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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 22, 2019**

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

As you will read below, Fr. Christian wrote a very nice article for this month. However, I want to extend to you all a very holy Christmas. May God keep you safe in your travels, and in these final days, may you continue to prepare and always keep Christ in Christmas – and not just at Christmas – but may we keep Christ at the center of our lives throughout the year! Know of my thoughts and prayers go out to you all, now and always!



*May you have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!*

From: Fr. Christian Adike

**“I AM NO LONGER A VIRGIN”**

The family was at the dining table and the little 10-year-old girl wasn't eating and had her nose in her plate....After a few moments, she said, “I have something to tell you people” Immediately everyone around the table became silent and she said: "I am no longer a virgin", and she began to cry. Every where became silent again. Then, the father angrily screamed at his wife; “It’s your fault! Do you think you are setting a good example for your daughter? You see now? That’s how problems arrive” The wife, in turn yelled at her husband: “What about you? Are you setting a good example? Wasting your salary on sluts who sometimes even accompany you to your doorstep! Are you setting a good example for your 10-year-old daughter?” The father yelled at his first daughter: “And you, good-for-nothing, With your rasta man boyfriend, you have wasted your life in different hotels. Do you think you are setting a good example for your younger sister?” And the recriminations went on and on and on....Then the grandmother touches the shoulder of the little grand daughter to console her and asked her: “Well, my little girl, how did it happen?” And the little girl replied while stifling her sobs: "it’s the priest” The grandmother asked: “What do you mean by "it is the priest?"” The little girl said: “The priest has chosen another girl to be Virgin Mary in the Christmas play. I am no longer playing the role of Virgin Mary again.”

Hmmm the price of impatience!!!!

Even you the reader was much in a hurry to conclude and blame the priest before the story ends.

Morale of the story is that its natural to be shocked at the beginning. But learn to listen to the whole story before you react.

Only then can you solve the issues thrown up by the story. Remember wrong actions can't be undone even with the highest apology!..... WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WE WANT TO SAY OR DO BEFORE WE SAY OR DO THEM TO AVOID REGRETS.

Moral : ALWAYS LISTEN TO THE END BEFORE YOU REACT. A GOOD LISTENER IS WHAT WE NEED. BE ONE.

Questions to discuss:

1. Who among the family members in the story is very patient and why?
2. Who do you consider very impatient in the story and why?
3. If you were eating with this family when the little girl said that she was no longer a virgin, what would have been your reactions? ( Be sincere please) WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Fr Christian Adike.



Parish phone #: 507-644-2278 (In case of an EMERGENCY and you need to reach Fr. Tony Hesse, call 507-616-1337)

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## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY - December 22

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14 (10A), Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

8 AM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*  
d. Louise Honetschlager

No Sunday School - PRE-K

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
d. Richard Irlbeck

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*  
d. Herb Bernardy

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

### MONDAY - December 23

#### St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66

No Mass

6:30 PM Bells-SC

7 PM Choir-SC

7 PM Moms group-SC

### TUESDAY - December 24

#### The Nativity of the Lord

##### Christmas Eve

Is 62:1-5 (13ABC), Acts 13:16-17,22-25;

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Office closed at 12 noon-SC

*Christmas Vigil Masses*

4 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
d. Gary Bliss

4 PM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*  
d. Jim Ourada

6 PM Mass - *St. Anne - Wabasso*  
d. Harry & Jerry Frericks

9 PM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*  
d. Elaine Rohlik

### WEDNESDAY - December 25

#### The Nativity of the Lord

##### Christmas Day

Is 62:1-5 (13ABC), Acts 13:16-17,22-25;

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Office Closed

9 AM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*  
People of our Parishes

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
d. Ginny Lothert

No Religion classes

### THURSDAY - December 26

#### St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

No Mass

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC

### FRIDAY - December 27

#### St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a & 2-8

No Mass

### SATURDAY - December 28

#### The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-22; Mt 2:13-18

8:30-9:30 AM - Adoration-SA

4 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*  
d. Robert Taylor

5 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
d. Tom Kemp

6 PM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*  
d. People of our Parishes

### SUNDAY - December 29

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

Sir 3:2-6,12-14 (17ABC), Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;

Mt 2:13-15,19-23 (17A)

8 AM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*

d. Daniel Ourada, Eddie Knott, Jim & Brian Ourada

No Sunday School - PRE-K

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Clarence Thiel

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Eugene Baune

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

#### MASS SERVERS: DECEMBER 24/25, 2019

##### 4 PM Christmas Eve

Noah U'Ren  
Julia Lang  
Brad Balko  
John Balko

##### 9:30 AM Christmas Day

Isaac Louwagie  
Ethan Louwagie  
Johnny Fennern  
Jack Frank

#### MASS SERVERS: DECEMBER 28/29, 2019

##### 5:00 PM Saturday

Andy Fischer  
Brooke Fischer  
Thomas Fischer

##### 9:30 AM Sunday

Austin Gunderson  
Josh Gunderson  
Lydia Bruns

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

|                    |          |                |            |
|--------------------|----------|----------------|------------|
| Adult Contribution | 6,321.00 | Adult for Week | 6,321.00   |
| Students           | 15.00    | Adult Budget   | 4,808.00   |
| Maintenance        | 270.00   |                |            |
| Loose Plate        | 571.16   |                |            |
| Immaculate Concept | 50.00    |                |            |
| Thanksgiving       | 20.00    |                |            |
| Retired Religious  | 435.00   |                |            |
| Christmas          | 200.00   | YTD Actual     | 97,104.11  |
| Total              | 7,882.16 | YTD Budget     | 115,392.00 |

#### St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal 95 Donated as of December 17

| Goal        | Total Received & Pledged | Amount Due   | Parish 20% |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|
| \$23,261.63 | \$30,981.80              | (\$7,720.17) | \$5,552.36 |

**Have a Blessed & Merry Christmas!!**



#### Blue Advent /Christmas Books/Calendars

There are blue Advent/Christmas books in the gathering space that you can take and use for this Advent and Christmas Seasons. Also pick up a 2020 calendar in the gathering space.

#### 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 Valley High School Gym on Sunday, January 5th, 2020 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.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education Classes Dec. 2019 & Jan. 2020

Sunday, December 22 & 29

- No Sunday School (*Christmas & New Years*)

Wednesday, December 25 & January 1, 2020

- No Religion classes (*Christmas & New Years*)

Sunday, January 5, 2020

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School



Wednesday, January 8

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6
- 5:30-6:30 PM 1st Reconciliation stations
- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, January 12

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School
- 11 AM - 2nd Grade 1st Reconciliation
- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6
- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, January 12

- No Sunday School - MLK

Wednesday, January 22

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6
- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

Sunday, January 26

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, January 29

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6
- 7-8 PM GR 7-12 with Adoration & youth group

### Catholic Hearth Work Camp in 2020

Are you interested in attending the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Fremont, Nebraska on June 21-27, 2020? Please contact Katie or David at 644-2278 or email [katie@mystcatherines.org](mailto:katie@mystcatherines.org) or [wickdav9413@gmail.com](mailto:wickdav9413@gmail.com).

Youth in 9th grade and up to adults are welcome to attend camp.

**Cor Jesu** - On January 12th at St. Aloysius in Olivia, MN starting at 6:15 PM join us for the sound of Gregorian chant filling the air as incense rises in a candlelit church. After the Gospel and a short sermon, there will be an hour of adoration with sounds of sacred music. For more information visit: [www.dnu.org/cor-jesu](http://www.dnu.org/cor-jesu). Our youth group will be carpooling from St. Anne's & St. Catherine's, contact Katie or David if interested.

### Last Minute Christmas Shopping



Check out the scrip cards in the Parish Office.

These gift cards are purchased at face value and a percentage goes to help support St. Anne's Catholic School in Wabasso. Some cards we have are Tersteegs, Walmart, Target, Kohls, Burger King, McDonalds, Subway, Pizza Ranch, Runnings.

### Women's' Marian Retreat

This retreat is in Gibbon, MN at the St. Willibrord's Parish House on Friday, Jan 24th through Sunday Jan 26th.

This is a fruit-filled weekend with Our Mother, The Virgin Mary. The weekend will open your hearts to honor our Mother Mary as she draws us through her Immaculate Heart into the Sacred Heart of her son, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior.

For information contact Kellie Sloom at All Saints Area by email [yesterdayskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:yesterdayskitchen@gmail.com) or call 320-583-6755.

### Flame of Love

We invite you to join us to pray the **Flame of Love** of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary. Every Monday evening at 6 PM starting on January 6. It will take about 45 min. to an hour.

The devotion of the **Flame of Love** of the Immaculate Heart of Mary has its origin in the apparitions and revelations made by the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth Kindelmann, a Hungarian mother of six between the years 1961 and 1981.

The **Flame of Love** is a pressing invitation and a gift of an exceptional significance that the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mary give to our particularly troubled time.

*Steve and Connie Plaetz*

### Save the date: Pro-Life Prayer Service at Capitol



Plan to attend the MCCL Pro-Life Rally at the Capitol on January 22; the 47th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in our country. There will be a bus leaving from Holy Redeemer Church parking lot in Marshall at 6:30am and will stop in Redwood Falls. The bus is sponsored by area KC's & CCW groups. We will attend the Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:30am and then you can march to the Capitol or ride the bus for the public rally at noon. The bus will return after the rally. For questions or to sign up please call Annette Rohlik at 507-747-2181 or Lori Timmerman at 507-476-0070.

### Welcome to New Parishioners



St. Catherine's parish family welcomes Ron & Margaret Keller, and Wencel & Carol Kojetin and John & Gloria Lothert. We are delighted to have you join our parish family.

### St. Mary's School-Bird Island-Winter Raffle

Only 600 tickets will be sold at \$50 each for a chance to win: 2017 Gas Powered EZ-Go Cart, 2020 Ice Castle fish house, \$500 cash, 2-\$250 cash prizes. Drawing will be held on 1/22/2020 at 7 PM at the Island Ballroom in Bird Island. If you would like a ticket please contact Matt Buckley @ 430-2893.

### DONATIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD SHELF!



Our local food shelf is in need!! As we prepare for the holidays, let's 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. God bless you!

### Raffle Tickets for 2020

Raffle tickets can be purchased until Feb. 13, 2020. If you need more tickets stop in the parish office for them.

#### This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dec 16 \$25 Myron Lindeman    | Dec 20 \$25 Mary Lipetzky |
| Dec 17 \$25 Jerry Ludwig      | Dec 21 \$25 Joan Kalkhoff |
| Dec 18 \$25 Beatrice Burtzel  | Dec 22 \$50 Al Liebl      |
| Dec 19 \$25 Amanda/Josh Frank |                           |

Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub.  
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Jeremiah 29:11

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