

December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent



**"WHEN
ELIZABETH
HEARD
MARY'S
GREETING,
THE INFANT
LEAPED IN
HER WOMB."**

*Treasures spilling over;
secrets pouring out in sheer delight.
The women hug and baby leaps for joy.*

*Holy Spirit, fill us too with yourself.
Teach us to love
and let us cry out in joy, since our Lord has
come to be within us and within all
humankind.*

*Let our spirits jump for joy.
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PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Dec. 26 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer
Fri., Dec. 28 7:45 AM Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 22 4 PM John & Mary
Schutte Family
Sun., Dec. 23 10 AM Andy Huff
Mon., Dec. 24 4 PM Al & Myrna Kohlman
Tues., Dec. 25 9 AM Special Donor
Sat., Dec. 29 4 PM Richard Wagner
Sun., Dec. 30 10 AM Diane Earls

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2333.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 5.62
Loose Collection	\$ 212.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2550.62

\$3,335.00 needed weekly to meet budget.

Special Collections	\$433.60
+ Religious Retirement - \$65.00	
+ Christmas Flowers - \$368.60	

Jesus is Our Greatest Treasure!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Monday – December 24 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Steve and Katy Schmidt, Daniel and Becca
Harlemert, John and Linda Wagner
Servers: Seth Weisenbach, Brady Borgman
Cantors: Brooke Weisenbach, Rosie Newhart
Lectors: Blake Simon, Greg Wagner
Euch. Ministers: Katie Spreckelson, Dana Newhart
Emma Spreckelson, Vicki Wagner

Tuesday – December 25 at 9:00 AM

Greeters: Greg and Amy Kinker, Ken and Janice Fry
Servers: Volunteers
Cantor: Scott Simon
Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Lorrie Gilland
Euch. Ministers: Susan Schutte, Terry Harmeyer
Jane Pictor, Cindy Weisenbach

Saturday – December 29 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Nathan and Courtney Wagner
Bob and Mary Busch
Server: Macey Moorman
Cantor: Rachel Toops
Lectors: Judy Steuri, Teha Merkel
Euch. Ministers: Janet Wagner, Roseann Wirth
Bill Deller, Janet Deller

Sunday – December 30 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Matt and Leslie Hicks - back
Mike and Katie Spreckelson - back
Ken and Janice Fry - side
Servers: Nick Miller, Ben Miller
Cantor: Wayne and Susan Schutte
Lectors: Paige Simon, Austin Wagner
Euch. Ministers: Jodi Muckerheide, Patty Simon
Joyce Muckerheide, Blake Simon



"On this night, the ancient yet ever new proclamation of the Lord's birth rings out. It rings out for those keeping watch, like the shepherds in Bethlehem two thousand years ago; it rings out for those who have responded to Advent's call and who, waiting watchfully, are ready to welcome the joyful tidings which in the liturgy become our song: Today is born our Savior." ~ Pope St. John Paul II

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn December 23 through December 30 for Al and Myrna Kohlman.

Offerings for the sanctuary light are available beginning throughout the month of January. Each candle burns for seven days, and the candle is replaced every weekend. If you would like to make an offering of \$5.00 in honor or in memory of a family member, friend, etc., please call the office or print "sanctuary light" on an envelope and drop in the collection. Also, write your name so we can contact you if that week has been taken.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – "***ALL for the SAKE of OTHERS.***" As of today, the amount pledged to the United Catholic Appeal is **\$11,615.00**, which is **91%** of our goal. **71** households have responded thus far, which is **35%** of parish participation. We are only **\$1,090.00** from meeting our goal. If you have not sent your Intention Card in yet, please do so and help us meet our goal.

DID YOU KNOW – We have baptized eleven children this past year, and there are still more to come! The parish is alive with young people.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – No classes for Preschool through Grade 5 this week. Classes will resume January 9.

No classes for Grades 6 through 12 next week, Sunday, December 30. Classes resume Sunday, January 6, 8:30 AM.

ELECTRONIC BANKING – This option for giving in the weekly collection will begin on January 1, 2019.

OPEN DOOR TOUR – Sunday, December 30, 1:00-5:00 PM, the Batesville Deanery welcomes you and your loved ones to tour the 19 beautifully decorated churches of our deanery. Bask in the sacred spaces dressed in their finest during this Christmas season and offer a family prayer.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – The two biggest sellers in any bookstore are cookbooks and diet books. The cookbooks tell you how to prepare the food, and the diet books tell you how not to eat any of it. (Andy Rooney)



Christmas Eve Mass
St. Maurice - 4:00 PM
St. John - 6:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass
St. Maurice - 9:00 AM

New Year's Eve Mass
St. Maurice - 4:00 PM

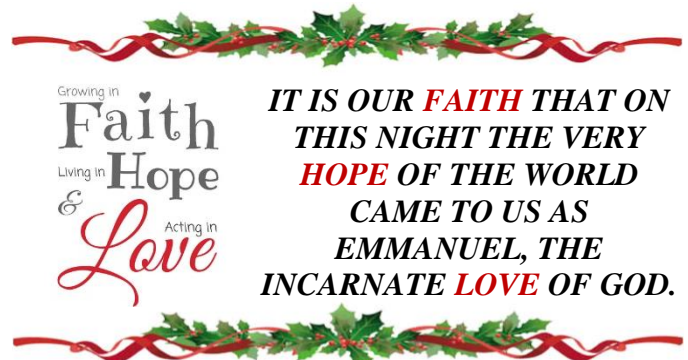
BROKEN ORGAN - SILENT NIGHT

Do you know the origin of that beautiful hymn "Silent Night"? It was Christmas Eve, and at the Church of St. Nicholas in the alpine village of Oberndorf, Austria, Father Joseph Mohr was preparing for the midnight service. He was distraught because the church organ was broken, requiring him to scrap the beautiful music he had planned.

He got an idea – to write a song that could be sung without the organ.

He wrote "Silent Night." His organist, Franz Gruber, set the poem to music, and on Dec. 24, 1818, it was sung for the first time as a duet.

It occurs to me that, in a day when friends, family, the news media and general public routinely complain that laws, relationships, marriage vows, the government, and even our country's economy and security are broken, we can all benefit greatly from a reminder that, were it not for a broken organ, there would never have been a "Silent Night". And that it was into a broken world that "Christ the Savior was born." (Rev. Harry Mahoney, Protestant Pastor, Dedham, MA)



Growing in
Faith
Living in
Hope
&
Acting in
Love

IT IS OUR FAITH THAT ON THIS NIGHT THE VERY HOPE OF THE WORLD CAME TO US AS EMMANUEL, THE INCARNATE LOVE OF GOD.