

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.**



Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS GIFT: We invite each family to pick up a copy of Matthew Kelly's book "I Heard God Laugh"- our gift to you this Christmas. Copies will be available starting this weekend.

CHURCH CALENDARS: The church calendars for 2021 are here. Please pick one up.

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ENVELOPES: The new envelopes for 2021 are in the back of the church. If your name was overlooked, please call the office or pick up a box in the back without a label on and when you use the envelopes, please put your name on it so that you will receive credit for it. Students P-12 received theirs in their classrooms.

CARD SHOWER for **Catherine Palmer's 100th birthday** on January 5, 2021. To help Catherine celebrate her birthday, send your birthday wishes to Catherine at 1 East Main St., Carrington, ND 58421.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION: If you did not return your envelope this weekend, please do so soon.

WEEKLY PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL PETITIONS: That like Mary, our lives, too reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28 After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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 21-27

- Monday: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18 & Luke 1:39-45
- Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 & Luke 1:46-56
- Wednesday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 & Luke 1:57-66
- Thursday: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14 & Luke 2:1-14 (Christmas Eve)
- Friday: Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7 & Luke 2:15-20 (Christmas Day)
- Saturday: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59 & Matthew 10:17-22
- Sunday: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 & Luke 2:22-40



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4th Sunday of Advent – December 20, 2020

<u>NEXT SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE (12/26-27):</u>		<u>PENANCE SCHEDULE:</u>
Christmas Eve:	5:00 pm	Sat. Eve.: 4:00-4:45 pm
Christmas Eve: (Sykeston)	7:30 pm	Sun., Dec. 20 3:00-3:30 pm
Christmas Day:	9:00 am	or by appointment
Sat. Eve.:	5:00 pm	Please call Fr. Dodge
Sunday:	9:00 am	
Sunday: (Sykeston)	11:00 am	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MONDAY, DEC. 21 – SUNDAY, DEC. 27:

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

MASS SERVERS: Christmas Eve: Hannah Hagel; Christmas Day: Beth Lee; Sat. Eve.: Allison Jarrett; Sunday: Nicole Lee.

LECTORS: Weekday: Illa Zink; Christmas Eve: Jim Harmon; Christmas Day: Chris Schroeder; Sat. Eve.: Marlene Boyer; Sunday: Joanna Lee.

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 21-27:

Mon. 7:30 a.m. + Msgr. Joseph Senger
 Tues. 7:30 a.m. ROSARY AND DAILY READINGS
 7:00 p.m. MASS AT SYKESTON + Kenny John
 Wed. 7:30 a.m. + Msgr. Val Gross
 Thurs. 5:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE + Jonathan Aljets
 7:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT SYKESTON -
 For the people of the parishes
 Fri. 9:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS DAY + Lisa Nihill
 Sat. 5:00 p.m. + Marie Mehring, + Art and + Elsie Freeman
 Sun. 9:00 a.m. + John W. Murphy
 11:00 a.m. MASS AT SYKESTON - For people of the parishes

CCD/CYO CLASSES: No classes for the next two weeks because of Christmas and New Year's. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

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

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 or call Dori at 952-210-2219. **Applications due no later than Monday, December 28th.**

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.

MUSIC PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: ANYONE wishing to sing CHRISTMAS CAROLS on Christmas Eve from 4:30 pm-5:00 pm, we will have a practice on Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the church. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A CHOIR MEMBER TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE. Please come to the practice though on Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m.

- Please note that on Christmas Eve, the choir loft will be reserved for those singing in the choir only, due to limited spacing.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER: "God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it."
Pope Francis

**COME EARLY TO HEAR THE CHOIR SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS
STARTING AT 4:30 P.M. ON CHRISTMAS EVE!**

CHRISTMAS EVE: Any CCD student, grades 1-8 that are at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass are invited to be in the procession at the beginning of Mass to carry figurines for the Nativity Set. After communion, these students are to come to the back of the church to carry candles in the lighting procession which will be held after the closing prayer.

"Justice is itself the great standing policy of civil society; and any eminent departure from it, under any circumstances, lies under the suspicion of being no policy at all."
Edmund Burke

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT? An endowment fund is a perpetual fund. It is created by charitable donations in the form of cash, stocks, mutual funds, real property, or other personal property to a foundation, such as the Catholic Development Foundation (CDF), to support a specific ministry such as a parish or cemetery. To learn more about endowments or the Catholic Development Foundation, go to www.cdfnd.org.

DID YOU KNOW? Did you know that Sacred Heart has a permanent endowment fund? YES – we do! In partnership with the Catholic Development Foundation, our parish established this fund to help secure our future as a parish family. Sacred Heart Church endowment fund provides a perpetual income stream annually which helps us maintain our church and provides for the necessary ministry our members depend on. Please join me in supporting the Sacred Heart Church of Carrington endowment fund; whether it's a gift today or someday as part of your will/estate plan. May God continue to bless our parish family for years to come.

Fr. Terry Dodge

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Christmas is this wonderful, special time in which we recognize Our Lord Jesus Christ coming out of Heaven to become a man – a man sent by the Father to save us from our sins. What a gift! Divinity becoming humanity! As we ponder this gift let us give a gift also – the gift of ourselves – to God and to each other in such a way that this Christmas is more special than any other. May God inspire you to share your love as Christ did. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Dodge

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION, DECEMBER 13, 2020:</u>		<u>Last Year Comparison:</u>	
Plate collection	20.00		254.95
Children's envelopes	16.75		11.75
Sunday envelopes	3,045.00		3,433.00
	3,081.75		3,699.70
Retirement Fund for Religious	559.50	CCD Program	200.00
Immaculate Conception envelopes	145.00		