

December 23, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent



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ST. JOSEPH, Lankin ~ STs. PETER & PAUL, Bechyne

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Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

12/22– Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Dorothy Karas – Her Family
 12/23 – Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members
 12/23 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Alexander & † Aileen Jelinek – Francis & Bonnie Jelinek

MASS INTENTIONS (December 24 – December 30)

12/24 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**
 12/24 – Monday – **CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS** – Bechyne – **4:00 pm** – † Rev. Dan Mrnarevic – Pat Restad Family
 12/24 – Monday – **CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS** – Pisek – **12 Midnight** – † Nathan Zahradka – His Family
 12/25 – Tuesday – **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS** – Lankin – **9:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members
 12/26 – Wednesday – **8:00 am** – † Elphage & † Betty Denault – Tim Zikmund Family
 12/27 – Thursday – **8:00 am** – Neil & Cory Jonk Family – Neil & Cory
 12/28 – Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00 a.m. – MASS – 8:00 a.m.** – Marie Greicar – Kevin Durkin Family
 12/29 – Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – Tri-Parish Members
 12/30 – Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Keith Knudson – JoAnn Ryba
 12/30 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – Special Intention – Allen & Elaine Swartz
 12/31 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**
 01/01 – Tuesday – Bechyne – **Holy Day – Mary, Mother of God – Mass – 8:30 am** – † Mary Hodny – Bechyne Altar Soc.
 01/01 – Tuesday – Pisek – **Holy Day – Mary, Mother of God – Mass – 10:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members

Reconciliation – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

Adoration – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday
 7:00 a.m. before each 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Morning Prayer – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

Baptism – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

Wedding – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

New to Parish – Please register at the parish office (284-6163) or call parish secretary, Louise (284-6167)

FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE

January 2019

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

February 2019

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

March 2019

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE
LITURGY HELPERS

	December 30 – 10:30 am
Ushers	Teresa Brandt & Dominic Jelinek
Read	Kevin Zikmund
EMHC	N/A
Clean	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ST. JOSEPH
LITURGY HELPERS

	December 29 – 5:00 pm
Usher	Francis & Marilyn Praska
Read	Kristi Brintnell
Clean	Don & Gayle Beneda

S.S. PETER & PAUL
LITURGY HELPERS

	December 30 – 8:30 am
Usher	Pat Restad & James M Shirek
Read	Pam
Serve	Lily & Sawyer
EMHC	N/A
Clean	Lois Kovarik & Patty Bina

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

**Hadler Ellingson, Fr. Lefor, Roger Kovarik,
 Linda Knudson, Joe Zikmund, Charles Waechter,
 Andy Sobolik, Barbara Jarolimek**

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Evangelization: *In the Service of the Transmission of Faith*
 That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

FAITH FORMATION

(See www.plbtriparish.org for full schedule)

01/02/19 – No Class
 01/06/19 – No Class – Gr. K-6
 01/09/19 – No Class – Gr. 7-9 & Gr. 10-12
 01/13/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek
 01/16/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church's Liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer:

He is, as today's First Reading says, the "ruler...whose origin is from...ancient times." He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king (see Ruth 4:11-17; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1; Matthew 2:6).

God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever (see 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11-12).

Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom (see Isaiah 9:5-6; Ezekiel 34:23-25, 30; 37:35). He is "the shepherd of Israel," sung of in today's Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has "come to save us."

Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only "begotten" Son of God, come "in the flesh" (see also Psalm 2:7). He is also our "high priest," from the mold of the mysterious Melchisedek, "priest of God Most High," who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Psalm 110:4; Genesis 14:18-20).

All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary "the mother of my Lord" has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the Psalm quoted in today's Epistle (see Psalm 2:7). Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her.

Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her, but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading—"she who is to give birth." She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the mother of our Lord.

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ www.salvationhistory.com

WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

12/23/18	12/24/18	12/25/18	12/26/18	12/27/18	12/28/18	12/29/18
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <u>St. John Kanty</u></p> <p>FAITH FORMATION K-6 - 9:00 am *Pisek & Bechyne - Decorating After Mass Susie Aune Taylor Knudson Trevor Knudson</p>	<p><u>Christmsas at Greccio</u> David Beneda</p>	<p><u>The Nativity of the Lord</u></p>	<p><u>St. Stephen</u> Susan Shirek Shawn Jelinek A - Donald & Jolene</p>	<p><u>St. John the Apostle</u></p>	<p><u>The Holy Innocents</u> A - Marlen & Diane McLaughlin</p>	<p><u>St. Thomas Beckett</u> Jim Miller A - Allen & Elaine Swartz</p>

(Learn more about the saints by clicking on the hyperlinks above or on the Tri-Parish [Facebook Page](#))

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BECHYNE CHRISTMAS DECORATING

There will be decorating for Christmas and potluck meal following 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 23. Poinsettias are welcome to have at the church that day or on the 24. Sorry for the short notice. Merry Christmas to all!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24 - 4:00 pm at Bechyne
December 24 - 12:00 Midnight at Pisek
December 25 - 9:30 am at Lankin

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 30, 2018

Cake will be served after 8:30 am Mass to celebrate Susan Shirek's 80th birthday at Bechyne. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SUSAN!**

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

With the end of the Year coming faster than most of us would like to see, here's a reminder to make your donations to your Parish & Cemetery before January 1, 2019.

ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY SOCIAL - Due to the holidays and no Faith Formation on Sunday, January 6, we are moving the date of our monthly social and potluck to Sunday, Jan. 13, after the 10:30 am Mass. Hope to see everyone there.

SEARCH - Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up January 11-13, 2019, at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at: www.fargodiocese-search.org/home
Applications due 12/27/18.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA BEGINS JAN. 14 - January 14-22 will mark the USCCB's nationwide Novena 9 Days for Life. The prayer effort takes place during the U.S. bishops' annual period of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. While the overarching intention of the centerpiece novena is the end to abortion, each days' prayer focuses on a different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity. Download or sign up to receive the novena any of four ways: free mobile app, text message, email, or online. Quick, easy-to-use tools can help you share 9 Days for Life. For more information visit www.9daysforlife.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ND INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING OF THANKSGIVING

Ramona Trevino will be the guest speaker at an evening event honoring the participants of the 40 Days for Life fall campaign and all who stand for life! You are invited to join Ramona as she shares her story of conversion from an abortion provider to an advocate for life. Mark your calendars for Tues., Jan. 22, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Avalon Events Center, 2525 9th Ave. South in Fargo. Registration is not required. will be served; Hors D'oeuvres will be served - there will be a free will offering. Sponsored by 40 Days for Life ND. For more information contact the Pregnancy Help Center at 701-284-6601.