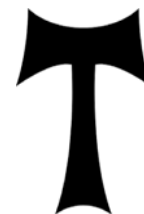




*St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Humphrey, Nebraska*

*The Tau*

January 2024 Volume 16, Number 5



Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to begin the New Year, we often times look at what changes we can make in our lives and make New Year's resolutions. (One aspect of our lives we all know is in turmoil is the school issue.) What does this mean to our Faith?

The thought came to me of a story I heard many years ago. (I think it came from the book *Arabian Nights*.) It is a story of a king who had a beautiful daughter. To win the hand of this pretty princess, the king demanded that a young man tell a story without an end. Many a youth tried, but all of their stories had an end, and all their heads were chopped off.

Finally came a handsome, clever youth with the story of a farmer who had a huge pile of wheat; as high as a house. Each day a grasshopper took away one grain, just one grain. The next day another grasshopper took another grain. The day following still another grasshopper. On and on the youth went with his story until the king finally gave his daughter to this clever young man.

Although this is just a story, it has powerful lesson for New Year's Day. You and I are also telling a story for our King, Jesus Christ. We are not only telling a story, we are living it, the story of our lives. At midnight, December 31, we will finish one chapter called 2023, and at once we begin a new chapter called 2024. Will our story be pleasing to our King?

That depends on whether or not our story has an end. If we live just for the things of this life, seeing them as more precious and important, then our story has an end and will not please our King. If we live for the things that never end, the things of the Spirit, truly following even when we don't understand, our story will please Christ.

Food, drink, clothes and good times, along with churches, schools and communities - these things will end. Yes, they are a part of our life, and God wants us to enjoy them in the proper time and in the proper way. But if our life story is concerned only, or mainly, with these things that pass away, then our King will not be pleased.

How can we write a chapter in 2024 that will please our King? By being open to the Lord and listening to His voice in our hearts through prayer and receiving our Lord in Holy Communion. Through praying and doing good for others for we are told that every kind thought and word and deed goes on eternally. Every task we perform, every breath, every step, if offered to God in love, goes on and on forever. These are the materials of a never-ending story. Put these spiritual matters in 2024 and it will be a year pleasing to our King. It will be a year of happiness for you.

It may seem too serious to be thinking about eternity on New Year's Day, but think for a moment. Realize that one of these New Year's you will no longer be living in time, but in eternity. Today you can decide what kind of eternity that will be.

The only true happiness is in the things of God, the eternal things. May you write those in your life during this coming year of 2024. Then it will be a happy year that lasts forever. That is my prayer and wish for you all.

May you have a Happy and Blessed New Year.


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Stan Schief". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Stan

# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *Feast of the Solemnity of Mary *9:30 AM-Mass *NO SCHOOL	2 *NO SCHOOL	3 *NO SCHOOL	4 *School Resumes *Start of 3rd Quarter *8:10 AM-Mass *8 AM-HS Mass *8:40 AM-7 PM-Adoration/Benediction *6 PM-JVBB w/ Twin River	5 *Bank of the Valley Deposit Day *10 AM-First Friday Mass *10 AM-5 PM-Adoration/Benediction *4 PM-GBB w/ Howells/Dodge	6 *3 PM-GBB @ Burwell *Archdiocese Seminary Collection @ Mass
7 *Archdiocese Seminary Collection @ Mass *5 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	8 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *NO PM Bus Service *1 PM-Dismissal *4:30 PM-JHBB w/ Fullerton	9 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *4 PM-JHGB w/ GACC *7 PM-School Board Meeting	10 *7:30 AM-FFA Meeting *8:10 AM-GS Mass *Junior Class Retreat *2:30 PM-JHGBB @ St. Edward *6:30 PM-PRE	11 *8:10 AM-HS Mass *8:40 AM-7 PM-Adoration/Benediction *6:15 PM-GB w/ Pierce *6:30 PM-JHBB @ Scotus *7:30 PM-Knights of Columbus Meeting	12 *10 AM-GS Mass *3:30 PM-GBB w/ Clarkson/Leigh *6 PM-Allison Weidner Jersey Retirement	13
14 *KC Pancake Feed After Mass *5 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	15 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *GB Conference Tourney	16 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *BB Conference Tourney	17 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *10:30 AM-KTCH Quiz Bowl vs David City *6:30 PM-PRE *7 PM-Parish Council Meeting	18 *8:10 AM-HS Mass *8:40 AM-7 PM-Adoration/Benediction *GB Conf. Tourney Semifinals @ Central Valley	19 *Bank of the Valley Deposit Day *10 AM-GS Mass *State FFA Alumni Convention in Columbus *BB Conf. Tourney Semifinals @ Central Valley	20 *First Reconciliation *GBB Conf. Tourney Finals @ Central Valley *State FFA Convention in Columbus
21 *Tuition Payments Due *5 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	22 *8:10 AM-GS Mass	23 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *4 PM-GBB w/ St. Edward	24 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *Sophomore Class Retreat *6:30 PM-PRE	25 *8:10 AM-HS Mass *8:40 AM-7 PM-Adoration/Benediction *FFA District Career Development Events @ CCC	26 *10 AM-GS Mass *6:15 PM-BB @ Norfolk Catholic	27 *9 AM-JHBB @ Riverside Tourney *3 PM-GBB w/ LHNE
28 *5 PM-"Rosary for Peace & Unity" in Church	29 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *1 PM-JHGBB @ Riverside	30 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *4 PM-GBB w/ Central Valley	31 *8:10 AM-GS Mass *4 PM-FFA State Degree Conflict Night *6:30 PM-PRE			
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2024</h1>						
	<b>1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>  9:30am +Dr. Robert Sueper	<b>2</b>  8am +Tom Hastreiter	<b>3</b>  8:10am +Kerry Korth	<b>4</b>  8:10am L/D +Richard & +Erna Ternus Family	<b>5</b> 10am Souls of the faithfully departed + Corrine Siebler +Mark Brockhaus +Mildred Miksch +Rob Westring +Kenneth Brandl	<b>6</b>  5pm +Katherine Peterson
<b>7</b>  10am Living Legacy Circle Members, +Leonard & +Adele Hassenstab	<b>8</b>  8:10am +Gerald & +Virginia Frauendorfer	<b>9</b>  8:10am L/D +Alois & +Ceil Beiermann Family & +Rich Wegener	<b>10</b>  8:10am +Maynard & +Rita Schumacher	<b>11</b>  8:10am L/D Glenn & +Mary Ellen Wiese Family	<b>12</b>  10am +Alan Beller	<b>13</b>  6:15pm +Tom Hastreiter
<b>14</b>  10am For The People Of The Parish Families	<b>15</b>  8:10am L/D +Lee Stenger Family	<b>16</b>  8:10am L/D +Ferd & +Agnes Weidner Family	<b>17</b>  8:10am Friends and Family of +Joann Schaecher Family	<b>18</b>  8:10am Gene & Maureen McPhillips Family	<b>19</b>  10am +Ivan Beller	<b>20</b>  6:15pm +Lorraine Ortmeier
<b>21</b>  10am L/D Glenn & +Mary Ellen Wiese Family	<b>22</b>  8:10am +Len & +Adele Hassenstab	<b>23</b>  8:10am L/D +Ed & +Anna Mae Pfeifer Family	<b>24</b>  8:10am +Tom Hastreiter	<b>25</b>  8:10am +Kerry Korth	<b>26</b>  10am +Alan Beller	<b>27</b>  6:15pm +Len & +Adele Hassenstab & L/D +Lee Stenger Family
<b>28</b>  10am +Gerald & +Virginia Frauendorfer	<b>29</b>  8:10am +Mark Foltz	<b>30</b>  8:10am L/D +Jack Haiar Family	<b>31</b>  8:10am +Joan Frisch			

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<h1>January 2024</h1> <h2>St. Francis of Assisi Parish Birthdays</h2>						
	1 Mary Lou Finkral Charlotte Ternus	2 Julie Preister Linda Bender	3 Katherine Klug Carson Weidner	4 Crystal Foltz Dustin Kessler Joan Korth Pam Wemhoff Ryan Zach	5 Tim Deets Caleb Killham Brooklyn McKay Randy Preister Boyd Wegener	6 Terry Brockhaus Krista Hooker
7 Matthew McPhillips Brisa Reigle Brooke Sjuts Ava Ternus	8 Bob Foltz Crystal Harper Mary Hemmer	9 Grant Howard Olivia Wemhoff	10 Marvin Classen Jasmine Heesacker Lennon Korus Mikaela Korus Sharon Theilen	11 Graham Jenkinson Victoria Ternus	12	13 Beverly James Asher Korus Russ Wilshusen
14 Emily Droescher Kelli Foltz Renee Gilsdorf Brad Keller Linda Moeller June Molczyk	15 Adam Wietfeld	16 Rich Fleischer Russal Foltz Brooke Hemmer Casey Olson Hannah Weidner	17 Kallie Dole	18 Luke Wegener Jill Werner Taylor Werner	19 Lois Beiermann	20 Grace Boesch Beth Keller Kevin Small Daniel Wegener
21 Jarrett Fittje Jedd Fischer Donna Wemhoff	22	23 Kline Abner Terry Eller Mark Geilenkirchen Jackson Kosch Terry Sjuts Barry Tasa	24 Chris Braun Dorothy Hemmer Jody Preister	25 Jodie Eisenmenger Hadley Frauendorfer Veda Korus Blake Krings Dorothy Pfeifer	26	27 Roman Abner Barrett Brandl Spencer Eisenmenger Autumn Fittje Jim Olmer
28 Pat Duesman Kevin Kosch	29 Jim Classen Jeannette Helmer Lyle Hillen Preston Wegener	30 Jason Fittje Christina Hastreiter	31 Tim Hamling Bob Zach			

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
**Finance Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2023**

The meeting of the finance board opened with prayer led by Fr. Stan Schmit at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 13, 2023. Vice President, Kevin Small, called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. Those present were Fr. Stan, Lisa Krings, Kevin Small, Ashley Krings, David Wegener, Carol Wemhoff, Brent Reichmuth and Dan Fehringer. Bryan Reichmuth and Tim Werner were excused.

Fiscal year-to-date financial reports were reviewed and approved.

The next meeting for January will be scheduled at a later date.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Krings, Secretary

**St. Francis of Assisi Athletic Board Minutes**  
**December 4, 2023**

The St. Francis athletic board held a meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2023, in the library. Board members called the meeting to order at 8:25 PM. Members present were Eric Kessler, Josh Wessel, Erica Wessel, Adam Wietfeld, Karen Wietfeld, Ryan Preister, Megan Preister, Jason Jarosz, Heather Jarosz, Mark Geilenkirchen and Lisa Gielenkirchen.

The meeting opened with a prayer led unanimously.

Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ryan Preister and seconded by Adam Wietfeld.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Josh Wessel and seconded by Ryan Preister.

The expense report was reviewed. A motion to approve the expense report was made by Karen Wietfeld and seconded by Jason Jarosz.

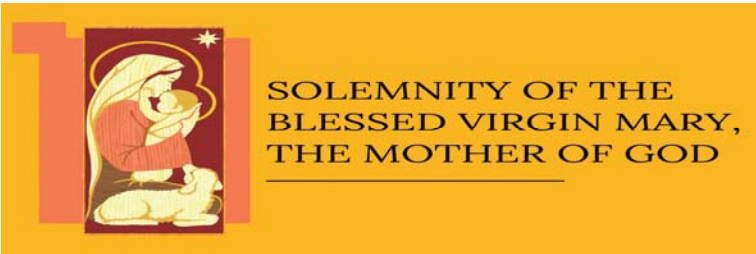
The athletic department has a huge need for a bus driver. Please contact a board member to discuss CDL reimbursement if interested.

St. Francis is hosting this year's basketball holiday tournament on December 29 and December 30.

The next meeting is to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Erica Wessel, Secretary



**MONDAY, JANUARY 1 Mass Times:**

8:00 AM-Holy Family, Lindsay

9:00 AM-Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Clarkson

9:30 AM-St. Francis, Humphrey

Because the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, falls on a Monday, Mass attendance for the Holy Day is not obligatory, though encouraged.



**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

In the middle of winter, when life seems to be frozen and gone, the Church asks us to pray. On the anniversary of the Supreme Court case titled *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion, we are called to pray in a special way for the very image of the helpless. As people of faith, we believe that life, in all its wonder, is worthy of our protection.

Good and gracious God,  
You speak to us in the Scriptures that You knew each of us while we were still in our mother's womb. You already know each child in these mothers' wombs. We humbly ask You to bless each of these women as they carry their children lovingly, as You carry each of us in Your goodness. Bless these women (and their husbands) as they prepare for the birth of their children. Give them strength when they tire, and protect them when they falter. We ask for Your blessing on all expectant mothers and fathers in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



# Knights of Columbus

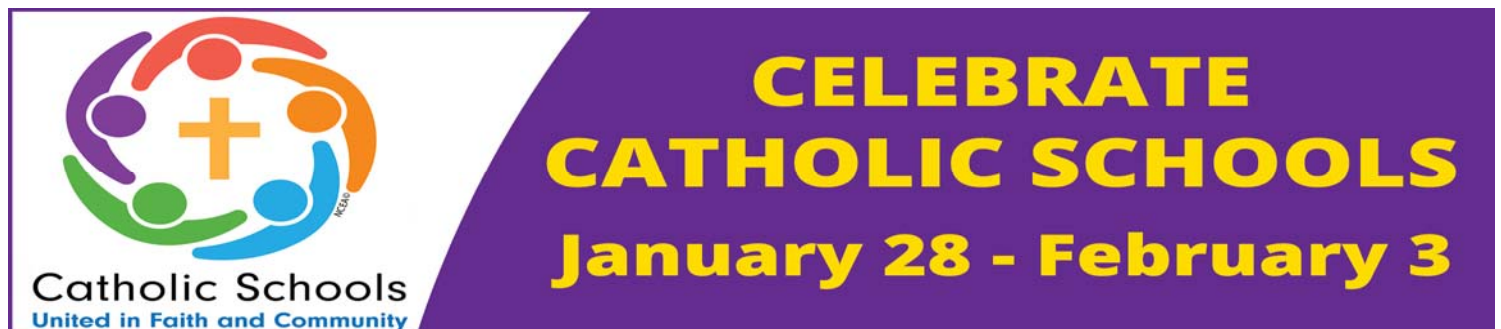
## Pancake Breakfast



**THE KC's INVITES EVERYONE TO JOIN THEM FOR THE PANCAKE FEED HELD IN THE ST. FRANCIS PARISH HALL**

*Sunday, January 14, 2024  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM*

Come enjoy a hot breakfast with your family and friends!





# Liturgical Ministers for January 2024- February 2024

Thank you for your ministry to your parish !! It is truly stewardship in action when we have all of the ministries filled at all the Masses!  
We ask that you mark your calendars and if you cannot be present to fulfill your obligation, that you trade with someone on the list, or find a replacement.

Weekend	Lectors	Servers	E.M.H.C.	Hospitality/Greeters	Offertory
<b><u>Monday-Solemnity</u> <i>of Mary</i> January 1, 2024 9:30 AM</b>	Rita Keller	Harrison Howard Carter Howard	Deacon Tim Howard Karen Wieser	Mike & Carmen Foltz	Jim & Michele Wegener
<b><u>Saturday</u> January 6, 2024 5 PM</b>	Larry Korth	Olivia Braun Phillip Keller	Deacon Kent Sachau Russ Wilshusen	Dean & Ann Preister	JoJo & Jennifer Dunn
<b><u>Sunday</u> January 7, 2024 10 AM</b>	Dave Krings	Trevor Czarnick Tatum Classen	Deacon Tim Howard Roger Baumgart	Joe & Lori Classen	Pat & Doris Wemhoff
<b><u>Saturday</u> January 13, 2024 6:15 PM</b>	Gene McPhillips	Jocelyn Classen Phillip Keller	Kevin Small Missy Braun	Michael & Natalie Ramaekers	Cathie Fuxa Lynn Teply
<b><u>Sunday</u> January 14, 2024 10 AM</b>	Lexi Morfeld	Jett Dunn Jameson Dunn	Deacon Dennis & Celie Anderson	Jerry & Jane Sander	Alan & Julie Huettner
<b><u>Saturday</u> January 20, 2024 6:15 PM</b>	Bruce Pfeifer	Harrison Howard Carter Howard	Deacon Tim Howard Haley Schrage	Lynn Teply Mary Korus	Dean & Mary Kosch
<b><u>Sunday</u> January 21, 2024 10 AM</b>	Todd Preister	Jadyn Olmer Grant Keller	Sheila Goetsch Andy Krings	JoJo & Jennifer Dunn	Bob & Jody Preister
<b><u>Saturday</u> January 27, 2024 6:15 PM</b>	Dustin Ternus	Max Wegener Jameson Small	Deacon Louie Dohmen Jayne Ternus	Tim & Beverly Zach	Russ & Patty Korth
<b><u>Sunday</u> January 28, 2024 10 AM</b>	Jocelyn Dunn	Nathan Preister Dominick Preister	Deacon Dennis Anderson Lexi Morfeld	Jim & Lisa Classen	Ken & Sarah Classen

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<b><u>Saturday</u> February 3, 2024 6:15 PM</b>	Taylor Werner	Cade Wietfeld Tate Wietfeld	Glenn & DeAnna Heinen	Dorothy Brandt Mary Korus	Russ & Terri Wilshusen
<b><u>Sunday</u> February 4, 2024 10 AM</b>	Jordan Bender	Isabella Tasa Brisa Reigle	Deacon Kent Sachau Dean Korus	Ryan & Karla Zach	John & Beth Keller
<b><u>Saturday</u> February 10, 2024 6:15 PM</b>	Chris Braun	Phillip Keller Tyson Wietfeld	Deacon Kent Sachau Doug Eisenmenger	Tim & Anita Brandl	Mary Ann Babel Betty Brockhaus
<b><u>Sunday</u> February 11, 2024 10 AM</b>	Gary Braun	Jaiden Anderson Brenna Wieseler	Deacon Tim Howard Roger Baumgart	Jim & Lisa Classen	Ken & Jane Backes
<b><u>Ash Wednesday</u> February 14, 2024 TBA PM</b>	Ethan Bruland	2 Volunteers: Adults or Children	Deacon Tim Howard Jeanne Brockhaus	Karen Werner Betty Brockhaus	Tim & Anita Brandl
<b><u>Fri-Stations of the Cross</u> February 16, 2024 7 PM</b>	_____	Gavin Geilenkirchen Mason Geilenkirchen	_____	_____	_____
<b><u>Saturday</u> February 17, 2024 6:15 PM</b>	Jennifer Dunn	Gage Braun Claire Wegener	Paul & Jodie Eisenmenger	Francis & Connie <del>Jaxen</del> _____	Leon & Barb Bender
<b><u>Sunday</u> February 18, 2024 10 AM</b>	Kim Jarosz	Jacob Classen Wyatt Brandl	Dan & Ginny Fehringer	Joe & Lori Classen	Kent & Carolyn Korth
<b><u>Fri-Stations of the Cross</u> February 23, 2024 7 PM</b>	_____	Olivia Braun Grace Braun	_____	_____	_____

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<b><u>Saturday</u> February 24, 2024 6:15 PM</b>	Ken Classen	Carter Howard Harrison Howard	Deacon Tim Howard Karen Wietfeld	Milo & Rita Herink	Ferd & Helen Weidner
<b><u>Sunday</u> February 25, 2024 10 AM</b>	Jocelyn Dunn	Trevor Czarnick Tucker Czarnick	Melvin & Karen Sueper	Marge Albracht Laurie Eisenmenger	Ken & Sarah Classen

### **500 CLUB WINNERS FOR JANUARY 2024**

#80 Kitty Wieser      #443 Gerald & Mary Jane Sander      #101 Deacon Dennis & Celie Anderson      #193 Pat & Melissa Duesman

**Congratulations and thank you for your support!**

## Congratulations to the December 2023 Prize-A-Day Calendar Winners!

Cal. Date	Event	Amount	Calendar #	Winner	City	State
12/01	Weekday	\$50	239	Hattie Classen	Albion	NE
12/02	Weekday	\$50	403	Bryan Reichmuth	Humphrey	NE
12/03	Sunday	\$75	920	Ivan A. Haschke	Humphrey	NE
12/04	Weekday	\$50	491	Mary Ann Babel	Humphrey	NE
12/05	Weekday	\$50	357	Sonny & Rita Herink	Humphrey	NE
12/06	Weekday	\$50	131	Dan & Mary Walters	Papillion	NE
12/07	Weekday	\$50	961	Lisa Wemhoff	Platte Center	NE
12/08	Immaculate Conception	\$200	1050	Lori Classen	Humphrey	NE
12/09	Weekday	\$50	10	Ray & Mary Hemmer	Humphrey	NE
12/10	Sunday	\$75	779	Kinley Merchant	Kearney	NE
12/11	Weekday	\$50	1001	Tim & Connie Foltz	Humphrey	NE
12/12	Weekday	\$50	703	Larry Frauendorfer Family	Humphrey	NE
12/13	Weekday	\$50	392	Fay Keller	Columbus	NE
12/14	Weekday	\$50	619	Jerome & Rose Foltz	Humphrey	NE
12/15	Weekday	\$50	212	Todd & Maria Preister	Humphrey	NE
12/16	Weekday	\$50	679	Trevin, Jessica & Tara Foltz	Humphrey	NE
12/17	Sunday	\$75	207	Chris & Missy Braun	Humphrey	NE
12/18	Weekday	\$50	778	Isla Merchant	Kearney	NE
12/19	Weekday	\$50	33	Barb Blazina	Blair	NE
12/20	Weekday	\$50	731	Loran & Carol Wemhoff	Humphrey	NE
12/21	Weekday	\$50	751	Norma Classen	Humphrey	NE
12/22	Weekday	\$50	1053	Terry & Bunny Preister	Humphrey	NE
12/23	Weekday	\$50	669	Trevin & Jessica & Tara Foltz	Humphrey	NE
12/24	Sundayday	\$75	895	Braxton Busselman	Lindsay	NE
12/25	Christmas Day	\$1,500	109	Mike & Jill Werner	Colorado Springs	CO
12/26	Weekday	\$50	173	Joe & Janet Eisenmenger	Humphrey	NE
12/27	Weekday	\$50	384	Andy & Julie Moore	Overland Park	KS
12/28	Weekday	\$50	729	Loran & Carol Wemhoff	Humphrey	NE
12/29	Weekday	\$50	799	Tyler & Natalie Merchant	Kearney	NE
12/30	Weekday	\$50	494	Logan Hale	Omaha	NE
12/31	Sunday	\$75	250	Sandy Murnan	Omaha	NE



Thank you for your support!



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** in the  
***EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL***

burns in the month of  
January 2024

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Jim Duesman***

***in memory of +Judy Duesman***

in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental  
Presence in the tabernacle of our prayer chapel.



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** by the statue of  
***ST. PEREGRINE***

burns in the month of  
January 2024

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Ron & Ann Denkinger***

***God's strength and comfort for people with cancer***

in gratitude for the intercession of St. Peregrine,  
and asking God to give his healing grace to all those  
who suffer from cancer.



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** in the  
***CHURCH SANCTUARY***

burns in the month of  
January 2024

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Alice Labenz***

***in memory of +Vic Labenz, +Austin Steven Classen  
& +Lux Classen***

in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental  
Presence in the tabernacle of our Church.



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** in the  
***HIGH SCHOOL CHAPEL***

burns in the month of  
January 2024

by the request of and for the intentions of  
***Unity within our communities***

in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental  
Presence in the tabernacle of the Chapel where  
our student pray.

**This January Issue of the Tau is sponsored by Pat & Melissa Duesman  
for the intention of the L/D Duesman & Brengelman families. Thank you!**

**The deadline for putting anything in the Tau is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you are interested in  
sponsoring the Tau or any of the Sanctuary Candles, please contact Karen in the parish office.**