

The Catholic Community of Saint John the Evangelist



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

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Parish Office Hours

M - Th 8 am—12 noon, 1 pm - 5 pm

F—8 am—12 noon, 1 - 3 pm

St. John's Childcare Director

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Laurie Straus

Rod Koch

Parish Offices

Betsy Sitz—Office Manager

Pat Keaveny—Secretary

701-642-6982

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

TUESDAY @ NOON

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you!"



Artist - Zach Miller - grade 4

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4 - 5 pm

Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday -

6 pm until all are heard

EUCCHARISTIC

ADORATION

Monday - 7- 8 pm

Tuesday - 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Wednesday - 8 - 11:30 am

Thursday - none scheduled

Friday - none scheduled

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:30 pm

Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am

and 7:30 pm

Registration: If you are new to the Wahpeton Community, call the office.

Baptism: Renewal/Preparation is required with each new baby. Call the parish office to register.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: Hospitalization or serious illness, please contact one of the priests.

Pastoral Care: If you are homebound or hospitalized, Eucharist will be brought to you. Contact the Parish Office.

Prayer Chain: Call the parish office to start the prayer chain.

Saint John's Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Evangelist of Wahpeton, a Catholic community of faithful stewards, uniquely gifted, is committed to living fully a spiritual life. We accomplish this mission by:

- ◆ Celebrating a sacramental life;
- ◆ Being a hospitable, generous, faithful, and forgiving people;
- ◆ Serving as a renewing community of life and love;
- ◆ Supporting all people in their journey toward the Kingdom of God.

Saint John's Development Program

Please remember St. John's in your will and beneficiary designations!

To learn more about making a final estate gift to benefit St. John's Church or School, call (701) 642-6982, email legacy@702com.net, or visit us online!

Readings for the week of December 20th

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

Wed: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

Thurs: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79

Thurs vigil: Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25

Friday midnight: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 23:4-7 / Lk 2:1-14

Friday: Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:22-40

ADORATION

“*Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith...Let our adoration never cease.*”



Monday: 7 - 8 pm

Tuesday: 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Wednesday: 8:00 - 11:30 am

Thursday - none scheduled

Friday - none scheduled

Sun Dec 20th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - People of the Parish

9:00 am - + Kathy Lehman

11:00 am - Int: Willson and Charging families

7:30 pm - Special Intention

Mon Dec 21st - Late Advent Weekday

9:30 am - ++ Melvin and Janet Thiel

Tues Dec. 22nd - Late Advent Weekday

9:00 am + Frank Gregor Jr

Wed Dec 23rd - Late Advent Weekday

7:30 am Special Intention

CHRISTMAS MASSES**Thurs Dec 24th - Vigil for the Nativity of the Lord**

5:30 pm + Deborah Weitzel

5:30 pm (Mass in school gym) + Cindy Koziol**Fri. Dec 25th - The Nativity of the Lord**

12 Midnight - ++ Edwin and Gertrude Braun

7:30 am - ++ Harold and Mary Formanek

9:00 am - People of the Parish

9:00 am (Mass in school gym) + Doug Savard

11:00 am - + Karen Hipp

Sat, Dec 26th - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

5:30 pm - + Don Eichhorn

Sun Dec 27th - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 am - Int: Geneva Miranowski

9:00 am - ++ Frank and Mary Karel

11:00 am - People of the Parish

7:30 pm - + Gerald Braun

The Mardi Gras Committee is looking for any type of wrapping paper (Christmas, Birthday, Valentine's Day, Anniversary, etc) Please bring to the parish office any paper you would like to donate

At Home With the Word is your guide to a deeper understanding of the Sunday scriptures. It provides the readings for the liturgical year, along with insights from scripture scholars. You may purchase the 2021 At Home With the Word in the parish office for only \$10.00

St. John's is bring the good news to you home. **Minute Gospel** is a short weekly reflection on the faith and life. Keep an eye on the parish Facebook page for the link.

Happenings at St. Johns...**Sunday, December 20th**

Youth group selling cinnamon and caramel rolls after morning Masses

Monday, December 21st

10 am Bible Study

Reconciliation 6 pm until heard

Tuesday, December 22nd

Reconciliation 6 pm until heard

Wednesday, Dec 23rd

NO Religious Education Classes

Reconciliation 6 pm until heard

Thursday, Dec. 24th and Friday Dec. 25th**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

“Thanking Our Lord, Sharing Our Blessings Program” Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized commitment Card. We invite all parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by *mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter. *or bringing it to Mass next Sunday. *or you may visit our parish website at www.stjohns-wahpeton.org and complete an electronic commitment Card. All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, Dec. 20th.

COME TO CONFESSION THIS ADVENT

- * Because of the danger of COVID contamination, the bishop does not allow us to use confined confessional spaces for multiple confessions. Since March, confessions are heard either standing behind a screen or face to face, both with a plastic shield between priest and penitent. The place we are using is in the choir area of the church. In order to respect privacy, we ask that those waiting in line stand at the door of the church maintaining social distance.
- * Confessions will be heard Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 6 pm until all are heard
- * You may call either priest for individual appointments any time. When there is only one person, our regular confessionals could be used.
Fr. Dale's cell number is 701-899-3278.
Fr. Eric's is 701-540-8665.

St. John's School News

"Formed by God's Love, we form our children"



- MERRY CHRISTMAS to all from the students and staff of St. John's School!
 - Our school will dismiss for Christmas vacation on Tuesday, December 22 @ 12:45pm. Parents~please watch for your children.
 - Our sincere THANKS TO ALL who helped make our 16th annual Noel Night a wonderful success!! Our entire staff and students are so very thankful for your generosity and support!!
 - All Christmas programs will be virtual. A link to view the programs will be sent out at a later date.
 - Students from 3rd grade will lead us at our children's mass on Tuesday, December 22 at 9:00am. We invite all our parents, grandparents, friends & parishioners to join us. The children and staff truly appreciate your support!
 - Scrip will be available at the church office, electronically with eScrip and after mass on weekends. Please continue to support our school with this easy to use fund raiser. We very much appreciate your efforts!!!
- December Events:
Dec. 23-Jan 1:Christmas vacation~No School

Food 4 Kids - Richland Wilkin Backpack Program

During the 2019-20 school year, volunteers for the Backpack Program packed more than 10,000 food bags. The Backpack Program has been in operation for 7 years and the need continues to grow. Again this year we are offering our Backpack Buddy program. For as little as \$125 a year, a student can be sponsored. For more information or to obtain a form contact the parish office.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT (Fiscal Year July 1–June 30)

Envelope & plate needed Weekly	\$	14,072.00
Envelope 12-13	\$	7,888.50
Plate	\$	352.00
Online	\$	1,573.00
Building	\$	250.00
YTD Envelope and plate	\$	260,742.02
YTD Budgeted Envelope & plate	\$	337,728.00

2020 donations need to be submitted to the Parish Office by December 31, 2020

Advertiser of the week - Heartland Insurance

YOUTH NEWS

RE News - NO Religious Formation classes until Jan 6th



Help Wanted: St. John's Child Care Center is looking for fun, reliable, professional individuals who work independently and as a team member. We are in need of full time and part time Caregivers and a part time cook. No evenings or weekends required. Contact the parish office for an application.

We will be decorating for Christmas on Tuesday, December 22nd starting at 10 am and then again Wednesday, December 23rd at 1 pm. We would love your help creating a beautiful environment for Christmas!

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 to learn more and make your gift online today!

Free Opportunity "Take and Read: A Journey into the Bible" is a Virtual Catholic Conference with most sessions recorded so you can watch at your leisure. They include great biblical scholars like: Jeff Cavins, Steve Ray, Dr. Peter Kreeft, as well as Teresa Tomeo Deacon Harolde Burke Sivers and Paul J Kim. January 8-10. Register at <https://www.virtualcatholicconference.com/Bible2021>

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Remember your loved ones with a donation to St. John's Christmas environment "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone. A special insert with your loved ones' names will be in our Christmas bulletin. Please fill out the information below and return to the Parish Office or in the collection basket by Monday, December 21st.

"In Honor of" _____

"In Memory of" _____

GIVEN BY _____