

## GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS INSERT-January, 2024



**Christmas Pageant—  
*The Christmas Nativity*  
Jan. 7, 2024**



Catechists were pleased that this year the weather was good, so that the youth could practice a few times before having the play! It's so nice to have the youth enact the Christmas story each year! Thanks to our catechists, parents, and all involved. This year we added a new crib for Baby Jesus, made by Wendy Sackmann. The pictures also display some of our Christmas decorations in church this year. Thanks for all who helped to beautify the worship space for Advent and Christmas seasons!

At the right, youth were called forward by Father Patrick at the Christmas Eve Mass at Good Shepherd to share some Christmas enlightenment and joy that comes from Christmas with children in our midst.



### **Eucharistic Minister Training**

Some have questioned why the training in fall and again now? The fall training was for those Eucharistic Ministers to the home-bound only. This training to be held Saturday and Sunday, January 27-28, following both Masses, is for those interested in being a Eucharistic Minister at Mass, and for those wishing to continue their certification for this ministry.

### **Gift of Love Ornaments**

If you wish to keep the ornaments that were on the Gift of Love tree this Christmas, they can be picked up at the parish office through the end of February.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events at the Parish**

Buildings & Grounds meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 6:45 pm; Vocation talk with Father Patrick: Wednesday, January 17, 7 pm in the church. Youth in Grades 6-12 and any other parishioners wishing to attend are welcome; Decorating Committee meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 10 am; Partners in Prayer: Friday, February 2, 1 pm; Blessing of health care workers and the sick among us after all weekend Masses February 10-11 (February 11 is known as the World Day of the Sick).

### **Movie Nite for Religious Education-January 31**

Last year we had to cancel movie night at Broadway due to inclement weather. Let's hope this year that Grades 6-12 will be able to attend. A bus will pick students up at Good Shepherd for this event. Details and forms will be available soon for parents' completion. Grades 1-5 will have their movie night at their usual class time in the parish hall that same night. They are welcome to wear their PJ's and bring blankets and/or pillows to sit on during the movie.

### **Parish Prayer Corner**

All nursing home residents (including Fr. Dennis Meulemans, Glenn Mathias, LaVern Mitchell, Bob Schmeiser, Wayne Tlusty, Bob Tomaszewski, Rosie Petty, Karen Pocock, Elaine Malitz and Lorraine Jagielo), Fr. Oen, Jonathon & Amanda Zinthefer & Baby Armand Joseph, Barb Matyka, Joe Yanko, Joe Fuchs, Sara Matyka, Mary Warner Plamann, Dennis & Diane Niggemann, Josefa Winnie, George Gunderson, Julie Gehrig, Danny Van Hecker, Ryan & Audrey Metz Family, Wally Emmerich, Sue Thums, James Van de Castele, Donna (Mann) Lind, Dan Sackmann, Carol Long, Gayle (Long) Murphy, Rose (Matyka) Anderson, Carol & Dan Pozanc, Betty Brandner, Kathy Haas, Marian Johnson, Duane Draeger, Nicole Richardson, Steve Spurgeon, Richard Weinatzl, Norman Metz