FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 20, 2020  
The angel Gabriel said to Mary,  
“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus.”

Prayers for help in the battle against COVID-19 are being answered. The roll-out of the vaccines is happening. At the invitation of Ashli Danliko (St. Michael Hospital Avera CEO) and support from Bishop Donald DeGrood, I will offer a blessing early this week over the vaccine vials as they arrive, as well as the medical personnel who will administer the doses. Front line medical staff in the hospital, clinics and senior care facilities will receive it first, then the residents of those care facilities. As more doses become available the vaccines will be available according to CDC guidelines and the directives of the State Health officials. The hope is that by late April/early May anyone who wants to be vaccinated will be able to receive it. Because of my close association with Mike Durfee State Prison and the several health care facilities in our county, I will also receive it. Maybe graduations, Memorial Day celebrations and weddings can resume without fear of infections. I sincerely hope and pray so.

This week we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. To call this event astonishing is an understatement. The Eternal Word became Flesh (human) to live among us and become the sacrifice needed to restore all creation back to union with the Father. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary conceived Jesus and the wonder and miracle of Christmas became more than a promise. Jesus is living proof that God indeed keeps his promise, and that includes the gift of eternal life for each one of us. As the Christ Child grew in his mother’s womb, was born and grew to adulthood, he sanctified and redeemed each and every phase of our human existence, simply by going through them himself. The Church teaches us that no person is to be discarded or regarded as of less worth than any other. All of us, created in the image of God, are and expression of God’s infinite love. This year as we watch again, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the magi gather to see and cherish this great gift of God’s only Son. May God also grant us the grace to hold the mystery and beauty of this season in our hearts.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation Penance  
St. Leo - Tyndall  
Saturday at 4:45pm  
Sunday at 7:45am  
St. Vincent - Springfield  
After Sunday 10:30am Mass  
(or by appointment)

Baptism  
On weekends by appointment.  
Pre-baptismal meeting required for first time parents—best done PRIOR to child’s birth.

Marriage  
Diocesan Policy requires six (6) months preparation for all couples planning marriage. A wedding can NOT be booked until this preparation is underway. Contact Fr. Joseph Forcelle well in advance of any desired marriage date.
MASSES THIS WEEK
December 21-27

Mon. No Mass (Fr. Joe’s Day Off)

Tues. 8:30am SL-Tyndall +Ernest E. Vavruska
Wed. 8:30am SL-Tyndall +Edith T. Post

Christmas Eve & Day Masses

Thurs. 5:00pm SL-Tyndall +Joe Heisinger
8:00pm SV-Springfield +Robert Bame
Fri. 9:00am SL-Tyndall +Grant McCann

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Masses

Sat. 5:30pm SL-Tyndall +Joan Rothschadl
Sun. 8:30am SL-Tyndall SL & SV Members
10:30am SV-Springfield +James E. Libis

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES:
Thursday, December 24 - SL 5:00pm
SV 8:00pm
Friday, December 25 - SL 9:00am

HOLY DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY
Thursday, December 31 - SL 5:00pm
SV 7:00pm
Friday, January 1 - SL 9:00am

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING THIS CRISIS

As Father Joe indicated our parish has an emergency fund to assist families and individuals who may need rent assistance or utility payments. Such assistance is paid directly to the landlord or company, not the individual or family requesting help. Simply call Father Joe at 605-589-3504.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Catholic Family Services is committed to offering counseling services to clients (adults, teens and children) during this unique time due to Covid-19. We are offering in-person counseling sessions with additional sanitizing in between sessions.

We are also offering counseling sessions through a telehealth program which is HIPPA compliant and user friendly. Potential clients can call Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 to schedule an in-person appointment or a telehealth appointment.

RURAL OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (ROCS)

Is your household still dealing with the after-effects of the 2019 flooding? Disaster Relief Supplemental Funds are available to income eligible persons through the Rural Office of Community Services, Inc. (ROCS) For more information call Julie Semmler, Assistant Transit Director at 605-384-3883, visit at 106 West Avenue SW, mail a request at P.O. Box 547, Wagner, SD 57380 or visit our website www.ROCSINC.org.

EXTRA CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

SL - Tuesday, December 22 at 7:00pm
SV - Wednesday, December 23 at 5:00pm

2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The 2021 contribution envelopes will be in the connection entrance of St. Leo and the main entry of St. Vincent. If you cannot find your box or if you have never had envelopes but wish to use them, please call the parish office at 589-3504.

ADDRESSSES often requested at Christmas time:
Fr. Gerald Thury
146 West 1st St., Dimock, SD 57331
Fr. John Rasmussen
P.O. Box 456, Elk Point, SD 57025
Fr. Jerome Kopel
P.O. Box 285, Gettysburg, SD 57442
Msgr. Carlton Hermann
2109 W 11th St., Apt 206, Yankton, SD 57078

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - December 26-27

Mass Times Eucharistic Min. Servers Lector Money Counters

Saturday at St. Leo December 26 5:30pm

David Auch Camille Sykora Olivia Kaul Joan Auch N/A

Charlotte Cihak Carter Uecker Catie Uecker John Cihak Don & Joyce Sykora Randy & Lisa Weier

Connie Miller Nevaeh Myers Kashiuss Tucker Emersyn Tucker Mary Hurd Becky Fryda Dorothy Dean

Sunday at St. Leo December 27 8:30am

Sunday at St. Vincent December 27 10:30am

HOLY FAMILY
FLowers for Christmas

Again this year, we wish to thank all those who have contributed to our Christmas flower fund or who have donated flowers. Listed below are those that requested these gifts as memorials:

St Leo Given By: In Memory of:
Rita Hajek Family donated two Poinsettias
Fr. Joe Forceille & Ernie Juare Mike Forceille & Marcella Auch,
David Auch Kenton Auch, Mallory Vaith,
Margaret Bares Charlie Bares
Richard & Val Fryda Evarylds Base, Joe Base,
Diane Heisinger Joe Heisinger
Jerry & Darla Hovorka Cleadues Hovorka
Ed & LaVon Humpal William & Roseanna Minow,
William & Mary Minow Hilary & Irene Hosch, Tom & Jean
Ginger Peschl Hosch, Brett & Andrew Ericksen
Betty & Kevin Ranek Tom Peschl & Shawn Owen
Ken & Karen Ranek Dale Ranek, Ranek Family &
Keith & Julie Rothschild Humpal Family
Duane & Joan Rothschild, Celia,
Gregory Schneider James, & Leonard Rothschild,
Wayne & Arlo Schuurmans Marvin, Charlotte, & Mel Mudder,
Susan Tjeerdsma Donnabelle Schartz &
Gregory Schneider Don Tjeerdsmma
Wayne Tycz Fred & Joan Huber & Charles
KM Diane Tycz Tycz, JR
Patricia Varilek William J. Varilek, Anton & Alice
Randy & Lisa Weier Cihak, & William P. & Frances Varilek
Wayne & Peg Winckler Scott Van Winkle, Jerome Weier,
Wayne & Peg Winckler Rick, Sheryl, Romain, & Alice
Van Winkle
Wayne & peg Winckler Romain & Alice Van Winkle, Rick,
Wayne & peg Winckler Sheryl, & Scott Van Winkle,
Marlene Zieser Bernard Winckler, & Jim Libis
Hubert & Bobbi Zimmerman R. James Zieser
Robert & Shirley Gravholt, Louis & Crescentia Zimmerman,
Louis & Crescentia Zimmerman, Theodore & Mary Schmidt,
St Vincent Given By: In Memory of:
Fr. Joe Forceille Paul Freid
Dorothy Dean Joe & Helen Hale, Sue, Norris, &
Zoa Libis Mike, Luke, & Earl Dean
Richie & Cindy Ludens Lyle & Helen Koupal & John C.
Connie Miller Libis, Romain, Alice, Rick &
Alice Petrik Scott Van Winkle
Edith Troxel Lyle & Helen Koupal & John C.
Ken & Jeanne Varilek Ludens

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
* January 6, 13, 20, & 27 ….. K-6 grade meet 7-8pm, 7-8 grade meet 6:45-8pm, & 9-12 grade meet 6:45-8:15pm in FCMC class rooms.
* Martha’s Kitchen open at 6pm. All are welcome to come in for a meal.
* No Martha’s Kitchen or Religious Ed on Dec. 23 & 30.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13
The 2nd grade students and their parents are asked to attend the 1st Penance Workshop at 7:00pm tonight! Please meet in the dining hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20
Celebration of 1st Penance for 2nd grade students at 7:00pm in the church. All parents are asked to be there with their child. Prayer for these students and their parents:

St. Leo:
Oakley Bures         Dan and Paula Bures
Colby Dvorcek        Keith and Jaclyn Dvorcek
Abbie Eckert         David and Joanie Auch
                     (grandparents)
Alena Thuringer      Norman and Connie Deal Jr
                     (grandparents)
Colt Wolf            Nick and Staci Wolf
Whitley Wolf         Nick and Staci Wolf

St. Vincent:
Charles Peterson     Cody Peterson and Lisa Peterson

SHOWERING CHRIST’S LITTLE ONES
We invite you to participate in the 28th Annual Advent Baby Shower, running now through Christmas. Please bring **NEW** gifts, unwrapped items for Newborn through toddler size. Suggested items are sleepers/pajamas or outfits, onesies/undershirts, socks & booties, crib sheets, blankets, outerwear, bottles, bibs, diapers, wipes, Sweaters & pants, snowsuits & coats, hats, mittens, rattle/toys, pacifiers, baby shampoo and lotion. These items may be left at the designated area in the Church of St. Leo the Great Parish and the entry way of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. We donate these items locally to the Women’s Center in Yankton and the Women’s Center in Marty or Wagner. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Cuka at 589-3011.

ADULT CATHOLIC FAITH
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental preparation program for those who wish to grow in your Catholic faith or to learn the Catholic faith with an eye to possibly joining the Church.

Sessions will be at St. Leo the Great Parish in the rectory on Sunday evening, at 7pm on December 20 & January 10 & 24. Sessions will be 90 minutes and will be based on the on-line content from FORMED.org, as well as scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Contact Fr. Joe Forcelle at frjosephforcelle@sfcatholic.org or 605-670-9965.

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS
We extend Sympathy and Prayers to the family and friends of William ‘Bill’ Jennewein from Yankton, SD. Bill passed away on December 11th. He was a former member of St. St. Vincent de Paul Parish.
May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace with our heavenly Father.

CFSA REPORT - 2020
St. Leo –110.83%                      St. Vincent –84.84%
Total  $32,153.00                    Total $7,636.00
Paid    $32,103.00                   Paid $7,586.00
Pledged $       50.00                Pledged $     50.00

St. Leo’s is $3,153.00 over their goal. St. Vincent’s is $1,364.00 short of reaching their goal. This shortage will come out of the parish funds.

Please support our diocese… make a contribution today!

CHILDREN’S COLLECTION:
December 13, 2020:
St. Leo - $2.00
St. Vincent - $1.00

Stewardship Report
A weekly financial report to the people of St. Leo the Great Parish
Needed per month ........................... $10,000.00
December weeks income ....................... $4,559.00
Weekly income for 12/13/2020 ............. $2,251.00
Monthly income to date ...................... $  6,810.00

Stewardship Report
A weekly financial report to the people of St. Vincent de Paul Parish
Needed per month ........................... $2,800.00
December weeks income ....................... $1,020.00
Weekly income for 12/13/2020 ............. $  894.00
Monthly income to date ...................... $1,914.00

Keep up with the latest news on our Parish App, Facebook and www.stleotyndall.com