

# The Catholic Community of Saint John the Evangelist



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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2020

### Pastor

Rev. Dale Lagodinski

### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Eric Seitz

### Deacon

Douglas Campbell

### Parish Life Coordinator

Michelle Fehr

### Youth Director

Audrey Gyolai

### St. John's School

Renee Langenwalter, Principal

Renee Walter, Secretary

701-642-6116

### 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

Karrie Gregor

701-642-4922

### Lay Directors

Laurie Straus

Rod Koch

### Parish Offices

Betsy Sitz—Office Manager

Pat Keaveny—Secretary

701-642-6982

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

TUESDAY @ NOON

“...they returned to Galilee,  
to their own town of Nazareth”



3rd grade  
Henry

Artist - Henry Stav - grade 3

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturdays from 4 - 5 pm

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - none scheduled

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](mailto:legacy@702com.net), or visit us online!

Readings for the week of December 27th

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

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

Wed: 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

Thurs: 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

**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

**Mon Dec 28th - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

9:30 am - + Darlene Briks

**Tues Dec. 29th - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord / Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**

5:30 pm + Don Eichhorn

**Wed Dec 30th - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:30 am + Ava Sawyer

**Thurs Dec 31st - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord / Saint Sylvester I, Pope**

5:30 pm + Jerry Meyer

Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

**Fri. Jan 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy day of Obligation)**

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am + Rita Mauch

**Sat, Jan 2nd - Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

8:00 am - + Michelle Dahlman

5:30 pm - + Roman Berg

**Sun Jan 3rd - Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 am - + Doug Savard

9:00 am - ++ Cy and Myrt Keller

11:00 am - People of the Parish

7:30 pm - + Richard Kosel

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.

## 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: none scheduled

Tuesday: 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Wednesday: 8:00 - 11:30 am

Thursday - none scheduled

Friday - none scheduled

## Happenings at St. Johns...

**Monday, December 28th**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

10 am Bible Study

**Wednesday, Dec 30th**

NO Religious Education Classes

**Friday Jan 1st**

**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](http://www.stjohns-wahpeton.org) and complete an electronic commitment Card.

Merry  
Christmas

**St. John's School  
News**

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



•MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year to all from the students and staff of St. John's School!  
•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!!!  
School will resume on January 4th.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**RE News** - NO Religious Formation classes until Jan 6th Enjoy your Christmas break!



**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.

**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.

**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!

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** "...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."

**COLOSSIANS 3:13** Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

**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>

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**PARISH SUPPORT (Fiscal Year July 1--June 30)**

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| Envelope & plate needed Weekly | \$ | 14,072.00  |
| Envelope 12-20                 | \$ | 36,166.50  |
| Plate                          | \$ | 371.54     |
| Online                         | \$ | 2,695.50   |
| Building                       | \$ | 315.00     |
| YTD Envelope and plate         | \$ | 299,975.56 |
| YTD Budgeted Envelope & plate  | \$ | 351,800.00 |

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

**Advertiser of the week -  
Krump Construction**



## *What a COVID Christmas 2020!*

**THANKS BE TO GOD** for all who helped in so many countless, quiet, and even anonymous ways to make the Christmas season so wonderful this year in spite of the pandemic..

**THANKS BE TO GOD** for all who gave of their time and energy to the Christmas liturgies: our marvelous musicians, choir and leaders of song, all who helped create our beautiful environment in and around our church, who in any way assisted in our excellent liturgies and all who quietly help us keep our church home clean! Most of all, we are glad for all who came to pray with us!

**THANKS BE TO GOD** for those who spent precious time, talent, and treasure organizing and working at our church throughout the year. A special thanks to all the committee people who give so much to coordinate our ministries.

**THANKS BE TO GOD** for all who so thoughtfully brought to the parish house goodies as well as gifts of time, talent, and treasure to help us through all the joys and stresses of the holidays. We try to personally thank everyone, but some givers are anonymous and others' names slip off their gifts and may get misplaced!

In the words of Saint Paul to the Philippians: *"I GIVE THANKS TO MY GOD EVERY TIME I THINK OF YOU - WHICH IS CONSTANTLY, IN EVERY PRAYER I UTTER - REJOICING, AS I PLEAD ON YOUR BEHALF, AT THE WAY YOU HAVE ALL CONTINUALLY HELPED PROMOTE THE GOSPEL FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY."*

(Phil 1:3-5)

### *A PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE PASTORS and STAFF*

*Thanks be to God for all of you parishioners of Saint John's. Your warm welcomes, supportive cooperation, and willingness to share make our ministry a happy one. Thank you so much for taking the time to remember us with your thoughtful cards and generous gifts this Christmas. The appreciation of parishioners really does sustain us. We are grateful and honored to shepherd Saint John's parish family. God bless each of you.*

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

*Thank you to all who made donations for our beautiful Christmas decorations in honor and memory of loved ones.*



### **IN HONOR OF**

Al and Mary Jirele by Rod and Sherry Koch

Geneva Miranowski by Daryl and Phyllis Knutson and family

Brothers and sisters of the Held family by Duane and Linda Held

Alice Pausch by Carol A. Pausch

Ed and Marlene Struas by Bill and Laurie Straus

Marlene Brandenburger by Ann Brandenburger

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Richard Haire, Milton and LaVonne Krause by Roger and Kim Krause and family

Ron Bruesch by Doris Bruesch

Deceased members of the Bruesch and Kreller families by Doris Bruesch

Jack Sittarich by Connie & Marty Madsen and MaryJane Sittarich

Ludvik and Martha Tuna, Charles Krump, Harold Althoff, Kerri Krump and Florence Hocky by Kevin and Dianne Krump

George Bosch by Scott and Kari Muehler

Farrel Crissler by Carol Crissler

Marcella and Wilfred Heitkamp and Wendell and Virginia Langendorfer by Corrine and Bruce Langendorfer

Lester Stern and Margaret and John Koenig by Pat Stern

Deborah Weitzel by Delores and Bill Weitzel

Willard and Daniel Stein by Patsy and Jesse Stein

Frank Sr. and Frank Gregor Jr by Myrtle Gregor and family

Don Eichhorn by Karen Eichhorn

John and Elsie Griffith, Court and Laura Miller by Larry and Jeanette Miller

Dale Lambrecht, Ben and Margaret Ehlert and Arnold and May Lambrecht by Mary Lambrecht

Norbert and Monica Ehlert, John and Luccile Buck by Barb and Donavon Buck

Mark Miranowski, Alton and Mardy Knutson by Daryl and Phyllis Knutson and family

John and Eva Frank, Laurence and Lucille Braun by Niel and Marian F. Braun

Cliff and Marcy Quam, Floyd and Vera Hammond, Bill and Rachel Fox by Gerald and Jan Quam

Deceased members of the Ballweber and Woytassek families by Delfena Ballweber and family

Ralph and Lillian Hoffman by Louis Hoffman

Douglas Savard by his family

Earl Ziegelman, Cheryl Kubela, Dawn Luick by Darlene Ziegelman

Joe and Mike Pikarski by Jeannette Pikarski

Deceased family members of the Held family by Duane and Linda Held

Don and Ramona Schend, Herb and Lillian Masching by Larry and Cindy Masching

Virgil Pausch and PFC Joseph K. Meyer by Carol A. Pausch

Tony Gilles by Audrey Gilles

Dan Winter and Don Miller by Tim Miller family

Theodore Mertes, Roger Mertes and John Mertes by Mark and Jane Priebe

Louise Lauman and departed family members by Lauman family

Jack Kaiser and Rob and Sue Miller by Jim and Tammy Miller

Sue Caspers by Cassie, Jameson, Jaeger and Halle Miller

Paul Brandenburger, John and Bernice Leclair, Nick and Mary Brandenburger by Ann Brandenburger

Jerry Meyer by Mary Meyer

Bernard Munson by Jeanette Munson

Francis and Jane Gilles and Shirley Hoff by Bill and Laurie Straus

David Goroski and Robert Goroski by Betty Goroski

Bernie Anderson by Kathleen Anderson

Dick Haskell by Joyce Haskell

deceased members of Ehlert families by Carol & Wayne Colby

Mark Klosterman by Theresa Klosterman

Clarence and Fern Ward by Mark and Joanie Ward

Jamie Kruse by Sara and Jesse

John Ciesynski by Geraldine Ciesynski

Warren Mohs by Leon and Linda Miranowski