

**December 25, 2024  
The Nativity of the Lord  
& December 29, 2024  
Feast of the Holy Family**

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: **GO. MAKE. TEACH.**  
Our Core Values: a reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, a generous spirit



**Christmas Season Mass Times:**

**Christmas**

**Tuesday, December 24**

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:30 pm *with incense*

**Wednesday, December 25**

8:30 am, 10:30 am *with incense*

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**Saturday, December 28**

4:30 pm

**Sunday, December 29**

8:30 am, 10:30 am *with incense*, 5:30 pm

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

**Tuesday, December 31**

4:30 pm

**Wednesday, January 1**

10:00 am *with incense*

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**Saturday, January 4**

4:30 pm *(Journey to the Inn after 4:30 pm Mass)*

**Sunday, January 5**

8:30 am, 10:30 am *with incense*, 5:30 pm

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### PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

### LIBRARY HOURS

Open after all weekend Masses

**Church Nursery:** We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3.

### Stay Connected:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SJBNewBrighton/>

Instagram: [@stjohnnyb\\_church](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnnyb_church)

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3n9WnGQ>

EMAIL: [sjb@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:sjb@stjohnnyb.org)

Visit our website: [www.stjohnnb.com](http://www.stjohnnb.com)

Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

651-291-4497 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

## Schedule of Events

### Monday, December 30, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confession ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Derek  
9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church  
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook

### Tuesday, December 31, 2024 ~ New Year Eve

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confession ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Derek  
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook  
4:30 PM **Anticipatory Mass** ~ Church ~ Fr. Derek

### Wednesday, January 1, 2025 ~ Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00 AM **Mass** ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul  
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook

### Thursday, January 2, 2025

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall  
8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul  
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook

### Friday, January 3, 2025

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels  
8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul  
9:00 AM—4:00 pm Adoration at the Minnesota Capitol  
9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211  
3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook

### Saturday, January 4, 2025

3:00 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook  
3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
4:30 PM **Anticipatory Mass** ~ Church ~ Fr. Derek  
5:30 PM Journey to the Inn ~ St. Joseph Hall/Church

### Sunday, January 5, 2025 ~ Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul  
8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery  
10:30 AM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Derek  
10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery  
4:45 PM Transformed by the Eucharist Devotion ~ Facebook  
5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals  
5:00 PM Evening Prayer ~ Chapel of the Angels  
5:30 PM Mass ~ Church ~ Fr. Paul  
7:00 PM Confirmation Preparation ~ 206/208

*Mass Intentions can be found on page 7*





## *From the Pastor: Father Paul Shovelain*

*John testified to Him and cried out, saying,  
“This was He of whom I said, ‘The one who is coming after me  
ranks ahead of me because He existed before me.’”*

Merry Christmas! Jesus Christ is with us! He comes to Earth to reveal to us the Father’s love and lead us to Heaven. He is the Prince of Peace and the Light of the World. He brings us peace that no one can take. He is the light which no one can extinguish. May we turn to the Lord to experience peace knowing that we have all we need with Jesus. May we follow the light that leads us through the darkness we experience at times. The peace and light of Christ can grow and spread on Earth as we live in communion with His body the Church.

As we celebrate Mass in our beautifully renovated Church this Christmas, I reflect on how God sees the goodness and beauty in us even as we are affected by sin in the world as well as our own sin. He does not throw us out, but rather works with us to transform us and bring forth the goodness and beauty within each one of us. Our church was showing much wear and tear, but yet there is so much beauty underneath. As the floors were ground down and polished, the splendor shown forth once again. As the pews were sanded and refinished, the beauty of our church is revealed anew. So too, God brings forth the beauty in humanity as He takes on our form and transforms us. He respects our nature and works with us to bring out the goodness that resides in us. As we celebrate Christmas this year, I invite you to reflect upon how God is transforming your heart and mind through the ministries offered here. He desires to engage you in dialogue through prayer in our Adoration Chapel. He desires to reveal His light to you through the Scriptures and complimentary resources offered here. He desires to fulfill you in the community life offered here, which is centered on Him. Jesus is here and He is transforming New Brighton and beyond.

One way to experience the transformation with the Lord is by participating in our Parish Eucharistic Consecration that we will begin January 1. We will be handing out *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* by Matthew Kelly as our parish gift to you. Please pick one up as you leave church and read through the first 16 pages before January 1. Then for 33 days, concluding the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. That weekend we will pray the prayer of Eucharistic Consecration at all our Masses, expressing our dedication to the Eucharist. Another way to go deeper with the Lord is by attending parish “Renewed” retreat. The men’s retreat will be January 10-12 and the women’s retreat will be February 14-16. This is open to all SJB registered parishioners and is a great way to go deeper with the Lord and other parishioners.

Join us for our live Nativity scene at Journey to the Inn on January 4. Once again, I will be bringing calves and chickens from my sister’s dairy farm. More information can be found later in this communication. It will be a fun all parish event and its great event to invite neighbors, family and friends too. (See the photo below from last Christmas of one of the calves and I adoring baby Jesus:)

On behalf of Fr. Derek Gilde and our staff at SJB, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As the Father loves me, so I also love you,

*Father Paul Shovelain*





# JOURNEY TO THE INN

with the Wise Men

Saturday, January 4, 2025



4:30 pm Mass

5:30 pm Dinner by Knights of Columbus

Mostaccioli, salad and bread

GF and vegetarian options available

Pay at the door

\$7/person

\$30/family (kids plus 2 adults only)

6:15 pm Bible reading and songs

in the Church

Candlelight procession

Christmas carols following Wise Men

Live animals at the stable

Hot cocoa and cookies - St. Joseph Hall

## Men's Retreat

"Renewed"

The Men's Retreat is January 10—12, 2025. Registration is open now! Please scan the QR code to register or register on our parish website at [stjohnnb.com/registrations/](http://stjohnnb.com/registrations/). This retreat has limited space so sign up as soon as possible.



Email Joseph Huebl with any and all questions at [hueblj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:hueblj@stjohnnyb.org).

## Sister Clarinda's Winter Scripture

This January, join Sr. Clarinda in studying Bishop Barron's book, *Catholicism-The Pivotal Players*, a journey to unlock the truth behind the most influential people of the Catholic Church. Classes are on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 am. First Class in January 2025 This Study Fee is \$40. Sign up with the QR code or in the Pastoral Suite



## Widows & Widowers

Calling all widows and widowers! Come have lunch with us! Our next get together is Monday, January 13 at 11:30 am at the Perkins on County Rd. D.

## Caregiver's Group

For all those who are taking care of a loved one and are looking for a break, a support group, and/or a friend to lean on. We meet on **January 7**, the 1st Tuesday of the month, from 1:00—2:30 pm in Room 204. Come join us for a break, good company, good conversation and good prayer.

## Christmas Gift from St. John's

Our Christmas Book Give Away this year is fitting with our overall parish theme of Transformation and our Archdiocesan Synod focus on being transformed by the Mass and the Eucharist. The book is entitled **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** and invites you to spend a short amount of time each day (only about 15 minutes) to be formed by Jesus in the Eucharist leading up to a Eucharistic Consecration.

As a parish we invite you to this work of transformation and on the weekend Mass times of February 1-2 at each Mass

you'll be invited to make the Eucharistic Consecration prayer. Small Groups are also encouraged to embark on this journey of faith. Contact Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship with any questions at [finkj@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:finkj@stjohnnyb.org) or 651.633.8333 ext. 1280.

This isn't just another book.

IT IS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SACRED JOURNEY—

a Spiritual Pilgrimage



## Happening at St. John's

### Circle of Women

Thursday, January 9  
upstairs in Room 206/208 at 9:15 am-11:00 am

Any questions? Call Michelle (763-442-4936)  
Hope to see you there!

### Adoration Opportunities

Pray before the Blessed Sacrament on January 3 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the State Capitol building with members from St. John's. This is an opportunity Minnesota to come together to pray for our elected officials at their place of employment.

You can also join St. John's on Sunday, January 19 after the 8:30 am morning Mass for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music by the SPO/Ignite Group. Adoration time will be from 9:30 am - 9:55 am. Come adore our King!

### Evening Prayer on Sundays!

Join parishioners from St. John's for Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm in the Chapel of the Angels every Sunday. Don't worry if you are unfamiliar with the Evening Prayer, there will be resources and leaders available to help you!

### St. John's Doubleheader Events!

Back by popular demand we have a fun doubleheader at St. John's starting with the **Cribbage Tournament** at 5:30 on Saturday, January 18. Play will be in doubles. There will also be a nacho bar and refreshments available. Registration coming soon! Limited spaces! Then, the morning following the Cribbage Tournament join us for our 2nd ever **Chili Cookoff** on Sunday, January 19 at 11:30 am. Limited to 20 participating teams. Contact Melissa Berg at [bergm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:bergm@stjohnnyb.org) with questions.

### Parish Library News

Thank you for visiting your Parish Library during the past year! We pause during this quiet time of the year to celebrate Jesus coming to us in the form of a baby to redeem us!

We have books, DVDs, and CDs on topics related to this holy season. Come visit us year round to see what else we have to enrich your faith!

Blessings of the Christmas season, and Happy New Year from your Parish Library Committee!

The Library is open after all weekend Masses, located up the East door ramp.

**Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.**

**Saint John the Baptist Parish Library**



The library will be closed the weekend of December 28-29, open again the weekend of January 4-5, 2025.

## Save the Date

### New Ministry!

For Couples experiencing infertility, join us on Monday, January 27 at 8:00 pm for appetizers, drinks, fellowship and prayer. RSVP to Mariah: [mariahberchem@gmail.com](mailto:mariahberchem@gmail.com) for more details and offsite meeting location.

### Wines to Wishes

**Wines to Wishes** is St. John the Baptist School's premiere event that funds critical needs and upgrades of the school as well as celebrates over 70 years of faith-filled excellence in education. We are celebrating our 20th year of this amazing event on Saturday, February 1, 2025! Contact Michelle Barsness at [barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org) with any questions.

### St. John's Women's Retreat "Renewed"

All women of St. John's you are invited to join us for a wonderful weekend retreat February 14-16, 2025. Registration opens the end of December and space is limited. Email Claire Brostrom with questions at [brostromc@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:brostromc@stjohnnyb.org).

### Ice Fishing Tournament

Save the date and join us for our annual Ice Fishing with Father Paul Tournament on February 22. Look for registration in early January.

### Eucharistic Miracles Display

Come see the **Vatican International Exhibition "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World"** February 19-23 in St. Joseph Hall. The display was compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis who will be canonized in 2025 and it visually explains 158 Eucharistic miracles. If you have questions, please reach out to Michael Gonzalez by email at [michaelgonzalez1415@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgonzalez1415@gmail.com).

### Cana Dinner

**Cana Dinner** is St. John's annual dinner for married and engaged couples. Enjoy a social hour, candlelit dinner with delicious food and drinks, a talk relating to marriage, and an opportunity for renew your marriage vows. The Cana Dinner is on March 1, 2025 in St. Joseph Hall.

### Extreme Faith Camp 2024

**Extreme Faith Camp** is a incredibly fun summer camp that St. John's co-organizes for our Middle School youth to attend. There are elements of both outdoor fun and faith filled experiences to help our children grow in their relationship with God. Camp is June 23-27, 2025. Scan the QR to register now!





## Consider a Year-End Gift

December is the time when many people review their charitable giving as the calendar year / tax year nears its end. As you look back upon 2024 and make decisions about year-end giving, we hope you will consider making a generous Christmas / New Year's contribution to St. John's. If you have made ongoing donations to St. John's this past year, but find that God has blessed you with the means to make an additional investment in the good work of our parish, please know that God's generosity cannot be outdone, and your gift will be a great grace for our community!

If you have not made a significant gift to the parish this year, now is the time! You will keep our ministries strong and help more people experience the transforming love of Christ.

Giving options include:

### Cash/Check

Your year-end cash gift will be greatly appreciated to help maintain the financial health of our parish. Please note that all contributions for the tax year 2024 must be received in the collection or the parish office on or before Tuesday, December 31 or postmarked in 2024, regardless of the date on the check or the date on the St. John the Baptist donation envelope.

Our Welcome Desk will be staffed on Monday, December 30, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Tuesday, December 31, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. You may drop off 2024 contributions anytime during those hours.

### Online Giving

You can simply and securely make a cash gift online by selecting "Donate" at [www.stjohnnb.com](http://www.stjohnnb.com), or by using the QR code on the right. Please note that you will need to select "One-time" or "Recurring" on the Donate page and select a fund, such as Sunday Giving, which provides for important day-to-day operations expenses. If you will be making a payment toward your capital campaign pledge, please choose "Restore to Gather – Capital Campaign."



Many parishioners have found that signing up for recurring donations makes it easier to include St. John the Baptist in their family budget. We are grateful to those who have signed up for new recurring donations during the Grateful Hearts Growing Together campaign!

*Please note:* Online contributions received by midnight, December 31 will be credited as 2024 contributions.

### Venmo

You can now make contributions to St. John's with your Venmo app. Please fill in "What's this for?" with your full name and the purpose of your gift.



**venmo**

### Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

If you are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, and don't need all of the income, you can direct your IRA custodian to send funds directly to St. John's. You might experience a significant tax advantage by giving this way. If you would like assistance with this type of giving, please contact Mary May at 651-633-8333, ext. 1253 or email [maym@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:maym@stjohnnyb.org).

### Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you turned 70 ½ this year, and aren't required to take income from your IRA yet, you can still make a QCD and receive the same tax-saving benefits. Ask your IRA custodian to send funds to St. John the Baptist as mentioned above.

### Gifts of Stock

A gift of appreciated stock helps you avoid paying tax on the gain in the stock's value (capital gains). Please contact Mary May or Beth Robertson in the parish office as soon as possible to ensure your stock gift is applied to the 2024 tax year. The Parish Office will coordinate with your financial advisor or broker to ensure the gift is properly received.

*As always, please work closely with your tax and legal advisors to determine how any particular strategy will affect your overall tax situation.*

Questions? Contact Mary May in the parish office at 651-633-8333, x1253 or email [maym@stjohnnyb.org](mailto:maym@stjohnnyb.org).

*Thank you for preparing the way of the Lord, just as our parish patron, St. John the Baptist did. You are bringing the love of the Christ Child to hearts this Christmas and throughout the year!*

## St. John's Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 28, 2024

4:30 pm ~ Jonnie Hauswirth +

### Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:30 am ~ Pro Populo

10:30 am ~ Richard & Dale Dufault +

5:30 pm ~ Jean Isacson +

### Monday, December 30, 2024

8:30 am ~ Doug Lausen

Sam Schullo

### Tuesday, December 31, 2024

8:30 am ~ Ronald Guck +

4:30 pm ~ Robert & Victoria Prond +

### Wednesday, January 1, 2024

10:00 am ~ Octavio Hernandez Becerra

### Thursday, January 2, 2024

8:30 am ~ Mary Lou Long +

### Friday, January 3, 2024

8:30 am ~ Cheryl Manthis +

### Saturday, January 4, 2024

4:30 pm ~ Violet Peterson +

### Sunday, January 5, 2024

8:30 am ~ Genevieve Ngwue +

10:30 am ~ Jim Verbrugge +

5:30 pm ~ Pro Populo

## Sacred Liturgy Opportunities

**First Friday Sacred Heart Devotional Mass and Holy Hour on January 3** in the Church (Holy Hour in Chapel).

Join us for Mass at 8:30 am followed by Adoration with sung Lauds (Morning Prayer). Every first Friday of the month we will have Mass with cantor and organ, followed by solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be sung and prayed during this time.

**Solemn Wednesday Mass** at 5:30 pm on **January 22**.

Please join us monthly in the Chapel of the Angels for a fully chanted, ad orientem (facing liturgical east; towards Christ) Mass with Men's Schola, servers and incense.

## Readings For The Week

Sunday: Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/  
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42 Next

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## St. John's Mass Music Schedule

### Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Cantor and Children's Choir at 4:00 pm

Cantor and Organ at 6:00 pm

Adult Choir at 10:30 pm

### Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Cantor and Organ at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

### Saturday, December 28, 2024

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm

### Sunday, December 29, 2024

Cantor and Organ at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

SPO/Ignite Group at 5:30 pm

### Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Adult Choir at 4:30 pm

### Wednesday, January 1, 2024

Cantor and Organ at 10:00 am

### Saturday, January 4, 2024

Cantor and Organ at 4:30 pm

### Sunday, January 5, 2024

Cantor and Organ at 8:30 am

Adult Choir at 10:30 am

SPO/Ignite Group at 5:30 pm

## Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open from 7:00 pm on Sunday, through 4:00 pm on Saturday. There are still open hours needing adorers. Scan the QR code to sign up for your hour.

Monday: 2am, 1pm  
Tuesday: 3 am, 1pm  
Thursday: 12pm, 1pm  
Friday: 12pm, 1pm  
Saturday: 11am, 12pm



Email [sjbadoration@gmail.com](mailto:sjbadoration@gmail.com) with any questions.

Will you spend an extra hour with the Lord?

## Please Pray For...

**Those who have entered eternal life:**

Gary and Adrienne Hill

**Those who are ill:**

Daryl Stevens, JoAnn Cedarholm, Jim Smith, Emily Dahl, Chase Vogland, Kathleen Schopf, Kay and Gary Mayer, Mary Jo Beaudry, Mary Andersohn, Joe Brennan, Margaret Wright, Jeremy Mainello, Nancy Winiecki, Kathleen Frischmon, Jill Marie Stich, Donna Leibrich, Tom Leibrich, Jack Isacson, Carol Oyanagi, Steve Oyanagi, Robert Cuddigan, Helen Heinks

*If your name has been removed from this list and you would like to be prayed for, please call the parish office at 651-633-8333.*

**Prayer Line** 651-633-1618/651-247-4202 Call with your prayer requests. Requests are confidential.

**Birthright** Caring help for pregnant women.  
651-646-7033 Saint Paul, 763-757-0715 Coon Rapids

# *Christmas Decoration Memorials*

## **From:**

Marge Gust Myrick  
Barbara Handzel  
Tom Domini  
Dave Anderson  
Helena Jagiela  
Janet Koss  
Mary Battmer  
Lucille & Roman Marsolek  
Patrick & Darlene Lee  
Patrick & Darlene Lee  
Roger & Mary Ann Krinke  
Angela & John Beljeski  
Joel Swanson  
David Drajna  
Chris & Mary Lawther  
Chris & Mary Lawther  
Grandma & Grandpa Sandquist  
Grandkids Zachary, Aislinn, Brooklyn  
The Kawczynski Family  
The Kawczynski Family  
Jeff & Sue Maurer  
Jeff & Sue Maurer  
Anderson Children  
Gordon & Barbara Godbout  
Gordon & Barbara Godbout  
Ron & Marianne Flor  
Ron & Marianne Flor  
Tin Doan  
Nick & Sandie Gulenchyn  
Nick & Sandie Gulenchyn  
Rodney & Judy Harris  
Rodney & Judy Harris  
Barb Dufault & Family  
Cerney Family  
Tom Leibrich  
Tom Leibrich  
Rose Schafer  
Carol, Mike & Dave  
Carol, Mike & Dave  
The Moline Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Roslik  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Roslik  
Heralgine Larson  
George & Rebecca Lieser  
George & Rebecca Lieser  
Daryl Stevens  
Lois Herrington  
Mary Karls  
Mary Karls  
Betty Kapsner  
Marilyn Ward  
Emily Johnson  
Deacon Rod & Susan Amos Palmer  
Leo & Norita Frank  
Leo & Norita Frank  
Jim & Marie Zimmerman  
Heiling Family  
Margie Alexander  
DuWayne & Jeanne Kroll  
DuWayne & Jeanne Kroll  
Gina, Nick & Lindsey Swanson  
Arless Velander  
Connie Lyke & Family  
Leo Von Rueden

## **In Memory of:**

Deceased family members  
Bud Handzel  
Roxanne Domini  
Joan Anderson  
Cheryl Jagiela  
Roger, Victoria, Deborah Perrin, & Barbara Murray  
John Battmer  
Dean Marsolek  
Raymond & Lorraine Bonine  
Russell & Delores Lee - Ashlyn Lee  
Our Parents  
Catheryn & Arnold Klukas  
Donna Swanson  
Andrew & Edna Drajna  
George & Rita Lawther  
Don A & Georgiana Betzold  
Amelia Lynn Sandquist  
George Cellette Sr.  
Ray & Esther Ehlers  
Jim & Dolly Kawczynski  
Bob & Maxine Thunborg  
Bill & Mary Jane Maurer  
Jack & Phyllis Anderson  
Joe & Gerry Pechous  
Mary Godbout  
William & Alice Flor  
Irvin & Arleen Hoelscher  
Joseph Nguyen  
Charles & Victoria Walczak  
Mildred Caples & Nick Gulenchyn  
George & Elenor Indykiewicz  
Melvin & Bernadine Harris  
Richard & Dale Dufault  
Deceased family members  
Marlene Jardahl  
John Leibrich  
Donald Schafer  
Nicholas & Virginnia Schmitz  
Sue Hoopingarner  
Julie Moline & Dan Gorecki  
Deceased Cecko Family  
Deceased Roslik Family  
Darwin Larson, John & Katherine Macrowski  
Charles & Virginia Hruska  
Leonard & Anna Lieser  
Rose Stevens  
Deceased loved ones  
The Stampfle Family  
Homer & Veronica Dreher  
Key Kapsner  
Gene Ward  
Kay Richard Phernetton  
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*Thank you to all who gave to make our church so beautiful for Christmas!*

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## Catechism Corner

### The Manger and why it is important.

The manger holds significant theological and symbolic importance in the context of the Nativity of Jesus. It serves as a profound sign of God's humility and closeness to humanity.

1. **Symbol of Humility and Poverty:** The manger, a feeding trough for animals, symbolizes the humility of Christ's birth. Pope Francis emphasizes that Jesus was born in a place of rejection and discomfort, highlighting the stark contrast between divine majesty and earthly poverty. This setting illustrates that true riches are found not in wealth or power, but in love and relationships, as seen in the warmth shared among Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds around the manger.
2. **Sign of Closeness:** The manger signifies God's intimate presence among humanity. It is described as a joyful sign for the shepherds, confirming the angel's message about the Savior. The choice of a manger as the birthplace of Jesus reflects God's desire to be close to the marginalized and the vulnerable, inviting all to recognize His love and compassion.
3. **Prefiguration of Christ's Sacrifice:** The manger is also understood as a prefiguration of Christ's tomb. The placement of the Child in the manger foreshadows His burial, with the myrrh brought by the Magi symbolizing anointing for His future death. This connection underscores the continuity of Christ's mission from birth to passion.
4. **Invitation to Reflect on Life's Meaning:** The manger invites believers to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation. It serves as a reminder that God chose to enter the world in a humble and vulnerable form, challenging human expectations of power and glory. This act of divine love calls individuals to embrace humility and seek deeper meaning in their lives.
5. **Connection to the Eucharist:** The manger is likened to the altar, where Christ becomes present in the Eucharist. Just as the manger served as a place for the physical sustenance of Jesus, the Eucharist provides spiritual nourishment for believers, reinforcing the idea that Christ is the true food for the soul.

In summary, the manger is a multifaceted symbol that encapsulates themes of humility, closeness, prefiguration of sacrifice, and the invitation to find true meaning in life through the love of Christ

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