

Delhi Living Nativity

The First Presbyterian Church, Delhi is presenting their annual Living Nativity with music and live animals on December 22 and 23 from 6:30 to 8 pm. If you would like to take part in the scene or help out, contact their office at 746.2155.

Bakers Needed for Next Weekend!

The Family Life Committee will be having a Holiday Bake Sale after Mass on Saturday the 14th, and on Sunday the 15th. The committee is looking for bakers to donate baked good items. Baked goods drop-off: Parish Hall before Mass.

Christmas at the Walton Food Bank

Checks may be made out to: Walton Ministerial Association for the purchase of hams for their Christmas baskets.

NCYC 'Thank You'

Thank you very much to the parishioners of St. John the Baptist, St. Peter's and Holy Family, the Family Life Committee, Knights of Columbus, and Father Golding for giving us this awesome opportunity to go to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis November 21-24. It was a wonderful, spiritual experience that we will never forget. Feel free to stop us and ask us about the conference. God Bless you all,
Emmi Freeman, Katie Maguire,
Joel Gopurathingal, Hannah Morley

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary." (Luke 1:30) Sometimes it can be frightening to embark upon a big change in life-- a birth, a death, changing a job, empty nesting, retirement, etc. Call to mind a fear, present or past. Trust that sharing it with your beloved will be safe.

Delhi Food Bank Christmas

Interested in donating? Make your check out to Delhi Food Bank, put in a Mass collection basket or mail directly: Delhi Food Bank, United Ministry, Court House Square, Delhi. Thank you.

Christmas Cantata 'Morning Star'

All are welcome to The Community Choir's presentation of 'Morning Star' cantata on Sunday, December 8, at 3 pm at United Methodist Church of Davenport, 15696 State Highway 23. It's FREE!

Christmas Eve Masses: 4 pm at St. John
6 pm at St. Peter

Christmas Masses: midnight at St. John
8 am at Holy Family
9:45 am at St. Peter
11:30 am at St. John

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask: "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"

Adoration Opening at St. John

There will be a 5 pm Wednesday Adoration opening available beginning in January. If you have an hour each week to spend in the quiet and rest of our Lord, please call Dorothy at 829.5912.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Saint Nick was a secretive giver. Is there anything nice you can hide for your children or spouse to find later in the day? A treat ~ a note ~ a chore of theirs finished? Be *creative*.

Advent Contemplation

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."
Psalm 130:5

Advent means 'arrival,' and during these weeks before Christmas, we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus, a most unexpected Messiah. Waiting, as we see in the Gospel, is waiting with a sense of promise; those who were waiting had each received a promise that gave them courage and allowed them to wait. They received something that was at work in them, a seed that had started to grow.

Our spiritual life is a life in which we wait, actively present to the moment, expecting that new things will happen to us, new things beyond our own imagination or prediction. This, indeed, is a radical stance toward life in a world preoccupied with control.

Jesus, help me not to fear and to trust in your promise to be with us. Help me to be ready when new things begin to happen. This week I will: