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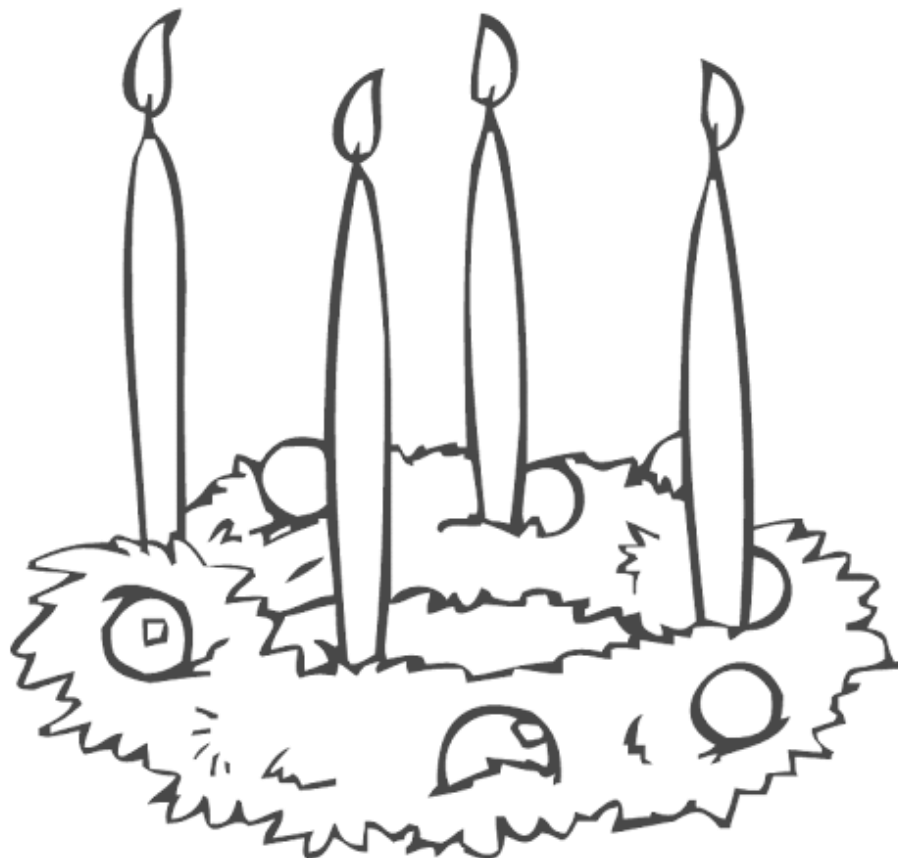


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SVATÝ VÁCLAVE, ORODUJ ZA NÁS! *Saint Wenceslaus, Pray for us!*

o Come, o Come, Emmanuel



The Advent wreath symbolizes the coming of Christ's Light into the world. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colors of the candles (purple is a penitential color while rose is a liturgical color used to symbolize joy) helps to represent our expectation and hope in Our Savior's first coming into the world. The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. If used, the decorations of the wreath also have symbolic meaning: seedpods, nuts and cones are symbolic of resurrection and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.

Dickinson Parishes Advent Confessions:

Sunday, December 17: Queen of Peace, 1:00 pm
Tuesday, December 19: Queen of Peace, 6:30 pm



St. Wenceslaus Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve Vigil 4:00 pm
12:00 Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 7:30 & 9:30 am

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday 7:30 am & 9:30 am Mass
Mon & Tues 8:15 am Communion Service
Wed & Thurs 8:15 am Mass
Friday 8:30 am with TEE
10:00 am Mass — St. Benedict's Care Center
Holy Days As Scheduled

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday-Thursday: Before Daily Mass;
Saturday: 3:15-3:45 pm;
Or privately scheduled through the Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

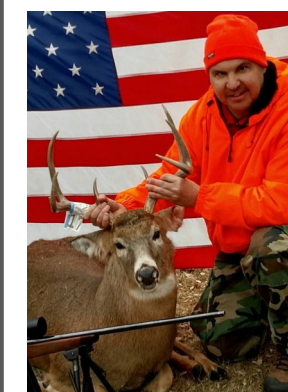
Tuesdays: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

CLERGY & PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, STL, Pastor
Fr. Jordan J. Dosch, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Gregg W. Hochhalter, In-Residence
Deacon Robert & Josie Stockert
Deacon Robert & Gini Zent
Deacon Ray & Kathryn Jilek
Deacon Gene & Marilyn Morman
Sarah Bengtson, Pastoral Assistant
Nicole Berger, CCD Coordinator
Priscilla Keogh, Music Director
Norene Kessel, Secretary/Receptionist
Nick Reis, Maintenance
Marie Claire Uwimana, Housekeeping
Nancy Woehl, Business Manager

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy New Year! Liturgically, the new church calendar has begun. We have entered into the season the church calls Advent, meaning "coming." It is a time that the faithful are encouraged to prepare for the birth of our Savior in a season that is penitential, meaning we are urged to walk through the Advent season with increased prayer, fasting, penance, and an intensified focus on Christ in our neighbor. Turn on the TV, radio, or look to your smart phone and the world proclaims—no screams—preparation in another way. The secular world's message is clearly driven by advertising and marketing with the notion of gift giving but often times in overwhelming and stress-inducing ways. There is hope for Advent, though. The church's message will still be heard because the church's message is true; Jesus is the reason for the season! A good and prudent way to keep Christ in Christmas is by focusing on a basic stewardship tenant: generously and willingly returning to God with a grateful and responsible heart. Taking the time to give to others, whether it be a stranger or a loved one, reminds us of the spirit of Christmas; God's gift of Jesus to humanity. Don't look at gift giving as an obligation or simply for its monetary value. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, "Whether a gift is expensive or cheap matters little; if we have not given a bit of ourselves along with it, any gift we give is too small." How can you give a bit of yourself? Time. Presence. Prayer. Kindness. Encouragement. These are all examples of self-giving. Our hearts often become unsettled this time of year because we can feel the tug-of-war between what God declares gift and what our secular society declares as gift. Giving back to the Lord with increase in your financial contributions, your spiritual gifts of prayer, time and talent, as well as your love and care of family, friend, neighbor and community builds and fosters the true meaning of the season. I also encourage you to prepare for Christ's coming by looking over the past year and asking yourself what you have accomplished. How have you and your family grown and made an impact on your community? Have you taken God's gifts (time, talent, treasure) and have you received them with a grateful heart, nurtured and grown them and shared them? Or, like the servant from the Gospel a few weeks ago, have your buried them and made no increased return on the Lord's investment? As the new Liturgical year begins and as we prepare for the coming of our Lord, I ask you to consider making a charitable contribution and volunteer your time and talent to your parish. With a grateful heart, I thank you for the past year and look forward to all that we will do for our Lord in the next!



A few miscellaneous items to close out this bulletin:

- Enclosed you will find Advent and Christmas Blessings from the staff of St. Wenceslaus.
- As a gift, "Joy to the World", a book by Scott Hahn, will be available during the Advent season on a first come, first serve basis. We ordered 375 copies of the book to share with you!
- I closed out the 2017 deer hunting season with a nice buck on the last day of the season.
- Congratulations to Trinity High School's Fine Arts Department; the production of Shrek the Musical was well received and I enjoyed it!

Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher

IMPORTANT DATES

December 08 Mass @ 7 am, 8:30 am & 5:30 pm
 December 09 CDA Court St. Catherine 100th Anniversary
 December 11 K of C #8839 Mtg, 7 pm
 December 12 Adoration until 4 pm
 Choir Practice, 7 pm
 December 13 CCD/Confirmation, 6:30-7:30 pm
 December 14 Finance Council Mtg, 7 am
 December 16 **Happy Birthday, Fr. Hochhalter!**
 December 17 Advent Confessions, Q of P, 1 pm
 St. Ann's Mtg, 1:30 pm, PLC
 December 19 Adoration until 4 pm
 Advent Confessions, Q of P, 6:30 pm
 December 20 No CCD/Confirmation
 Choir Practice, 7 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

2018 Mass intentions are now open for St. Wenceslaus Church and Chapel, THS Chapel & St. Benedict's Health Center. Kindly remember **THREE** Masses per year, per family.

December 08 **Immaculate Conception of the BVM**
 7:00 am +Gayle Hushka
 8:30 am St. Wenceslaus Parishioners
 (St. Bens) 10:00 am Gerrienne Hartse
 5:30 pm +Edward & +Martha Kudrna
 December 09 4:00 pm +Jerry & +Dorothy Bren
 December 10 7:30 am +Robert, +Bertha & +Arls Bahley
 9:30 am St. Wenceslaus Parishioners
 December 11 & 12 8:15 am Communion Services
 December 13 8:15 am +Doreen Altenburg
 December 14 8:15 am +Donald J. Gartner
 December 15 8:30 am +Clementine Urlacher
 (St. Bens) 10:00 am +Deacon Albert Hibl
 December 16 4:00 pm +Rose Frank
 December 17 7:30 am Special Intentions of
 Aaron & Linda Krebs
 9:30 am +Grace Hondl
 December 18 & 19 8:15 am Communion Services
 December 20 8:15 am +Robert, +Bertha & +Arls Bahley
 December 21 8:15 am +Robert, +Bertha & +Arls Bahley
 December 22 8:30 am +Hannah Melchior
 (St. Bens) 10:00 am Gerrienne Hartse
 December 23 4:00 pm +Marjorie Pavlicek
 December 24 7:30 am +Fabian & +Elizabeth Kelly
 9:30 am +Paul Saxton
 December 24 **Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas**
 4:00 pm +Mary, +Joseph & +Charles
 Shinagle and +Mary Jane
 Shinagle-Feigitsch
 December 25 **12 Midnight**
 7:30 am +Rose Frank
 9:30 am +Bertha Lisko
 +Ralph & +Rose Frank

FINANCIALS

Weekend Giving Goal — **\$12,800/weekend**

NOVEMBER 19 FINANCIALS: **8,187.88**
 Adult Envelopes & Plate **6,737.88**
 Online Giving **1,190.00**
 Envelopes from Parishioners visiting other Parishes **260.00**

Catholic Human Development Collection: \$345.00

NOVEMBER 26 FINANCIALS: **8,566.15**
 Adult Envelopes & Plate **5,337.90**
 Online Giving **1,080.00**
 Envelopes from Parishioners visiting other Parishes **490.00**
 Thanksgiving **1,658.25**

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•December 09: The 100th year of Catholic Daughters of the Americas 323 Court St. Catherine will be commemorated with a Mass at St. Wenceslaus 4:00 pm. Congratulations, Court St. Catherine, on your Anniversary!
 •December 10: FCSLA W121 (Catholic Workman) will hold its annual meeting at the Catholic Workman Hall, 7 pm. Josefina and Curtis Pavlicek will share pictures of their trip to the Holy Land following the meeting.
 •December 10: Card Party, Scheffield St. Pius Club, 2 pm. Meeting to follow.
 •December 10: KC #6308 breakfast, St. Joseph Pine Room, 8 am-12 Noon. Sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, rolls, coffee, juice. Adults: \$10; High School: \$7; Age 5-10: \$4; Age 4 & under: Free. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics. Home delivery: Dalila, 260-3757.
 •December 10: St. Luke's Christmas Open House, 2-4 pm, featuring a Basket Raffle, entertainment, cider & cookies, bake sale, and ornament sale. Proceeds will assist in the purchase of a handicapped accessible mini-van.
 •December 11: KC Council 8839 meeting, 7 pm, Parish Life Center.
 •December 14: CDA Court St. Catherine #323 meeting, Queen of Peace, 7 pm.
 •Keep that mistletoe out all year long! This Christmas, give each other a weekend together. A Marriage Encounter weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekend is January 5-7 in Mandan. For info or to register, visit ndwwme.org or contact Rob & Angie Waletzko, 701-347-1998. Additional weekends held in Rapid City, February 23-25 and in Fargo, March 2018.
 •Remember Badlands Choice Clinic in your charitable giving; Badlands Choice Clinic has brought warmth, light, and authentic care to the lives of over 250 women! Consider becoming a "Give for 12 Partner"—a commitment to a scheduled level of yearly giving, providing Badlands Choice Clinic with predictable income and critical financial support to meet the needs of women today and to assist in planning for future growth. Contact Badlands Choice Clinic to show your support! (701) 483-9353; 313 3rd St W, Dickinson.
 •The Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference at St. Patrick's Parish is collecting Family Fare grocery receipts in an effort to fund their charitable work of assisting the poor and needy in our community. Receipts may be dropped in the St. Patrick's Sunday collection or dropped off at St. Patrick's Parish Office.

Our Sympathy & Prayers...

To the family & friends of +RICHARD "DICK" ZALESKY, Funeral Mass on November 22 and +LILLIAN BREN, Funeral Mass on November 29.

"Eternal Rest, Grant unto them, O LORD, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Congratulations

GREYSEN KACE MORTENSEN, baptized on November 18.
 JOANNA JANE SKADELAND, baptized on November 19.
 REAGAN MIRIAM MEYER, baptized on December 02.

Special Prayer Intentions...

Our men and women called to Holy Orders & Religious Life.
 Our brothers and sisters persecuted for their faith.

For the sanctity of life from conception until natural death and for all those who have experienced an abortion or been affected by one, may they know God's mercy and love. The sick, the suffering, the grieving, the lonely and all those with no one to pray for them. Our military, police officers, and all who protect the community.

For our local, state, and national leaders and for the citizens they represent and lead.

Lives of the Saints...

SAINT BIBIANA (Viviana, Vivian, or Vibiana) is a Roman Virgin and Martyr. The earliest mention in an authentic historical authority occurs in the "Liber Pontificalis", where the biography of Pope Simplicius (468-483) states that he consecrated a basilica of the holy martyr Bibiana, which still exists today.

"The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my GOD and I will praise him, my father's GOD and I will exalt him...Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders..." Exodus 15:2, 11

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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Mission: EDUCATING THE WHOLE STUDENT—MIND, BODY AND SOUL
 We partner with parents to develop young people who are well-rounded and can be positive contributors in Christ's world, using the three pillars of formation in a Catholic School—intellectual, human and religious.

•Trinity Catholic Schools is looking for substitute teachers. To be a substitute teacher, you must have 48 hours of college course work, which is equal to a two-year degree. If you love to work with children, this might be the perfect job for you! The pay is \$110 for a full day of subbing. If you are interested in subbing for the 2017-2018 school year, contact Trinity Catholic Schools, (701) 483-6081.

•Congratulations to the following Trinity Catholic Schools Calendar Raffle Winners to date:

Rose M. Wanner, Dickinson, \$100

Sylvia Hauck, Dickinson, \$100

•UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

December 11: Grades 4-6 Christmas Concert, 7 PM, Trinity Auditorium

December 18: Trinity Junior High and High School Christmas Concert, 7 PM, Trinity Auditorium

December 21: Golden Mass, 1:30 PM

St. Wenceslaus Book Share Library is located in the cabinet in the West Entry. The Library is free and available to anyone.

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Mass	Lector	Greeter	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Servers	Musicians
Saturday December 16 4:00 pm	Pat Blake	Lynn & Jodi Andres	John Wegleitner, Pat Blake, Mary Bachmeier, Tim & Norene Kessel	Ray & Kathie Bren	Ethan Martinet David Merchant	Jan Kuhn Gayle Bren
Sunday December 17 7:30 am	Holly Holinka	Terry & Lynn Kubas	Scott & Gayle Kudrna, Cary & Cheryl Ridl, Nancy Woehl	Terry Kubas Mel Steiner	Aric Knopik	Robert Gardner Ramona Kovash
Sunday December 17 9:30 am	Doug Jilek	Josie Stockert	Deanna Jilek, Kevin & Kim Stockert, Ken & Melodie Zach	James Bren Willie Kuntz	Elijah & Jeremiah Jilek	Priscilla Keogh Choir

Saturday December 23 4:00 pm	Ron Tessier	Bernie & Paulette Marsh	Samantha Daniel, Ron & Marcie Tessier, Kathy & Mike Kiedrowski	Gene & Diane Hoyt	Alexander Dinius Jake Daniel Hetta Skaare	Jan Kuhn Gayle Bren
Sunday December 24 7:30 am	Steve Glasser	Jo Hayden	Deb Cherney, Laverne Diede, Ninetta Wandler-Westrum, Ken & Bobbie Volesky	Michael Bertelsen Ron Diede	Clare Dobbins Jacob Heinert	Margo Frank Ramona Kovash
Sunday December 24 9:30 am	Troy Huber	Michelle Decker	Becky Berger, Mike Brost, Denise Barth, Jody Huber, Cheryl Grossman	Ed Decker Chad Meyer	Brooklyn Berger Jaryn Degele Brody Kuntz	Priscilla Keogh Dinah Eslinger

CHRISTMAS December 24 4:00 pm	Pat Blake	Ed & Judy Ficke	Steve Schneider, Pat Blake, Samantha Daniel, Kathie Bren, Donna Wahl	Kent Mortenson Cary Gress	Jacob Daniel David Merchant	Priscilla Keogh Choir
CHRISTMAS December 25 12 Midnight	Chad Schoch		LaVonne Reis, Kevin & Kim Stockert, Gayle & Scott Kudrna	Tom Jahner Pat Bren	Nicolette Reis	Sarah Poswilko Gini Zent
CHRISTMAS December 25 7:30 am	Tracey Pavlicek	Terry & Lynn Kubas	Ron Urlacher, Renae Sticka, Tracey Pavlicek, Cary & Cheryl Ridl	Ed Sticka Ray Stroh	Cody & Ethan Hirschfeld	Margo Frank Dinah Eslinger
CHRISTMAS December 25 9:30 am	Scott Schneider	Josie Stockert	Tania Zent, Cindy Kary, Kelli Schneider, Alan & Jeanette Fischer	Willie Kuntz Troy Huber	Elizabeth & Katherine Schneider	Priscilla Keogh Choir

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