

Feast of the Holy family Dec 30, 2023 and Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Jan 01, 2024

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WEEKDAY MASSES: The regular schedule of weekday Masses, including the 7:00 am FoH Mass, will resume this Tuesday, January 2nd.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH

A special Parish Mass for The Baptism of the Lord will be celebrated on Monday, January 8th, at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church.

ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST FRANCIS AND ST CLARE PARISH



Start off your New Year's Eve celebrations by attending our first **Parish Skating Party on Sunday, December 31st**! Fr. Nathanael invites everyone to join him at the Centennial Arena on Vimy Avenue from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Following the skate, everyone is invited back to St. Catherine's Church Hall for a bite to eat!

Helmets are mandatory for those 16 years and under. For those who might like to come and just watch the skate, the Centennial Arena has a heated viewing area!

Plan now to bring the whole family and enjoy the day together!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 7th—Sunday School classes resume.

January 8th—Monday evening 7:00pm rosary group resumes at St Stephen's in the Marian Room



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Happy 60th Birthday,

Fr. Nathanael!!!

Wishing you a special day on January 4th.



Sincere thanks to the faculty and students of the NSCC Graphic & Print Production Program for their continued support of our parish calendar.

Since 2017, the students in the Graphic & Print Production program at Nova Scotia Community College, Ivany Campus, and their faculty Doug Lewis and Tanya Boudreau have been printing

our beautiful calendars as a marked assignment. The students have worked very hard to produce a high quality and professional product. We want to thank them, their instructors, and Nova Scotia Community College for their very generous attention to our parish community. We wish them suc-

THANK YOU! A note of thanks to everyone who helped organize our first ever Live Nativity! This happened because many people recognized what a gift it would be to the parish of St Francis and St Clare of Assisi and to the community as a whole! Shout out to the youth group volunteers who took care of the hot chocolate/cookies; to the people who brought the nativity alive by portraying the holy family, Shepards, wisemen, and all. Thank you also, to the St Theresa choir members who led us in Christmas Carols! Finally, thank you to everyone who came to see, to pray and to rejoice! A most blessed evening all around.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCE DE PAUL



St. Patrick's—The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank everyone who donated to our Christmas appeal. We distributed \$15,570 in Sobey's food vouchers. There were 132 Home visits made to a total of 195 adults and 68 children. Each child got a \$50 gift card to the Halifax Shopping Center. Our giving tree raised \$3,555 in support of our Christmas help program. Our Total help was \$19,170.

St. Catherine's— Our Christmas Project has come to its completion for 2023. Our efforts assisted 63 households, which included 128 adults and 79 children for a cost of \$9,050. None of this work would be possible without the tremendous financial support of our parishioners! THANK YOU!

Blessed Mother Teresa—Donations may be made by placing an envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul Society, BMT in the parish's weekly offertory collections. Please let us know if you would like a receipt. Our conference has purchased \$4,000 of grocery cards from the Atlantic Superstore to assist those seeking our help this Christmas and the cards were distributed by our members on December 11th. We are grateful to all who assist us in reaching out to our neighbours who need a helping hand.

St. Theresa's—Society of St Vincent de Paul is specially grateful for the support they received this year. A 'Christmas package' was dropped off with grocery gift cards and chocolates at over 30 homes on Friday. Our volunteers were assisted by Bob and Fran Selig and the Dugandzic family in our deliveries.

We were also able to provide similar packages to over 20 people who live in rooming houses in our neighborhood.

We are thankful as well for Theresa Richard and her sister (Sister of St Martha) who provided a donation of extras such as gloves, socks and other goodies. We were able to add these to our gift packages.

The most gratifying of our little Christmas projects is the annual Christmas gift 'wish list' for the St Vincent's Nursing Home. The parishioners of St Theresa's church provided over 60 presents to 25 of the people 'to make their season bright'.

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

Vision Prayer

"Heavenly Father, we the parishioners of St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Parish call upon you to guide, strengthen and support us as we move forward, united in pursuit of our shared vision. Help us always to be a welcoming community of Jesus' disciples who journey together in right Faith and certain Hope and live out His Love in word and deed. May your Holy Spirit kindle our hearts and illuminate our path as we strive to achieve this vision for our Parish. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

We finally received our 2024 donation envelopes which were separated, labeled and delivered to the churches. Everyone should have the same number you had last year.

I'm new to this job and so not familiar with which church everyone attends so if you envelopes were not at your church please call the office and, if possible, tell me your name, envelope number and which church you want the envelopes to be sent to. This includes parishioners of St Theresa Church; your envelopes are that the office but if you let me know what church you want them sent to, I can get them there.

Thank you everyone, for your patience as I sort out the correct place for everyone's envelopes.

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish

PARISH WALK-IN HOURS: MON/WED/FRI 9:00AM TO 12NOON
(voicemail will be returned every day)

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