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If you are in need of a priest, please call Deacon Martin and he will try and find one for you.

Secretary (Wednesdays 9A — 12P)

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Anticipating Surgery?

Please call Deacon Martin to make arrangements to be anointed in sickness or prior to surgery.

Reconciliation

By appointment with Fr. Class, S.J. St. Mary LL on Fridays 8:30 a.m. and on Saturdays 3:30 — 4:30 p.m. St. Michael SB on Thursdays 9:00 a.m.

Eucharist for the Homebound

If you are homebound, recovering from surgery or illness and would like the Eucharist brought to your home, please call or email the Parish Office or call Deacon Martin.

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2022 & JANUARY 1, 2023 4:00 P.M. & 8:30 A.M.

READERS: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday Mass:

Mary Leon John & Lori Phillips

Sunday Mass:

Marita Somero Matt & Kim Prisk

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 24, 2022 - Sunday, January 1, 2023

Saturday, December 24 — Christmas Eve with Carols at 4:00 p.m 4:30 p.m.

For John Bussey by Irene Bruen

Sunday, December 25 — Christmas Day 8:30 a.m.

For Joseph Sella by Cecilia Sella

Saturday, December 31 — News Year's Eve 4:00 p.m.

For All St. Wenceslaus Parishioners

Sunday, January 1 — New Year's Day 8:30 a.m.

For Theresa Hitchens by Rosemary Moe Kalchik

Dear fellow Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Christmas, The birth of Jesus Christ. In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar story of Jesus' birth. Mary and Joseph's travel; there is no room in the inn when they arrive in Bethlehem. Their baby is born in a stable, and they are visited by shepherds. We hear of a savior being born and of angels praising God. We hear this every year. It is seen on TV, we put up nativity scenes, we sing carols, and celebrate Jesus' Birthday, and set time aside for this special day.

But do we really understand what happened that day. We can only understand in part because it is a mystery of the birth of Christ. Jesus had a divine father and a human mother. This makes Jesus both divine and human. This we believe. This makes Jesus one of the most humble beings in all history. Jesus is God. He is the creator of all that is, was, and will be. He humbled Himself to take on the form of one of His creatures. One could say He left the security of heaven, and became one of us, even to the point of death, death on the cross. We are asked to be humble. We think of being humble between other humans. We find this difficult among our peers. We make judgments about them as to where they fit in our categories of life. Are they deserving of our friendship? Jesus did none of this. We were his creatures, we were sinners, we had broken away from Him, yet He humbled Himself to come to us, to reach out to us, to accept our human form, to establish a relationship with us. The birth of Christ is the ultimate example of humility in reaching out to another. How humble are we to reach out to another?

Your servant in Christ, Deacon Martin

Let us remember that each of us is an inn-keeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.

Stewardship Reflections: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." JOHN 1:14 God made his Stewards to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus, we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Matt 10:17-22 December 26 Monday Tuesday December 27 John 20:2-8 Matt 2:13-18 Wednesday December 28 Thursday December 29 Luke 2:22-35 Friday December 30 Matt 2:13-15 Saturday December 31 John 1:1-18 Sunday January 1 Luke 2:16-21



Warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas. Glad tidings to you and yours. May this Christmas Season fill your home with warmth, light, and joy.

The Office Staff

Thanks to all who helped to prepare the Church for Christmas, to Mary Ann for organizing, to those who cleaned or washed the floor, to those who brought the many boxes down and back up to the balcony, and to those who set the decorations around the Church. The Church is ready for Christmas and it is always a happy time working together.

Religious Retirement: Religious give thanks, a sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to the collection for the religious retirement.

The New Year's Eve Schedule

St. Wenceslaus: 4:00 p.m. Saturday, 12/31 & 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 01/01/2023 **St. Michael SB:** 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 12/31 & 8:30 a.m. Sunday 01/01/2023 **St Mary LL:** 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 12/31 & 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday, 01/01/2023

Envelope boxes for weekly collections are available in the vestibule for you to take home. They are arranged by alphabetical order by family last name.

Starting January 8 until Palm Sunday, the Knights of Columbus at St. Michael SB will be offering you a place to come and mingle, laugh and play cards on Sunday afternoons. That's right, Euchre is starting back up on January 8. The price of \$5.00 covers prizes and refreshments. Come for cards, friendship, and comraderv.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy January Birthday to: Eliza Bardenhagen, Joan Korson, Tom Gavin, Alexa Kolarik, Marie Korson, Panta Leon, Jim Alpers, Peggy Kolarik, and Barbara Glinski

Happy January Anniversary to Joanne and Keith Burnham on January 28

Checking in with Bishop Walsh — Did you know you can check in with our Bishop Jeffery Walsh every Wednesday? Our Bishop takes time out of his week to deliver a message to all in the Gaylord Diocese. Just go to: https://dioceseofgaylord.org/. On the bottom of the home page there is a blue box titled: Bishop's Weekly Message. Click the play button to hear a short 5 minute video message each week.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar: This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP	
DECEMBER 18, 2022	
WEEKEND COLLECTION	\$ 3,067
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$ 110
RETIREMENT FUND	\$ 175
FOOD PANTRY	\$ 35
UTILITIES	\$ 325
NOVEMBER 2022	
INCOME	\$ 6,874
EXPENSES	\$ 9,318



Please Pray For:

Anonymous Alicia Bakara, Ruth Blink Beth Britt Ben Bardenhagen Keith & Joanne Burnham Wayne Carter Fr. Michael Class, S.J. Mary Ann Duperon **Kelly Endres** John Fochtman Marilynne Gauthier Kevin Giangiolbe Tracy Grille **Bob Kalchik Family** Elmer & Millie Kalchik Mark Kalchik Steve & Kathy Kalchik Alexandra Kannenberg & Baby Dakota Korson Dorothy (Popp) Korson, Sarah Korson Pete Lara Kevin Maguire Tom Meoak Craig Moreland Peter Navin Jerry Patterson Lucas Plamondon Al & Marie Porter **Bob Pratt** Joshua Pressey Joel Rivera Ruth Schaub Terry Schmidt Randy Sedlacek Debbie Shelagowski Lauren Sineway, Helen Stimson Jim Sullivan Clem Suttmann & Trish Suttmann Ava Valesano **Gery Zemaitis**

...the sick and the homebound of the Parish, their families and caregivers.

All those suffering from COVID

(*NEW to Prayer List)

Please call the Parish Office (231-271-3574) when your loved one no longer needs to be on the list.





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