

December 25, 2011
The Nativity of the Lord

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CELEBRATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

12/26 MON *St. Stephen*
Rectory Office Closed
5:15 PM – HOVEN – Mass/Rosary
*Noel Kaiser

12/27 TUES *St. John*
5:15 PM - HOVEN – Mass/Rosary
*Bob Gefe+

12/28 WED *The Holy Innocents*
5:15 PM - HOVEN – Mass/Rosary
*Leo Arbach+

12/29 THUR *St. Thomas Becket*
4:30 PM – ONAKA - Mass
*Tom & Ann Goetz+

12/30 FRI *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
5:15 PM - HOVEN – Mass/Rosary
*Millie Kaiser+

Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 31st

St. Anthony's - Hoven

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM – Confessions

5:00 PM - VIGIL MASS

***Jodi Rausch+**

Sunday, January 1st

St. John's - Onaka

7:30 – 7:55 AM – Confessions

8:00 AM – MASS

***People of our Parishes**

St. Anthony's - Hoven

9:15 – 9:45 AM – Confessions

10:00 AM – ROSARY/MASS (Incense)

***St. Anthony's Foundation**

This Sunday's Readings:

Is 52: 7-10; Psalm 98; Heb 1: 1-6; Jn 1: 1-18

CATECHISM PARAGRAPHS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

+ 65-67 Finality of the revelation of the Word-made-flesh.

+456-469 Why did the Word become flesh? Jesus is not "part God and part man."

+525-526 The Christmas mystery.

DAILY READINGS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE:

Monday: Acts 6: 8-10; Mt 10: 17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1: 1-4; Jn 20: 1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1: 5, 2: 2; Mt 2: 13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2: 3-11; Lk 2: 22-35

Friday: Gn 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3; Lk 2: 22-40

Saturday: 1 Jn 2: 18-21; Jn 1: 1-18

Sunday: Nm 6: 22-27; Psalm 67; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS:

FROM HOVEN: Helen Glodt, LaVonne Schumacher, Marvin Schmidt, Linda Van Well, Gladys Simon, Jay Duenwald, Chris Ramirez, Norbert Hericks, Abby Simon, Dee Hageman, Don Seurer.

FROM ONAKA: St. John's Parishioners, Phil Heintzman, Ann Goetz+, Lyle Griese+, Mary Barondeau.

OTHER: Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Paul Swain, priests, seminarians, Sisters of our Diocese, Fr. Kevin Doyle, Fr. Lance Oser, World Peace, sanctity of all human life, our military personnel, Jeff & Trish Simon, Laura Keller-Huber, Gene Ronke, Don Karrer, Karen Mertes-Cardran, Dee D Seurer, Alison Simon, Dion Frost, Nancy Duenwald, Gary Kaup+, Joe Munro.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Dec. 31, 2011-Jan. 1, 2012

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA – Saturday 5:00 PM

LECTOR: Linda Feldmeier
EUCH. MIN: Linda Feldmeier
GREETERS: Marvin Glatt Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Please Volunteer
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Travis Clark, Caleb Hageman, Colton Hageman

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – Sunday - 8:00 AM

LECTOR: Larry & Joyce Vetch
OFFERTORY: Leroy Linderman
USHERS: Please Volunteer

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA – Sunday 10:00 AM

LECTOR: Chuck Simon
EUCH. MIN: Tom Garrity
GREETERS: Suzi Vail Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Brooke DeRouchey, Please Volunteer
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Reid Kaiser, Garrett Rausch, Tyler DeRouchey, Scott Glodt, Joey Glodt, Nathan Jager

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Benedict, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, by Thy gift, he may always desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for Pope Benedict XVI's General & Mission Intentions for December:

(G) General intention; (M) Mission intention

(G) **Peace among All Peoples.** That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

(M) **Children and Youth.** That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

Fr. Kevin's Reflection

Let's Remember ... Christmas has Just Started

One advantage of growing up in Colorado, Christmas actually stayed around until mid January.

All the street decorations and Christmas lights would keep burning ... not so much because of the Spirit of Christmas ... but because it was good business. (You have to remember ... the National Western Stock Show always began with the New Year ... and tourists enjoyed touring the town in the Parade of Lights.) So, if

you went to Denver this year, some would be surprised to see Christmas staying around to January 22nd ... marking the end of the Stock Show. (Hey ... whatever it takes ... it is great to let Christmas linger as long as it can ... no matter the excuse.)

I have to admit, I am kind of disappointed when it comes to Christmas here in the Dakotas. Once the 25th rolls around, everything in the city that looks like Christmas is removed. With no economic motivation, we are allowing Christmas to be a speck on our calendar instead of an event. I hope that as Christians, we can remember – CHRISTMAS IS JUST STARTING! We are just beginning to grasp its significance. Christmas, with all its mystery and celebration of the birth of Christ is just too great for a single day. It requires so much more!

Allow Christmas to stay in your hearts and your home's a bit longer this year. Let the Christmas tree remain in the center of your living room. Let those twinkling lights sparkle. Let the world know what we know so well – Christmas will not end in our hearts. However, if that confuses some ... you can say you are celebrating the National Western Stock Show – though the Christmas Season actually ends January 10th this year.

HOVEN NOTES

2012 Church Envelopes are located in the back pews. Please pick them up. If you can't find your envelopes and would like some, please call Linda at the rectory.

NOTES

Thank You, Thank You – Thank you for your Christmas Spirit for Life! Your gifts of dollars and food at the Pro-Life Bake Sale during the school Christmas Program help so much to educate others to the fact that God's Gift of Life truly begins at conception. May the Christ Child bless you and your families abundantly. Hoven Area Right to Life

Note from the Diocese of Sioux Falls:

We have had several requests regarding year end contribution clarification, particularly with December 31, 2011, falling on Saturday, and January 1, 2012, on Sunday. Recognizing that contributions will be received and counted for all Masses collectively from the weekend, we recommend that for the Mass collections checks dated December 31, 2011, be applied to 2011 contributions and checks dated January 1, 2012, be applied to 2012 contributions.

With regard to other contributions received, please note in accordance with IRS regulations, for contributions to be recorded as 2011 contributions, they must either be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2011. This is true regardless of the date of the check.

SHOWER CHRIST'S LITTLE ONES

Where human beings are in need, there God waits for us. In Him we find hope. Each one of us is called to do God's work, for "it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." Matthew 18: 14. Please share hope with others by participating in the Advent Baby Shower, which continues through Christmas. Please bring NEW gifts including: clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, and place them in the crib in the vestibule, by the choir loft steps.

Fr. Lance Contact Info - You can contact Fr. Lance Oser by email at: frlko@hotmail.com or by mail at the following **new address**:

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God sent down His love at Christmas! What a wonderful opportunity to share in the great gift of that love. We are now taking reservations for couples and religious to attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend scheduled for **February 10-12, 2012**, at BroomTree Retreat and Conference Center in Irene, SD. Space is limited so contact Curt and Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 to register or visit www.WWME.org.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – ST. ANTHONY'S

December 17-18, 2011

Amount collected for Weekend.....\$3,991.38

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – ST. JOHN'S

December 18, 2011

Amount collected for Weekend.....\$345.00

God bless you for your continued support of our parishes

ST. ANTHONY'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Next Funeral Luncheon: Circle 3

Jan. Church Cleaning: Circle 1

Special Activity: Circle 3

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL 2011

	Goal	Paid	Balance	Responding
St. Anthony's	\$27,471	\$16,614	\$10,857	111/238 or 47%
St. John's	\$4,200	\$3,795	\$405	14/23 or 61%

Final CFSA Pledge Payments are now due. Please return your pledge balance as soon as possible so we can close our 2011 CFSA books. Thank you!

GEOHERMAL UPDATE

Project Cost: \$475,000

Pledge Goal: \$300,000

Pledge Total: \$204,043.32

Pledge Income Received: \$198,776.32

Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$5,267.00

WORD OF LIFE

The human being is created in the image of God, and God himself is love. It is therefore the vocation to love that makes the human person an authentic image of God: man and woman come to resemble God to the extent that they become loving people.

~ *Pope Benedict XVI*, Address to the Ecclesial Diocesan

Convention of Rome, June 6, 2005

(Refer children who are away from home to it at

www.hovensd.com)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the unborn, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Patron of the unborn, pray for us.