

*Keeping the
Christmas Season
at Home*

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BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE *Christmas Season*

CHRISTMAS DAILY PRAYER

Grant me this gift, O Lord:
May I grow in faith
during this Christmas season.

Grant me this gift, O Lord:
May I increase in hope
during this Christmas season.

Grant me this gift, O Lord:
May I live in love
during this Christmas season.

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TABLE PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christ our Savior is born!
Christ our Savior is born!

May this meal nourish us
to live in service to others
as we celebrate your glorious birth,
O Christ.

Christ our Savior is born!

May the food of this table strengthen
us to share the good news
as we hear the voice of the herald
angels.

Christ our Savior is born!

May this be a season of grace,
so others will see your love in us
as we behold your humble birth.

Christ our Savior is born!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Bless this meal, bless our lives
during these joyful Christmas days.
Amen.

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EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Items needed: chalk and a small bottle of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.
In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat.*
May Christ bless this house. Amen.

The main doorway is signed
[20 + C + M + B + 16]

Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat.*
May Christ bless this house. Amen.

Leader (or other Reader): A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength. These commandments I give you are to be in your hearts. Place them on the doorframes of your home and on your entry gate. The Word of the Lord.

Each room is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Bring us to live with you one day in heaven.
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Kitchen:

You prepare for us a rich feast.
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Dining room:

Feed us at the heavenly banquet.
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Bedrooms:

In you alone we rest securely.
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Bathroom:

You cleanse us from every impurity.
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

All return to the front door to pray together.

Our Father . . .

All are sprinkled with holy water.

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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Christmastime



Pope Francis declared this a year of mercy. In his announcement, he reflected upon the story of the sinful woman in the Pharisee's house (Luke 7:36-50):

In his homily, the pope explores the three main characters: Jesus, the sinful woman, and Simon the Pharisee. The Holy Father also notes that two terms in the passage return again and again: *love* and *judgment*.

The pope notes that it is the merciful love of Jesus for the woman that allows, or even compels, her to approach him. In allowing her to approach and anoint him, Jesus shows that God's love is focused on her, and that she can have an unshakeable certainty of being forgiven.

For reflection: How do I approach Jesus when I am in need of forgiveness? With an honest acknowledgment of my sin, but a certain faith in forgiveness, or am I too afraid to approach?

The woman herself takes a posture of humility and adoration before Jesus; in this, Jesus sees that she is expressing much love, and is thereby forgiven. Being forgiven means that her many sins are cast off, are behind her, and—as the prophet Isaiah said—are no longer remembered by God. She is born to a new life through love and mercy.

For reflection: When my sins have been forgiven, can I truly put them behind me? Do I allow new life through God's mercy to lead me to sin no more?

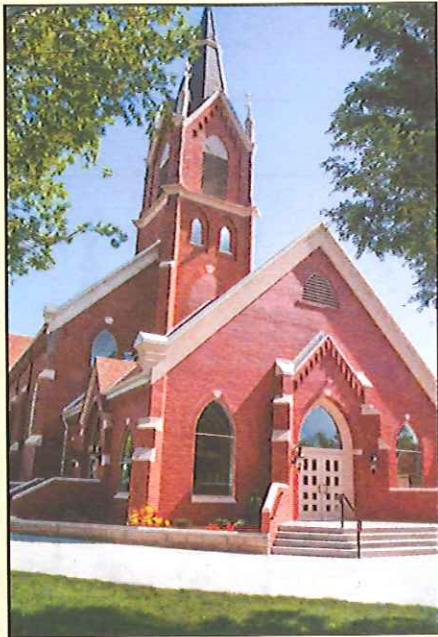
Pope Francis contrasts Jesus and the woman with the person of Simon the Pharisee, whose rigidity prohibits him from knowing the presence of God's love and mercy through what has taken place. Unlike Jesus, he has passed judgment on the woman and does not see deeper into the merciful forgiveness that her love and God's love in Jesus brings about.

For reflection: Does my own rigidity or hardness of heart keep me from forgiving? Am I happier to stay in a posture of passing judgement?

As 2016 begins, place God's mercy front and center in your life. Here are three ways to get started:

1. Receive the sacrament of reconciliation every month.
2. Reflect on times when you have stood in judgment, like the Pharisee, rather than giving people the benefit of the doubt. Who has need of your mercy and compassion?
3. In this election year, we will be inundated with sound bites designed to arouse judgment rather than mercy. In online interactions or in personal discussions, strive to see below the surface and find deeper common ground with those who disagree with you.

(The pope's entire homily may be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/mnjowyl>)



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Baptisms: By appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

Weddings: Six months advance notice

Mass Schedule:

Weekday Mass: Tues. 6:00 PM, Wed. & Fri.: 8:00 AM, Thurs. 7:00 AM

Saturday: 7:30 AM; Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

December 20th, 2015 to January 3rd, 2016

4th Sunday of Advent; Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph; and Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

"Dear Parishioners, Thank you for your many thoughts, prayers, gifts, and all the support you have given me and our Parish this past year. Thank you to all the parish and school personnel and volunteers who make Christmas warm and beautiful for us. I will remember all your families at my Christmas Masses. I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and New Year 2016" - Fr. Arul

Please Note Bulletin Changes: Because of the way the Holidays fall on Thursday and Friday, today's Bulletin will be a combined issue. The next issue you will receive will be printed for Sunday, January 10th. Please note extra inserts for Ministry and serving for these weeks.

Also note: Mass times and dates may be changed due to the Holidays. Please check all schedules in the Bulletin.

The parish and school office will be closed from December 23rd to January 3rd. Both school and parish offices will resume on Monday, January 4th. During that time, Bulletin news articles may be mailed to the office at 411 Pioneer, or emailed to sppsecretary@gmail.com.



Welcome to the Christian Community:

Braxton Lawrence Ulmer son of Moses Ulmer and Lindsay Peterson will be baptized on

Sunday, December 27th, 2015 in Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church after the 11:00 AM Mass. His sponsors are Micah Ulmer and Mikayla Peterson.

4th Sunday of Advent

"Los Posadas Navidenas", a novena for Christmas,



started Dec. 16th and ends on Wed. Dec 23rd. During this time, we are searching, as Joseph and Mary did, for an inn ("Posadas") for Jesus to be born. We have already gone to

four homes. We will start this Sunday evening at 6 PM at Clete & Jeanie Kramer's home and proceed from there to John & Dana Lueger's home. Everyone come join us in the search for Jesus' birthplace.

Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 20th (today)

3:00 PM - Seneca

7:00 PM - Sabetha and St. Benedict

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Mass - Fr. Arul and K of C Choir

6:00 pm Mass - Fr. Bob and Childrens Choir

10:00 pm Mass - Fr. Arul and Adult Choir

Friday - December 25th - Christmas Day

7:00 am Mass - Fr. Bob and Cantor

9:00 am Mass - Fr. Arul and Cantor

Holy Day of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and New Years

Thursday, December 31st - New Years Eve

4:00 pm Mass

Friday, January 1st - New Years Day

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

Congratulations to Tyler and Chelsey (Henry) Glazcak who will be married Saturday, January 2nd, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Congratulations to Andrew and Emily (Stallbaumer) Dunsing who will be married on Saturday, January 9th, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Our prayers and best wishes are with both couples as they begin their married life together.

Congratulations to Jim & Anita Reitz on their 45th wedding Anniversary celebrated on Sunday, January 3rd at the 9:00 AM Mass.

Birthday congratulations to Dorothy Brokamp who celebrates her 102nd birthday at Mass on January 8 at 11:45 at Country Place Senior Living.



The 3^d Annual Christmas Teacher's Wish List Event is on-going. If you would like to donate to this event, please email Jill Hammes at jjhammes@hotmail.com or call 785-294-1360, or drop payment at the parish office. Check SPP Parish website for a list of gifts to purchase, or you may just give cash. Thank you for your consideration in supporting this project to help the teachers.



The Narthex Memory Tree is still taking your loved ones names. Remember your deceased loved ones for Christmas and place their heart on the Memory Tree by enclosing a list of names and a free will donation in a separate envelope marked Memory Tree. Place in the Sunday offering or bring to the parish office.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Wed Dec 16 -23 "Posadas " check schedule in Bulletin
Sun Dec 20 - Advent Penance Service at SPPC 3:00 PM
Sun Dec 27 - School Council Breakfast 7:00 -1:00 PM
Fri Jan 08 - Mission Center Meeting

SCHOOL NEWS:

Tue Dec 22 - Early dismissal at 12:35.
Christmas Break Dec 23 - Jan 3

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 12-06-15 to 12-13-15.
Weekly Budget is \$15,000.

Church	Plate	\$	2,566.00
	Envelope	\$	6,012.00
School	School support	\$	2,903.33
Thanksgiving		\$	35.00
Solemn of Mary		\$	25.00
Immac. Concep		\$	155.00
Flower Offer.		\$	70.00
Christmas Off.		\$	35.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$	11,801.33

Childrens and High School Choir Practice on Sunday, December 20th in the Church. Childrens choir will start at 6:30 PM and High School Choir will start at 6:45 PM. Both choirs will sing on Christmas Eve at the 6:00 PM Mass. Then on Wed, January 6th, the Childrens Choir will have practice at 6 PM to sing for Mass on Sunday, January 10th.

Sts Peter & Paul School Council Pancake Breakfast



will be held on Sunday, December 27th in the SPPS Dining Hall from 7:00 to 1:00. Free will donation.

There will be an Altar Society Meeting on Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 1 PM in the Parish Hall. The new officers will be installed at this meeting. Welcome to the new officers: Ida Suther, President; Fran Reitz, Vice President; Tracy Rusche, Secretary; Rene Feldkamp, Asst Secretary; Eileen Love, Treasurer; Lori Carlson, Asst. Treasurer. A special thanks for all the hard work and dedication to the outgoing officers: Terilynne Haverkamp, Sandra Rottinghaus, and Brenda Rottinghaus.

Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) is offering a 2nd opportunity to sign up for CHWC in Denver this summer. A meeting is scheduled for Jan 10th at 6 PM in the Youth Center. Students currently in 8th grade and older are welcome to attend. The camp will be held June 12th through June 18th. An initial deposit of \$90 is requested. Please consider sending your teen on this worthwhile trip.



The Adoration Chapel needs adorers for Sat. 11-12 AM, and 12-1 PM; also Wed 3-4 AM. In your Mercy, give an hour to Jesus. Call Sue at 336-2297.

AREA EVENTS:

****SPP School Council Breakfast** on Sunday, Dec.27 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM in SPP Dining Hall, serving pancakes, sausage, eggs. Free will offering.

****An Evening of Piano Music** by Russell Ronnebaum, Pianist and Composer, will be held at St. Gregory's Church, Marysville, on Monday December 28th at 7:00 PM. Reception Following.

****Sacred Heart Church Baileyville and St Mary's St Benedict** - CHWC Pork Chop & Chicken Cordon Bleu Supper - New Year's Eve, December 31 from 5:00-8:30 PM in Sacred Heart Church Hall \$15.00, Hot Dog meal will be \$5.00.

****Living in Love Weekend** on Sat Jan 16 and Sun Jan 17 at Sacred Heart Parish, Sabetha. If you haven't made this weekend, go and be in for a treat. Register at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove.



Masses for Dec 21 to Dec 27

4th Sunday of Advent

Monday	Dec 21 – St Peter Canisius 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec 22 - 4th Tuesday of Advent 8:00 AM – Robert E Olberding (Anniv)
Wednesday	Dec 23 – 4th Wednesday of Advent 7:00 AM – L/D Carl & Theresa Heideman Family
Thursday	Dec 24 – 4th Thursday of Advent 4:00 PM – For our Parish 6:00 PM – L/D Alvin & Armella Schmits Family 10:00 PM – Memory Tree
Friday	Dec 25 – The Nativity of the Lord 7:00 AM – L/D June & Lucy Eisenbarth Family 9:00 AM – Ben Dalinghaus
Saturday	Dec 26 – St Stephen 4:00 PM – For our Parish
Sunday	Dec 27 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 7:00 AM - Josephine Stallbaumer (Anniv) 9:00 AM – Evelyn Ronnebaum (Anniv) 11:00 AM – L/D Al & Erma Robke Family



Weekday Servers for Dec 23rd 7AM - Andrew & McKynsey Henry

<u>Servers Dec 24</u>	<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>Dec 25</u>	<u>Dec 25</u>
<u>Thurs 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Thurs 6:00 PM</u>	<u>Thurs 10:00 PM</u>	<u>Christmas 7 AM</u>	<u>Christmas 9 AM</u>
Garrett Bennett	Matthew Hammes	Emma Elder	Braden Bramhall	Nathan Deters
Gavin Gudenkauf	Joshua Hammes	Chris Schmitz	Ben Feldkamp	Connor Deters
Damon Koch	Wade Leonard	Michelle Olberding	Roland Voracek	Sarah Haverkamp
Parker Wilhelm	Andrew Leonard	Caitlyn Schmitz	Sydney Schmelzle	Zach Kramer

Assistants At The Eucharist for Dec 24th

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Tami Haverkamp *Joe Kohake	Paul Boeding Keith Haverkamp Margie Shinn	Marilyn Boeding Patty Haverkamp	K of C Choir	Terry Nordhus
<u>6:00 PM</u>	Jonathan Stallbaumer *Jean Wassenberg	Mike Stallbaumer Kirby Schmelzle Todd Leonard	Bryant Stallbaumer Katie Wassenberg	Childrens /HS Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>10:00 PM</u>	Brenda Deters *John Rottinghaus	Bruce Deters Greg Elder	Claire Deters Mary Rottinghaus	Adult Choir	Owen Zinke

Assistants At The Eucharist for Dec 25th

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Billy Mitchell *Doug Schmelzle	Leon Feldkamp Jim Runnebaum	Michael Love Myra Runnebaum	Stacy Rethman	Janet Kramer
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Rebecca Haverkamp *Tyler Heinen	Randy Heinen Sheryl Heinen	Josh Haverkamp Lori Burdick	Alan Lierz	Jana Kramer

Dec 26 & Dec 27th and Dec 31st & Jan 1st Servers & Mass Ministry Assistants

Servers: Sat, Dec 26 & Sunday, Dec 27th

<u>4PM</u>	<u>7AM</u>	<u>9 AM</u>	<u>11 AM</u>
Cole Hermes	Charlie Bontrager	Julie Rottinghaus	Landen Baker
Andrew Henry	Jessica Deters	Amelia Olberding	Ea Schmelzle
McKynsey Henry	Corley Becker	Hunter Steinlage	Gavin Duryea
Miles Stueve	Jacob Hundley	Ashley M Hammes	Taegan Duryea

Assistants At The Eucharist for Sat, Dec 26 & Sunday, Dec 27th

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Ty Hermes *Jeanie Kramer	Lori Carlson Mary Sack	Donna Miller Julie Strathman	Allison Hermes	Owen Zinke
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Riley Bontrager *Steve Bennett	Adam Niehues Leo Meyer	Randee Bontrager Kim Bontrager	Stacy Rethman	Jan Rottinghaus
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Leah Shinn *Galen Niehues	Jerry Rottinghaus Paula Rottinghaus	Jim Strathman Dylan Schraad	Greg & Anna Kohake	Terry Nordhus
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Colten Hammes *Keegan Schmelzle	Cara Baker Lynda Cross	Aaron Duryea Sharon Haverkamp	Cyril Steinlage	Emily Altenhofen

Rosary Leader 4PM Eunice Winkler 9AM Joe Kohake

Servers

<u>Thurs, Dec 31 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Fri, Jan 1 8:00 AM</u>	<u>Fri, Jan 1 10 AM</u>
Carter Lutz	Dalton Hermes	Garrett Schmelzle
Marley Lutz	Jacob Hermes	Myiah Schmelzle
Roland Voracek	Mariana Hammes	Kinsey Scott
Shayla Hammes	Sarah Hemman	Ainsley Nordhus

Assistants At The Eucharist for Thurs, Dec 31st & Friday, Jan 1st

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Gina Ronnebaum *Bob Niehues	Marilyn Ronnebaum Bruce Deters	Brenda Deters Mark Feldkamp	Adult Choir	Terry Nordhus
<u>8:00 AM</u>	Aimee Rottinghaus *Marian Rottinghaus	Doug Schmelzle Annie Haverkamp	Mary Jane Hammes Ray Rottinghaus	Alan Lierz	Jana Kramer
<u>10:00 AM</u>	Shannon Holthaus *Richard Gress	Susan Stallbaumer Shelly Schmelzle	Rhonda Sperfslage Hannah Stallbaumer	Eileen Love	Janet Kramer



Masses for Dec 28 to Jan 3rd

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Monday	Dec 28 – The Holy Innocents 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec 29 - 5th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Wednesday	Dec 30 – 6th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 8:00 AM – L/D Galen & Audrey Rottinghaus Family & Henry Suther (Anniv) 9:30 AM – Crestview – Regis Heiman
Thursday	Dec 31 – 7th Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 4:00 PM – Jackie Olberding (Anniv) & Robert & Leona Olberding (62 nd Wedd Anniv)
Friday	Jan 1 – Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 8:00 AM – Members of the Spiritual Society 10:00 AM – Balasamy Carasala (Anniv)
Saturday	Jan 2 – St Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 7:30 AM – Eileen Olberding 4:00 PM – Lawrence Boeckman
Sunday	Jan 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord 7:00 AM - For our Parish 9:00 AM – Int of Jim & Anita Reitz 11:00 AM – Norbert Heiman



Weekday Servers Dec 30 8AM & Sat Jan 2nd 7:30 AM Matthew & Joshua Hammes

Servers Sat, Jan 2nd & Sunday, Jan 3rd

Sat 4PM	Sun 7AM	9AM	11AM
Taylor Hammes	Tyler Gerety	Rachel Gudenkauf	John Strathman
Bryce Uphaus	Sydney Schmelzle	Will Bartkoski	Heather Suther
Cassidy Rethman	Ben Feldkamp	Anna Bartkoski	Hillary Stallbaumer
Allison Schmelzle	Samantha Nordhus	Hailey Wurtz	Chris Dalinghaus

Assistants At The Eucharist for Sat, Jan 2nd & Sunday, Jan 3rd

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Megan Olberding *Jean Wassenberg	Lacey Frehe Gina Ronnebaum	Kyle Rethman Blake Uphaus	Katie Nordhus	Deb Rethman
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Angela Sudbeck *Joan Henry	Dorothy Hammes Rick Henry	Quincy Haverkamp Marilyn Nolte		
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Lydia Meyer *Michelle Fangman	Janet Diehl John Kohake	Micah Meyer Taylor Rusche	Adult Choir	Owen Zinke
11:00 AM	Caleb Niehues *Gabriella Sudbeck	Gary Niehues Brenda Niehues	Cory Nolte Collin Feldkamp	Allison Hermes	Emily Altenhofen
Rosary Leaders	4:00 PM	Dennis Henry	9:00 AM	Jim Henry	



Masses for Jan 4th to Jan 10th

The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday	Jan 4 – St Elizabeth Ann Seton 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	Jan 5 - St John Neumann 6:00 PM – Ronald Steinlage & Marcena Stallbaumer
Wednesday	Jan 6 – Christmas Weekday 8:00 AM – L/D Leander & Connie Engelken Family 9:30 AM – Crestview Manor – Aurelia Heinen
Thursday	Jan 7 – Christmas Weekday 7:00 AM – Rita Wende & Josephine Stallbaumer
Friday	Jan 8 – Christmas Weekday 8:00 AM – Keith Strathman (Anniv) & Daniel Holthaus 11:15 – Country Place – Int of Dorothy Brokamp(102nd BD)
Saturday	Jan 9 – Christmas Weekday 7:30 AM – Aurelia Heinen 4:00 PM – Lucille Tanking
Sunday	Jan 10 – The Baptism of the Lord 7:00 AM - Yuet Ying Chung 9:00 AM – For our Parish 11:00 AM – L/D Henry & Catherine Heideman Family



Weekday Servers **Tues 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM** – Ashley M Hammes & Ainsley Nordhus
Wed 8 AM & Fri 8 AM – SPPS Students

Sat. Jan 9th	Sunday Jan 10th	Sunday Jan 10th	Sunday Jan 10th
<u>Sat 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Sun 7:00 AM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Chris Schmitz	Corley Becker	H.S.	Landen Baker
Caitlyn Schmitz	Jessica Deters	CCD	Kinsey Scott
Miles Stueve	Myiah Schmelzle	Senior Mass	Hunter Steinlage
Damon Koch	Trenton Schmelzle		Julie Rottinghaus

Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday Jan 9th & Jan 10th

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Claire Deters *Jeanie Kramer	Julie Strathman Bruce Deters	Mary Sack Brenda Deters	Alan Lierz	Terry Nordhus
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Dean Becker *Steve Bennett	Leo Meyer Leon Feldkamp	Jim Runnebaum Myra Runnebaum		
<u>9:00 AM</u>		High School CCD Senior Class		Childrens Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Paula Rottinghaus *John Rottinghaus	Jerry Rottinghaus Mary Rottinghaus	Cara Baker Carrie Young	Barb Vitt	Janet Kramer

ROSARY LEADERS: 4:00 PM Alan Lierz 9:00 AM Jim Henry



Memorial Poinsettias and Roses donated for Christmas

In Memory of:

Julius & Bertha Tangeman & Frank & Emma Rottinghaus
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Ethen
Dave & Chris Lauer
Cyril & Geneva Lauer
Bob Haverkamp, Cyril & Frances Stallbaumer, and
George & Evelyn Haverkamp
Lawrence & Nora Schurman
Ray & Aurelia Heinen
Don Luckeroth, Jim Luckeroth, and Donna Luckeroth
Pat Nordhus & Tim Nordhus
Ed & Mary Boeding
Elmer Heiman
Emily & Colbie Hammes
Roger & Norma Kramp
Lloyd & Kevin Feldkamp
Web Burdick
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Diane Becker
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McDonnell Sisters (cut flowers)
Kohake Sisters
Rosalyn Hermesch & family
Rita Olberding
Nancy Ronnebaum
John & Mary Rottinghaus
John & Mary Rottinghaus
Lenny Ronnebaum
Sack Family
Ronnebaum Family
Boeding Family
Paula Fleury
Kenny & Mary Beth Feldkamp
Francis & Judy Rottinghaus

Jim & Gloria Knight
Kay Wiers and Family
Dorothy Kohake and Family
Robert & Kathleen Nolte
Marilyn & Linus Ronnebaum

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

The Fourth
Sunday

“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”

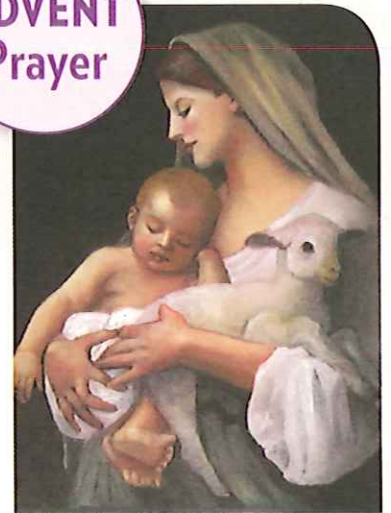
Luke 1:39-55

When Mary visits Elizabeth, she exclaims, “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord” (v. 45). Blessed was Mary for her hope and her faith. Blessed are we, to have this same hope and faith in the fulfillment of God’s promise to his followers!

The way that Mary’s faith was fulfilled was amazing. It wasn’t quite the royal birth that one would expect for the King of Kings. Instead, it was quite radically the opposite. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes, “In this poverty heaven’s glory was made manifest” (525, cf. Lk 2:6-7).

It makes you think, doesn’t it? Perhaps your faith is shaken when things don’t seem to be going according to plan. The situation of the Lord’s birth certainly wouldn’t match most parents’ hopes. But God has a plan, and he never fails. And what joy this brings! Even in the dark of winter or the dark of a spiritual winter, we can find joy in the fulfillment of our hope and faith. Our souls can magnify the Lord — he is coming!

ADVENT
Prayer



**Lord God,
thank you for
the hope and joy
that you offer us!**

*“The Virgin today brings
into the world the Eternal*

*And the earth offers a
cave to the Inaccessible.*

*The angels and shepherds
praise him*

*And the magi advance
with the star,*

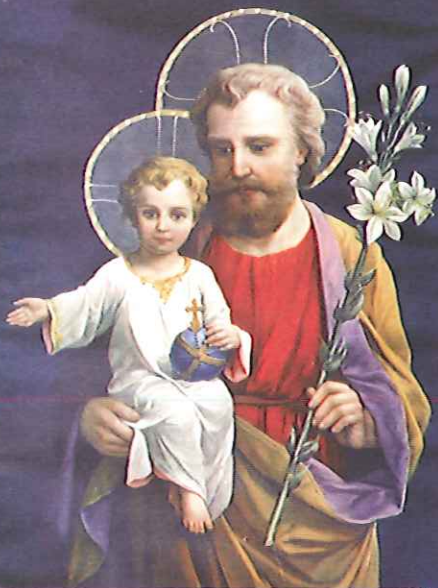
For you are born for us,

*Little Child, God
eternal!”*

— *Kontakion of
Romanos the Melodist
(CCC 525)*



INSPIRATION FOR THE SEASON



Saint Joseph

If anyone had to rely on a feeling that things will turn out for the best, it was Saint Joseph. He took in Mary, risking his reputation and accepting a responsibility that he at first didn't understand. But he had hope and faith, and he forged on to serve as the father and protector of the Savior.

Saint Joseph's trust was called upon again when Jesus was a baby. An angel appeared to Saint Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape King Herod, who was seeking to kill the newborn king (see Mt 2:13-18). Joseph didn't call up his friends in Jerusalem to confirm or Google places to stay in Egypt. He fled with faith, believing that what he desired — safety for his family — would be fulfilled.

Like Saint Joseph, we can proceed with the quiet confidence that Saint Joseph exhibited so well in such a tremendous role.



Daily LIVING

"The more a person loves God, the more reason he has to hope in him. This hope produces in the saints an unutterable peace, which they preserve even in adversity, because as they love God, and know how beautiful he is to those who love him, they place all their confidence and find all their repose in him alone."

— Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church

FAMILY FOCUS

Celebrate Mary's Hope

This week, in addition to lighting the fourth candle of your Advent wreath, light a candle for Mary to celebrate her steadfast faith and hope in the darkness. You can even decorate it. Choose a white pillar and place it in a glass candleholder. If you have time, cut and glue an image of Mary to the outside of the glass. (You can find a printable image of Mary at osvparish.com/ResourceLibrary/LiturgicalYear/Advent.aspx.)

The kids can add beads, stickers, and other decorations to make the candle as joyful as Elizabeth and Mary were when they met! Roses are traditionally associated with Mary. The star over the manger is a symbol of Jesus' birth in the manger. And blue is often the color of Mary's robes. Help your kids say the Hail Mary together while they decorate.



TALK About It:

How can Mary help our family find faith and hope?

Catechism CONNECTION

Advent teaches us that joyful expectation unfolds in the present, moment by moment. Our liturgical prayer teaches us that the Spirit of Christ is offered to us at all times. Yet, an encounter can only happen in the present: "It is in the present that we encounter him, not yesterday nor tomorrow, but today."

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2659

FOR REFLECTION:

What does the season of Advent teach us about trusting God?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

John 3:16



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Adams, Jason	Haverkamp, Melvin H.	Kokenge, Francis
Allen, Vaden	Heideman, Raymond	Kokenge, John & Annie
Bennett, Bob & Lou	Heiman, Norbert & Theresa	Kokenge, John W
Bennett, Eugene	Heiman, Regis	Kokenge, Shirley
Berkley, Dr. Norman	Heinen, Albert & Rita	Korte, Ray & Theresa
Block, Francis & Marcella	Heinen, Clem & Agatha	Korte, Ty
Boden, Nick	Heinen, Jeanette	Kramer, Daniel L.
Boeckman, Lawrence	Heinen, Joseph & Aurelia	Kramer, Don F.
Boeding, Herman & Anna	Heinen, John & Anna	Kramer, Eugene H.
Boeding, Norbert & RoseZella	Heinen, Lawrence	Kramer, Wilbur
Broderick, Gerald & Rita	Heinen, Raymond & Aurelia	Kuckelman, Frank & Josephine
Buessing, Elmer **	Heintzelman, Charles	Kuckelman, Thomas G.
Buessing, Joe & Margaret	Heintzelman, Jim & Pat	Kuckelman, William Bill **
Buessing, Vince & Tillie	Heintzelman, John & Frances	Lackey, David
Burdick, Gerald & Evelyn	Hermesch, Ben	Lackey, Galen
Callaghan, Everett	Hermesch, Fred	Lackey, Hubert
Carasala, Balaswamy	Hermesch, Galen	Lang, Paul
Carlson, Megan **	Hermesch, Jerry	Lauer, Chris
Cronin, Linda (Olberding)	Hermesch, Raymond	Lauer, Cyril & Geneva
Cross, Raymond & Thelma	Hermesch, William & Helen	Lauer, Dave
Dalinghaus, Helene **	Holthaus, Adolph & Esther	Lehmkuhl, Kenny & Tiny
Dalsing, Mary	Holthaus, Beryl Ann	Lierz, Matt & Mary
Deters, Ferdinand & Rose	Holthaus, Carl & Rosemary	Love, Joe & Edna "Eddy"
Deters, Sally **	Holthaus, Clifford	Luckereth, Amber
Ehrsam, Charles	Holthaus, Ed & Agnes	Luckereth, Donald
Ehrsam, Willis "Willie"	Holthaus, Geraldine	Luckereth, Donna
Eisenbarth, Daniel "Izzy" **	Holthaus, Mary Ann	Luckereth, Jim
Engelken, John R	Holthaus, Rita (Mrs. George)	Luckereth, Josiah "Joe"
Engelken, Leander	Hood, Carol	Luckereth, Norm
Feldkamp, Annette	Hulsing, Donna	Lueb, Jan
Feldkamp, Ben & Katherine	Hulsing, Tony & Florence	Lueger, Alvin & Leona
Feldkamp, Kevin	Huninghake, Barb	Lueger, Stephen
Feldkamp, Leander & Esther	Huninghake, Ray	Macke, Henry
Feldkamp, Lloyd	Hunninghake, Lester	McGinty, Jim
Glissman, Julie	Hutfles, Clarence	McGinty, Trish
Gress, Charlie	Jeanneret, Wilbur **	Mission Center - Deceased
Grollmes, Louis	Koelzer, Allie & Irene	Workers
Grothjan, Dorothy	Koelzer, Elmer	Mohlman, Joseph & Charlene
Grothjan, Ernestine	Koelzer, Jean	Muetting, John & Clara
Gudenkauf, Anthony H. & Celesta	Koelzer, Melvin **	Muetting, Leo & Marie
Gudenkauf, Ray & Florence **	Kohake, Albert	Niehues, Herbert & Regina
Harland, Francis & Rosemary	Kohake, Andrew	Niehues, Loretta
Haug, Omer & Lucille	Kohake, Dan & Mary	Niekamp, Cecilia
Haug, Ronald "George"	Kohake, Doris Grace	Nolte, Jason
Haug, Urban	Kohake, Grace M	Nordhus, Jane
Haverkamp, Bob	Kohake, Joe & Margaret	Nordhus, Sylvester "Pat"
Haverkamp, George & Evelyn	Kohake, Timothy	Nordhus, Tim
Haverkamp, Lillis	Kohake, Vincent & Eleanor	Olberding, Jackie



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Olberding, Lawrence & Martha
Olberding, Leo & Dollie
Olberding, Raymond F.
Olberding, Ryan
Olberding, Victor
Osterhaus, Bobbi (Leon)
Osterhaus, Leonard
Osterhaus, Paul & Erma
Osterhaus, Steven
Peterson, Dorothy
Pultz, Paul
Quinlan, Wilfred
Renyer, Joe & Cecelia
Rennenger, Jake & Minnie
Rethman, Norman
Robke, Erma
Roeder, Dorothy
Roeder, Melvin & Angela
Ronnebaum, Albert & Ann
Ronnebaum, Eleanor
Ronnebaum, Joe & Emma
Ronnebaum, Melvin "Butch"
Ronnebaum, Werner & Lorena
Rottinghaus, Frank & Emma
Rottinghaus, Frank & Marie
Runnebaum, Henry & Alma
Sack, John & Edna
Schiffbauer, Ralph
Schmelzle, Eugene "Gene"
Schmelzle, Geri
Schmelzle, Gilbert
Schmelzle, Mary
Schmidt, Jim
Schmidt, Lawrence & Adrianna
Schmidt, Thomas
Schmits, Alvin "Butch"
Schmitz, Elaine **
Schulte, Jerry & Rita
Schurman, Ethel
Schurman, John & Rose
Schurman, Lawrence & Nora
Scragg, Barrett
Sedlacek, Bernadine
Siess, Jeremy
Skoch, Sylvester
Sperfslage, Don
Stallbaumer, Cyril & Frances
Stallbaumer, Gene & Aurelia

Stallbaumer, Gilbert & Teresa **
Stallbaumer, Hubert
Stallbaumer, Marcena
Stallbaumer, Norbert & Marie
Strathman, Keith
Strathman, Sylvester & Vivina
Studer, Ralph & Margaret
Suther, Elmer **
Tangeman, Julius & Bertha
Tanking, Regis & Lucille
Taylor, Kenneth "Butch"
Teeter, Charles
Tomlinson, Helen (Lang)
Weber, Elizabeth
Wempe, Christopher
Wende, Ray & Rita
Wessel, Frank
White, Mary Jo
Wichman, Charles & Grace
Wichman, Henry & Anna
Wiers, Vern
Wilhelm, Steve
Winkler, Don & Lucille
Winkler, Linus & Lucille

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