

Assumption Catholic Church

206 Dakota Street, PO Box 67, Callaway, MN

December 18, 2016

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Here is a thought from last week's homily: *Jesus is here. Our lack of enthusiasm does not diminish His presence. Our refusal to sing does not lessen His glory. Our inability to listen does not silence His word.*

Christmas draws near! It is good to remember and pray for those who struggle with the holiday season. Families who have lost loved ones this year will now "celebrate" Christmas without them. Families without discretionary income may feel the stress of the distance between their hearts and their checkbooks. Families that struggle to cope with the usual stresses of life can find the struggle compounded at holidays.

Be kind and gentle with one another. Pray extra hard for people who are not so merry as Christmas draws near.

A BIG adjustment for me in my first year of priesthood surfaced at my first Christmas—1990. I had obligations in the parish regarding Christmas Masses and other parish events. These kept me from the family gathering with all its food, drink, gift giving and game playing. When I finally made it home later on Christmas Day the gathering had pretty much dissipated, and I was so tired I didn't want to be there anyway. I resented the moment I realized that my Christmases from then on would be different.

That was a long time ago! I have adjusted and so has the family. The point: people can struggle with the holidays for many reasons. If someone you know will have a difficult time this year, be kind and gentle. Pray. Believe that the Son of God, who entered our human state, will come into every heart that welcomes him. Once Jesus is with us, he can heal us and console us.

Healing and consolation. These are far better than a bit of merriment.

There will be a **diocesan meeting for all catechists** in the South Central Deanery, on Thursday, January 5, 2017. The meeting is here at our church from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, beginning with Mass. Catechists from other parishes in the Deanery will also attend.

A request during the cold/flu season: If you have symptoms of a cold or the flu, receiving the Blood of Christ from the same chalice that others will use creates an opportunity for the flu/cold symptoms to spread. In these circumstances, it is a courtesy to the health of others to refrain from receiving the Blood of Christ. If you have these symptoms and are scheduled as a Eucharistic Minister, please ask another Eucharistic Minister to fill in for you.

Mass Schedule for Sacred Heart Church in Frazee

Saturdays – 9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Sundays – 8:30 am

Weekdays: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00 am

Wednesdays – Frazee Care Center 10:00 am

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Mass Times

Thursday @ 7:00 pm
 Sunday 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday @ 6:15 pm
 Sunday after Mass

ADORATION:

Thursdays: 5:00-7:00 pm

Christmas and New Year's Day or on Sundays, so Mass will be at 10:30 am as usual.

Please remember to have the gifts for the Angel Tree to the church by Tuesday this week..

If you would like to have Masses said for loved ones or for some special intentions for the upcoming year, 2017, please let Marlys know. You can put your Mass requests in the collection basket, stop in the office on a Monday morning, or call or e-mail Marlys at assumption@holyrosarycc.org. The typical Mass stipend is \$5. January is coming soon, so if you have any Masses you want said in January, it is time to get them scheduled

Each of you should have a copy of the Confession schedule for Advent. If you do not have yours, there is one posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church.

The St. Theresa Circle is still waiting for volunteers to be Captain and Co-Captain of the circle for the upcoming years. Please contact Jane Foltz at 375-2945 or LaMae Blattenbauer at 375-2381.

The 2017 envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please take yours.

The 2017 Fellowship sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board. Please sign up

There will be a Christian Mother's meeting after Mass today.

The January through March *Living Faith* daily devotionals are available in the vestibule. Please take one while the supply lasts.

Question of the Week: Who in my life, this Christmas, needs to experience from me the righteousness of Jesus' new Torah, Jesus' own compassion and tenderness touching them through me?

PRAYER REQUESTS: A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW:

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Sharon Winter, Ken Blattenbauer, Wendy Berg (Ginny Warren's sister), Rosella Olson (Ginny Warren's mother), Alice Bellefeuille, Dan Rousu, Mark Stalberger, Milo & Lucille Winter, Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Lowell Baker, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Jeff Wirth, Rita Pearson, Walt Welle, Shawna Donner, Deb Clark, Jamie Weigel, Albert Schouville, Rick Flottesmesch, Cleo Baker, Brent Pearson, Jerry Flottesmesch, Allen Gulseth, Peter Pearson.

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."
 (Matthew 1:24)*

Put our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Strive to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**Collections for December 11, 2016
 (Including the Special Collection for Retired Religious)--\$3040**

UPCOMING:

Dec 18: Christian Mother's meeting with Sunday Fellowship
Dec 20: Angel Tree gifts due at Church
Jan 5: Diocesan Catechist meeting 7:00-8:30 pm.

Mass Intentions

Thursday, Dec 22: Laura Esser
Sunday, Dec 25: Glenise Donley

40th Anniversary Diocese of Crookston TEC Celebration January 15, 2017, at St. Michael's, Mahnomen, starting at 3:00 pm with Mass at 4:00. It is hoped that "TECies" from all 40 years will attend. For further details, see the vestibule bulletin board.

Ministry Schedule for December 25, 2016

Ministers of Holy Communion

Lori Stalberger, Jerry Flottesmesch & Crystal Dibley

Lector

Kristi Stalberger

Ushers

Bob Schmit & Allan Foltz

Presentation of Gifts

Dave & Gina Steffl Family

Altar Servers

Jonah Steffl & Noah Steffl

Money Counters

Roger Foltz & Bill Steffl