

Church of St. John the Baptist  
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**Confessions:** Sat. Night 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Dec. 31, 2017 – the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, Joseph)**

**Mon, Jan. 1** New years Day --- Mass will be in  
Grey Eagle at 8:30 a.m.---NO Mass in Swanville  
**Tues. Jan. 2** 8:30 a.m. Rosary and Comm. Service  
**Wed, Jan 3** 5:45 p.m. All Souls  
**Thurs. Jan. 4** 8:30 a.m. Rosary and Comm. Service  
**Sat. Jan. 6** 7:30 p.m. People of the Parish  
**Sun. Jan. 7** 10:30 a.m. Florence Pietrowski

**TAKE UP GIFTS:**

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> The Ushers  
Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> The Pietrowski Family

**USHERS FOR JANUARY**

Sat. Chas Pelzer & Jerry Thoma  
Sun. Phillip Cichon & Neil Johnson

**SERVERS FOR JANUARY**

Saturday nights anyone who can  
Sun. 7 & 14 Cooper & Beau Thieschafer  
Sun. 21 & 28 Jamison & Tanner Koetter

**LECTORS FOR JANUARY**

Sat. Joan Gessell  
Sun. Bea Golombecki

**EUCCHARISTIC Ministers for JANUARY**

Sat. Lori Thoma & Joyce Johnson  
Sun. Jay & Heidi Loven – Ann Koetter & Gail Rieffer

**NOTE –CHANGE OF BOARD MEETINGS**

Both boards will meet Monday Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>  
NOT Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance Council meets at 7:15 p.m. on Jan.15<sup>th</sup>**

Members are: Jim Waltman, Karen DeFrance, Lauie Sieben, Randy Mettler, Fr. Ron and trustees Al Wessel and Marilyn Cichon.

**Parish Board meets at 8:00 p.m. on January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Members are: Chris Pelzer, Rob Bryce, Jesse Hollermann, Karen Allen, Diane Loven, Jerry Hollermann, Fr. Ron and trustees Al Wessel and Marilyn Cichon.

**The APPRECIATION DINNER IS Sunday** January 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. PLEASE RETURN your RSVP slips OR call the office in the mornings **before January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This is a way your parish can thank **all of our members** for sharing with each other throughout the year. We do need a count so please reply NOW and plan to come and enjoy a delicious meal !!!

THANKS TO THE **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** for their most generous donation of \$500 to pay for some children's bibles. As we have mentioned many times, they do a lot of good with their donations for many different needs.

There is no hope if it all depends on me....There is no hope if it all depends on you....BUT, if we work together ....maybe ??????

Your life is a gift and a gift only has value if used and shared. Don't keep this gift to yourself. There is no greater satisfaction and fulfillment than to make a difference in another persons life.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE !!!**

Remember that happiness does not just fall into our laps. We have to work at it the same as we have to work at keeping our faith, our marriage or our jobs.

office hours are normally 8 a.m. to noon.

However, they do vary so you may want to call before coming to be sure I am here. Just me – Val 547-2920 home phone 547-2479

**You can get the bulletin on the parish webpage below.**

Parish web page: stjohnschurchswanville.org  
Diocese web page: www.stclouddiocese.org|  
Parish e-mail [stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net](mailto:stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net)

**HANDICAP ACCESSABLE**

Collection for Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

Adult	\$ 757.00
Plate	\$ 453.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 6,917.75
Knights of Columbus	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,647.75</b>

Mass attendance Saturday 7:30 p.m.	103
Mass attendance Sunday 10:30 a.m.	123
Mass attendance Sunday 4:30 p.m.	321
Mass attendance Monday 10:30 a.m.	134

**FAITH FORMATION**

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513

January 3<sup>rd</sup> we have regular classes at 6:30 p.m.

**YOU CAN STILL CALL MARGE AND REGISTER TO JOIN** Our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders annual **Jr. High Youth Rally** on Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Prep School from 9:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This day is about youth gathering together to celebrate being catholic through the Eucharist, learning about our faith and having winter fun activities !

**DINNER/ AUCTION EARLY BIRD TICKETS**

will be sold at our weekend Masses. Early bird tickets are still only \$15 and you get a free drink as well as your name put in the \$500 and \$100 drawings. Last date for early bird sales will be February 6<sup>th</sup>. Then the price is \$20 and NO free drink nor in the drawings. SO... buy your tickets early. You can also get tickets at the office on weekday mornings.

**ALERT: Dinner/Auction time is almost here.**

hear ye – hear ye – this great event is Friday Feb.9<sup>th</sup> at the Sobieski Community Center. We ask that you call the office at 547-2920 OR AL Wessel at 547-2206 ASAP and let us know what you are able to donate for the auction. **The deadline to get on the Auction Bill poster is Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>**. Items can be given after that but would not be in the auction bill. Then I need to arrange and print the program and late donations means a lot of adjustments in the program so I need to know what will be donated no later than February 5<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be given the night of the event but will not be in the program---they will be announced at the time they are auctioned. This IS our biggest fundraiser and many have been so wonderful supporting it. Let's make it another great success this year. Most everyone seems to have a most enjoyable time as this event !

When I arrived to work Tuesday after Christmas, I found the cutest ape, with a big smile, sitting in a chair in front of a computer. The writing says...."Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity." It made me think of the time I had a shirt that said, "I tried to be normal once but I didn't like it." Thanks to whoever gave this to me !! Just me – Val

One of the many blessings I receive every day is being with you as pastor. Thank you for your cards, gifts, goodies, and fruit given me this Advent and Christmas Season. **Have a most wonderful and blessed New Year in 2018.** Fr. Ron