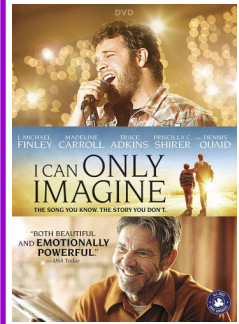


**NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** We are pleased to welcome to the PPC two new members: **Diane Myre and Lisa Walz**. We look forward to their contributions to our Parish in this Ministry of service. With their membership on the Council, we are still one member shy of a full complement from each Parish. So, anyone from St. John's or St. Bernardine's who is interested in joining is welcome to inquire about it. Our next meeting (open to all parishioners) is Wednesday, February 12th at 7pm, taking place in the Meeting Room at St. John's Church.

**NEW MEMBER OF THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Fr. Michael has appointed **Rob Walz** to the Parish Finance Committee, after he graciously accepted to serve the Parish in this way. Welcome Rob! He joins Myron McCormick and Dion Dumontelle who assist Fr. Michael on this committee with all the financial aspects of our Parish life.



**AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES WITH DINNER TO FOLLOW**  
**\*\*\* THIS WEEKEND \*\*\***

Last year, we watched "The Shack". This year, it will be the hit inspirational and true story called "I Can Only Imagine". The showing will take place on Sunday, December 29th in the Parish Hall. For those who wish, pizza dinner will follow. This is a family friendly event, and there is no charge for either the movie or the pizza. The movie begins at 3:30pm, with dinner at 5:30pm. Bring your own beverages and bring your friends; popcorn will be provided during the movie.



We are grateful to everyone who made our main Christmas Liturgies so beautiful and memorable. From the Musicians and Choirs, to the Lectors, Servers, Ministers of Hospitality, Sacristans and Decorators, everyone did their part to make all our celebrations special. Thank you! As we continue to celebrate the reality of God made flesh, may our eyes recognize His beauty all around and rejoice in what He has done in us.



**Consecration to the Holy Family on the Feast of the Holy Family**

Today, at our Christmas celebrations, and in particular on this Feast of the Holy Family, we have had the opportunity to consecrate ourselves and our families under the protection of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The Knights of Columbus have gifted everyone with the consecration prayer card which you are encouraged to use as an ongoing prayer of consecration. Despite all the struggles inherit in family life today, the love and joy that Christ offers us, through our families, can be strengthened with His help. He is born to us this day in order to allow His light and love to shine on us and bless us.

***Good news and great JOY to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. (Luke 2: 10-11)***

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie:

Christmas is a time of celebration and joy. How clearly this is seen and felt in gatherings with family and friends, in Christmas music resonating everywhere, in gift exchanges and festive decorations, etc. The joy of Christmas is also felt in a spirit of solidarity and fraternity that seems more tangible at this time of year.

All these signs of joyful celebration flow from God's own joy. Indeed, the joy of Christmas is the joy of God our Father Who gives us His Son; it is the joy of Jesus Who gives Himself to us by becoming one of us, by living with us, close to us; it is the joy of the Holy Spirit Who helps us discover in our own life the presence of the Emmanuel, God with us. The joy announced to us at Christmas is that of God Who not only gave us life but Who also gives Himself to each of us.

Let us open our hearts to receive the life and joy that God graciously and abundantly gives us, not only at Christmas but also at every moment of our lives. Let us hear within our heart and soul the voice of God Who invites us to find our own true joy in self-giving. Hence, by our simple gestures of love and kindness, we will reveal to others a glimpse of the infinite and unconditional love that God bestows upon each one of us.

Here is my wish for you and your loved ones during this Christmas season: may the Child Jesus who gives Himself to us by making Himself one of us be your JOY at Christmas and at every moment of the new year.

Merry Christmas!  
+Marcel Damphousse, Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie



**A word from your Catholic Women's League:**

Christmas is a time to rejoice, to give, to share, to renew and to give thanks.

**CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE:** *Join us in the Parish Meeting Room on Friday, following Mass, for some hot Christmas coffee and conversations!*



**YOUR OFFERINGS for December 22, 2019**

**Thank You** **St. John the Evangelist** Envelopes: \$2,009.00 Loose: \$90.00 Heating: \$100.00  
Pre-authorized Deductions: \$786.00 Christmas: \$100.00  
**Total: \$3,085.00**

**St. Bernardine of Siena** Envelopes: \$370.00 Loose: \$45.00 **Total: \$415.00**

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**December 29, 2019**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**

**The Parish Office will be closed until**  
**January 7, 2020**

**Mass Schedule**  
**December 30, 2019 — January 5, 2020**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 30		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 31 <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b> Wednesday, January 1	4:30 p.m.	For Rene Goulet by Debbie Monaghan
	10:30 a.m.	For Vern Charette by June & Rheal Langlois
Thursday, January 2	9:30 a.m.	For Fr. Charles Mathieu by Velma Pidutti
Friday, January 3	9:30 a.m.	For Jim MacDonell by Marie Bardswich
Saturday, January 4 <b>EPIPHANY</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Peggy Quackenbush by Walter & Mary Saftic
Sunday, January 5	10:30 a.m.	For all the Unborn Babies Adopted by Parishioners

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b> Wednesday, January 1	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
<b>EPIPHANY</b> Sunday, January 5	9:00 a.m.	For Marion Charbonneau by Peter Charbonneau

**AN EPIPHANY BLESSING:** Once again this year, all parishioners will be given the

opportunity to bless their own homes on the Feast of the Epiphany, when Fr. Michael will bless the chalk and make it available to those who wish. The blessing formula will be printed in next weekend's bulletin. For those who choose to use it, this is a blessing upon all who reside in the home, and upon all visitors who enter the home.

