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Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the Quiet Room
Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM
First Friday before 8 AM mass
Or by appointment. Call Fr. Brennan Ext 1
or Fr. Coyne Ext 4

COMMUNION TO THE SICK OR SHUT-INS

Contact the parish office to arrange for this Ministry

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Father Brennan at least six months before the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

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Each year, we faithfully celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Christmas comes every year, even during moments of great difficulty. We only need to remember those who celebrate Christmas during times of illness, especially this year we remember those who suffer from Covid-19. We also think of those who celebrate Christmas without a home or country, those who are along those who are

Christmas without a home or country, those who are alone, those who are victims of natural disasters and those on the margins of society.

Just as Christmas may occur during times of distress, so too does it offer us each year a message of joy, healing and hope. This hope is rooted not in the human events of the day, but in the eternal message of salvation.

To be joyful even in the midst of so many troubling events does not diminish our solidarity with those who suffer, but rather speaks to the bright Christmas promise of the Angels: "Do not be afraid...for a Saviour has been born for us who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

And so, I invite you to joy, healing and hope this Christmas Season, not because we have no difficulties to face in the days ahead, but because God has come down to Earth to encounter each one of us and to embrace us as His beloved people.



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fr. Brennan

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Fr. Kenney

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH CONFESSIONS

December 24th 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES Pre-registration Required CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS DAY

5:00 pm 10:30 am

8:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S MASSES
NEW YEAR'S EVE NEW YEAR'S DAY

4:30 pm 10:30 am

"Unto Us a Child is Born"

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH CONFESSIONS

December 24th 11:00 am - Noon

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Pre-registration Required
CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS DAY

5:00 pm 9:00 am.

7:15 pm

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

NEW YEAR'S EVE NEW YEAR'S DAY

5:15 pm 9:00 am

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

MASS TRANSFERS: Masses for the following intentions have recently been transferred so these Masses may be celebrated in a timely fashion.

Isadore Lorbetskie Terry Enright Ray Wojcik Gerald Godda

Pat & Bernadette O'Reilly Deceased Family Loretta & Clifford O'Brien

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Dec. 21

8:00 a.m. Rita Coulas - Elsie Coulas

TUES. Dec. 22

8:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald

- Daughter, Debra

WED. Dec. 23

8:00 a.m. Brian Long - Wife, Doris

THURS. Dec. 24

5:00 p.m. EARLY CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY 8:00 p.m. LATE CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

FRI. Dec. 25

10:30 a.m. CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY

SAT. Dec. 26

4:30 p.m. Arden Hay - The Family

In Thanksgiving (65th Anniversary)

- Hector & Barbara Chugg

SUN. Dec. 27

10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

- Fr. Brennan

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Ed Lee, Margaret Moriarity and Melba Graveline, sister of Claude Adam.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Stephanie Nickel, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Mary McCann, Betty Sammon, Dick Cobus, Sylvie Lafontaine, Barb Patrick, Stella Shalla and Georges Blanchette and Jeannette Blanchette.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, December 24th until Monday, January 4th.

knights of columbus: continue to collect pop cans, liquor bottles, aluminum products, copper and car batteries. No steel products please. Pick up will be the last Saturday of each month or as requested for larger pick-ups. Please contact Brian Proulx 432-3377 or Rick Norman 432-8603.

Sunday Offering December 6th: \$7,441.34 Envelopes: \$5,036.00

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Sunday Offering December 13th: \$4,360.00

Envelopes: \$4,020.00;

Weekly EFT: \$225.00 Loose: \$115.00

Care Fund: \$745.00 Care Fund Gift Cards: \$375.00

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Dec. 28

8:00 a.m. Ed Lee - Sisters, Carol, Diane & Trish

TUES. Dec. 29

8:00 a.m. Sandra Arseneau

- Bill & Susan Ringrose

WED. Dec. 30

8:00 a.m. Ken Culhane

- Francis Muselak & Family

THURS. Dec. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:30 p.m. Joseph St. Aubin - Wife, Sylvia

FRI. Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:30 a.m. Maurice Welch

- Don & Nancy Smith

SAT. Jan. 2

4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

- Fr. Brennan

SUN. Jan. 3

10:30 a.m. Mary Recoskie

Agnes Lorbetskie & Family
 Dolly McDonald - Shirley Harman



DUE TO COVID-19
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

CHRISTMAS GIVING & RECEIVING - IT'S NOT TOO LATE: Each year we receive requests at this time to assist the needs of families and individuals who experience hardship during this season.

Our Parish must recognize our responsibility to act in charity. Your kind donations to the Care Fund through gift cards (i.e. - Walmart, No Frills, Metro, Giant Tiger) and monetary gifts are used to outreach these requests. Please consider assisting the needs of the community by donating to the <u>Parish Care Fund</u> clearly marked on your donation envelope.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: to all couples of the Parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary during the month of December. We remember you and your intentions at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this weekend. May God Bless You All. Among those celebrating are:

Hector & Barbara Chugg (66)

Brian & Suzanne Moseley (46)

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