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**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**MONDAY—DECEMBER 21**

**Fourth Monday of Advent**

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [Farrell W. Wright+] - Movable

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (IV) - Kingsley

**TUESDAY—DECEMBER 22**

**Fourth Tuesday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Movable

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Ruba+] - Kingsley

7:00 p.m. WFCC Parish Life Team - Movable

**WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 23**

**Fourth Wednesday of Advent**

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [Thomas D. Cooper+] - Movable

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley

4:00 p.m. NO Faith Formation [PS-4] - Kingsley

4:00 p.m. NO Faith Formation [PS-5] - Movable

7:00 p.m. NO Faith Formation [5-12] - Kingsley

7:00 p.m. NO Faith Formation [6-9] - Movable

**THURSDAY—DECEMBER 24**

**Fourth Thursday of Advent**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

4:30 p.m. Eucharist [Lorraine McDermott+] - Kingsley

10:00 p.m. Eucharist [Mark McGowan+] - Movable

**FRIDAY—DECEMBER 25**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

9:00 a.m. Eucharist [Esther Faylor+] - Kingsley

**SATURDAY—DECEMBER 26**

**Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Movable

5:00 p.m. Eucharist [Bernice O'Tool+] - Movable

**SUNDAY—DECEMBER 27**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley

9:00 a.m. Eucharist [John A. Hamman+] - Kingsley

**WHAT'S HAPPENING  
IN OUR PARISH**

Please visit the WFCC website to find more information about both parishes, to read and/or download this weekly bulletin, to read the latest news, and to learn more about our faith. <http://www.westforkcatholiccommunity.org> LIKE US ON **FACEBOOK!** Search for West Fork Catholic Community.

**20 December 2015**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

I was once asked why Catholics put so much emphasis on Mary. "After all," the person said, "she is only the mother of Jesus." Now, this objection is somewhat humorous. To be the mother of Jesus, who is God and Savior of the World, is something pretty special, don't you think?

Even though the objection was off target, it does point to a problem that many have in understanding Mary. In our culture the role of a mother is significantly less than in former times. At the time of Jesus mothers played a major role in the lives of their children, not only when they were small, but also after they became adults. Today, as children mature, our society expects mothers to "stand back" and not "meddle" in the lives of their children. Although a bond of affection continues to exist, a mother is expected to stay out of the affairs of her grown children.

We take this diminished motherly role for granted. But it was not so in ancient times, especially for the mother of a king, mothers had a significant role. We see this illustrated in the bible in the book of Kings. When David was king, his wife Bathsheba stayed in the background. However, when David died and their son, Solomon, assumed the throne, things changed. When David was king, Bathsheba would prostrate herself when she came into the king's presence. However, when Solomon became king, it was he who bowed before his mother. (*Compare 1 Kings 1:16 and 2:19*). She was the Queen Mother, and as such, she had a powerful role.

In today's Gospel, Elizabeth says, "How does this happen to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" That title "mother of my Lord" with its rich, Old Testament meaning signifies Mary as having a role of great influence. Mary is mother of our Lord, the ruler of heaven and earth. The book of the Acts of the Apostles (*Acts 1:14*) gives us an indication of Mary's place in the early Church where, after giving a list of the Apostles, St. Luke names "Mary the Mother of Jesus" as part of the 'official' community.

Now, Mary is not only "the mother of Jesus." She is also a descendant of King David, the spouse of Joseph, a spouse of the Holy Spirit and a daughter of God the Father. But even if Mary were only the mother of Jesus, that would in itself be more than enough reason for us to seek her intercession. Like St. Elizabeth, we can affectionately call her mother of our Lord. And we confidently ask her intercession. As we celebrate this last Sunday of Advent, with the celebration of Christ's birth so near we ask Mary, as the mother of Jesus, to pray for us and our families.

*Fr. Brad Pelzel*

**WFCC CHOIR** will be having "Christmas Choir" practice after 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, December 20, and after 9:00 a.m. Please plan to join us for these practices. We are also looking for people who are interested in doing solos, duets, small groups, etc. before Mass on Christmas Eve. If you be willing to share your time with us we'd greatly appreciate it! We are hoping to sing some songs in choir parts, not just all in unison. Thank you in advance for your time! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Amanda Seuntjens at 712-490-6350.

**WFCC NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION** will be December 31, following 5:00 p.m. Mass until 10:00 p.m. We will have the bingo room, Candyland Bingo, and the New Year's babies will be back. Pizza will be served at 6:30 p.m. Bring any desserts and snacks to share. It's great time to get rid of all the Christmas sweets.

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**PROJECT ANDREW EVENT** Sunday, January 17, TBD at St. Mary-Storm Lake. Hosted by Bishop Nickless and the Vocations Office. Promising young men interested in going please contact Fr. Brad before January 13.



**MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 24 4:30 P.M.**

- Altar Servers:** Hannah Schroeder, Kevin Seuntjens, Ben Sitzmann
- Reader(s):** Carter Bohle, Jamie Sitzmann
- Cantor:** Amanda Seuntjens
- Organist:** April Schroeder
- Gifts:** Volunteer
- Communion:** Shari Seuntjens, Alice Seuntjens, Doris Seuntjens, Barb Sitzmann
- Greeters:** David & Donita Murray
- Ushers:** Denny Beelner, Amy Benson, Mitchell Bohle, Jim Schroeder

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 25 9:00 A.M.**

- Altar Servers:** Jeana Hamman, Michael Nafe, Anna Schmid
- Reader(s):** Karen Malm
- Cantor:** Julie Leekley
- Organist:** April Schroeder
- Gifts:** Volunteer
- Communion:** Tim Carlson, Bart Boustead, Monica Eldridge
- Greeters:** Verlyn & Charlene Nafe
- Ushers:** Dan Mockler, Mark Schroeder

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 27 9:00 A.M.**

- Altar Servers:** Rachel Bohle, Carson Seuntjens, Alex Thompson
- Reader(s):** Shayley Haggin, Linda Schlotman
- Cantor:** Angie Haggin
- Organist:** April Schroeder
- Gifts:** Corey Sitzmann Family
- Communion:** Cindy Beelner, Monica Eldridge, Jan Meister
- KNH:** Alice Seuntjens
- Greeters:** Bill & Ann Dunne
- Ushers:** Neal Rolling, Glen Schlotman
- Collection Counters:** Coleen Bainbridge, Becky Sitzmann

**BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016**

<b>Income needed by 30 June 2016:</b>	\$143,090.78
<b>Income needed each week:</b>	\$2,751.75
<b>Income received since 1 July 2015:</b>	\$60,867.88

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**SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 20-26] burns for Joe & Virginia Otterpohl+ at the request of Susie Ahlquist. Weeks available after January 9.**

**LADIES GUILD:**

- Thank you for paying your Guild dues of \$15.00. It is not to late for paying your dues, if you have forgotten.
- We had three fundraisers this year: t-shirts, cookbooks and kringles. Results are:
  - T-Shirts - Income: \$2,590.00. Expenses: Dirt Road Design - \$1,712.00, City of Kingsley - \$100.00, Cash Out - \$215.00. Net Profit: \$563.00
  - Cookbook - Income: \$460.00. Expenses: Our Iowa - \$241.39. Net Profit: \$218.61
  - Kringles - Income: \$3,210.00. Expenses: Racine Kringles - \$2,031.75, The Record - \$20.00. Net Profit: \$1,228.50.

**FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:**

- January 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm with a family potluck in the church hall, Phil Hamman, a Siouland author will be speaking to the middle school, high school students and interested parents. There will be more information to follow.
- Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2nd grade students and their parents will have Reconciliation Stations at the FF Center from 4-7 pm. Please plan to attend.
- Steubenville style Adoration has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the church.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> will be the 1st Basic Catechist Certification class from 5:30-6:30 pm at the FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided.
- Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> will be First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents at 4 pm at the church. Please plan to attend.
- Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> will be the First Communion meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents at 7 pm at IC in Merville. Please plan to attend.
- Contact info: St. Michael FF Center 378-2021, Barb's cell 712-251-8567, home phone 378-2052, work phone 378-2861. Emails- FF [stmikedre@gmail.com](mailto:stmikedre@gmail.com), home [barbsitzmann@yahoo.com](mailto:barbsitzmann@yahoo.com), work [bsitzmann@k-pcsd.org](mailto:bsitzmann@k-pcsd.org).

**90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JEUNE VONDRAK** her family is having an open house Saturday, January 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Kingsley United Methodist Church basement. She requests no gifts.

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**INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK**

Adult Envelopes .....	\$1,110.75 (39 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes* .....	\$35.75 (13 Envelopes)
Loose .....	\$429.00
Campaign for Human Dev.....	\$40.00 ( 1 Envelopes)
Catholic Charities.....	\$15.00 ( 1 Envelopes)
Flower Fund.....	\$120.00 ( 5 Envelopes)
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$1,750.50</b>
Needed Each Week.....	\$2,877.89
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$1,814.98</b>



**MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 24 10:00 P.M.**

- Altar Servers:** Anthony Baird, Paige Glackin, Michelle Putze
- Reader(s):** Carol Glackin
- Cantor:** Angie Williams
- Organist:** Laura Krajceck
- Gifts:** Alicia Jenness Family
- Communion:** Judy Gruis, Mike Byers, Shelly Byers
- Ushers:** Helen Coulter, Butch Grell

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 26 5:00 P.M.**

- Altar Servers:** Abby Bailey, Ryan Bormann, Volunteer
- Reader(s):** Jenny Crew
- Cantor:** Sally Schultz
- Organist:** Laura Krajceck
- Gifts:** Jan Wohlert Family
- Communion:** Chuck Hoelker, Mike Byers, Volunteer
- CharMac:** Elaine Ketelsen
- Ushers:** Butch Grell, Jim Gries
- Collection**
- Counters:** JoAnne Jenness, Marcia Sailer

**ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [DECEMBER 20-26]** burns for **Bobby Hayes** the request of **Arthur/Sally Seidel**.  
**Weeks available after January 24.**

**BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016**

<b>Income needed by 30 June 2016:</b>	\$148,679.57
<b>Income needed each week:</b>	\$2,859.23
<b>Income received since 1 July 2015:</b>	\$64,655.57

**INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK**

Adult Envelopes .....	\$1,845.00 (49 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes* .....	\$3.50 ( 7 Envelopes)
Loose .....	\$188.00
Flower Fund.....	\$80.00 ( 3 Envelopes)
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$2,116.50</b>

Needed Each Week.....\$2,859.23

**Total Parish Expenses..... \$705.58**

**\*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes:** "I set the table",

"Helped my mom & dad", "Picked up stiks for Mom and

Dad.", "Pray every night"

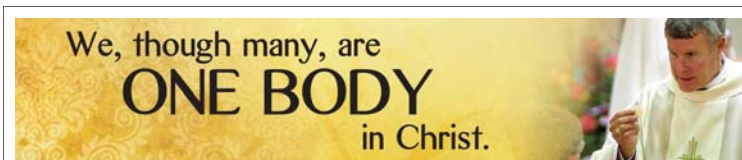
**ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS!** Are you looking for help with errands, outdoor work, etc? ICC Confirmation candidates are looking to help out. If you are in need of help, please contact the Parish Office and make a request.

**CHURCH DECORATING** help in wanted to decorate our church. Please come on Monday, December 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and will finish Wednesday, December 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m. There is something for all ages to do. Come and go as you need.

**FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:**

- Tuesday, **January 5<sup>th</sup>**, 2nd grade students and their parents will have **Reconciliation Stations** at IC Parish Hall from 6:30-8:00pm. Please plan to attend.
- The next **CICC class** is **January 6**. This class will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Kingsley Church Hall. Students will be listening to Phil Hamman, who will be sharing an inspirational message related to his two powerful memoirs, *Under the Influence* and *disORDER*. Attendance is required for CICC students and parents are encouraged to attend.
- Sunday, **January 17** is **First Reconciliation** for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents at 4:00 pm at IC Church. Please plan to attend.
- **January 20<sup>th</sup>** will be the 1st Basic Catechist Certification class from 5:30-6:30 pm at the FF Center in Kingsley. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided.
- Wednesday, **January 27<sup>th</sup>** is the **First Communion Parent meeting** for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents at 7:00 p.m. at IC Church. Please plan to attend.

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	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>\$ Goal:</b>	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00
<b>\$ Pledged:</b>	\$10,770.50	\$7,167.00
<b>\$ Given:</b>	\$10,465.50	\$6,687.00
<b>Pledges Goal:</b>	154	151
<b>Participants:</b>	119	69
<b>Participant Rate:</b>	79%	46%



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Ella Bahmer, Leonard Beaver, Juanita Beaubien, Jim Berens, Rose Brown, Tom/Donna Clark, Virginia Connelly, Hulda Dragoo, Mary Drevs, Pauline Dugan, Kara Funk, Charlotte Honkomp, Virginia & Walt Kabisch, Millie Kisting, Harold Kloewer, Joan McCain, Max/Jo McConnell, Patricia McConnell, Kay Miller, Beverly Petekavich, Bob/Patricia Rogers, Judy Schroeder, Sylvesta Slota, Dan Strachan, Bernice Timmins, Marcella Thomas, Jeune Vondrak, Gerry Weinriech, Emmet Woltman, Chuck Wilcox, Millie Wycoff, and the men and women serving in the military and police.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- December 30: No Faith Formation Classes
- December 31: OFFICES CLOSED
- December 31, 5:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- January 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY
- January 1: OFFICES CLOSED
- January 1, 9:00 a.m.: Eucharist [K]
- January 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: ICC First Reconciliation Learning Center [M]
- January 5, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Guild Meeting [M]
- January 7, 4:00-7:00 p.m.: SMC First Reconciliation Stations [K]
- January 9, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (Guild) [M]
- January 11, TBA: Southwest Deanery Gathering [M]
- January 12, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- January 12, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- January 13, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Guild Meeting [K]
- January 13, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- January 16, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.: Call to the Wedding Fest [K]
- January 17, 4:00 p.m.: ICC First Reconciliation [M]
- January 19, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Pastoral Council Meeting [M]
- January 23, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (KC8232) [M]
- January 24, 4:00 p.m.: SMC First Reconciliation [K]
- January 26, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC Finance Council Meeting [M]
- January 27, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- January 27, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC First Eucharist Parent Meeting [M]
- February 9, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- February 9, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- February 10: ASH WEDNESDAY
- February 10, 4:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- February 10, 4:00 p.m.: Prayer Service [K]
- February 10, 7:00 p.m.: Prayer Service [M]
- February 10, 7:00 p.m.:
- March 9, 4:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]
- March 9, 7:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]
- March 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: ICC First Eucharist Learning Centers [M]
- March 23, 4:00 p.m.: Adoration [M]
- March 23, 7:00 p.m.: Adoration [K]
- April 2, 10:00 a.m.: ICC First Eucharist Rehearsal [M]
- April 3, 1:30 p.m.: ICC First Eucharist [M]
- April 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: ICC Family Potluck [M]
- April 13, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Confirmation Rehearsal [M]
- April 17, 10:30 a.m.: Rite of Confirmation [K]
- April 17, 1:30 p.m.: Rite of Confirmation [M]
- April 27: Last Day of Faith Formation

**WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**ADMINISTRATOR/PASTOR:** Fr. Brad Pelzel 712-873-3644

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**Custodian-Church:** Connie Brockhaus / **Custodian-Rectory:** Judy Gruis

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**Custodian-Church:** Jan Meister / **Assistant Custodian-Church:**

Jolene Spooner / **Custodian-FF Center:** Sonya Hamman

**Groundskeeper:** Jerome Gollhofer

**WFCC [MOVILLE] OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.** 8:15 a.m.-noon, 1:00-4:15 p.m.

**Wed.** 8:15 a.m.-noon, 1:00-5:30 p.m., 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Other times by appointment

**EUCCHARIST:**

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m.-Moville

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.-Kingsley

**Monday, Wednesday:** 7:30 a.m.-Moville

**Tuesday, Thursday:** 8:00 a.m.-Kingsley

**RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturday:** 4:00-4:45 p.m.-Moville

**Sunday:** 8:00-8:45 a.m.-Kingsley

Other times by appointment

**MORNING PRAYER:**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Moville

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Kingsley

**BAPTISM** is to be arranged with the pastor in order to prepare for the child's baptism after completion of Baptism Class held quarterly (March, June, September, December).

**MARRIAGE** preparation is to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations can be completed in time for the wedding and marriage.

**Remember, a wedding is just a day, a marriage is a LIFETIME!**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** By appointment; last Sunday of October during Sunday Masses.

**PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], should contact the pastor to begin the process known as RCIA at anytime of the year.