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

Dec. 16, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mon.	17	8:30 a.m.	Intention of Fr. Ron
Tues.	18	8:30 a.m.	Rosary & Comm. Service
Wed.	19	5:30 p.m.	Intention of Fr. Ron
NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR WEDNESDAY			
Thurs.	20	8:30 a.m.	Rosary & Comm. Service
Sat.	22	7:30 p.m.	Lorayne Primus
Sun	23	10:30 a.m.	Florence Pietroski

TAKE UP GIFTS

Sat. the Primus Family
Sun the Pietroski Family

Penance Service will be Wednesday night ,Dec.19th

Christmas Eve Mass, Monday 24th, will be in Swanville AND in Grey Eagle at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass, Tuesday 25th, will be in Swanville At 10:30 a.m.

MASS HELPERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

will be the same as Saturday Night helpers listed below.....PLUS extra usher, Joe Miller. Plus extra ministers Joyce Johnson & Lori Thoma
Servers are Kaleb & Sam Primus

MASS HELPERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

will be the same as Sunday helpers listed below.
Servers are Conner Gerads & Corine Notermann

If you won't be able to help on Christmas Eve OR Christmas Day as per noted above and below, please get someone else to take your place OR call Val **right away** so she can get a replacement for you. Thanks !

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER

Sat. Rosemary Nienaber & Jerry Thoma
Sun. Diane Loven, Richard Knopik
Marge Mettler Gail Reiffer

FELLOWSHIP after Mass TODAY,Dec. 16th in the dining hall. Please come and enjoy some goodies and visit with other parishioners.

NOTE TIME CHANGE:

Monday I was advised that the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet in Grey Eagle **at 6:30 p.m.** Tuesday, Dec. 18th for their Christmas Party. Spouses are invited to join them.

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

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP TO DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS. Please join us Friday, Dec. 21st and/or Sunday, Dec. 23rd both at 3:00 p.m. Thank you.

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: stjohnschurchswanville.org for Diocese web page: www.stclouddiocese.org our e-mail: stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

Collection for December 8th & 9th

Adult	\$ 899.00
Plate	\$ 227.00
Knights of Columbus	\$ 500.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 203.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 201.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,030.00

Thank you for your gifts and support !

FAITH FORMATION

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513
Wed. December 19th regular classes at 6:30 p.m.

PLAN AHEAD: We will have **reconciliation** at the church for the **second graders** at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 5th.

PLAN AHEAD: There will be a **Youth Rally for 6-7-8th graders** Jan. 27th 9:a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud. More info. to follow so keep this date open

CHOIR PRACTICE for the Advent season will be as follows:

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:

Thank you to those who have already let me know what they are giving to the Auction/Dinner event held Friday, March 1st, 2019. 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. **So I am grateful that you let me know as soon as you can what you plan to donate. Thanks much ! Just me - Val**

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.

ENVELOPES FOR 2019 are on the table in the entrance in alphabetical order. Please stop & pick up your box. Thanks.

Nashville Country Christmas Show is coming to the Falls Ballroom Wed., Dec. 26th. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and show time at 6:45 p.m. Featuring the “JANSON’S” and “LEVI PELZER”. Dinner & Show is \$40 OR show only is \$30. Call 632-6742 or 632-5408 for more information and check our bulletin board. This should be a great show. The Janson's are on the CD Fr. Ron made in Nashville.

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

Christmas is a time for joy and family and shopping, etc. Let us not forget the real reason to celebrate with family....the birth of Jesus, our Savior. We should prepare for His coming with joy and thankfulness.