

December 24, 2017

## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Scripture is # 888 in the Journeysongs Hymnal



**FROM FATHER DREW....**On this final Sunday of Advent all the candles on the wreath are lit. So much of our faith is about taking the ordinary and making it extraordinary. We see that in the symbols of Advent. We take an ordinary tree and make it mean something. We take lights and make them mean something. Candles mean something. Bread and Wine are ordinary and become extraordinary. Jesus has always been about taking the ordinary and making it extraordinary. An ordinary city, an ordinary stable, an ordinary manger. God can take what may seem ordinary in our life and make it extraordinary. That is the joy and hope of Christmas. He can take your ordinary time, effort, and prayers and make them something extraordinary. So what do we have to do for Advent? Perhaps it's just the ordinary. But give it to God..... And well..... You know what he does with it.

**OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ARE EXTENDED TO:** Gary Maciejewski and family on the recent death of wife and mother, Charlotte. Mass of Christian Burial was held this past Friday at St. John's in Grand Marais. Please keep Gary and family in your prayers.

**GIVING TREE:** the response was exceptional...thank you to all who so generously gave to this need.

**OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/25-29:** Bridget will be in the office Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 8:30 am—4:00 pm.

**THANK YOU...**to all who gave to the Christmas flower fund.

**2018 CALENDARS AND CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH...**Please take a calendar for your family. Contribution envelopes are in numerical number. Please pick up your envelopes...it saves us postage. If you do not find your name, please let Bridget know in the Parish office.

Northland Family Programs is offering a Free Introductory Session this January for the FertilityCare™ System, a natural and effective family planning method. Learn how to avoid or achieve pregnancy safely and naturally with a proven method that's 98% effective and 100% natural.

**Essentia Health, St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth on January 8th at 7:00 pm**

**Essentia Health, St. Mary's Hospital in Superior on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**Pre-registration is necessary for all sessions.** To pre-register or for more information call Anna at 218-786-2378 or 1-800-842-0279



*Merry Christmas*

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**Saint John's Catholic Church — Grand Marais**

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**Holy Rosary Catholic Church — Grand Portage**

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**Parish Office:** Mon., Tues. and Thursday 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. **Office/Rector's** 218 387-1409

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**Fr. Drew Braun:** 320 491-7748 **Deacon Peter Mueller:** 218 387-1386 nordhaus@northlc.com

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# ***Christmas Flowers***



*Mike & Elsie Foley*

*Jan Healy*

*Steve Homa*

*John & Kathleen Oberholtzer*

*Dave Palmer*

*Nick & Izabela Sheehan*

*Jerry & Kathleen Sivets*

*Ken Wielinski*

*Lisa & Joe Zallar*

*Agatha Armstrong in memory of Marjorie Bramer, & Philomena Evans*

*Maggie Barnard in Honor of Barnard & Modl families*

*Yvonne Block in memory of Amedee & Grace Denault, Doreen Denault,  
Levern Denault, & Robert Denault*

*Mike Boland in memory of Maureen Boland*

*Sharon Brenner in memory of Doug Brenner*

*Judy & John Brisky in memory of Anne Maurin, Marge Lozenski, Carol Brisky,  
& Barb Brisky*

*Joy & Joe Carlson in memory of Ed & Mabel Ryden, Larry Ryden, & Darrell Ryden*

*Rodney & Julie Carlson in memory of David Carlson & Richard Joynes*

*Rick & Cindi Crawford Family in memory of Richard Crawford Sr., Harold &  
Kathryn Bramstedt, Barbara Johnson & Bryan Crawford*

*Pete & Carlina Gresczyk in memory of John & MaryBelle Sjoberg, Clem Gresczyk*

*Bob & Trudy Hahn in memory of the deceased members of the Hahn family and the Kovach family*

*Mary Hennes in memory of George Wagener, John Wagener, Virginia Wagener, Gerald Wagener*

*Carolyn Higgins in memory of Gerald Johnson*

*Tom & Mary Kelly in memory of Kelly Family, Hah family, Rick Leviesha*

*Amy & David Lacina in memory of Janet Lacina & Eleanor Geissler*

*Dick Nelson in memory of Carl Nelson, Phoebe Nelson, Dorothy Nelson*

*Willard Nelson in memory of Dorothea Nelson, Harold Nelson, Thomas Nelson*

*Chuck & Joyce Petek in memory of Ed & Melba Petek, Linus & Edna Kuznik*

*Carol Pratt in memory of Clifford Hiivala, Betty Hiivala & Mike Hiivala*

*Mark, Margie and Molly Quello in memory of Delia C. Preagido, Allan Quello, Presentacion Comahig,  
Ray & Alma Olson, Crispina & Diosdado Preagido, & Chi Gonglo*

*Julie Rannetsberger in memory of Doug Brenner & Lorry Rannetsberger*

*Susan Roy in memory of Jim Norvell*

*Bridget & Harvey Sobieck in memory of Robert & Ellen Dolan, Leo & Irene Sobieck*

*Jim & Marie Spry in memory of Ernie & Jeannette Spry, Marjorie Bramer, Gladys Beckwith, &  
Philomena Evans*

*Patty Winchell-Dahl in memory of Harry & Mary Jo Winchell, Charlie & Mary Dahl, Grandmas Amy &  
Irene, Steven & Rachael Hunter, Aunties & Uncles Pennifeather*

*Sandy Wirt in memory of John & Pauline Rogers, Ray & Virginia Wirt*

***Merry Christmas!***

## Saint John's — Grand Marais

**Saturday SAINT JOHN OF KANTY 12/23/17**

4:00-4:45 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance**  
 5:00 p.m. ✚ **Mass** — *John Baumann*  
 Lector..... Bridget Sobieck  
 Communion...Deacon Peter Mueller  
 Ushers..... Harvey Sobieck, Mike Pratt

**Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT 12/24/17**

9:00 a.m. ✚ **Mass**— *Ivan Kirk & Joe Cihlar*  
 Lector .....Ken Wielinski  
 Communion...Deacon Peter Mueller  
 Ushers.....Greg Gresczyk, John Franz

**Sunday THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 12/24/17**  
**VIGIL**

7:00 p.m. **Christmas Prelude & Carols**  
 7:30 p.m. ✚ **Mass** — *Delia Preagido*  
 Lector .....Dick Nelson  
 Communion...Deacon Peter Mueller  
 Ushers.....**NEED, NEED**

**Monday THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 12/25/17**

9:00 a.m. ✚ **Mass** — *Annie Nistler*  
 Lector .....Mitch Dorr  
 Communion...Deacon Peter Mueller  
 Ushers.....Dick Dorr, Greg Gastecki

**Tuesday SAINT STEPHEN 12/26/17**

7:45 a.m. **Rosary**  
 8:15 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday SAINT JOHN 12/27/17**

8:15 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

**Thursday THE HOLY INNOCENTS 12/28/17**

7:45 a.m. **Rosary**  
 8:15 a.m. **Morning Prayer**

**Friday FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE 12/29/17**  
 OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:15 a.m. **Morning Prayer with Divine Mercy Chaplet**

## Holy Rosary — Grand Portage

**Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12/24/17**

11:30 a.m. ✚ **Mass** — *For the Parishioners of Holy Rosary*  
 12:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance**

**Monday THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 12/25/17**

11:30 p.m. ✚ **Mass** — *Ernie & Jeannette Spry and Ed & Mabel Ryden*

**Sunday THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, 12/31/17**  
**MARY AND JOSEPH**

11:30 p.m. **Mass** — *Tom Stattelmann*

### Scripture Reading for 12/31/17:

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:**

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40



### Please Pray For...



Mary Dempsey, Paul Tersteeg, Pat Dolan,  
 Alison, Amber Waldrop, & Mary Ewert —  
 Health & Healing  
 For Gary Maciejewski and family on the recent  
 death of wife & mother, Charlotte  
 For all who are travelling this Holiday Season

**Saturday SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE 12/30/17**  
 OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00-4:45 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance**  
 5:00 p.m. ✚ **Mass** — *For the People of St. Johns*  
 Lector..... Mary Petz  
 Communion...Deacon Peter Mueller  
 Ushers..... Ben Petz, Jerry Kohl

**Sunday THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, 12/31/17**  
**MARY AND JOSEPH**

9:00 a.m. ✚ **Mass** — *Al Healy*  
 Lector .....Ken Wielinski  
 Communion...Deacon Peter Mueller  
 Ushers.....Mitch Dorr, Adam Dorr

10:00 a.m. **Coffee Sunday**

### 2017 United Catholic Appeal

<b>St. John's</b>		<b>Holy Rosary</b>
<b>\$14988.60</b>	<b>collected</b>	<b>\$2900</b>
<b>\$25950</b>	<b>goal</b>	<b>\$2900</b>
<b>57%</b>		<b>100%</b>

### Last Week's Contributions

**Grand Marais**  
 Sunday Collection .....\$2178.00

**Holy Rosary**  
 Sunday Collection .....\$243.00