

December 21, 2014

4th Sunday of Advent



4th Sunday of Advent, Year B,

Pastor's Note(s):

The Reason for the Season: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus.

Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. (Loyola Press)

Personal Thanks! to our parish staff and to all our volunteers in whatever ministry they share. Together we make a community of faith happen. Christmas blessings on them and on all our donors and participants in the life of the parish.

Christmas Gifts: Have you considered including your parish in your gift-giving? Please do so with a special/additional gift in response to God's Gift of the Savior. Thank You! *Fr. Michael*



Decorators are needed on Sunday, December 21st after Mass to prepare the church for Christmas. We need to set up the Christmas trees, put up the wreaths and the crèche.

Masses at Christmas
 Christmas Eve: Holy Spirit Two Harbors at 4.00 pm
 St. Mary's Silver Bay at 7.00 pm
 Christmas Day: Holy Spirit Two Harbors at 9.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 (Holy Spirit Two Harbors)
 Tuesday Dec 23: from 7 to 8 pm
 Wednesday Dec 24 from 10 to 11 am.

Toy Drive: Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) is working with the Salvation Army to bring joy to children this holiday season. CLP is accepting new, unwrapped toys thru Christmas Eve, for the Caring Loving People Toy Drive. CLP will accept any gift for boys and girls ages birth to 18. If you choose to donate cash, checks can be made payable to CLP Toy Drive, and CLP will do the shopping to purchase needed and requested items. Purchased items can be left in the bin located at the back of the church.

For 11 years, the generosity of this community has been overwhelming. Our friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners that have landed on hard times have been able to enjoy a holiday season so many of us take for granted. Our sincere gratitude goes out to all that have helped in the past, and plan to support us again this year.

Christmas Poinsettias: Parishioners wanting to donate Christmas flowers should bring them to the church no later than December 23rd. We are also accepting cash donations towards purchasing poinsettias. Thank you for your help in making our Church beautiful this Christmas season.



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Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT	12/20/14
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Tommy, Eddie & Theresa Springer</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalice: Carol Anderson & Beth Egan Servers: Karly Fleischer	
Sunday	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	12/21/14
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Michelle Thewis Plate: Laura Lien Chalice: Jeannie Shaw & Nancy Olsen Servers: Hayley & Megan Larson	
1:30 p.m.	Youth Christmas Program	
Monday	WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT	12/22/14
Tuesday	SAINT JOHN OF KANTY	12/23/14
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Msgr. Thomas F. Scott</i>	
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS	12/24/14
4:00 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gina Lemke Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Linda Hoffman & Chris Lemke Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen	
Thursday	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	12/25/14
9:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Fr. Michael & All Pastors</i> Reader: Shannah Groothausen Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Dave & Shari Hendren Servers: Sid Hendren & Spencer Ross	
Friday	SAINT STEPHEN	12/26/14
Saturday	SAINT JOHN	12/27/14
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Patricia Burke</i> Reader: Nadine Uremovich Chalice: Deacon Tim Egan & Beth Egan Servers: Mary Uremovich	
Sunday	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	12/28/14
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Louise Button Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Joanne Button & Laura Lien Servers: Nathan Campbell & Jasmyn Uremovich	



† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Pat Harrison, Toni Johnson, Joann Ostendorf and Ron Kor.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Jim Kioski and Ray Weeks.

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
'Like' us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Theology of the Body teen retreat: The diocesan TOBIT Retreat theme this year is "Discover God's Plan for Love and Life!" The retreat is for students in grades 9-12. Delve into St. John Paul II's teaching on Theology of the Body. Mass, talks, adoration, praise and worship, confession, games, sledding, bonfire, friends and small groups fill the weekend. The retreat will be held Jan. 16-18, at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor. Cost \$135. Register at www.diceseduluth.org under Youth Ministry.

Youth Christmas Program: Sunday, December 21st. @ 1:30. Students please arrive by 1:00 to prepare.

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection.....	\$2,380.30
Bldg. Fund.....	\$595.00
UCA	\$765.00
Rel. Retire.	342.97

United Catholic Appeal

Total to date
89%
\$21,688.07 of \$25,172.74
\$3,486.67 Still owed.