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### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 2018



From: Fr. Tony Hesse:

Growing up, our family always listened to The Oak Ridge Boys Christmas album. One of the songs that they sang is "Thank God for Kids". Not only does it have a great melody, but the lyrics are even better:

*If it weren't for kids have you ever thought  
 There wouldn't be no Santa Claus  
 Or look what the stork just brought thank God for kids  
 And we'd all live in a quiet house without Big Bird or Mickey Mouse  
 And cool-Aid on the couch thank God for kids  
 Thank God for kids there's magic for a while  
 A special kind of sunshine in a smile  
 Do you ever stop to think or wonder why?  
 The nearest thing to heaven is a child  
 Daddy, how does this thing fly?  
 And a hundred other where's and whys  
 You really don't know but you try thank God for kids  
 When you look down in those trusting eyes that look to you, you realize  
 There's a love that you can't buy thank God for kids  
 Thank God for kids there's magic for a while  
 A special kind of sunshine in a smile  
 Do you ever stop to think or wonder why?  
 The nearest thing to heaven is a child  
 When you get down on your knees  
 Tonight to thank the Lord for His guiding light  
 And pray they turn out right...thank God for kids...mmm, thank God for kids*



You can find this video here: [https://youtu.be/eaidWcca1\\_g](https://youtu.be/eaidWcca1_g)

*The reason why I share this song is because this week I played legos with my niece and nephew, made a snow family (dad, mom, daughter, son, cat, and dog) with them and Fr. Christian. We had a snow ball fight, climbed and explored their tree house, and made hot chocolate. This past week truly was a week with children, and a very enjoyable one at that. However, watching my niece and nephew, along with Fr. Christian, roll the bodies of the snow family and throw snow balls, made me remember how blessed we are with children. And, as our Church remembered the Feast of the Holy Innocents (when Herod had the little boys killed in search for the Christ Child) this past week, we must never forget the importance of children and the importance of protecting their innocent lives from abortion and abuse. Also, several times in the Gospels, Jesus mentioned children and desired us to be child-like. And I have to admit that being around a few of them this past week, not only caused me to appreciate them, thank God for them, but remember that I must never forget to have their child-like spirit.*

*Children are truly a blessing...at all ages. Therefore, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend, with God's help and the example of kids, may we too "turn out right". Speaking of kids, come next weekend after the 5:00 pm and the 9:30 am Masses at St. Catherine's to see the decorations in Fr. Christian's and my rectory. Come for the decorations and cookies, leave with hopefully a child-like wonder of this holy time of year. May we always thank God for kids, and our call to be like them!!!*

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<b>BAPTISM</b> Contact your parish office to set an appointment for class and baptism.	<b>MARRIAGE</b> Contact the parish office at least nine months before intended marriage.	<b>CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING</b> 1-866-670-5163	<b>PRAYER NETWORK</b> Contact Bev Passe 637-5967 <a href="mailto:bpasse60@yahoo.com">bpasse60@yahoo.com</a>
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## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY – December 30

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1Sm 1:20-22,24-28 (17C), 1Jn 3:1-2,21-24; Lk 2:41-52

8 AM Mass - St. John

d. Jerry & Clare Kodet

8 AM Mass - Our Lady of Victory - Lucan

d. Daniel Ourada, Ed Knott, Margaret Stelzer

No Sunday School - PRE-K

9:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Clarence Thiel

10 AM Mass - St. Anne - Wabasso

d. Eugene Baune

4-5 PM Holy Hour – St. John

### MONDAY – December 31

#### St. Sylvester I, Pope

Office Closes at 12 Noon

1Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Holy Day Vigil Masses

4 PM Mass - St. Anne - Wabasso

d. Larry Pitzl, Jr.

5 PM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Fran & Dorothy Uhlenkamp

6 PM Mass - Our Lady of Victory - Lucan

d. Bert Christensen

### TUESDAY - January 1

#### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Day

Office Closed

Nm 6:22-27 (18ABC), Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

8 AM Mass - St. John

d. Tom Ochs

8 AM Mass - St. Mathias - Wanda

People of our Parishes

10 AM Mass - St. Mary - Seaforth

d. Thin Nguyen

### WEDNESDAY – January 2

#### St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

1Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

8 AM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Richard & Vivian Phillips

8 AM Mass - Our Lady of Victory – Lucan

For forgotten souls

10 AM - Healthcare Center - Wabasso

d. Wallace Rohlik

No Religion Classes

### THURSDAY - January 3

#### The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

8 AM Mass - St. John

St. John CCW members

8:30 AM Mass – St. Anne - Wabasso

d. Eleanor & Don Daub

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-St. Catherine

10 AM Mass – Garnette Gardens

d. Francis Kaufenberg

### FRIDAY – January 4

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious First Friday

1Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

8 AM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Edward & Marie Wertish

Coffee & Rolls-following Mass

8 AM Mass - St. Mathias - Wanda

d. Alois, Betty & Dan Guetter

### SATURDAY – January 5

#### St. John Newmann, Bishop

First Saturday

1Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

8 AM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Marie Johanneck

8 AM Mass - St. Anne - Wabasso

d. Jim Jacoby

9-10 AM Confessions – SC

4 PM Mass – Our Lady of Victory - Lucan

d. Marcella & Lawrence Plaetz

5 PM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Roger Schmit

6 PM Mass - St. Mary - Seaforth

d. Inez & Bernard Schottenbauer

### SUNDAY – January 6

#### The Epiphany

Is 60:1-6 (20ABC), Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8 AM Mass - St. John

People of our Parishes

8 AM Mass - St. Mathias - Wanda

d. Elaine Rohlik

Sunday School - PRE-K

9:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine

l & d members of Ralph & Elizabeth Schmidt families

10 AM Mass - St. Anne - Wabasso

For flower donation intentions

4-5 PM Holy Hour – St. Catherine

#### MASS SERVERS: DECEMBER 31, 2018 (MARY MOTHER OF GOD)

John Balko / Brad Balko / Michael Balko / Cayden Johnson-Mariner

#### MASS SERVERS: JANUARY 5/6, 2019

##### 5:00 PM Saturday

Kendall Huhnerkoch

Griffin Evans

Justus Probst

##### 9:30 AM Sunday

Madaline Hanna

Sophia Hanna

Calvin Hanna

#### Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	25,225.48	Adult for Week	25,225.48
Students	23.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Maintenance	125.00		
Loose Plate	2,599.10		
Immaculate Conc	35.00		
Assumption	20.00		
Christmas	17,274.00		
Mary Mother	60.00		
All Saints	10.00	YTD Actual	126,107.22
Total	45,371.58	YTD Budget	125,008.00

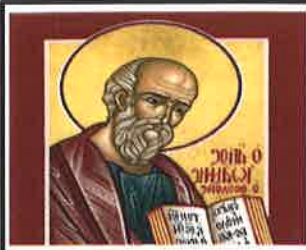
#### St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal 114 Donated as of December 26

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$26,182.64	\$30,416.15	(\$4,233.51)	\$5,418.88

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Have you been too busy to stop and really talk to your spouse? Take a break from the rat race and spend a weekend together.

The next Weekends are Feb. 8-10, 2019 at Shalon Hill in Windom, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [southmnwwme.org](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact us at: [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or call 507-227-8229.



# St. John's Bulletin

## December 30, 2018



The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 30</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jon Lussenhop / Tony Mages
<b>Servers:</b>	Maddi Mages / Morgan Kodet
<b>Lector:</b>	Gloria Lothert
<b>Video Taper:</b>	Laron Schottenbauer
<b>Gifts:</b>	Jon / Karen Lussenhop
<b>Hosts:</b>	Gloria Lothert
<b>Cup:</b>	George / Cindy Schottenbauer
<b>Money:</b>	Jon / Karen Lussenhop

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 1 - 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tony Mages / Peach Hennen
<b>Servers:</b>	Luke/Maddi/Colton Mages and Morgan Kodet
<b>Lector:</b>	Gloria Lothert
<b>Hosts:</b>	Gloria Lothert
<b>Cup:</b>	Kate Colwell / Jean Hillesheim
<b>Money:</b>	Jean Hillesheim / Kris Tetric

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 6</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Don / Edna Wertish
<b>Servers:</b>	Luke/Maddi/Colton Mages and Morgan Kodet
<b>Lector:</b>	Judy Kodet
<b>Video Taper:</b>	Laron Schottenbauer
<b>Gifts:</b>	Julie Bentson / Kate Colwell
<b>Hosts:</b>	Kate Colwell
<b>Cup:</b>	Gloria Lothert / Sandy Seehausen
<b>Money:</b>	Meghann Kodet / Barb Hennen

### Our Gifts to God and to His Church

#### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Weekly—Adult	\$ 975.00
Weekly Bdgt	\$ 528.00
YTD Adlt Act	\$15,968.70
YTD Budget	\$12,672.00
Loose Plate	\$ 262.00
Student	\$ 4.00
Christmas	\$ 1,324.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 70.00

#### 2018-19 DMA STATUS

As of 12/26/2018

Total Goal	\$ 5,702.35
Total Amt given	\$ 2,202.00
Variance	\$ 3,500.35
Portion for DMA	\$ 1,716 .60
St. John's amt	\$ 440.40
# of donors	16
Cash/Pledges	\$ 2,948.65

Attend Adoration

PRAY THE ROSARY

CCW—Please join us for our CCW meeting on Tuesday, January 8th. We meet in the church at 6:15 and pray the rosary. Immediately following the rosary we have our meeting (6:30ish). All the women of St. John's parish are welcome to attend.

#### LOOKING AHEAD INTO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY IN THE NEW YEAR:

**\*\*NOTE: no class this week**

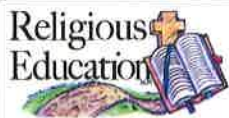
January:

- 2 – No Class, New Years
- 9 – Regular Class
- 16 – Regular Class
- 23 – Regular Class
- 30 – Regular Class

First Communion preparation is going on. Parents, there will be a meeting in January. St. John's First Communion student is Chase Kodet.

The Solemnity of Mary,  
the Mother of God  
Start the New Year  
With Jesus' Mother  
01/01/2019  
Mass—8:00 AM





## Religion Class Schedule

Please keep our catechists, students and their families in our prayers through this school year.

### December/January Schedule

- Sunday, Dec 30 - No Sunday School (Pre-K) - New Years
- Wednesday, Jan 2—No Religion GR 1-12—New Year's
- Sunday, Jan 6 - Sunday School (Pre-K)  
8:30 AM—9:15 AM
- Wednesday, Jan 9 - 5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6  
-2nd GR—1st Recon. stations  
7-8 PM RE GR 7-12
- Saturday, January 12 - 2nd GR – 10 AM –1st Reconciliation  
w/parents—SC
- Sunday, Jan 13 - Sunday School (Pre-K)  
8:30 AM—9:15 AM
- Wednesday, Jan 16- 5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6  
7-8 PM RE GR 7-12
- Sunday, Jan 20 - No Sunday School (Pre-K)
- Wednesday, Jan 23 - 5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6  
7-8 PM RE GR 7-12
- Sunday, Jan 27 - Sunday School (Pre-K)  
8:30 AM—9:15 AM
- Wednesday, Jan 30 - 5:30-6:30 PM RE GR 1-6  
7-8 PM RE GR 7-12

### Catholic Hearth Work Camp in 2019

There are 3 spots left for the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Kansas City, KS from July 6-13, 2019. Youth in 9th grade and up to adults are welcome to attend. For more information call Sherry Plaetz @ 342-5474.

### Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest!!

#### Special Olympic Free Throw Contest!!



Boys & Girls ages 9-14 register for the KC Free Throw Contest being held at the Redwood Area Community Center on Sunday, January 6th, 2019 with registration at 12:00 noon. There will be a Special Olympics free throw contest immediately after. Registration forms can be picked up at the parish office or school.

### Riverbend TEC Weekends

TEC (Together Encounter Christ) is a three-day retreat and experience designed for people who are searching for goals, acceptance, meaning, community, values, and most especially, for God – or deepen their relationship with God. A TEC Retreat is a spiritual encounter around the Pascal Mystery and is intended for people who are 16 and older. It is a weekend of fun, food and faith that may be just what you're looking for. Our next retreat is Jan. 19-21 at Holy Redeemer in Marshall. Please sign up by Jan. 1. We will also have a second weekend Feb. 16-18 at Holy Trinity in Winsted. Please sign up by Jan. 25 for this weekend. Our final weekend is June 22-24 at St. Mary's in Bird Island. The final sign-up date is June 1. Please join us for this great encounter with Christ! If you have questions or if you would like information in how to register, please call the parish office. Brochures are also available in the back of all of our churches.

### You are Invited!

...Benefit for Jim Larsen at St. Michael's Church in Morgan, MN on Thursday, January 3rd from 4:30-7:30 PM. There will be Hot dish Supper, silent auction and "Live" Pie auction at 6:30 PM. Jim's liver is failing and he is waiting for a liver transplant.

.... Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth, MN Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, January 6th from 9:30 AM—12:30 PM.

....St. Andrews of Fairfax, MN Beef or Turkey Commercial Supper is on Wednesday, January 16th from 4:30-7PM in the Social Center.

....Speaker Deb Hadley is coming to St. Michael's in Milroy, MN on January 23rd at 7 PM. Suggested age 7th grade & older.

....KC's Annual Spaghetti Feed at St. Anne's in Wabasso, MN is after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, January 27th at St. Anne's Hall. Free will donation will go towards St. Anne's school.

### DONATIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD SHELF!



Our local food shelf is in need!! As we have been well blessed with delicious holiday meals, lets keep in mind the people who worry about putting food on their tables for their

families. Please place your donation in the shopping cart in the Gathering Space. You can drop your cash donations in the offertory in an envelope marked "food shelf", or drop off at the Parish office through the end of December. God bless you!

### CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER

621 First Ave. South Buffalo, MN 55313

A silent weekend retreats for men or women are held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. The retreats include Celebration of the Eucharist, Conferences, Reconciliation, Healing Service (includes Anointing of the Sick), Scriptural Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Quiet Time. If you have any questions call 763-682-1394, ext. 11 or [lpolman@kingshouse.com](mailto:lpolman@kingshouse.com). Also check our bulletin board & brochure racks for information.

### Pro-Life Rally at Capitol: Save the date:



There is a bus going to the Pro-Life Prayer Service and Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) Rally at the Capitol in St. Paul, MN on Tuesday, January 22nd. The bus will be leaving Marshall at 6:45 AM and stopping in Redwood.

The bus is sponsored by area KC's and CCW. For more information contact Lori Timmerman at 507-476-0070 or [timmerman@holyy-redeemer.com](mailto:timmerman@holyy-redeemer.com). Also check our bulletin board for more information.

### 9 Days for Life

Join thousands as we pray for the respect of human life on January 14-22, 2019. [WWW.9DAYSFORLIFE.COM](http://WWW.9DAYSFORLIFE.COM)

### This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

Dec 24 \$25	Joleen Teick	Dec 27 \$25	Pat Henjum
Dec 25 \$125	Eric Suedbeck	Dec 28 \$25	Mary Ann Sullivan
Dec 25 \$25	Kathy Ankrum	Dec 29 \$25	Keith Steffl
Dec 26 \$25	Elaine Malecha	Dec 30 \$50	Keith McCarney

Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub.  
Thank you for buying a raffle ticket!

**Next years raffle tickets have been mailed out and you can purchase tickets until February 14, 2019**



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