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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Saturday | 4:15pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 6:30pm
Wed, Thur, Fri | 8:30am

Holy Days & Holidays

Consult bulletin.

Eucharist Adoration

Wednesday | 9:00am - 10:00pm
Available 24 hours / 7 days a week

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Confession

30 mins prior to Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

Make arrangements with the Parish Office six months prior to proposed wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations! Thank you for accepting and caring for one of God's greatest gifts. As part of Baptism preparation, expectant parents are required to attend Mass weekly. Please contact the Parish Office (952) 873-6564. We look forward to getting to know you and your baby.

Bulletin Announcements

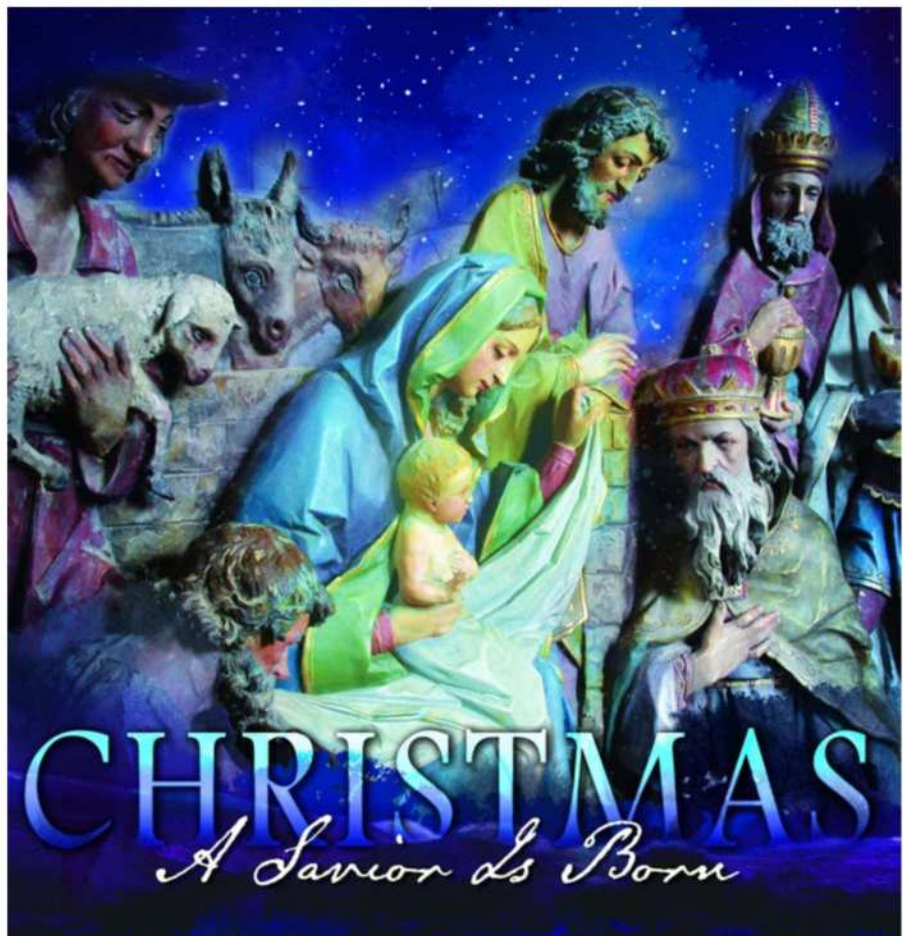
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In Case of an Emergency

Please contact 952-992-0140

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL . . .

On this Fourth Advent Sunday, our preparation season is coming to a close and we soon will celebrate that joyful Christmas season. We are in the last days of getting our hearts and minds ready to welcome the Christ child and be ready for what his birth means for our own salvation. So deep is God's love, that he sent his only Son for us.

Saint Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus has Saint Joseph preparing with the convincing of an angel. While we do not have the luxury of an angel coming to us, we have been given so many resources to ready ourselves for Jesus. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that Emmanuel's birth will come through a virgin! God has always willed to live among creation and God would even become one of us so that we might become sons and daughters! This is salvation history and it is the story that we love to tell. Saint Paul reiterates that same joyful message that it is really all about Jesus' coming. He was foretold by the prophets and born of the virgin always being fully God in our midst!

As we ready ourselves for Christmas, may we always remember that God is Emmanuel and that God lives among us! God makes himself known in so many ways, we just have to be open to recognizing his presence. Of course, we know that Jesus abides with us in the Eucharist, God is known in the Sacred Scriptures, our prayers are powerful and strengthen our relationship with God, faithful worship allows us to know God's presence. Faith is that great gift we have been given to sense that God is always near and never far, at all times accessible, continually in our midst!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



Bud Steen	William Busch	Bob Weldon
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If you know of someone you would like added to the prayer list, please notify the bulletin editor or Parish Office. Obtain the permission of the person you wish to add before calling or emailing. Names will remain on the list for at least four weeks.





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November 22 - January 19

Look for the bin in back of church.

Donations will be given to Sharing & Caring Hands, Loaves & Fishes, and the Children’s Hospital in Mpls.

Hope in the Darkness Service

December 21, 2025 @ 5:00pm

St. John Lutheran Church
 148 South Chestnut Street | Belle Plaine, MN 56011

Rest in the words, music, candlelight and silence of the night and leave with hope in the Christ Child.



Weather Policy

If school is delayed, closes early or is closed due to poor weather conditions the following activities will not meet:

- All meetings (e.g. CCW, Knights of Columbus, Marriage Encounter).

The following activities will continue unless further notification is provided:

- Daily Mass: Mass is always celebrated Tuesday – Sunday
- Religious Education classes and Adoration.

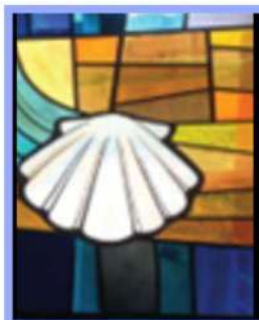


Council of Catholic Women
CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND
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Donation forms in back of church

Excess funds will be used for flowers throughout the year.



Celebrations of Baptism

Ember Lee Dallman
 Daughter of
 Anthony Dallman & Bailey Moeller
 December 7, 2025

Montgomery Joseph Graham
 Son of
 Lucas & Julia Graham
 December 7, 2025



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BASKET COLLECTIONS
 Weekly Collection Goal: \$8,344

Date	Amount	(+/-) Goal
Sunday, December 7	\$11,394.00	+\$3,050.00
Monday, December 8 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	\$1,171.00	

Basket Collection and Attendance totals for the weekend of December 14th were not available due to early holiday publishing deadlines.

ATTENDANCE

Saturday, December 6	4:15 pm	184
Sunday, December 7	8:00 am	185
	10:00 am	285
Livestreamed		48
Monday, December 8 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30 am	154
	6:30 pm	153
Livestreamed		39

Total Registered Active Families 512

Total Registered Active Members 1,301

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Sunday, January 4

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FREE WILL Offering

Altar Servers Needed

Parents, please consider encouraging your children who have received their first Holy Communion, to become an altar server. Contact the parish office for more information.

READINGS	
Readings for the week of December 21, 2025	
Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24	
Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56	
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 57-66	
Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79	
Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 3:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20	
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22	
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Monday, December 22	
No School - Christmas Break	
Tuesday, December 23	
No School - Christmas Break	
6:30 pm Mass	
Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve	
8:30 am Parish Office Closed - Christmas Break No School / No Religious Ed	
3:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass	
4:15 pm Christmas Vigil Mass	
Thursday, December 25 The Nativity of The Lord	
<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> Parish Office Closed No School - Christmas Break	
8:00 am Mass	
10:00 am Mass	
Friday, December 26	
Parish Office Closed No School - Christmas Break	
8:30 am Mass	
Saturday, December 27	
4:15 pm Mass	
Sunday, December 28 The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, Joseph	
8:00 am Mass	
9:00 am Choir Practice	
10:00 am Mass	
Treats & Fellowship after both Masses - sponsored by Knights of Columbus	

MASS INTENTIONS				
MON	22	DEC	No Mass	
TUE	23	DEC	6:30 pm	† d. Irene Castor
WED	24	DEC	3:00 pm	† liv. & d. Guertin & Klehr Families
			4:15 pm	† d. John Anthony Schilz III
THU	25	DEC	8:00 am	† d. Carl Gansen
			10:00 am	† liv. & d. Guertin & Klehr Families
FRI	26	DEC	8:30 am	† d. Jack VanRemortel
SAT	27	DEC	4:15 pm	† d. Janice Fahey & d. Tammy Schultz
SUN	28	DEC	8:00 am	† For the Parish
			10:00 am	† d. Jeff O'Brien



Wednesday, December 24, 3:00 pm Christmas Eve	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Joe Shimota
EMHC	Jason Palo, Joe Shimota, Keith Heitkamp, Sheila Hendricks
Ushers	Keith Heitkamp, Volunteers (3)
Servers	Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo, Volunteers (2)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)

Wednesday, December 24, 4:15 pm Christmas Eve	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Regina Wilson
EMHC	Karen Vandermark, Volunteers (3)
Ushers	Volunteers (4)
Servers	JD Vandermark, Gabriel Vandermark, Volunteers (2)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)

Thursday, December 25, 8:00 pm Christmas Day	
<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Marcia Makowski
EMHC	Rita Halquist, Susan Cole, Volunteers (2)
Ushers	Volunteers (4)
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)

Thursday, December 25, 10:00 am Christmas Day	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Volunteer
EMHC	Nora Wermerskirchen, Volunteers (2) Hannah Wermerskirchen
Ushers	Caleb Wermerskirchen, Volunteer Max Wermerskirchen, Troy Wermerskirchen
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)



Saturday, December 27, 4:15 pm	
Greeters	Volunteers (2)
Lector	Charlotte Mulroy
EMHC	Keith Heitkamp, Sue Schultz, Joe Shimota, Charlotte Mulroy
Ushers	Jim Fogarty, Joe Hartmann, Chris Weldon, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers (4)
Gift Bearers	Volunteers (2)

Sunday, December 28, 8:00 am	
Greeters	Eric & Lisa May
Lector	James Fogarty
EMHC	Sheila Hendricks, Rita Halquist, Sharon Beach, Volunteer
Ushers	Tim Murphy, Dr. Tim Halloran, Volunteers (2)
Servers	Luke Hennen, Henry Hennen, Peter Hennen, Kora Krautkremer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers

Sunday, December 28, 10:00 am	
Greeters	Jim Covington & Mike Buchanan
Lector	Carly Werner
EMHC	Edsel Faunillan, Rick Morgan, Jason Palo, Volunteer
Ushers	Jim Covington, Jim Gerres, Jeff Klein, Volunteer
Servers	Kaiden Palo, Jaxson Palo, Gabriel Vandermark, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteers
EMHC	Janice Teal (Kingsway) Georgine Gansen (Lutheran Home)



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