



~ Clergy Corner ~

### 10 Years of Hope

It is hard to imagine, but occasionally my mind wanders back to that amazing night when 12 scared, committed, struggling, faith filled, determined and hope filled people gathered in the Fireside Room just off of the Social Hall much like the twelve gathered in the Upper Room after the death of Jesus. We didn't quite know what to do or exactly how to do it. We did know one thing, that God was present, that love, transparency and honesty were values in which we all believed and that there was another way of being Catholic in our world today who's embrace was much bigger than the experience of our past. We prayed, we dreamed, we talked, we discussed, we dreamed some more, we prayed, we sang and we took a deep breath and we breathed a collective "Yes!" From that small gathering, Spirit of Hope Catholic Community was born. Let no one make any mistake, that "yes" was spoken with joy, hope, anticipation, the cloud of unknowing, the mystery of the future and the sure and certain affirmation that God is indeed present. That "yes" was also spoken as I am sure Mary and Elizabeth both spoke their "yes" to the angels of God..with some fear, trepidation, angst, and yet with a certitude that can only come from the heart of God. I am so honored and grateful to have been a part of that gathering and a small part of the collective "yes" that was spoken to the universe and landed on the ears of God. I thank those who spoke that "yes" as well, those that have remained and those that have had to search out other paths or have joined our loved ones in eternal life. The "yes" continues and I only hope that we never stop speaking about the God who can, if only we allow ourselves to dream and dream big!

Bishop Marty Shanahan



## Spirit of Hope Catholic Community

*A community of Radical Hospitality,  
Provocative Nurturing and  
Courageous, Compassionate Leadership*

***To Our Eucharistic table, All are invited!***



DECEMBER 2017

LITURGY

SATURDAY - 5:00 pm

THURSDAY - 6:00 pm

Parish Staff

Bishop Marty Shanahan

Rev. Corein Turbak

Rev. Colleen Woodley

Music Coordinator: Cynthia S

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Saturday, January 20, 2018**

**For our Annual**

**"Anything that Fits in a Bowl"**

**Dinner Plus more!**

***You don't want to miss this one!***

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Presider	Cantor	Lector	Pianist	Prayers of the Faithful
<b>DEC 2</b>	Bishop Marty	Kristen F	Rick K	Lou Lou L	Rick K
<b>DEC 9</b>	Rev Colleen	Ingrid M	Kristen F	Lou Lou L	Tom K
<b>DEC 16</b>	Rev Corein	Ingrid M	Jim K	Lou Lou L	Laurie F
<b>DEC 21</b>	Rev Colleen	Alex K	Marge B	Lou Lou L	Ingrid M
<b>DEC 23</b>	All Clergy	Alex K	Tom K	Marcea K	Kathy S
<b>DEC 25</b>	All Clergy	Kristen F	Amy S	Lou Lou L	Rick K
<b>DEC 30</b>	Rev Colleen	Alex K	Rick K	Lou Lou L	Tom K
<b>JAN 1</b>	Bishop Marty	Ingrid M	Alex K	Lou Lou L	Jane R

**ADVENT SERIES**

Locked Up and Locked In - Incarceration in the Modern World

*What does our faith call us to do?*

December 7 - The How: From Accusation to Incarceration  
 December 14 - Prison Funding, Release and Recidivism

Thursday Evenings

6:00 pm Liturgy    6:45 pm Soup Supper    7:00 pm Program



**The Spirited Women of Hope invite all to the Spirit of Hope 10th Anniversary kickoff event!**

Thursday, January 4th at 7:00pm  
 Professor James Tracy, Prof. Emeritus  
 History at the University of Minnesota  
 will speak on

**“Holland’s Quarrelsome Catholics: Secular Clergy,  
 the Jesuits, and the origins of the Old Catholic Church”.**

Prof. Tracy is internationally renowned as a historian of 16th century Holland.

**Calendar**

DECEMBER	
Saturday December 2	6:00 pm Pizza/Games Night
Monday December 4	7:00 pm Social Justice United
Thursday December 7	Advent Series ← Follows 6:00 pm Mass
Tuesday December 12	7:00 pm Ministry Action Team Meeting
Thursday December 14	Advent Series ← Follows 6:00 pm Mass
Thursday December 21	6:00 pm 4th Sunday of Advent Mass
Saturday December 23	5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
Monday December 25	8:30 am Christmas Mass
JANUARY	
Monday January 1	10:00 am Mass:Solemnity of Mary
Thursday January 4	7:00 pm Spirited Women of Hope ←
Saturday January 6	6:00 pm Pizza/Games
Monday January 8	7:00 pm Social Justice United
Tuesday January 9	7:00 pm Ministry Action Team Meeting
Friday January 19	4:00 pm Set up for Anniversary Dinner
Saturday January 20	6:00 pm Anniversary Dinner
Tuesday January 30	7:00 pm St Anne's Celtic Healing Service



**May the Light of Love Shine upon You  
 and Your Christmas be Filled with Blessings!**

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**

Christmas will be a little brighter for 20 children this year thanks to the generosity of all who participated in the Love Your Neighbor program for Neighbors, Inc. Your gifts of clothes and toys help a family who is struggling financially. These children all live in northern Dakota county. They are truly our neighbors. **Please remember that your gifts are due Dec. 9.** If you cannot meet the deadline, please call Barb K 455-2174 or Marge B at 455-4712.

**Remember the hungry this winter!**

food donations for Neighbors can be dropped off at either door