

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 17**  
**9:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**7:00 PM EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

**Tuesday, December 18**  
**10:30 AM NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Wednesday, December 19**  
**9:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Thursday, December 20**  
**9:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Friday, December 21 NURSING HOME**  
**10:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Saturday, December 22**  
**5:00 PM Richard Reinhard**

**Sunday, December 23**  
**10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Patrick's**

## LITURGICAL ROLES

**December 22, 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** Denise Doyle  
**E.M.:** Amanda Kvasnicka, Jerry Dunbar, Mike & Pam Kieffer

**Servers:** Noah Wallerich, Clare Freid

**Gift Bearers:** Pete & Cindy Gosse

**Ushers/ Greeters:** Lynn & Valerie Cunningham, Jon & Anne Beckman

**December 23, 10:00 AM**

**Lector:** Barb Kobs  
**E.M.:** LaVada Reckmann, Steve Stolz, Mary Jean Marking, Nancy Denzer, Carol & Lowell Holmgren, Beth Wolf

**Servers:** Warren & Truman Stolz

**Gift Bearers :** Kim & Bob Solheid

**Ushers / Greeters:** Jamee & Logan Norlund, Ann Braun, Brian Schreiber

## GIFT BEARERS' SCHEDULE

**December 24**  
**4:00 PM Children**  
**8:00 PM Tom & Wendy Hailey**

**December 25**  
**9:00 AM Elmer & Mary Evers**

**December 29 & 30**  
**5:00 PM Lavern & Judy Szyzka**  
**10:00 AM Bob & Marty Wenger**

**December 31 - ST. MARY'S**  
**5:00 PM Rory & Joann Ostuglen**

**January 1**  
**9:00 AM - ST. PATRICK'S**

**January 6 & 7**  
**5:00 PM TBD**  
**10:00 AM TBD**

## PARISH SUPPORT DECEMBER 9, 2018

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$8,225.00
OFFERTORY	310.61
VIGIL CANDLES	45.50
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	285.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	50.00
CAMPAIGN OF HUMAN DEV.	20.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT	620.00
KC'S BULLETIN AD	225.00
FAITH FORMATION	70.00
<b>BUILDING FUND - DONUT SUNDAY</b>	<b>\$1,597.00</b>



**KC Bingo** at the Lake City Nursing Home on Monday, December 17th, at 7:00 PM in the activity room. Committee: Ed Bauman, Jim Fitzpatrick, Robert Olson & Larry Himanga.



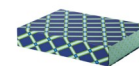
## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 9:00 AM.....

**Liturgical Roles not filled:**  
**Servers:** 2 students  
**Ushers/Greeters:** 2 people  
 Please call the office at 651-345-4134 if you can help us out. Thank you to those who have signed up.



## ST. MARY'S CHOIR CONCERT...

Mark your calendars for this years Choir Recital! "Behold A Savior - Songs and Stories of His Birth!" Sunday, December 23rd at 4PM...everyone is invited! Recital will also include the Christmas in Heaven Remembrance, a Silent Night anniversary tribute, beautiful reflections, solos and lots of JOY! Invite a stranger & make a friend...His love is for ALL.



As you are busy wrapping or on the receiving end of the gift giving season we hope you will help recycle your Christmas boxes for a community event in 2019. Please plan to save your shirt boxes (small, medium, large or extra large) in good condition. There will be a collection box in the gathering space starting December 20th. Thank you in advance!

Recycle, Reuse, Revisit!



A big thank you to "everyone" who helped make the Christmas Bazaar a huge success". Thanks to all the workers and bakers who donated their time and talents. Special thanks to the Silent Auction donators for their generosity. To all the Vendors who helped make the bazaar an interesting shopping experience. Thank you!

The bazaar netted approximately \$4,300.00.



Many thanks to all our parishioners who have been bringing in non-perishable food. During the fall and early winter, we delivered almost 176 pounds of food to the Food Shelf to sustain our neighbors in need. Baskets are always at each entrance of the church to receive items. Your caring is much appreciated.

## CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL ROLES.....

**Monday, December 24 - 4PM CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Lector:** Cadie Wolf  
**E.M.:** Nancy Denzer, Andrew Denzer, Eileen Glander, Michelle Sitta, Beth Wolf, Linda Harvey, Dorothy Arendt

**Servers:** Lucy & Ella Weist

**Gift Bearers:** Children

**Ushers/Greeters:** Brian Schreiber, Steve, Warren, Calvin, & Truman Stolz

**Monday, December 24 - 8PM**

**Lector:** Ed Bauman  
**E.M.:** Cindy Gosse, Barb Kobs, Ed Bauman, Carol & Lowell Holmgren, Shawn Sweeney

**Servers:** Monica Pavelka, Shelby Berkold

**Gift Bearers:** Tom & Wendy Hailey

**Ushers/Greeters:** Pat & Melissa Haeska, John, Kelly & Garten Haeska

**Tuesday, December 25 - 9AM**

**Lector:** Missy Kluesner  
**E.M.:** Jim Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Arendt, Robbie Benedict, Anne Beckman

**Servers:** 2 Volunteers

**Gift Bearers:** Elmer & Mary Evers

**Ushers/Greeters:** Lynn & Valerie Cunningham, 2 Volunteers

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.....

The Retirement Fund for Religious enables them to continue providing care for the elderly sisters. Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

## THE LEAST IN THE KINGDOM

Every year, I remind my children as we set up the Nativity or Advent wreath: "Jesus is coming. This is the time to prepare our hearts!" The older ones gain new understanding of acts of charity and sacrifice, as the toddler fixates on the empty manger. Mean while, I struggle, to remember my own words as the chaos at the dinner table competes with the solemnity of the season.

In the Gospel John the Baptist bursts on the scene as Jesus makes a startling claim: the entirety of Hebrew Scripture reaches its culminating point in the prophet's message, yet, *the least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he*. What prophets and signs in my life point out—or sometimes shout out—that Christ is near?

The woman ahead of me in line, slowly counting out her change. The growing pile of dishes. The tears of a child too old to cry over this particular drama, but in need of an unquestioning hug. The milky breath of a newborn whose sole job, it seems, is to cause us all to sit still and hold her against our chests. Whoever has ears ought to hear. *Heavenly Father, open my ears to the John the Baptists in my life -don't let me miss out on this season of preparation. Help me recognize Your kingdom in the smallness of my daily tasks.* Reprinted with permission from the Magnificat Advent Companion



## FAITH FORMATION.....

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM.  
 All are welcome !



**CADIE'S PROJECT.....** Cadie has decided to do another charity give back project this year and she is collecting toys and supplies for the sick kids at the hospital in Rochester. This event is important to her because her brother spent a lot of time in the hospital last year and she was able to talk to the child life specialist a lot. They are always looking for new toys and supplies for the toy rooms on the two Ped. Floors for the patients to use during their hospital stay and prizes for their bingo games that they play twice a week with the patients. A box has been set up in the gathering space for your items.



## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES.....

St. Felix, Wabasha —December 16th  
 at 3:30 PM

Could God be calling you to be a priest, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Father Jason Kern after Mass or by email at: [jkern@dowr.org](mailto:jkern@dowr.org)



## Third Sunday of Advent

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent which is called Gaudete Sunday, meaning rejoice because Christmas is near. Advent is rich with sacred symbols and colors, Violet, green, and now rose which is used not only for rejoicing but for hope as we wait for the birth of our Savior. The color Violet symbolizes the penitential aspect, similar to the color during Lent. To create a sense of the penitential season we have penance services and less decorations in the sanctuary. Beginning on December 17 we pray The "O Antiphons" which in the final days of Advent remind us of the coming of Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament. We repeat the word "come" over and over again as we long for Christ when we sing "O Come O Come Emmanuel."

There are copies still available of "Prepare the Way For the Lord-Advent Guide" on the tables at the church entrances. Feel free to take a copy and share these and other ideas and meditations with your family as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

## THE READINGS

**Reading I - Zephaniah 3: 14-18a** The prophet Zephaniah invites the people of God to rejoice because salvation is at hand. Salvation from their enemies and from all evil is coming. God rejoices over all those who do their duty with gladness.

**Reading II - Philippians 4: 4-7** God is asking us that we go about our daily lives and duties in a very responsible and unselfish way. In this way, we can have personal peace in our lives.

**Reading III - Luke 3: 10-18** John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus. He told the people that they must repent. They should continue doing their work satisfactorily and watch for the coming of the Messiah.