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For the Weekend of December 19 & 20, 2020

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
Finding Peace in Salvation

The peace of Christ is not just a sense of calm or the resolution of conflict or confusion. Rather, the peace of the kingdom of God involves the hard work of justice, of putting relationships in right order, with love anchoring and sustaining all things. So while all humanity and all creation will not know the fullness of true peace this Christmas, we can do our parts to bring true peace this Christmas, we can do our parts to bring true peace to whatever relationships we have.

On this fourth and final Sunday of Advent, we are called to wait a little while longer-with a spirit of peace, trust in the Lord, and hopeful anticipation-for Jesus’ coming in glory.

Baptism: Call parish office for arrangements - pre-baptism class required.

Marriage: Engaged couples are to begin preparations at least 10 months prior to their wedding. Reservations of weddings subject to use fee of $250 at St. Mary’s. Payment due upon scheduling the wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Communal penance services during Lent and Advent seasons. Individual Reconciliation, one half hour prior to weekend Masses or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office.
Please pray for the following people: Hannah Harpenau, Eli Biezuns, Jameson Heidesch, Linda Harris, Rosemary Wibe, Mike Thiel, Ron Schmillen, Bev Stoo, Nathan Galles, Barb Brady, Diane Offerman, Quinn Goodburn, Meg Alesch, Jeff Stafford, Sue Petersen, Jim Boever, Gerald Ahlers, Bill Theisen, Meredith Reuter, Paul Shea, Gloria Treinen & all those who serve our country.

4th Week of Advent Time Mass Intentions

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Prayers Please

Please pray for the souls of: Harold Montag, father of Teresa (Mike) Dammann, whose Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, December 10, at Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in West Bend and Alice Whited, mother of David (Becky) Whited, whose services were held on Tuesday, December 15, at Eldridge Family Funeral Home in Paullina. May they rest in the peace of the Lord. Our sympathy to the families.

Congratulations to Chad Alesch and Libby Wagner who received the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, December 19, at Holy Name. May they enjoy many happy years together.

Sacramental Rites

End of Year Giving: With the year end approaching, there are two options available to ensure that your contribution will be deductible for 2020 taxes. 1) If mailing, make sure the envelope is postmarked by Thursday, December 31. 2) Drop your contribution in the respective drop areas for Holy Name and St. Mary’s during the weekend Masses up to December 26th or 27th or on New Year’s Eve Mass on Thursday, December 31. To comply with the federal law, we CANNOT accept donations in 2021 for the 2020 tax year. Thank you for understanding and your generosity!

Stewardship

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Last Chance Reconciliation Opportunities

Monday, December 21
6:00-7:00 PM - Holy Name, Marcus
Tuesday, December 22
6:00-7:00 PM - St. Mary’s, Remsen

Liturical Ministry

Thursday, Dec 24, 4:00 PM, Remsen, St. Mary’s
Lector: Tori Galles
Hosts: Luke Homan, Tim Osterman

Thursday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM, Marcus, Holy Name
Lector: Robin Jenness
Hosts: Robin Jenness, Leone Hoefling

Thursday, Dec. 24, 7:30 PM, Remsen, St. Mary’s
Lector: Jacob Britt
Hosts: Sue Evans, Dn. Roder

Friday, Dec 25, 4:00 AM, Remsen, St. Mary’s
Lector: Jacob Gerrietts
Hosts: Jacques Homan, Mick Bunkers

Friday, Dec 25, 10:00 AM, Marcus, Holy Name
Lector: Fran Briggs
Hosts: Fran Briggs, Larry & Phyllis Rapagnani

Saturday, Dec 26, 4:00 PM, Remsen, St. Mary’s
Lector: Tom Kockler
Hosts: Rick Loutsch, Tim Osterman

Sunday, Dec 27, 8:00 AM, Remsen, St. Mary’s
Lector: Jeremy Bunkers
Hosts: Kate Loutsch, Julie Schwickerath

Sunday, Dec 27, 10:00 AM, Marcus, Holy Name
Lector: Austin Whited
Hosts: Larry & Phyllis Rapagnani
Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 22: RSM 2 Hour Early Out
Wednesday, December 23: RSM Adoration till 12 PM (Please Note Time Change)
Thursday, December 24: MHN and RSM Rectory Offices Closed; No MHN Adoration
Friday, December 25: Merry Christmas!!!; RSM Rectory Office Closed
Wednesday, December 30: RSM Adoration till 12 PM (Please Note Time Change)
Thursday, December 31: MHN and RSM Rectory Offices Open till 12 PM; MHN Adoration till 12 PM
Friday, January 1: RSM Rectory Office Closed

Merry Advent and Christmas! As we near the end of 2020, this is a great time to make a gift before the year ends, so you can claim it on your taxes. Please prayerfully consider making an end of the year gift to our annual appeal. TAO runs until June 15, 2021. We are now at 56.52% of our goal of $28,418 for RSM and 27.4% of our goal of $28,328 for MHN.

URGENT!!! Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation (MLTF) is in great need of donations! There is no other charitable donation that offers a 65% State of Iowa tax credit. If you have a tax liability in the State of Iowa, there is no reason not to give to MLTF! The deadline to contribute is Thursday, December 31!! If you are donating with grain this needs to be done by Tuesday, December 28. Contact Sarah Garvin at 712-541-3854 with your donation or any questions. Help us reach our goal of $139,530.00, $74,517.76 has been raised with $65,012.24 left to go. Thank you to those who have already made a donation to MLTF.

Scrip profit was $462.07. Tuition earned was $238.16 and Scrip proceeds netted $223.91. Inventory still available for those last minute gifts.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate Holy Name Church and St. Mary’s Church for the Christmas Season. “Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are.” Harold S. Kushner

From the Advent/Christmas Desk of Fr. Bill

Soon we will be celebrating the birth of Baby Jesus. This event reminds us of God’s unfailing love for humanity and the humble obedience that Jesus embraced to bring salvation. Christmas is a time to recognize Christ for what He is and accept Jesus as the King of King and the Savior of the world. We are partakers of the spirit of Christ only so far as we are partakers of His humility, that humility which seeks God alone, which shuns the praise of mankind and maintains its tranquility in the face of every trial.

From all the staff at St. Mary’s and Holy Name we would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and be blessed to walk with you on the journey of life. May God grant you an incredible Christmas and a super-abundant grace-filled New Year of 2021! May the God of glory; the Holy Babe of Bethlehem grant you health and spiritual renewal, guide you and fill you with peace to complete your earthly mission and reside in the glory of heaven. God bless! Fr Bill
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