

The Catholic Community of Saint John the Evangelist & Newman Center

St. John's

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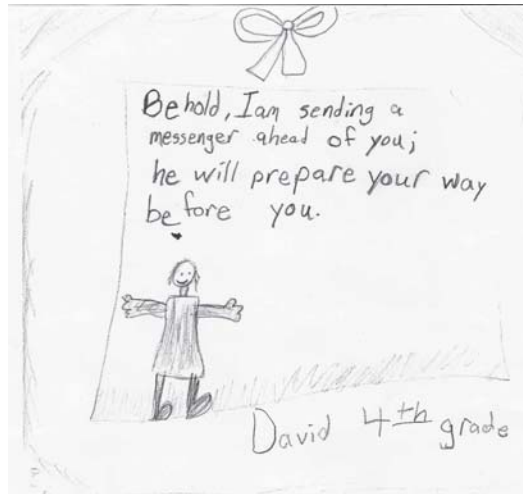
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Third Sunday of Advent



Artist: David Skilbred - Grade 4

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

At Saint John's Church
Saturday, 5:30 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, 7:30 pm

December 16, 2007

St. John's Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Evangelist of Wahpeton, a Catholic community of faithful stewards, uniquely gifted, is committed to living fully a spiritual life. We accomplish this mission by:

- † Celebrating a sacramental life;
- † Being a hospitable, generous, faithful, and forgiving people;
- † Serving as a renewing community of life and love;
- † Supporting all people in their journey toward the Kingdom of God.

Parish Goal One

To have functioning, inspiring and welcoming religious grounds that will meet the present and future needs of the parish and community by developing and implementing a plan for addressing the education facility needs.

Parish Goal Two

To promote continual spiritual growth and fuller participation throughout the parish. We will obtain this goal by researching, developing and implementing a renewal process; developing effective methods for evangelization; developing effective methods for increasing participation by all; promoting enrollment in the parish school and by creating effective



Almighty Father, you have sent your Spirit to build up the Church you established through your Son, Jesus Christ. Formed by your love, we form our children. Send Your Spirit upon us now, as we, your Church, begin the work of building *Saint John's Center for School and Religious Formation*. By your grace may our work bear fruit in the hearts and lives of our children and all of your people. Form us in our faith and in our work, all for the greater glory of your name. Amen.

If you need information on Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick, Pastoral Care, information on the Catholic Faith (RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or would like to register, please contact the parish office at 642-6982. Our office hours are Mon-Fri 8 am - noon and 1 - 5 pm.



If you would like to donate money towards

Christmas Decorations in "Honor of" or in "Memory of" someone, please fill out the information below and return it with your donation to the Parish Office or in the collection basket by **Monday, December 17th**.

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

FUNERALS: To support our parish family in its grief, regular daily Mass, whenever possible will be transferred to the hour of the funeral. + + +

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH

Saturday, December 15th - *Advent Weekday*

Saturday Scripture: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Scripture: Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

4:00 pm RECONCILIATION

5:30 pm EUCHARIST + Rose Heley

Sunday, December 16th - *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 am EUCHARIST People of the Parish (Rosary at 7:00 am)

9:00 am EUCHARIST + Virgil Alfson

11:00 am EUCHARIST + Margaret Leinen

3:00 pm BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. MEYER (time change) SJ Church

4:00 pm AND 6:30 pm PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

7:30 pm EUCHARIST Deborah Weitzel

Monday, December 17th - *Late Advent Weekday*

Scripture: Gn 49:2,8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

10:30 am EUCHARIST Funeral Mass for Mary Formanek + Rick Rubertus

7:00 pm RCIA East Room

Tuesday, December 18th - *Late Advent Weekday*

Scripture: Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

5:30 pm EUCHARIST Int: Braun and Frank families and friends

7:00 pm MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE East Room

7:00 pm SJ BOARD OF EDUCATION SJ School

Wednesday, December 19th - *Late Advent Weekday*

Scripture: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

7:00 am MORNING PRAYER

7:30 am EUCHARIST + Lethe Meyer

10:00 am EUCHARIST (Leach) Int: Keith Petersen

12:00 Noon BUILDING AND GROUNDS East Room

Thursday, December 20th - *Late Advent Weekday*

Scripture: Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:5-25

7:00 am MORNING PRAYER

7:30 am EUCHARIST ++ Frank and Mary Karel (note time change)

7:00 pm until all heard RECONCILIATION

Friday, December 21st - *Late Advent Weekday*

Scripture: Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45

9:45 am EUCHARIST (SCLC) + Irene Lawrence

1:00 pm EUCHARIST + Tina Torkelson (note time change)

7:00 pm until all heard RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 22nd - *Late Advent Weekday*

Saturday Scripture: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

Sunday Scripture: Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

2:00 - 5:00 pm RECONCILIATION

5:30 pm EUCHARIST ++ Ole and Joann Berg

Sunday, December 23rd - *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30 am EUCHARIST ++ Frank and Mary Karel (Rosary at 7:00 am)

9:00 am EUCHARIST + Irving Reubish

11:00 am EUCHARIST + Jeanne Morken

2:00 - 3:00 pm RECONCILIATION

4:00 pm BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. MEYER East Room

7:30 pm EUCHARIST People of the Parish

Congratulations to Doug Campbell who is being instituted in the Ministry of Acolyte this Sunday, December 16th at 10 am at the Cathedral in Fargo. God willing Doug will be ordained to the Diaconate in November of 2008. Please pray for him and his family.

Help us decorate the church for Christmas - Join us on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 pm.

You are all invited to attend our

Parish Communal Reconciliation

Today, Sunday, December 16th

4:00 pm AND 6:30 pm

Several Priests will be available.

Other Reconciliation opportunities

Thursday, December 20th & Friday, December 21st - 7:00 pm until heard. Saturday, December 22nd 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Proclaimers, Servers and Eucharistic Ministers

Please pick up your new schedules.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES If you will not be here, PLEASE find a sub

SATURDAY, December 22nd

5:30 pm Proclaimer: John Wieser and Cathy Muehler

Servers: Casey Puetz, Andrew Leinen, Tyler Wohlers

Euch Min: Harlan and Cathy Muehler, Linda Pajala, John Weiser, Mary Aldrich, Tom Resler

Greeters: Karen Rice, Joyce Haskell, Lucille Holtz, Mary Busta

Ushers: T Resler, J Haskell, D Grosz, N Champion, G Waldera, S Wateland

SUNDAY, December 23rd

7:30 am Proclaimer: Rick Kielb

Servers: Morgan Muehler

Euch Min: Vickie and Rick Kielb, Renee Ehlert, Paul Dimmer, Alex Roll, George Ethier

Greeters: Mary and Robert Gette, Alex Roll, Gladys Krump

Ushers: J Keaveny, A Roll, N Braun, P Dimmer, R & V Kielb

9:00 am Proclaimer: Aaron Morman and Brent Muehlberg

Servers: Jonathan Goroski, Jon Sauer, Katie Meyer

Euch. Min: Nancy and Brent Muehlberg, Steve and Patty Lies, Marlene Straus, Connie Brandt

Greeters: Katie and Chris Duffy, Doris and Ron Bruesch

Ushers: M Underberg, D Resler, C & K Duffy, D Rubertus, P Mauch

11:00 am Proclaimer: Marty Madsen and Jane Priebe

Servers: Jamie Keller, Nicole Mohs, Darcy Jilek

Euch. Min: Renee Walter, Aimee DeVries, Maria Kaduc, Connie Madsen, Mary Campbell, Laurie Straus

Greeters: Carol Crissler, Louise Erickson, Bonnie Kretchman, Karen Hipp

Ushers: T Kaiser, H Formanek, J Sturdevant, G Abel, Ja Keaveny, D Thiel

Proclaimers, Servers & Eucharistic Ministers: Schedules for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day have been filled out by the parish office. If there is a time when you are scheduled and you are not able to be there please let us know or see if you can get a substitute. Thank you for all your help!!!

There will be **NO Joyful Noise Choir** practice on Wednesday December 19th. Please join in leading Christmas carols on Christmas Eve at 5 pm followed by 5:30 Mass. **Youth and Adult Choir** will be practicing from 6:00 - 7:15pm. An extra practice will be held on Thursday, December 20th to prepare for Midnight Mass. **All are welcome!!!** The **11:00 am Choir** will be leading the music at the 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. All are welcome to join us, children and adults. We will be singing Christmas carols that all will know. Please join us if you can. We will start singing around 5 pm.

Deepest Sympathy is extended to **Hazel Achter and family** on the death of her husband, **Ray**.

Deepest Sympathy is extended to **Joe and Lori Formanek and Harold and Carole Formanek and families** on the death of Joe and Harold's mother, **Mary Formanek**.

May they rest in Eternal Peace!

Don't forget \$crip when doing your Christmas shopping!

Thank you to those who contributed to the Retirement Fund for Religious \$670.00 was collected to benefit elderly women and men religious. More than 19,000 religious have less than 20 percent of the amount needed for projected costs of living and health care.

PARISH SUPPORT - A TIME TO SHARE

Our Tithes to the Lord (Fiscal Year July 1-June 30)

"No one, in fact, is so poor that they have nothing to give." John Paul II

Amount Needed Weekly	\$ 10,040.96
Envelope "Our Return to the Lord"	\$ 13,577.24
234 Contributors	
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,649.50
Religious Retirement	\$ 670.00
Children / Youth	\$ 39.50
Building Fund	\$ 12,449.00
Plate	\$ 1,021.56
Year-to-Date Collection thru 12-09	\$ 226,569.00
Budgeted Amount Needed thru 12-16	\$ 240,983.04

Thank God for You! Thank you for using your envelope every Sunday. It is a great witness and invitation to all around. No one needs to know WHAT we give, but Jesus does demand that we lead those around us by what we do...evangelize...invite others by our good example. When you place your envelope in the collection each week, you do just that. Thanks for being good leaders. A special thanks also to our neighbors who not only visit our pews from time to time, but also make a grateful donation as well. We appreciate your thoughtful generosity.

Thanks be to God for your stewardship to the ministry of Our Lord here at Saint John's

Please pray for the ill and for those who have asked for prayers.

Because it is difficult to hear correctly so many names during the Prayers of the Faithful it has been suggested that individual names be listed for prayer in our weekly bulletin. Please pray for: Brian Brummond, Ray Peschel, Lydia Zwilling, Bob Hanson, Melissa Nordick, Eileen Willprecht, James Braun, Connor Terfehr, Rose Bergman, Amy Ostrom-Ahlfs, Linda Johnson, Evelyn Fink, Wayne Winter, Mary Busta, Kathryn Glennan, Donna Tischer, James Parow, Lois Hoefs, Audrey Peplinski, Elizabeth Waclaw, Earl Baldner, Cordillia Bircham, JoEllen Puetz, John Deissler, London Nordick, Deborah Landphere, Hayden Asche, Mary Ann Siemieniewski, Marleen Kayeska, Richard Bladow, Dawson Wienbar, Cheryl Kubela, Maxine Schmit, Colleen Reinbold, Rod Styger, Marian Zach, Corrine Gira, Ron Schmit and Virginia Krause, Praying for our sick is a Corporal Work of Mercy for us all. Please notify our office if a name needs to be listed in our bulletin and please also let us know when a name can be removed. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who attended our 3rd annual Noel Night. Your presence made it a huge success. Thank you to the Noel Night Committee and all the volunteers who dedicated many hours to create a fun filled evening. The motorcycle raffle, diamond ring raffle, silent wreath auction, live auction, bar and dinner raised over \$60,000.
THANK YOU!

Personal Attendant needed for quadriplegic. Monday thru Friday mornings. Weekends mornings and evenings. \$9/hour; will train. Call evenings 642-3618 between 6:00 and 8:00 pm.

North Dakota Income Tax Credit available - Act before 12-31-07. If you or someone you know is looking to enhance the work of the Church, receive a lifetime income stream, and receive a Federal **Charitable Income Tax** deduction and a **ND income tax credit** please contact Paul Leier, Director of Stewardship and Development at 701-356-7926 or our parish office. By simply returning a portion of your blessings, the works in Christ's vineyard can flourish. Details and transactions must be finalized by December 31st to qualify for the tax credit in 2007.

Check the tables in the gathering space for bowls and pans!!

YOUTH & EDUCATION NEWS

December 19th - Regular Class

School supplies are being collected until December 19th to send to Iraq. The school supplies are for a new school being built in a village that CPT Lenzeimer serves in. All school supplies are being accepted as well as hard candies and jerky. Please drop off your donations at the church.

Upcoming Dates:

January 6th - Trip to St. Francis Home to visit with the residents and to give the women manicures!

January 24th - Trip to Arrowwood Resort by Alexandria, MN. Arrowwood has a great water park. Cost for the event is \$10. This is for students in grades 6-12. Please let Tammy know if you are interested in going!

ONE 24 presents Tom Netherton "one of the brightest stars on the Lawrence Welk Show", Monday, December 17th at 1 and 7 pm at the NDSCS Stern Cultural Center. Free tickets are available at Bremer Bank.

Please take names from our Jesse Tree!



The great tree which greets us at the baptistry is covered with the names of Saint John's parishioners, some of whom we may know well and others we may not know at all. Each year during Advent we invite you to take a tag or two from our tree and do something kind for the person or family whose name you've picked...become the hopeful pathway of God's Good News to a fellow parishioner! You can simply send a card (some may be provided at the tree), make a telephone call, send a kind e-mail, drop off some goodies or a small Kris Kringle gift. You may even invite them for dinner or a cup of coffee. Remember, please be careful of each tag because it bears the name of someone loved by God. If that tag is lost, no "visit" will be made!

Advertisers of the Week: St John's/Newman Center thanks **Dakota Heating and Plumbing Inc.** for their support of our weekly bulletin.

On **Wednesday, December 19th**, there will be a special showing of the movie "**Bella**" at the Cinema 6 Theater in Breckenridge at 4:30 pm. Cost for this special showing is \$4.00 per person and you must sign up in the gathering space or call the church office. We need to guarantee the theater a certain number of people in order to secure this special showing. We are hoping that our students' grades 6-8 will sign up for this special showing in place of their religious education class that evening. Any interested person is also welcome to attend but would also need to sign up in the gathering space, or by calling the parish office. Sign up deadline is noon on Monday, December 17th.

We are also encouraging our youth grades 9-12 to attend the 7 pm showing. Cost for the 7 pm show is \$5.00 and they must also sign up to attend as there is limited seating available for that showing.

Kash and Koins for the Kettle Walk help the Salvation Army on Sunday, December 16th from 5-7:30 PM at the NDSCS Blikre Activities Center. Use the northwest door. As you walk laps on the indoor track, place "kash or koins" in the red kettles. Door prizes, including fruit baskets, will be given away.

Help needed: Area "Christians Who Care" are asking for donations of new Christmas gifts for all ages to provide an opportunity for those who've lost their jobs or are in need for other reasons to "shop" for their family. Donations are also being sought for wrapping items and Christmas cookies. Please bring your donations to the parish office or to Vicki Hermes, Tammy Shirek, or Pam Emery. If you have questions, please call Vicki Hermes at 643-8430. Also, If you know a family who would be helped by this opportunity, please invite them to "shop" Tues, December 18th from 4-8pm at Harvest Outreach Church 210 Bypass.



Christmas Decorations / Flowers: If you would like to donate in honor or in memory of a loved one, please do so by **Monday, December 17th**. Form is on the front of the bulletin.