



St Mary, Hague



Sts Peter & Paul, Strasburg



St Michael, Rural Linton

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First Sunday of Advent

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From the Pastors Desk

As we enter the Advent season, it is a time for us to emphasize hope. Isn't that what Advent is all about? Many people in our world, seem to have a feeling of hopelessness. We should not be among them; worldly thinking produces hopelessness, but our hope is found in Jesus Christ who has redeemed us and paid for all our sins on the Cross. Prophet Isaiah foresees a time of peace, a time when all literally "walk in the light of the Lord." "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." This peaceful world is exactly what we prepare for during this Advent time. Think of how often we hear the word "Peace" used at this time of year. Think of how many Christmas cards bear that word alone. Peace produces hope and hope produces peace. That is the feeling we are seeking at this time, as we prepare to declare "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
Fr. Benny

News and Events

St. Mary's Parish Members of Hague: Your 2018 Church Envelopes are in the back of church. Please pick them up.

St. Michael's Parish of Rural Linton needs a church cleaner! If interested or for more details, call Barb Vetter at 782-4389.

St. Ben's Roofing Up-date: Anonymous Donor Goal: \$10,000.00; Received \$1,750.00; — Balance left: \$10,534.00.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday, December 8th, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please check the Mass Times for all the Parishes for Dec. 7th & 8th.

No St. Mary's Council Meeting in December. On Friday, Dec. 8th, St. Mary's Council will be attending Mass/Communion and are asked to sit in a body for their feast day. Immediately following Mass, we will have our Christmas dinner/program in the church basement. Please call 336-7307 to get your name on our list for dinner.

Retirement Fund for Religious Special Collection will be taken

The Week's Schedule

Sun.,	Dec. 3	8:45 a.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Harry+ & Victoria Voller
		11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael Rose Aberle+
Mon.,	Dec. 4		No Mass
Tues.,	Dec. 5	4:00 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Peter & Agnes Kelsch+ & Family
Wed.,	Dec. 6	8:00 a.m.	Mass and Adoration at Sts. Peter and Paul Rita Wangler+
Thurs.,	Dec. 7	8:00 a.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Peter & Alice Kramer Family
		9:15 a.m.	Mass at Strasburg Care Center Deon Schumacher+
			Eve Mass of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation
		5:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Michael All Parishioners
		7:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Mary—By Fr. Leonard Sally Schall+
			Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation
Fri.,	Dec. 8	4:00 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's CUF Council #244
Sat.,	Dec. 9	4:00 p.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Gary & Barb Ternes & Family—By CCD Teachers
		7:00 p.m.	Mass at St. Mary All Parishioners
Sun.,	Dec. 10	8:45 a.m.	Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Max & Agnes Mosset+ & Family
		11:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael Robert Vetter+ & Family
		5:30 p.m.	Penance Service at Herreid

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: The sacrament is available in Strasburg from 3:15-3:50 p.m. on Saturdays, in Hague from 6:15 -6:50 p.m. on Saturdays, and at St. Michael Church 10:30-10:55 a.m. on Sundays. The sacrament is also available about 15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass and can be scheduled at your convenience by calling the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays, following the 8 a.m. Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Also following Mass on the first Friday of each month at St. Mary.

up at all parishes next weekend, December 9th & 10th. Elderly religious need your help! There are more than 32,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests living in the

United States. Through prayer, love, and sacrifice, they established Catholic schools, hospitals, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage in retirement funding. Your gift helps their religious communities furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous. A brochure and special envelope are attached to this weeks bulletin.

Great Plains Food Bank will be moving on Tuesday, December 5th to the following locations: Hazelton School Parking Lot—10:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.; Linton St. Anthony Church Parking Lot—1:15 p.m.—2:15 p.m.; and Strasburg between the Public Schools—3:15 p.m.—4:00 p.m. **This will be the last time our mobile food pantry will be stopping in Emmons County.** We will continue to work with local community members to get Senior Commodities distributed, but will be directing folks to the Emmons County Food Pantry if they are in need of food assistance. They are located at 118 Broadway in Linton and are open on Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Hague/Zeeland Knights of Columbus meeting on Wednesday, December 6th, at 8 p.m. at the Hague K.C. Hall.

Area Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 10th, 5:30 p.m.—St. Michael, Herreid

Monday, December 11th, 6 p.m.—St. Mary, Hague

Wednesday, December 13th, 7 p.m.—St. Anthony, Linton

Sunday, December 17th, Following 11 a.m. Mass until 2 p.m.—St. Michael, Rural Linton

Wednesday, December 20th, 6:30 p.m.—Sts. Peter & Paul, Strasburg

Sts. Peter and Paul Parishioners: A money donation to purchase Christmas flowers can be given at any time. Put it in an envelope and mark it “*Christmas Flowers*” along with your name so credit can be given to you.

In the back of the Sts. Peter and Paul Church, you will find a Christmas Tree with tags listing items needed for Christmas presents at the Ruth Meiers House. If you would like to be a part of this Christmas Project, take a tag and follow the Ruth Meiers gift guidelines.

Soup Off—Battle of the Soup: Come compete in Strasburg CloseUp’s Annual Soup Cook Off on December 9th, from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. at the Strasburg Blue Room. Rules: Bring a roaster of your favorite homemade soup, three categories to choose from... (Kneophla, Cream base, Broth base). \$5 entry fee per soup... (Person can bring more than one). Need to be signed up by December 6th. Call Nicole to register or any questions at 701-321-3271. The competition will be judged by all who attend the event. \$10 for all you can eat bowl of soup, drink and dessert. There will also be vendors set-up. Come and check it out!

* **St. Mary’s Council “Food Drive”** through December 15th. Boxes are in the back of the Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Strasburg. All donated items will be taken to the Emmons County Food Pantry.
* **The Strasburg Public School National Honor Society Group** is collecting non-perishable canned goods, shampoos, soap bars, dishwasher soaps, tissues, toiletry items and napkins. Please bring donations to the box by the preschool room or to the St. Mary Church in Hague. All items will be taken to the Emmons County Food Pantry. Thank you for your help and support!

Pray for the sick: Allen Laib—brother-in-law to Irene Rohrich,

Judy Skobel—sister to John Marquardt, Bev Goldade, Nikki (Zacher) Dresser, Nattie Nagel, and James Hanson.
Pray for the deceased: Bob Tschritter, James Wickenheiser, Calvin Hochhalter, Aloys Holzer, and James Huber.

Liturgy Assignments

Sts Peter & Paul, Strasburg

Weekday Lector: Rosemary Schaeffbauer

December 8th at 4:00 p.m.—Friday—Feast of the immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Servers: Jessa & Jordyn Heidrich

Lector: Judy Gabriel & Cil Van Beek

Head Usher: Jim Rohrich, Ben Glass

Robert Heidrich, Irvin Senger

Giftbearers: Veronica Glass, Helen Senger

EMHCs: Mona Reis, Irene Rohrich

Carrie Heidrich, Irene Herr

December 9th at 4:00 p.m. – Saturday

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Mark Scherr Family

Servers: Jady & Troy Ternes

Lector: Irene Herr

Head Usher: Tony Ternes

Giftbearers: Tony Ternes Family

EMHCs: Jeanette Tschosik, Irene Rohrich

Irene Herr, Lynette Keller

December 10th at 8:45 a.m.—Sunday

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Brian Grove Family

Servers: Rylie Krumm & Rebecca Wikenheiser

Lector: Leonard Weichel

Head Usher: Darnell Silvernagel

Giftbearers: Joey Baumgartner Family

EMHCs: Joanne Ternes, Nicole Grove

Dennis & Karen Hulm

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December 7th at 7:00 p.m.— Thursday—Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Servers: Isabella Miller & Jeannie Keller

Lector: Dennis Hummel

Head Usher: Andy Hulm

EMCHs: Betty Volk, Andrea Hulm, Victoria Volk

Money Counters: Andy Hulm & Duane Wald

December 9th at 7:00 p.m.— Saturday

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Tony & Victoria Volk Family

Servers: Adam & Ben Hulm

Lector: Karen Keller

Head Usher: Andy Hulm

EMCHs: Andrea Hulm, Betty Volk, Karen Keller

Money Counters: Betty Volk & Karen Keller

St. Michael, Rural Linton

December 7th at 5:00 p.m.— Thursday—Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Servers: Raymond & Dean Vetter

Lector: Isadore Gross

Giftbearers: Charles & Danielle Weigel

Sacristan: Rod Jacob

Money Counters: Arnold Vetter, Denette Jacob, Deb Leier

Rosary: Marie Vetter

December 10th at 11:00 a.m.— Sunday

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Corey Vetter Family

Servers: Raymond Vetter & Katelyn Engelhart

Lector: Marie Vetter

Giftbearers: Darius & Sherry Aberle

Sacristan: Tom Bernhardt

Money Counters: Darius Aberle, Scott Jacob, Isadore Gross

Rosary: Jim Schmidt