MISSION STATEMENT

To love and serve God and neighbor by the way we worship, assist those in need, and educate in the faith with fidelity to Sacred Scripture and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!

THE TOGETHER AS ONE DIOCESAN APPEAL: We received our first payback from the appeal in the amount of $43,748, a great benefit for the parish. We hope to contact those who have supported the campaign in the past but have not yet done so after January 1 in the hope that they can assist again this year.

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CHRISTMAS CANDY WALK: We received a great assortment of cookies, candies, breads etc for the Christmas Candy Walk. Thank you to EVERYONE for your time and donations to make it a “Sweet Success”! Our total profit was $4,790.25.
A special “THANK YOU” to Kara Bouma, Melissa Langel, Sue Kommes and Kathy DeJong for chairing this project. You do a great job! We appreciate your time and dedication.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
ECCELESIASTES 3:11

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

“If we cannot learn to be comfortable with uncertainty, we cannot learn to live amidst the mess. Learning to live with not knowing is essential if we are to grow in wisdom.”

FROM MATTHEW KELLY’S BOOK
life is messy
Still available if you didn’t receive one!

BAPTISM: Pre-baptism class for parents planning on the baptism of an infant will be January 23, 2022 at 2PM in Richter Hall. (NOTE: Change of date!) Register online at allsaintslemars.org, click on forms, or call the parish office.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
Friday-12/31/21 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil 5:00PM St. Joseph
Saturday-1/1/22 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9:00AM St. Joseph
SATURDAY EVENING MASSES AS NORMAL

ADORATION SUSPENSION:
NEW YEAR’S— 12Noon, Friday, 12/31 until 7AM
Monday, 1/3/2022

OFFICE Friday-12/31—CLOSED

HOLY BAPTISM
♦ Eddy Nelson son of Brycen & Paige Nelson was baptized on December 19 and has joined the Catholic Faith through the waters of baptism.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY
♦ Marilyn Laughton of our parish entered eternal life December 18, 2021.
♦ Carrie Fenner entered eternal life December 19, 2021. She was the daughter of Marge Roder and sister of Terry (Patty) Roder & Michelle (Tim) DeLarm of our parish.
♦ Kevin Muhm of our parish entered eternal life December 19, 2021.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

TEAM CONNECT: Mark your calendars for January 16 bowling at 1PM at Sweet 16 Lanes. Come and bowl or just socialize. Altar Servers can bowl for free! Questions? Contact Tami Langel at (712) 540-3419. Registration is not required, but please let us know if an altar server is attending so that we can reserve enough lanes.

THE SECOND COLLECTIONS: January 2, 2022 will be for Repair/Maintenance.
January 9: The Soup Kitchen
Theology on Tap events for $200, contact Sara Westhoff at (712) 541-1954 or email to sara.l.westhoff@gmail.com.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: The next Theology on Tap is scheduled for January 23, 2022. If you would like to sponsor one of our 2022 Theology on Tap events for $200, contact Sara Westhoff at (712) 541-1954 or email to sara.l.westhoff@gmail.com.

December 19, 2021 Income

St. Joseph, Ellendale
Adult Tithing: $2,835.00
Loose Offering: $87.00
Christmas: $70.00
Immaculate Conception: $25.00
Total: $3,017.00

Catholic Charities: 250.00

2021 Donations
As we prepare for year’s end, please be mindful that donations must be received, or postmarked if mailed, by Dec. 31, 2021 in order to be deductible in 2021. If postmarked or received after Dec. 31, 2021, the donations will be deductible in 2022. To comply with federal law, we CANNOT accept donations in 2022 for 2021.

Weather Alert: If school is LATE or CANCELED due to weather, the 8:45AM Mass will also be CANCELED.