FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019

The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.”

Perhaps one of the more important aspects of these days leading up to Christmas is the push by various charities to solicit donations. We’ve all received dozens of letters and emails and have seen so many television ads asking for donations to a wide variety of causes. Our Catholic faith tells us that it is a command from God to care for those in need. This is not optional if we want to get into heaven. I do find it distressing, though, that so much of this advertising and mailings seem to target people of very limited means. Perhaps they have learned that the less a person has, the more generous they tend to be. The poor among us often shame those of us with more disposable income and spare time by their example of generosity. But during the holidays, it gets to be so difficult to know where to place our resources to have a real impact on the needs of others. Like many of you, I have favorite charities or causes to which I regularly contribute.

I also try to pray more for people in need or who are having difficulties. I am reminded often in my prayer of the ultimate generosity of God who gave us his only Son for our salvation. I reflect on Mary in giving herself entirely to God. I think of St. Joseph abandoning his home to protect Mary & Jesus in Egypt. History is filled with acts of generosity and sacrifice, and this inspires me to do likewise. Our community and our parishes are filled with people who give money and help others without fanfare or recognition. It is so often about our attitude of mind and heart, and how being generous improves our own lives. Just remember the childhood song about the Magic Penny by Malvina Reynolds.

Love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.

It's just like a magic penny,
Hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many
They'll roll all over the floor.

For love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.

Money's dandy and we like to use it,
But love is better if you don't refuse it.
It's a treasure and you'll never lose it
Unless you lock up your door.

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Father Joe Forcelle, pastor
**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

**December 23-29**

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**MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Sign up sheets are in the entrances of the churches for ministry volunteers for Christmas Masses, Tuesday, December 24, 8:30am SL & 9:00am SV, Wednesday, December 25, 5:00pm SL & Holy Day Masses, Tuesday, December 31, 5:00pm SL & 7:00pm SV, Wednesday, January 1, 9:00am SL.

**CHRISTMAS LITURGIES:**

- Tuesday, December 24 - 5:00pm SL & 8:00pm SV
- Wednesday, December 25 - 9:00am SL & Holy Day Masses, Tuesday, December 31, 5:00pm SL & 7:00pm SV

**HOLY DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

- Tuesday, December 31 - SL 5:00pm SV 7:00pm
- Wednesday, January 1 - SL 9:00am

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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**2020 CALENDARS**

We have the 2020 calendars for both parishes in and they are at the entry ways of both churches. Please help yourself to one or two.

**2020 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

The 2020 contribution envelopes will be in the Main 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.

**MONEY COUNTERS AT ST. LEO**

- December 22nd: Donna & Ron Zimmerman, Bobbi Zimmerman
- December 29th: Wayne Schuurmans, George & Denise Mudder
- January 5th: Don & Joyce Sykora, Randy & Lisa Weier
- January 12th: Charlotte & John Cihak, George & Eileen Jaeger
- January 19th: Dennis Kniffin, Marian Peschel, & Pam Novak
- January 26th: Donna & Ron Zimmerman, Bobbi Zimmerman

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - December 28-29**

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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:  
Fr. Joe Forcelle  
David Auch  
Wm & Joanne Balvin  
Margaret Bares  
Deb & Richard Branaugh  
Harvey Friderich  
Richard & Val Fryda  
Diane Heisinger  
Jerry & Darla Hovorka  
Margie Hovorka  
Ed & La Von Humpal  
Jim & Margaret Kniffen  
Emily McMahon  
William & Mary Minow  
Betty & Kevin Ranek  
Ken & Karen Ranek  
Harv & Dee Rothschild  
Gregory Schneider  
Wayne & Arlo Schuurman  
Dorothy Sedlacek  
Rosemary Souhrada  
William & Mary Minow  
William & Arlo Schuurman  
Dorothy Sedlacek  
Rosemary Souhrada  
David & Linda Sykora  
Susan Tjeerdsma  
Darlene Tycz  
Allen Vacknitz  
Patricia Varilek  
Scott & Jo Lynn Weber  
Randy & Lisa Weier  
Wayne & Peg Winckler  
St Vincent Given By:  
Fr. Joe Forcelle  
Dorothy Dean  
James & Karen Kirk  
Richie & Cindy Ludens  
Connie Miller  
Alice Petrik  
Ken & Jeanne Varilek  
In Memory of:  
Phillip & Esther Forcelle  
Nestor Auch, Marcella Auch, Kenton Auch, Mallory Vaiith, & Cleadies Hovorka  
Joe L & Evelyn Fuchs & Families  
Hayes & Angeline Balvin & Families  
Charlie Bares  
Cleadies Hovorka  
Varilek Family & Kniffen Family  
Barb McMahon & Mike Fullenkamp  
William & Roseanna Minow, Hilary & Irene Hoch, Tom & Jean Hoch  
Dale Ranek, Ranek Family & Humpal Family  
Klements & Lorraine Ranek, Raymond Kocer, Dale, Carol, & Mike Ranek, Sherri Clark, & Susan Fejfar  
James F & Celia Rothschild, Joe F & Hattie Kostal  
Edward F & Violet D. Schneider  
William & Irene Schuurman  
Orvin Sedlacek  
Francis Souhrada, Frank & Lilian Souhrada  
Soukup, Roger Soukup, & Steve & Mae Souhrada  
Charles Tycz Jr  
Donnabelle Scharzt & Donald Tjeerdsma  
Charles Tycz JR  
Evelyn Vacknitz  
William J. Varilek, Anton & Alice Cihak, & William P. & Frances Varilek  
Scott Van Winkle, Jerome Weier, Rick & Sheryl Van Winkle, Romain & Alice Van Winkle  
Bernard Winckler, Romain & Alice Van Winkle, Rick, Sheryl, & Scott Van Winkle

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COMING EVENTS

Sundays ................. Praying Rosary in the Prayer Garden, 7:00pm  
Wednesdays ................ Martha’s Kitchen at 6:00pm, FCMC  
Wednesdays ..................... RE Classes, 7:00pm, FCMC  
Dec 21 & 22 ....................... Confessions after all Masses  
Christmas Masses .................. December 24, 5:00pm SL  
December 24, 8:00pm SV  
December 25, 9:00am SL  
New Year Masses ..................... December 31, 5:00pm SL  
December 31, 7:00pm SV  
January 1, 9:00am SL  
Sun. Jan 5 ............ SL Altar Society Meeting after 8:30am Mass  
Mon. Jan 6 ............. KC Mountain Oyster feed, 6:00pm (meeting to follow)  
Sun. Jan 12 ....... SV Parish Council Meeting after 10:30am Mass  
Tues. Jan 14 ...... SL Parish Council Meeting in FCMC, 7:00pm  
Sun. Jan 19 ..................... SL Altar Society Soup Kitchen 10:30am-1:30pm in FCMC  
Sun. Jan 26 ............ Youth Breakfast after 8:30am Mass at SL  
Jan. 26-30 ..................... Fr. Joe on Priest Retreat

SL ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

St. Leo’s Altar Society meeting will be on January 5 after Mass. Ladies, please put this date on your calendars.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Bon Homme Knight’s of Columbus will have their monthly meeting Mon., Jan. 6 at 7:30pm. The night will start with their Annual Mountain Oyster Feed at 6:00pm.

SV PC MEETING

St. Vincent’s Parish Council will be meeting on January 12 after 10:30am Mass. Please come if there is anything about the church that you wish to discuss.

SL PC MEETING

St. Leo’s Parish Council will be meeting on January 14th at 7:00pm. Please come if there is anything about the church that you wish to discuss.

SOUP KITCHEN

St. Leo Altar Society will sponsor their Annual Soup Kitchen on Sunday, January 19, 10:30am to 1:30pm at the FCMC. Serving: chili, vegetable beef and chicken noodle soups (homemade noodles) and chicken salad sandwiches & taverns plus pies, desserts and beverages.

BLOOD DRIVE

There is going to be Save Local Lives Blood Drive by KadeHellmann-Scholarship Blood Drive by Bon Homme County 4-H Center, 4-H Room in a Bloodmobile at 1910 Birch Street on Friday, January 3, 2020 from 12:00pm to 5:30pm. Please make an appointment by contacting Kade Hellmann at 605-464-4318 or visit the website www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

SAINTLY INVITATION

St. Leo the Great and St. Vincent de Paul Parishes would like to invite young couples to a Heavenly Night out for a Valentine Dinner for free on February 14 or February 15. Formal invitation will be sent.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

* January 8, 15, 22, & 29 ... K-12th grade meet for class at 7:00pm, FCMC except 6th & 7th grades meet for class at 6:45pm.
* Martha’s Kitchen open at 6:00pm. All are welcome to come in for a meal.
* Wednesday, December 25th and January 1st—No Martha’s Kitchen or RE sessions.

**SHOWERING CHRIST’S LITTLE ONES**

We invite you to participate in the 27th Annual Advent Baby Shower, running now through Christmas Eve. Please bring **NEW** gifts, unwrapped items for Newborn through toddler size. Suggested items are sleepers & pajamas, onesies & undershirts, socks & booties, crib sheets, outfits, diapers & wipes, snowsuits & jackets, hats, mittens, baby shampoo, lotion & other bath items, blankets, outerwear, bottles, bibs, sweaters & pants, rattles/toys, and pacifiers. These items may be left by the statue of Mary 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. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Cuka at 589-3011.

**Addresses**

- Msgr. Carlton Hermann
  505 Burgess Rd., Yankton, SD 57078
- Fr. Jerome Kopel
  P. O. Box 285, Gettysburg, SD 57442
- Fr. John Rasmussen
  P. O. Box 456, Elk Point, SD 57025
- Fr. Gerald Thury
  146 West 1st St., Dimock, SD 57331

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

There is going to be a Pilgrimage going to Washington, DC for the “March for Life”, January 22-26, 2020. The Diocese of Sioux Falls will be participating in the march and invites you to come along. The Pilgrimage will include participation in the March, the Catholic Youth Rally, and some free time to visit sites at our Nation’s Capital.

**Part-Time Cook Needed**

Broom Tree Retreat Center near Irene, SD is looking for an outstanding cook to join our staff. We offer a competitive wage and flexible scheduling. If you would like to join our dedicated staff, please contact Connie McManus, Kitchen Manager, at 605-263-1040 or by email at cmcmanus@sfcatholic.org. Learn more about us at www.broom-tree.org.

**BON HOMME FOOD PANTRY**

The Bon Homme Food Pantry will not be open on Wednesday for the next two weeks because of the Holidays. The pantry will be open on Monday, December 23 and Monday December 30 from 8:00am to 12 noon.

The Bon Homme Food Pantry is in need of your help. Bon Homme Food Pantry needs: canned or dried fruit, canned vegetables, canned meats (tuna, ham, chicken, beef), non-refrigerated juice, cereal, boxed mac & cheese, hamburger helper, seasoning mixes (taco, chili, or whatever), boxed potatoes, toothpaste & toothbrushes, bath soap, personal hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissue. No donation is too small. The less fortunate will greatly appreciate anything that they are able to get from the food pantry.

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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** by Bud Ozar

The child born to Joseph and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us “God is with us.” Children are signs of God’s continuing presence in our lives.

**Church Contributions**

If you are tired of remembering to do a weekly envelope (cash or check) for contributions to the church, consider doing a bill payment out of your bank checking account to the church. You can do this weekly or monthly. This will help the church’s finance budgets for when you are out of town on the weekends or summers.

**Children’s Collection:**

December 15, 2019:  
St. Leo - $32.00
St. Vincent - $1.00

**St. Leo’s Non-Event Total So Far:**  
$10,225.00

Thanks for your contributions.

*It is not to late to contribute to this event.*

**St. Vincent New Window Project:**  
$9,775.00

**Stewardship Report**

A weekly financial report to the people of St. Leo the Great Parish

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