



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25 -

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Gonzalo Riveros +

Sunday, December 26

- **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph** -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +

Monday, December 27

No Public Mass

Tuesday, December 28

Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +

8:30 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, December 29

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Gloria Gordon +

Thursday, December 30

8:00 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Friday, December 31

8:30 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

Saturday, January 1

- **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** -

8:00 a.m. Jerri Mowry +

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Norbert Huseman +

Sunday, January 2

- **Epiphany** -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Tom Courtney +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., December 27 - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist - 1 Jn 1:1-4/ Jn 20:1a,2-8

Tues., December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs - 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/ Mt 2:13-18

Wed., December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr - 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35

Thur., December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord - 1 Jn 2:12-17/ Lk 2:36-40

Fri., December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord - St. Sylvester I, Pope - 1 Jn 2:18-21/ Jn 1:1-18

Sat., January 1 - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - New Year's Day - World Day of Prayer for Peace - Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Sun., January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord - Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/ Mt 2:1-12



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Doreen Ayres, Leanne Lee, Matt McFarren, Ryan Feedback, Dr. Doug Phillips, Gene Keys and Jean Johnson.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – DECEMBER 26, 2021

Merry Christmas! Welcome to all those joining us this weekend (December 24th-26th) as the Church celebrates both the **Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ** (December 24th/25th) and the **Feast of the Holy Family** (December 26th)! May the Lord fill your hearts with the joy of His peace and love as we continue to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child.

And, truly, this celebration does continue! The joy of the Incarnation cannot be contained by a single day. For this reason, Christmas is not simply a day, but a **season**! Though the world may quickly move on towards the next holiday, may we continue to celebrate these Twelve Days of Christmas with great festivity for this is a time of great rejoicing: **Salvation Himself has come into the world for you and for me!**

As you leave Mass this weekend, we invite you to take with you a wrapped present from the narthex. This is a gift on behalf of the parish to each of you! Each package includes the latest daily devotional from Matthew Kelly's *Dynamic Catholic* and a book from Gus Lloyd's **A Minute in the Church** series.

This year's daily devotion is: **The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen: 365 Days of Inspiration**. Venerable Fulton Sheen was one of the most well-known Catholic voices throughout the 20th Century, hosting "*Life is Worth Living*," a popular radio and television series. Born in Peoria, IL, Bishop Sheen was a priest of the Diocese of Peoria before becoming an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New York and, eventually, the Bishop of Rochester. This devotional offers daily meditations to carry us throughout the coming year.

Gus Lloyd is the host of the radio show, *Seize the Day!*, on the Catholic Channel. His series, **A Minute in the Church**, offers short explanations to a variety of questions about the Catholic Faith. **A Minute in the Church** is a five-part series. Each gift package contains one volume. After you finish your volume, we encourage you to exchange it with others from the parish so that you have a chance to read the whole five-part series.

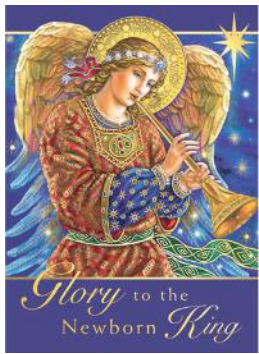
A special "**Thank You!**" to all those who worked so hard to ensure our Christmas Liturgies were beautiful! Our Decorating Committee did superb work in preparing the Church for these holy days. Our Knights of Columbus helped to prepare our parish campus to shine throughout the Christmas season. Our Choir, Children's Choir, and instrumentalists put in many hours of practice to ensure that our liturgies were filled with beautiful music.

Many other hands, especially our parish staff (*Michelle, Teresa, and Nathan*), have been an invaluable help throughout the Advent season and in preparing for our Christmas celebrations. And, of course, thank you for so faithfully joining us for these celebrations. The beauty of our church, our campus, and our music

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

On Saturday, January 1st, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**. This ancient celebration is traced back to the 5th Century and the Council of Ephesus, which recognized Mary as *Theotokos*, or "*God-bearer*." As this celebration falls on Saturday, though it is a holy day, it is **not** a holy day of obligation this year. Though not a holy day of obligation, may we see it as a holy day of opportunity. **Join us for Mass for this celebration on Saturday, January 1st, at 8 AM.**

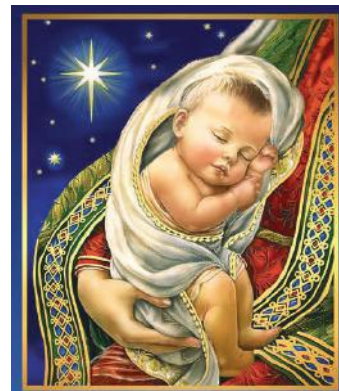
Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



What Christmas Means To Me...

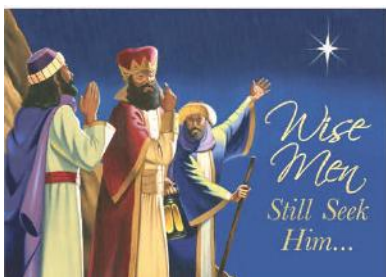
Seeing my loved ones and decorating with them. Watching Christmas movies with my family. Seeing beautiful, bright Christmas trees and celebrating our Lord's birth. That's what Christmas means to me. - Audrey Mechling, Grade 5

When I think of Christmas, besides the presents, I think of joy and happiness, family time, and most importantly, Jesus Christ's birth. I think of Jesus' life and everything he did for us because He loves us. That reminds me to use Jesus as my role model, always, but especially during the holiday season, and to be kind to and love everyone like Jesus does to us. Over the years, Christmas has meant something different to me, but as I have gotten older, I know the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is about the gift from God. That gift is Jesus Christ. Jesus was born to give us eternal life and to take away our sins. I am very thankful for everything Jesus did for us and Christmas is a great time to reflect on how it started and everything that was to come. - Beth Geisel, Grade 12



Have fun with friends and family, Christ's birth, give presents and get presents. A lot of people don't like giving presents, but trust me, it'll make that person feel loved and it'll make you feel appreciated for being on earth! - Luke Miller, Grade 3

When I think of Christmas I think of family time and holiday spirit. People filled with joy and love. Presents under the Christmas tree. Kids playing with their presents, and a Christmas tree set up and Jesus in a manger bed. - Annie Herr, Grade 2



What Christmas Means to Me...

There is always a very excited feeling in the last few days before Christmas. There is a lot of shopping and a lot of decorating for this time of the year, and it can sometimes be hard to remember what Christmas is truly about. Christmas is not about giving or getting. It is not about the fat man in the red suit. It's about the birth of Jesus Christ and how the savior came into the world. A very important part of Jesus' birth is that he was born in a stable. That showed that He came to save all people, not only the rich but the poor as well. Being born on earth showed that He was human, but because He is God He was divine too. - Charlie Andrews, Grade 8

Christmas to me means presents and being with my family.
- Ethan Howell, Grade 1

May God bless you this Christmas and always.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, January 5
6:00-7:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, January 7

9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Mass at 6:00 p.m.

"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus

Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

If you are unable to keep the time you signed up for, please call the Parish office, 824-1380, as we need to make sure Jesus is not left alone, exposed on the altar.

Thank you.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., December 25 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., December 26 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., December 26 - No Religious Education Class - Christmas Break
- Mon., December 27 - Parish Office Closed
- Tues., December 28 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., December 29 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- Thurs., December 30 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., December 30 and Fri., December 31 - Parish Office Closed

2022

- Sat., January 1, 2022 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., January 2 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., January 2 - No Religious Education Class - Christmas Break / Classes resume Sunday, January 9, 2022
- Tues., January 4 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., January 4 - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., January 5 - Praise and Worship Holy Hour - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- Thurs., January 6 - RCIA - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., January 7 - First Friday Adoration following 8:30 a.m. Mass - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheet may be found in the narthex.
- Sat., January 8, - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., January 9 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., January 9 - Religious Education Class Resumes - 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

WEEKEND OF January 1/2, 2022



5:00 Larry Leitz
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Teresa Smith



5:00 Bruce Holland
7:30 Sarah McCorkle
10:00 Knights of Columbus



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Knights of Columbus



5:00 Alex/Aubrey Mechling or Volunteers
7:30 Jacquelyn/Phillip Mayer, Spencer McCorkle
10:00 Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report December 18/19 Weekend

Adult Envelopes- \$5,996.00

Child Envelopes- \$3.00

Loose- \$355.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$310.15

Religious Ed. Fund- \$147.00

Christmas Flowers- \$70.00

Hall Rent- \$100.00

Total- \$6,981.15

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

we are \$5,626.53 ahead of our budget for the month of December.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$639.00

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

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Knights of Columbus Blood Drive



American Red Cross

Sunday, January 16, 2022 - 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Register to donate at redcrossblood.org

thank you!

A Very Big **THANK YOU** to

Alex Mechling for our beautiful bulletin cover. Alex is in the 8th Grade at Bluffton Middle School and in the Confirmation Prep Class. Alex is the son of Eric and Tammy Mechling. Thank you, Alex, for sharing your God-given talent to create this year's Christmas bulletin cover.

*Thank
you* ❤️

To everyone who sent a card or brought a gift to the office. I am grateful and humbled by your kindness. Thank you so much! It is truly a pleasure being part of the St. Joseph Parish Family. May God bless you in the new year!

Michelle

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