

PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Friends,

As we near the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, I'd like to do two things: first, to allow you to give thanks to God; and second, to express my gratitude to you.

First, I would like to provide you a quiet place with our Lord to thank him for the blessings of this last year and to prepare for His coming at Christmas. One evening a week for the four weeks preceding Christmas I will provide exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession from 6-8pm. The schedule is as follows:

November 29th Alexander

December 4th Waverly

December 14th Franklin

December 19th New Berlin

I hope you will take advantage of this wonderful and grace-filled opportunity for rest and reflection with our Jesus.

Also, I would like to say a very sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our parish volunteers. Whether you lector, teach, clean, provide music, usher, pick up donuts or any of the other innumerable tasks it takes to live the faith, I am truly thankful.

To show my gratitude and that of the parishes, I'm inviting all volunteers and their spouses to a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, December 6th from 6-8pm at the Parish Center in New Berlin.

You may recall that December 6th is the Feast of St. Nicholas. A churchman known for his extraordinary generosity, St. Nicholas became the antecedent of Santa Claus.

Traditionally, children would leave their shoes out on the eve of December 5th in hopes that St. Nicholas would fill them with goodies. Those attending our dinner may also receive something sweet, but with no need to remove their footwear.

If you are a volunteer at your parish and would like to attend the appreciation dinner, please RSVP to Allinson by December 4th.

With gratitude and joy for the days ahead!

Fr. Seth

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE WEEK OF 11/12/17

St. Mary's \$5,131	Budget (\$1,900) +\$3,231
Sacred Heart \$894	Budget (\$900) -\$6
Visitation \$387	Budget (\$400) -\$13
St. Sebastian \$220	Budget (\$400) -\$180

LONGITUDE

2017 Nov 22 Wed:

6:30pm, Community Thanksgiving Service, St. John's Lutheran Church, New Berlin.

2017 Nov 23 Thurs: Thanksgiving Day

8:00am, Mass at St. Mary's, New Berlin.

2017 Dec 5 Tues:

Lunch & Learn: noon lunch & 12:30 Speaker: Fr. Seth Brown, St. Joseph Church, Chatham.

2017 Dec 6 Wed: Saint Nicolas Day

6:00pm, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Parish Center, New Berlin. RSVP by Dec. 4 to 488-3545.

2017 Dec 7 Thur: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

7:00pm, Mass, Sacred Heart, Franklin.

2017 Dec 8 Fri: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

7:00am, Mass, Visitation BVM, Alexander.

7:00pm, Mass, St. Mary's, New Berlin.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Charles Walk, Nancy Flach, Cecelia Peters, Roseanne Hartley, Calyssa Richie, Dale Fitzpatrick, Julie Bergschneider, Mary McCray, Carl Bertolotti, Heather Boudreau, Don & Margaret Laughery, Jane Ryan, Jean Knight, Tina Green, Sy & Judy Haber, Donna Reichart, Presley Kerber, Joyce Henn, Olivia Loving, George Eck, Opal Sutera, Theresa Yates.

Call 488-3545 to submit names, which will appear with presumed consent

BAPTISM

It is with great joy that our parish families welcome to our faith family Alise Barnett, daughter of Bryan & Leevia (Hamilton) Barnett. She was baptized on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at Sacred Heart Church.