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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 29, 2019

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

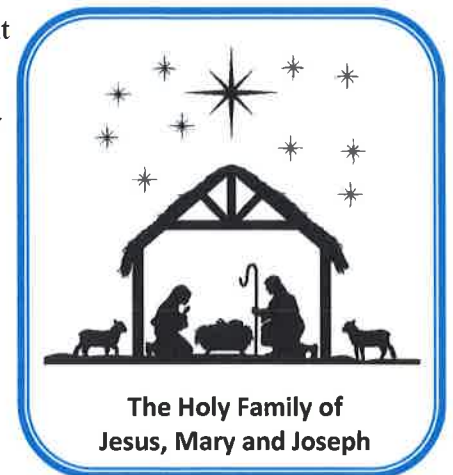
Well, this past Monday night was a depressing night...that is, if you are a MN Vikings fan like me. Although I was very skeptical going into the game thinking we were going to win, I still hoped that we were going to pull it off. For those of you who did not watch the football game, the Vikings played the Green Bay Packers at home and lost 10-23. And what made it more interesting, was at first my family had a tough time getting it on television because my brother's antenna had poor reception. I was wondering if I was even going to watch the game at all for that matter. Once we got the game going, the Vikings seemed flat and it was very frustrating to watch them, even though there were some good plays.

However, because I was frustrated and did not want to see another lost, I decided to check my e-mails. One of my e-mails was entitled, *The Veil Removed: What Would We See at Mass*. I have to admit, it sounded interesting, especially compared to what I was watching. It encouraged me to play a film from this website: <https://theveilremoved.com/>

The film shows what happens at the Catholic Mass...how the angels and saints are with us. It was a good video depicting what we don't see but reminds us of what actually happens at every Mass. It also reminded me of what is really important. Although I will still be a Vikings fan, despite how they play, being a fan is nothing compared to what we celebrate at every Mass. We may see a bad performance on the football field, but at every Mass, we are seeing and celebrating a glimpse of the celestial city, heaven.

The Christmas Masses are always special Masses, not just because we are celebrating our Lord's Nativity, but special also because the churches are packed to the rafters. It is always nice to see so many people come to these Masses, people that I have never seen before (or only once a year) and families coming home and worshipping together. It would be nice to have our churches full at every weekend Mass. If only we could see what actually happens at Mass. If only we could see what and who gathers with us around the altar. But then again, believing is not seeing (a message that I heard on several Christmas shows).

As I diverted my attention from the Vikings to watching this snapshot of heaven at Mass, it brought me some peace and a sense of what is important. I have to admit, I was getting frustrated with the Vikings, but after watching that video, it definitely calmed me down and put things in perspective. Therefore, please check out that website. Although we may not see the reality of what happens around the altar in this life, we are still celebrating something beyond it. With the help of the angels and saints, may God remove the veil of doubt that we may have in seeing our Lord's True Presence at Mass, and lift us from the struggles and frustrations of this world to celebrate the glory of heaven. Join me in praying, that with our families and friends, we take time from watching football and worship our Great God around the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And I guarantee, we will never be let down.



*May you continue to have a blessed Christmas  
and a joyous New Year!*

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Contact your parish office to set an appointment for class and baptism.

**MARRIAGE**

Contact the parish office at least nine months before intended marriage.

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**PRAYER NETWORK**

Contact Bev Passe  
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**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**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

**MONDAY - December 30**

*1Jn 2:12-27; Lk 2:36-40*

No Mass

7-8:30 PM 7-12 GR Catechist Mtg

**TUESDAY - December 31**

**St. Sylvester I, Pope**

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

Office closed at 12 noon-SC

4 PM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory-Lucan*  
*d. Linda Turbes*

6 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*  
*d. Jim Ourada*

**WEDNESDAY - January 1**

**Solemnity of Mary**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Office closed-SC

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

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*  
*People of our Parishes*

9:30 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
*d. Tom Ochs*

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne - Wabasso*  
*d. Pete & Loretta Woelfel*

No Religion classes

**THURSDAY - January 2**

**Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
 Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

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

8:30 Am Mass - *St. Anne - Wabasso*  
*d. Ronald & Jim Fischer*

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC

10 AM Mass - *Garnette Gardens*  
*d. Florence Prokosch*

10 AM Mass - *Healthcare - Wabasso*  
*d. Mark Baune*

**FRIDAY - January 3**

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**First Friday**

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

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
*d. LaMay Drexler*

Coffee & Rolls-following Mass

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*  
*d. Deb Mathiowetz*

**SATURDAY - January 4**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

**First Saturday**

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

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
*d. Sharon Hennen*

8 AM Mass - *St. Anne*  
*d. Millie Trost*

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

4 PM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory - Lucan*  
*d. Louise Honetschlager*

5 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*  
*d. Charlotte Backman*

6 PM Mass - *St. Mary - Seaforth*  
*d. Clay Arends*

**SUNDAY - January 5**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

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

8 AM Mass - *St. Mathias - Wanda*  
*People of our Parishes*

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Sunday School - PRE-K

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

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne*  
*d. Jim Jacoby*

12 noon - KC Free Throw & Special Olympics-RACC

4-5 PM Holy Hour - SC

Mass Servers: January 1, 2020 - 9:30 AM (Solemnity of Mary)			
Brad Balko	John Balko	Noah U'Ren	
MASS SERVERS: JANUARY 4/5, 2020			
5:00 PM Saturday		9:30 AM Sunday	
Cayden Johnson-Mariner	Justus Probst	Conner Salmon	Clayton Salmon
Julia Lang		Aidan Salmon	
Our Gifts to God and to His Church			
Adult Contribution	9,092.12	Adult for Week	9,092.12
Students	17.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Loose Plate	1,210.41		
Immaculate Concept	70.00		
Retired Religious	85.00		
Christmas	19,119.95	YTD Actual	106,196.23
Total	29,594.48	YTD Budget	120,200.00
St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal 104 Donated as of December 23			
Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$32,380.80	(\$9,119.17)	\$5,999.17

*Hope you have a Blessed & Happy New Year!!*

**CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE**

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families and friends of Donald Noon, brother of Martha Quesenberry, and Rosie MacHolda, mother of Bill & Steve. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**ADORATION TIME**

Adoration is in the church on Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM with Rosary at 12 noon.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Sunday, December 29

- No Sunday School (*New Years*)

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

- No Religion classes (*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

Wednesday, January 15

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

Sunday, January 19

- 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.

Our youth group will be carpooling from St. Anne's & St. Catherine's, contact Katie or David if interested.

### 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.

### 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.

### You are Invited!

....Pancake Breakfast at Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth, MN on Jan. 5th from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM.

....Sauerkraut & Dumpling Dinner at St. Raphael School in Springfield, MN on Jan. 19th serving from 10 AM—12:30 PM.

### 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 6th at St. Catherine's church. 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.

### 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 23 \$25 Dusty Wersal	Dec 28 \$25 Mahlon Mace
Dec 24 \$15 Dean Senger	Dec 29 \$50 Randy/Eileen Dolezal
Dec 25 \$125 Adam Ranney	Dec 30 \$25 Naomi Prodoehl
Dec 25 \$25 Anton Horesji	Dec 31 \$125 Elaine Malecha
Dec. 26 \$25 Barb Bernardy	Dec 31 \$100 Doug Karsky
Dec 27 \$25 Ken/Barb Larsen	

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

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