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

Dec. 9, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mon. 10 NO MASS TODAY
Wed. 12 8:30 A.M. Poor Souls
NOTE time change Wednesday
Wed. 12 NOTE: Confessions after Mass
Fri. 14 8:30 a.m. Poor Souls
Sat. 15 7:30 p.m. Evan Doucette
Sun 16 10:30 a.m. Duane Johnson

TAKE UP GIFTS

Sat. the Doucette Family
Sun the Johnson Family

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 and Lori Thoma.

Servers are Kaleb & Sam Primus

MASS HELERS 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, please get a replacement OR call Val right away so she can get someone to replace you. Thanks to all of you

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

FELLOWSHIP after Mass Dec. 16th in the dining hall.

Please come and enjoy some goodies and visit with other parishioners.

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** meets in Grey Eagle at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18th for their Christmas Party. Spouses are invited to join them.

Recently, the Diocesan Planning Office released a draft of a concept for the St. Cloud Diocese. This concept calls for increased collaboration and sharing of resources of parishes across the diocese in Area Catholic Communities. A draft of the proposed groupings of parishes in each area is **attached to the bulletin this week**. At this point in the process the planning office is looking for feedback on compelling reasons to adjust a given area. **If you have a compelling reason for change**, please e-mail the Director of Pastoral Planning, Brenda Kresky, at gw.stcdio.org or call the planning office at 320-529-4611.

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 1st & 2nd

Adult	\$ 1,994.00
Plate	\$ 245.01
Religious Retirement	\$ 35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Religious Ed. Registration	\$ 10.00
Fall Collection	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,314.01

Thank you for your gifts and support !

FAITH FORMATION

Marge Mettler – Coordinator 547-2513
Wed. December 12th 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. 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:

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

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.

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 are invited to join the Crosier Fathers & Brothers at the National **Shrine of Odilia in Onamia on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 9:00 a.m.** for an Advent Healing Mass. Mass will include anointing of the sick and the ritual of blessing with the Relic of St. Odilia. Coffee & rolls will be served following the Mass. For more information Call 320-532-3103.

Please continue to say the “Prayer For Vocations” These prayer cards are on the table in the entrance.

The Little Blue Booklets for Advent are on the table for you to take and use. They are very inspirational.