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Confessions: Sat.Night 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 2, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Mon. 3 NO Mass today

Wed. 5 4:30 p.m. Mass--Intention of Fr. Ron
NOTE TIME CHANGE

Wed. 5 6:30 p.m. Penance Service

Sat. 8 8:30 A.M. Intention of Fr. Ron

Sat. the 8th is a Holy Day of obligation
for the Immaculate Conception.

Sat. 8 7:30 p.m. Poor Souls

Sun. 9 10:30 a.m. Poor Souls

TAKE UP GIFTS

Sat. the Ushers

Sun the Ushers

Mass will be in Grey Eagle at 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 7th for the Immaculate Conception
which is a Holy Day of obligation.

Penance Service will be Wednesday night ,
Dec.19th in Grey Eagle. 7:00 p.m. for students
and then adults.

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Sat. Charles Pelzer & Tom Nienaber

Sun Glen Throener & Dean Doroff

SERVERS FOR DECEMBER

Sat. Dec. 1 & 8 Kaleb & Sam Primus

Sat. Dec. 15,22,29 Beau & Alex Thoma

Sun. Dec. 2 & 9 Conner Gerads & Corine Notermann

Sun. Dec. 16, 23, 30 Anthony & Andrew Notermann

LECTORS FOR DECEMBER

Saturdays : Rosemary Nienaber

Sundays : Randy Mettler

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER

Sat. Rosemary Nienaber & Jerry Thoma

Sun. Diane Loven, Richard Knopik

Marge Mettler Gail Reiffer

PLEASE SAY THIS PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God and Father, We praise You for Your goodness and love. We ask You to stir the hearts of all those You call to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Send Your Holy Spirit upon our families and our children. Choose from our parishes, our homes and our schools those called to this adventure of love. With Mary, Mother of every vocation, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Knights of Columbus put out Christmas cards for sale on the table in the entrance. As always, all their profits go to help those in need. This is a good time to thank the Knights for all the work they do with so many projects so they can help others. What a great group ! Thank You !!!

If someone on your Christmas list likes old time music, you can get Fr. Ron's CD for only \$10. The proceeds go to the Poor Clare Sisters.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is in Baxter the weekend of April 5-7, 2019. And in Alexandria Sept. 20-22, 2019. For more information call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496.

Natural Family Planning course is in Little Falls Tuesday, Dec. 4th and January 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more information call 320-631-5660.

Natural Family Planning course is in Long Prairie Monday, Dec. 17th and January 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church. For more information call 320-360-5193.

Office hours are normally 8 a.m. to noon. However, they do vary so call before coming to be sure I am here. 547-2920. Just me – Val -- home phone 547-2479. for the bulletin: stjohnschurchwswanville.org for Diocese web page: www.stclouddiocese.org our e-mail: stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Collection for November 24th & 25th

Adult	\$ 1,632.00
Plate	\$ 243.10
Catholic Charities	\$ 50.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 86.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,011.10

Thank you for your gifts and support !

FAITH FORMATION

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513

Wed. Dec. 5th Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Penance Service at 6:30 p.m. Parents also invited

CHOIR PRACTICE for the Advent season

will be as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 5th after Penance Service

Thursday, Dec. 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 20th at 6:00 p.m.

all are invited to come join the choir prepare for our Advent season and Christmas.

“music is the outburst of the soul:

We have to plan way ahead of time for our Auction/ Dinner event that will be held Friday, March 1st, 2019.

I ask that you start planning on what you can donate to the auction. Please let me know as soon as you decide.

There is a lot of preparation for this parish event and I need to get a BIG head start as I have to report to others so they can get their work done also.

MARRIGE COURSE DATE CHANGE: If you have your marriage course set for Feb. 23rd & 24th, please note that the date has been changed to Feb. 16th & 17th.

On the table in the entrance are a few little BLUE booklets. These are for the Advent season. If you liked the little black booklets, you may find these inspirational also.

YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST: The Morrison County Chapter of MCCL is sponsoring a youth essay contest with the subject title “What Does Pro-Life mean to me.” All youth in grades 6 – 12 who are a resident of Morrison Count are invited to participate. Requirements for the essay include: theme as listed above, typed using double spacing and not more than one sheet in length. It must include your name, address and phone number. The writer should be willing to read the essay at the annual pro-life dinner Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019 at the Falls Ballroom. The deadline for the essay is that it must be postmarked no later than Dec. 20th. Three essays will be chosen with each receiving a \$50 prize as well as two free tickets to attend the dinner. Call Gerri Klimek at 320-632-8215 with any questions and instructions on where to mail your essay.

All senior citizens & community members are invited by the Swanville School Staff to join them Wed., Dec. 5th, in the school commons area from 3:30 - 4:30 for pie, ice cream, coffee & lemonade to show their appreciation for your support to students academics, activities, sports, fundraisers, etc.

LECTORS: You can pick up your book for 2019. They are on the table in the entrance.