plants to the church **on Sat., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.**

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas **next Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, immediately after Mass.** If you are available, please come to help and enjoy the celebration. **Δ PLEASE JOIN US**



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2020: By law, contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received. **Thus, if you wish to make a contribution for 2020, it must be received by December 31, 2020.**

SEARCH WEEKEND: Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up January 15-17, 2021 at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at [www.fargodiocese-search.org/home](http://www.fargodiocese-search.org/home) or call Dori at 952-210-2219. **Applications due no later than Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**EVANGELIZATION CORNER:** "Keep your head up. God gives his hardest battles to his strongest soldiers."  
*Anonymous*

**THIS WEEKEND - RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION:** **Make a difference.** "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous. **As with all national/special collections, please make checks payable to Sacred Heart (memo line: Retirement Fund for Religious). The parish deposits the checks and includes the donation in your individual giving record. We then send a check to the Diocese of Fargo and the Diocese of Fargo will remit to the national office.**

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES: **If you need a gift item for Christmas,** please contact Virginia in the office (652-2519) weekday mornings from 8-noon, or to make other arrangements, to look at the items in the religious articles stand. We have some Christmas items available, gifts for children, rosaries, books, crosses, jewelry, boxed cards etc.

**"Just because something happens to be legal does not make it moral, ethical or right. Abortion is perhaps one of the most dramatic examples of a situation where something is legal, but is very much a sin against God."**

*A.L. Barry, The Lutheran Church, President of The Missouri Synod*

*Rest in Peace*

MAY HE REST IN PEACE: Our sympathy goes out to the caretakers and friends of John Thomas. His funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. May your faith give you strength at this time of loss.



BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION: Thank you to those who gave to the Black & Indian Mission Collection. A total of \$373.00 was given.

LIVING NATIVITY: **Calvary Baptist Church will present a Living Nativity on Sun., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Foster County Fairgrounds Leonard Geske Memorial Arena.** Presentations will begin at **5:00 pm and 6:30 pm.** The public is cordially invited to take part from the warmth of their parked vehicles, although bleacher seating will be available. Narration and music will be broadcast via a low power FM transmitter, with reception available through radios in close proximity. Children and youth from Calvary will re-enact scenes from the true account of the birth of Jesus, accompanied by favorite livestock provided by Montgomery Ranch, Hansen Stock Farm and Nathan and Emily Spickler family. The narration will be from the Bible, with Christmas carols underscoring scenes and before and after the presentations. In case of extreme inclement weather, the Living Nativity will be postponed one week. Thank you to the Foster County Fair Board for allowing the use of their facilities and to Keith Schroeder Construction for lighting.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION, DECEMBER 6, 2020:</u>		<u>Last Year Comparison:</u>	
Plate collection	145.00		106.00
Children's envelopes	14.25		13.75
Sunday envelopes	3,381.00		1,880.00
	3,540.25		1,999.75
Votive Stand	64.60	CCD Program	200.00