



The Spirit of St. Catherine's

We, the community of St. Catherine Labouré, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will strive to serve the Gospel message in reaching out as the Body of Christ to serve our brothers and sisters.

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5 PM Sunday 7:30 & 9:00 AM 10:30 AM (Spanish)

Week Day Mass

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:30 AM First Saturday Only 9:00 AM

Confessions

Following the daily Mass on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday and Saturday at 9:30 AM

Or by appointment

Español Solo con cita

Note: There could be last minute changes to the above Schedule.

The Month of January....

What's happening in January 2023? January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways who symbolize beginnings and endings. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future. What a fitting symbol for this first day of the year; this month is our door into the new year. The Romans often made promises to Janus and exchanged good wishes. **January 1** is **New Year's Day**. While you're still recuperating from the prior night's parties, read about some other new year's traditions you might not know about and celebrate with some Hoppin' John for good luck. **January 5** brings **Twelfth Night**, an English folk custom that marked the end of Christmas merrymaking, and in ancient Celtic tradition, the end of the 12-day winter solstice celebration. On Twelfth Night, it was customary for the assembled company to toast each other from the wassail bowl. **January 6** is **Epiphany**. According to the New Testament's Gospels, on this date the Magi—the three wise men or kings—venerated and brought gifts to the infant Jesus. Bake a beautiful Epiphany Tart or a King Cake with a lucky bean inside! **January 16** is **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** (observed). This holiday is held on the third Monday in January and honors the principles of this civil rights leader and Nobel Prize Winner dedicated to nonviolence. **January 17** is **Benjamin Franklin's birthday**. He was not only a world-renowned statesman, inventor, and scientist, but was also fascinated by agriculture. Here at the *Old Farmer's Almanac*, we consider him the father of almanacs! **January 22** is the **Lunar New Year**. Celebrated widely throughout East Asia, this holiday begins with the first new Moon after the Winter Solstice and is associated with the Chinese Zodiac. The day after Epiphany (January 6) was once called Distaff Day and marked when the women went back spinning after the 12-day Christmas celebration. A distaff is a wooden rod (staff) that holds flax or wool. Before the Spinning Wheel arrived, spinning was slowly and tediously done on a Drop Spindle. As is often the case, it's hard to go back to work after the holidays and not much got done! The women's husbands would mischievously try to set fire to the flax on their wives' distaffs, while the women, lying in wait, would retaliate with humor by dousing them with buckets of water.

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Your Reward will be Great in Heaven

Dear Family, welcome to January 2023. What a blessing it is to be a part of the St. Catherine Laboure parish family. I pray life is not going by too fast for you in this New Year. But, we will have quite a journey in this month as we are still in the Christmas Season and before the month is over we will be back in Ordinary time. This month (January) and this year (2023) begin with the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God and our Gospel passage for the day will tell us, "When eight days were completed for His circumcision, He was named Jesus, the name given Him by the angel before He was conceived in the womb." (Lk.2:21) The following Sunday we will celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord when the Magi, or three wise men, follow a star that brings them to the Christ child. In this month we will journey, in one week's time, about thirty years to The Baptism of the Lord and enter into Ordinary Time. St. John the Baptist will proclaim that, "...the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, He is the One who will baptize with The Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that He (Jesus) is the Son of God." (Jn.1:33-34) Yes, this month we will jump through time from the circumcision of the infant Jesus to the beginning of His ministry. We will witness Jesus calling His disciples; Andrew, Simon (Peter), James and John and declare to them, "Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt.4:19) The amazing thing is, is that they did follow Jesus. Leaving all they owned, all their possessions and their families to go with Jesus. Each time I read this passage I wonder if I could have been like them and let go of my life as I knew it and truly live by faith. Before the month is over we will hear from Matthew's Gospel and what we commonly refer to "The Sermon on the Mount". In this "sermon" Jesus will offer "The Beatitudes". Up to this point in time, people lived life according to the Ten Commandments. Now Jesus gives us messages of hope based on how we live, how we treat others and what is available to us through faithfulness to God. His closing statement, or Beatitude, from "the mount" is, "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (Mt.5:11-12a) The above quote from Matthew's Gospel may be one we, as Christians, may see become a reality in this present time. Laws are being enacted by our government that will target Jesus' words as a form of "hate speech" by saying something like Marriage is between one man and one woman. Sadly, even in this country, persecutions, physical persecutions, are on the horizon for those who follow Jesus and His teachings. What do you think? Blessings, Peace and Mercy, Dcn. Mike Johnsen

Su Rcompensa será Gande en El Cielo

Querida familia, bienvenidos a enero de 2023. Qué bendición es ser parte de la familia parroquial de St. Catarina Laboure. Rezo para que la vida no se te pase demasiado rápido en este Año Nuevo. Pero, tendremos un gran viaje en este mes ya que todavía estamos en la Temporada de Navidad y antes de que termine el mes estaremos de vuelta en el Tiempo Ordinario. Este mes (enero) y este año (2023) comienzan con la solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios y nuestro pasaje evangélico del día nos dice: "Cuando se cumplieron ocho días para su circuncisión, se le puso por nombre Jesús, el nombre que le dio el ángel antes de que fuera concebido en el vientre". (Lc.2:21) El domingo siguiente celebraremos la Epifanía del Señor cuando los Reyes Magos, o los tres reyes magos, sigan una estrella que los lleve al niño Jesús. En este mes transitaremos, en el tiempo de una semana, unos treinta años hasta El Bautismo del Señor y entraremos en el Tiempo Ordinario. San Juan Bautista proclamará que, "...el que me envió a bautizar con agua me dijo: 'Sobre quien veas descender el Espíritu y permanecer, él es el que bautizará con el Espíritu Santo'. visto y testificado que Él (Jesús) es el Hijo de Dios." (Jn.1:33-34) Sí, este mes daremos un salto en el tiempo desde la circuncisión del niño Jesús hasta el comienzo de Su ministerio. Seremos testigos de Jesús llamando a sus discípulos; Andrés, Simón (Pedro), Santiago y Juan y les declaro: "Venid en pos de mí y os haré pescadores de hombres". (Mt.4:19) Lo sorprendente es que ellos siguieron a Jesús. Dejando todo lo que poseían, todas sus posesiones y sus familias para irse con Jesús. Cada vez que leo este pasaje me pregunto si podría haber sido como ellos y dejar mi vida como la conocía y vivir verdaderamente por fe. Antes de que termine el mes, escucharemos del Evangelio de Mateo y lo que comúnmente llamamos "El Sermón de la Montaña". En este "sermón" Jesús ofrecerá "Las Bienaventuranzas". Hasta este momento, la gente vivía la vida de acuerdo con los Diez Mandamientos. Ahora Jesús nos da mensajes de esperanza basados en cómo vivimos, cómo tratamos a los demás y lo que está disponible para nosotros a través de la fidelidad a Dios. Su declaración final, o Bienaventuranza, desde "la montaña" es: "Bienaventurados seréis cuando os insulten y os persigan y digan toda clase de mal contra vosotros falsamente por mi causa. Gozaos y alegraos, porque vuestra recompensa será grande en los cielos". (Mt.5:11-12a) La cita anterior del Evangelio de Mateo puede ser una que nosotros, como cristianos, podamos ver convertirse en una realidad en este tiempo presente. Nuestro gobierno está promulgando leyes que apuntarán a las palabras de Jesús como una forma de "discurso de odio" al decir algo como que el matrimonio es entre un hombre y una mujer. Lamentablemente, incluso en este país, las persecuciones, las persecuciones físicas, están en el horizonte para aquellos que siguen a Jesús y sus enseñanzas. ¿Qué piensas? Bendiciones, Paz y Misericordia, Diácono. Mike Johnsen

Saint Vincent de Paul

When you get your newsletter, it will be 2023, but I want to thank all of you for your support in 2022. Your help may have come in the form of prayer or donations, or some have decided to join us. We appreciate it all. Barbara Stropko led the Adopt-a-Family program this year. She reported that we had 11 sponsors who helped 55 people have a Merry Christmas. What a blessing! A BIG thank you to those sponsors! We received over \$3000 worth of Albertson gift cards that so far have helped 27 families with food and will be giving more of these out this week. Our community continues to be blessed by gifts given to us. I want to give a shout out to all our members who gave their gift of time and have shown their love to those we serve.



JUST COFFEE

This year was the 20-year anniversary of the Just Coffee co-op. We have been part of making it a success for many of those years. Our coffee is coming in new really nice bags and new fliers talking about the co-op. Join us in January on the 14th and 15th Cathy Clark 928-710-3699



As we experience the beginning of a New Year, reality tells us we face many more challenges than in the past: personally, financially, politically, and daily. These are the times we should be turning to Jesus' Mercy more than ever. These words from St. Faustina's Diary spoke to me and I hope will speak to you: **"You see, My child, what you are of yourself. The cause of your falls is that you rely too much upon yourself and too little on Me. But let this not sadden you so much. You are dealing with the God of mercy, which your misery cannot exhaust. Remember, I did not allot only a certain number of pardons (Diary, 1488)."** Please join us in reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, on Fridays at 3:00PM on conference call 425-436-6314; 6543612# If you have any questions, please call me - Mary Anderson 928 800-9652 Best Wishes for a very Blessed & Healthy 2023, filled with His Mercy.



" WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR

I recently found a few ideas on welcoming the New Year the 'Catholic Way'.

~ Never forget that you are God's individual creation and therefore a gift He has bestowed on the world. He has you in the palm of His hand. ~Be happy with who and what you are. God made you and loves you, as you are.

~ Sometimes NOT getting what you want or what you think you need is a blessing. When "one door closes another opens." ~ Count your blessings, not your troubles. ~Always do your best. The "best" is all God expects from each of us. ~ Prayer is the most powerful of weapons and can be your greatest ally in all diversity. ~Don't take things too seriously, especially yourself. ~Miracles happen; you are one — I am one — we all are one. St. Michael the Archangel will always "defend us in battle." St. Anthony will help us find lost items. St. Jude will help us through seemingly impossible barricades. Good St. Joseph is ready to help us, and especially to help all men be good fathers and husbands. St. Monica will help moms and St. Dymphna will help those experiencing emotional difficulties. Of course, the Blessed Virgin Mary is always there for all of us. Lastly, we have in place for our salvation the most beautiful thing this side of heaven: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is there for all of us every day if we so CHOOSE. Then there are the sacraments, always available to build us up and restore us to where we should be, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (From "The Aleteia") Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy 2023. Let God be your Pilot!!

Hi Everyone,

Occasionally, our St. Vincent de Paul group hears of various programs, etc., which may benefit the people we serve, but may also benefit St. Catherine's Parishioners. If you are presently on Medicare, but have AHCCCS as your secondary insurance, you may qualify to receive additional cash benefits, and/or medical benefits, as well as dental and vision benefits. Please call Margot Watkins 917-494-1225 to find out if you qualify. Prescott Dental is offering free dental services to Low Income Adults on Friday, January 27, 2023. They are offering Free X-rays; examinations; and choice of filling, cleaning, or extraction. Please call 928-445-2440 and give them the code - PDCE - 23 to make a reservation. Address: 222 S. Summit Ave; Prescott; Suite 2

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Dating back to the fifteenth century, the first Monday after Epiphany (January 6) marked the start of the agricultural season, specifically for ploughing the fields for spring-sown crops. Of course, not much work was actually done on the first day! Dressed in clean white smocks decorated with ribbons, the men dragged a plow (plough) through the village and collected money for the “plow light” that was kept burning in the church all year. Often men from several farms joined together to pull the plow through all their villages. They sang and danced their way from village to village to the accompaniment of music. In the evening, each farmer provided a Plough Monday supper for his workers, with plentiful beef and ale for all. On January 4, 2023, Earth reaches **perihelion**, which is the point in the planet’s orbit where it is closest to the Sun. At perihelion, Earth will be 91,403,034 miles from our bright star. Don’t forget your sun-screen! January’s Moon is called the Wolf Moon. The Saxon word for the month was *Wulf-monath* or “wolf month.” This year, the full Moon reaches peak illumination on **Friday, January 6, at 6:09 P.M. EST**. It can be seen rising from the horizon around sunset that evening. The Quadrantid meteors appear in the early January sky, producing up to 25 meteors per hour at their peak. For the best chance at spotting them, venture out between midnight and dawn (if you can stand the cold). For much of the country, January is the best time to start planning your garden for the upcoming season. January is **National Clean Up Your Computer Month** and **National Hot Tea Month!** Here are some more fun things to celebrate in January: **January 1:** Z Day (On this day, those whose last name begins with “Z” get to go first instead of last.) **January 3:** National Chocolate-Covered Cherry Day **January 6:** National Bean Day **January 10:** National Houseplant Appreciation Day **January 14:** National Dress Up Your Pet Day **January 22:** National Answer Your Cat’s Questions Day **January 29:** National Puzzle Day

LADIES OF ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ

Hard to believe it’s 2023! May the Lord bless each and every one of you this new year. THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS BOXES – a HUGE thank you to all who donated food, gift cards & cash this year. We were able to help so many families in need in our community. The Lord will bless those who bless others. ST CATHERINE LABOURE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS- Thank you to all who bought an ornament this year. I hope it looks beautiful hanging on your tree or elsewhere. It was a delight to bring our Church’s window to you. We look forward to having a completely DIFFERENT ornament next year! DONUT SUNDAY –THERE WILL NOT BE DONUTS ON JANUARY 1st. See you in February. Any lady interested in wanting to know who we are & what we do for the community, I am inviting you to attend our meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the church hall. Our next meeting is February 7th at 9:30am. Blessings & Prayers, Kathy McCormick, President
Linens for January – Alice Shorkey



HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

We wish all our Parishioners celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in January a very Blessed & Happy Day.



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish all of our Parishioners with January Birthdays a Happy and Healthy one!



January Birthstone and Birth Flowers

January’s birthstone, the garnet, is thought to keep the wearer safe during travel. For centuries, garnet was viewed as a symbol of love and friendship, and a way to promote protection and healing. In third and fourth century Rome, garnet would be used for protection by warriors going into battle. It was also thought to provide safe passage on long journeys. Over the years, royalty also favored garnet jewelry and garment adornments for its protection abilities. January’s birth flowers are the carnation and snowdrop. Native to the Mediterranean area, the **carnation** is a widely cultivated fringe-petaled flower, with a spicy fragrance. It was first imported to the United States in the 1850s and within two decades more than 50 varieties had been made available.—thanks to its meanings of love and remembrance. Notably the earliest garden flower to bloom, the snowdrop (*Galanthus*) emerges in late winter or early spring, sometimes when snow is still on the ground. Extract of the snowdrop was used by the ancient Greeks for its mind-altering effects. Used as a folk remedy for various ailments, snowdrop is thought to have been brought to Europe by monks and midwives for medicinal use.

HOLY FAMILY MINISTRY

Greetings Everyone: Well it's a New Year, the old one is behind us, & hopefully 2023 will be better for everyone. I hope all of you had a Blessed & Merry Christmas, and enjoyed New Year's Day with plenty of cheer!

The Holy Family Ministry will be holding their first **Bake Sale** of the year, on **Sunday January 22nd** after the 7:30 and 9 a.m. Masses. So come by and check out all the goodies. Nothing like starting off the New Year with your favorite sweets. There is a topic I would like to mention.....Holy Family Ministry has been wanting to bring back all the sponsored events we were doing before COVID struck. The problem is there is a lower number of parishioners attending the events, compared to before COVID. More than anything, the Holy Family wants to continue doing these events, but if the attendance continues to stay lower than usual the Holy Family may have to rethink how many we will do for the year. SO..... Here is a suggestion for everyone -- Why don't you email **Barbara Cox at her email address... bacox390@gmail.com. or Sharlia Hartness email address.... shartness4@gmail.com** and give us some input on any new ideas you may have. AND, if you would like us to continue with the ones we have been sponsoring . We really need to hear from you.

Before I close, there is one more subject I would like to mention, we would Love to have some more volunteers to join the Holy Family Ministry. At our last event I noticed some new faces, which we were very happy to see. Thank You for joining. We could use a few more, you know that old saying...." The More the Merrier". So, think about & pray on it, it's a rewarding Ministry. If you have any questions, or input about our events, just ask, we will try & answer all of them.

So..... on that note I'll go ahead & close for now. Stay Safe and Healthy and I'll see you next month.

God Bless Sharlia Hartness

THANK YOU

The Ladies of St. Catherine would like to THANK YOU, Our Parish Family for your generous gift of giving, in helping us feed our parish and community families for Christmas! Your faith that prays when there's a need, your giving heart and each caring deed, and your thoughtfulness for others is a blessing for them and our parish. We are truly blessed by the blessing YOU are and the difference you make in so many ways. May 2023 bring YOU and YOUR FAMILY Peace, Love and Joy throughout the Year!

Musings from the Choir Loft

A very Happy and Blessed New Year to all of our parishioners.

The Sanctuary Choir has been quite busy this past month learning new music for Christmas Masses as well as singing for the Advent Sunday Masses. This is my tenth Christmas at St Catherine's. Thinking back to that first Christmas here, the choir changed and then it grew quickly. Unfortunately music faded away during the pandemic, but our choir has begun to grow again in the last few months. We have new things to learn, revered pieces of music to resurrect from our music library that many in the choir have not worked on before, plus we have joyful new personalities that are now part of our choir family. How does song inspire us? It causes us to be more joyful, to also be more reverent and peaceful, to live a more holy life as God works in our lives and through those around us. Choirs breathe together ensuring that their voices blend and sync together as they strive to do the best they can at any given moment. They are part of something much greater than themselves. "The whole is greater than the sum of all its parts" One person can't be a team. None of our choral singers are professional but they are good solid musicians who learn and work to improve their sound each week. Nothing less would be pleasing to God. He asks that we strive to do the best we can in everything we do. Sometimes it's not very good in our own eyes and we know we haven't put in the work to do our best. We say to each other, next time it will be better. God knows our hearts. He knows that we work together for His glory not for our own. If you're a singer or have been a choral singer, come and sing with us for a couple months this year. Come when you can. Maybe just for the glorious Easter Sunday Mass. Set a short term goal and see how music fits into your busy life. Know that music will feed your soul as it feeds ours. Most of our choir members have sung all their life, and some have been singing with this choir since I came here ten Christmases ago. What a gift they are to you, to me, and to the Church. Blessings for a new year filled with faith, hope and love. When we have faith in God, hope springs up to meet us in life renewed. Therese

Therese Holladay Music Director St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church

JANUARY 2023 Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 1, 2023	7:30 AM	Toni Sanchez	INT
Sunday, January 1, 2023	9:00 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Sunday, January 1, 2023	10:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory	RIP
Monday, January 2, 2023	8:30 AM	Toni Sanchez	INT
Tuesday, January 3, 2023	8:30 AM	John Gonzalez	RIP
Wednesday, January 4, 2023	8:30 AM	Brooklyn Palermo	INT
Thursday, January 5, 2023	8:30 AM	Art Garcia	RIP
Friday, January 6, 2023	8:30 AM	Dianna Goodman	INT
Saturday, January 7, 2023	9:00 AM	Patricia Agnes Rote	RIP
Saturday, January 7, 2023	5:00 PM	Mark McConnell	INT
Sunday, January 8, 2023	7:30 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Sunday, January 8, 2023	9:00 AM	Wanda LaVonne Schuver	RIP
Sunday, January 8, 2023	10:30 AM	Jose Luis Trujillo Beltran	RIP
Monday, January 9, 2023	8:30 AM	Thomas Hicks	INT
Tuesday, January 10, 2023	8:30 AM	Roger Raymond Rote	RIP
Wednesday, January 11, 2023	8:30 AM	Jose Silea	RIP
Thursday, January 12, 2023	8:30 AM	Olivia Anderson	INT
Friday, January 13, 2023	8:30 AM	Jerry Cuda	RIP
Saturday, January 14, 2023	5:00 PM	Jim Devlin	RIP
Sunday, January 15, 2023	7:30 AM	Mary Cuda	RIP
Sunday, January 15, 2023	9:00 AM	Dave & Barbara Panullo	INT
Sunday, January 15, 2023	10:30 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Monday, January 16, 2023	8:30 AM	Marian Tope	RIP
Tuesday, January 17, 2023	8:30 AM	Mary Cuda	RIP
Wednesday, January 18, 2023	8:30 AM	Beverly Amado	RIP
Thursday, January 19, 2023	8:30 AM	Roseann King	RIP
Friday, January 20, 2023	8:30 AM	Jo Billington	INT
Saturday, January 21, 2023	5:00 PM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Sunday, January 22, 2023	7:30 AM	Tony Saverino	RIP
Sunday, January 22, 2023	9:00 AM	Reginald Cyr	RIP
Sunday, January 22, 2023	10:30 AM	Kimberly Seiler	INT
Monday, January 23, 2023	8:30 AM	Marge Jurec	RIP
Tuesday, January 24, 2023	8:30 AM	Richard Hicks	INT
Wednesday, January 25, 2023	8:30 AM	Hoben & Kailo Delgado	RIP
Thursday, January 26, 2023	8:30 AM	Mike & Margaret Molina	RIP
Friday, January 27, 2023	8:30 AM	Ross & Frances Pettigrew	RIP
Saturday, January 28, 2023	5:00 PM	Michael Demyan III	RIP
Sunday, January 29, 2023	7:30 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Sunday, January 29, 2023	9:00 AM	Therese Baker	INT
Sunday, January 29, 2023	10:30 AM	Sebastian Jesus Romero Hernandez	INT
Monday, January 30, 2023	8:30 AM	Tom & Jeanne Mercer	RIP
Tuesday, January 31, 2023	8:30 AM	Verne Nadeau	RIP

Remember that our Parish Library is open every Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass.

Stop in and look over all the wonderful reading materials, videos and other religious information. Visit with Dennis and Marge Bethke who have volunteered their time to answer any questions you might have about borrowing items to take home and enjoy.



EPIPHANY

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
and
May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them:*

MARY CUDA &
TONY SAVERINO



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Our special intentions for the month of January are:

- ~ That each of us and our families develop a sharper awareness of God in the Eucharist and in our daily lives.
- ~ The special intentions each of us hold in our hearts.

During the past month, we were asked to pray for:

- ~ Warrior, who has cancer. ~ 5 year old who has an inoperable tumor behind the nasal cavity; peace for his family.
- ~ All suffering from Covid and the flu, as well as infant respiratory illness, for complete recovery.
- ~ Niece, who recently had a mastectomy for complete recovery.
- ~ Niece and husband who are having marital difficulties.
- ~ Neighbor with dementia, who refuses to go to assisted living. ~ All travelers.
- ~ Step daughter & son recovering from an auto accident. ~ Son deployed overseas in military reassignment.
- ~ Thanksgiving for successful cancer operations; release from chemo.
- ~ Young Grandson, who has a serious concussion. ~ Sister-in-law, just diagnosed with dementia.
- ~ Young teenage Granddaughter, who had additional lesions appear after chemo; peace for her & her family.
- ~ All those with COVID & flu. ~ The souls in Purgatory, esp. those in need of prayer.
- ~ Sister-in-law in Hospital with severe pancreatitis and has a cyst on the pancreas.
- ~ Warrior, who has cancer, with multiple tumors, going for additional tests shortly.
- ~ Young teenager for whom we prayed is showing new bone growth; her Doctor says...it is a miracle (the power of prayer). But, she still has chemo treatments, which she hopes to finish by year-end.
- ~ Brother, who has cancer for healing. ~ Nephew, who was just diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma.
- ~ All suffering from COVID, the flu, & respiratory illnesses. ~ All 'Christmas' travellers.
- ~ The homeless, hopeless, lonely, hungry and all in need of physical and spiritual comfort.
- ~ All in need of prayer, especially those who do not ask for prayer.

Thank you; God Bless each of you. I wish a very Peaceful, Blessed Christ-Mas to each of you, and everyone reading this article! May 2023 bring many Blessings, Peace, and Good Health, Mary Anderson, Prayer Warrior

Holy Hour for Priests at St Catherine Laboure

Please join us in the Church for a Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for priests and priestly vocations. We will meet every 4th Saturday of the month to join our hearts and prayers in a sacrificial offering for our priests. *Why did Our Lord, when He spoke of vocations, single out precisely the word pray? Because prayer is the expression of the Christian community and the yearning of the Church. "Ask, and the gift will come" (Lk 11:9). Can we hope to receive if we do not ask? There are probably hundreds of thousands of vocations hanging from heaven on silken cords; prayer is the sword that cuts them.* Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Venerable Servant of God For more information or to help with these holy hours, please contact Trisha Engel at 903.647.2274
Next Holy Hour will be January 28th, 2023

An Invitation to Parishioners from the Altar Society:

Floral arrangements for the altar can be done "in loving memory of" or for "a special occasion" and this will be listed in the monthly newsletter and announced at the weekend Masses.. **Donation for the flowers is set at \$25.00.** Our Altar Flower Coordinator will help you reserve an available date. **The process starts with a phone call to Terry Johnsen 928-713-3219.**

For the month of January 2023 —

- January 14/15 In Loving Memory of Roy & Eileen Treadwell**
- January 21/22 In Loving Memory of Joseph & Veronica Nadeau**
- January 28/29 In Loving Memory of Tom & Jeanne Mercer**



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Let's start the new year with peace and faith. Let us release the bitterness and frustrations of the past year. Let us move into the next year knowing that God loves us and wants the best for us. Let's pray that the new year will be focused on healing ourselves through repentance and renewing our minds. We were not meant to do life alone! We can bring the light of hope into our own hearts, home, and world.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." ~ Romans 12:2

Heavenly Father, thank You for making all things new! As another new year begins, help me live each day for You. May I continually have a new song in my heart to sing to You, no matter what comes my way. I trust in You because I know that Your mercies are new every morning, and nothing ahead of me will take You by surprise. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Joan Walker Hahn,

At the start of each day, help us to recognize you above all else. Enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see you, and notice how you're at work through our lives. Give us the wisdom to make the best choices, fill us with a desire to seek after you more than anything else in this world. Let your Spirit and power breathe in us, through us, again, fresh and new. Thank you that you are greater than anything we may face in our day. Thank you that your presence goes with us and that your joy is never dependent on our circumstances, but it is our true and lasting strength, no matter what we're up against. We ask that your peace lead us, that it would guard our hearts and minds in you. We ask for your grace to cover our lives this day. We love you Lord...we need you. In Jesus' Name, Amen." - Debbie McDaniel

Lord, moving in a new direction, opposite my comfort, is hard. I need Your strength, Your wisdom, Your confidence. I believe You will empower me as I step out in faith. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Lynn Cowell