

Church of St. John the Baptist  
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Fr. Ron Dockendorf, Pastor



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**Fr. Ron** 547-2920 or cell (320) 290-4902  
**Confessions:** Sat.Night 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Dec. 23, 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Mon. 24 4:30 P.M. Allan "Corky" Cornell**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

(The Cornell family take up the gifts)

**ushers:** Charles Pelzer, Tom Nienaber, Joe Miller  
**servers:** Kalab and Sam Primus  
**lector:** Rosemary Nienaber  
**ministers:** Rosemary Nienaber, Jerry Thoma,  
Lori Thoma, Joyce Johnson

**Tues. 25 10:30 A.M. Tony & Louise Loxterkamp**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

(The Loxterkamp family take up the gifts)

**ushers:** Glen Throener & Dean Dorff  
**servers:** Conner Gerads & Corine Notermann  
**lector:** Randy Mettler  
**ministers:** Diane Loven, Richard Knopik  
Marge Mettler, Gail Rieffer

**Wed. 26 12:30 p.m. poor Souls (Time Change)**

**Thurs. 27 NO services today**

**Sat. 29 7:30 p.m. Margaret Dockendorf**

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

**TAKE UP GIFTS** Sat. & Sun.-----the ushers

**Monday Dec. 31st Mass will be at 4:30 P.M.**  
for NEW YEARS EVE ---- Intention of Fr. Ron

**ushers:** Dave Hollenkamp & Dan Primus  
**servers:** anyone **Lector:** Mary Hollenkamp  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Julie & Jerry Hollermann,  
and Val Sobania

**Grey Eagle will have New Years Day Mass at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Tues. Jan. 1, 2019 No Mass in Swanville New Years Day.**  
( Soleminity of Mary)

USHERS FOR JANUARY

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

SERVERS FOR JANUARY

Saturdays : anyone who can help  
ALL Sundays: Frank Meagher and Connor Gerads

LECTORS FOR JANUARY

Saturdays : Joan Gessell  
Sundays : Diane Loven

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JANUARY

Sat. Lori Thoma & Joyce Johnson  
Sun. Jay & Heidiojo Loven and  
Diane loven & Marge Mettler

**WE CAN USE YOUR HELP TO DECORATE FOR**  
**CHRISTMAS. Please join us to TODAY Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**at 3:00 p.m. Thank you.**

**I want to wish all** a very happy, safe, Blessed Christmas  
season. Thanks for the cards, gifts, & goodies. God's  
Blessings to you this Christmas. Fr. Ron

May we not forget  
what Christmas is  
really about –the  
birth of Jesus, our  
Savior. May we  
prepare for His  
coming with joy  
and gratefulness  
as we celebrate  
with our families.

PICTURE HERE

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 --  
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**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE**

Collection for December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

Adult	\$ 1,202.00
Plate	\$ 308.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 60.00
Votive Lights	\$ 62.60
Christmas	\$ 75.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 216.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,923.60

**Thank you for your gifts and support !**

**FAITH FORMATION**

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513  
Wed. December 26<sup>th</sup> NO classes as Christmas break  
Wed. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 we WILL have reg. 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Christmas Flowers are in honor or memory of :**

Gary Vanselow, James Piekarski, Duane Johnson,  
Allan "Corky" Cornell, John & Irene Loven, Emil Stiller  
Elmer & Judy Vavra, Lisa "Yanta" & Dwayne Lulich,  
Evelyn & Dominic Pelarski, Don & Rich Gessell,  
Deceased relatives of Ralph & Debra Keldergaard,  
the Schneider family, the VanHeel family, Richard Lentz,  
Joe & Elizabeth Gessell, Louis & Gladys Heroux,  
Candella & Robert Heroux, Chris & Julie Karnowski,  
Parents of Knopiks, Harold & Pat Reith's families

**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:**

**OUR AUCTION/DINNER WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 1,**  
**2019.** Please **let me know ASAP** if you have an item  
to **donate to the auction** as we have to get the auction  
posters printed & then posted around the county. This  
takes a lot of time and planning so we appreciate early  
notice of items to list on the auction bill. **Thank you**  
very much. This is our largest fundraiser and we **NEED**  
**YOUR HELP** to make it another big success as in past

ENVELOPES FOR 2019 ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE  
ENTRANCE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. PLEASE  
PICK UP YOUR BOX. THANK YOU

**Nashville Country Christmas Show** is coming to the Falls  
Ballroom Wed., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 CONTINUE TO 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