



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.

- Jn 1:3-4



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 25 *The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas*
10:30 a.m. † In loving memory of Ricard Schott.

Tuesday, December 26 *St. Stephen*
5:30 p.m. † For the Poor Souls.

Wednesday, December 27 *St. John*
8:30 a.m. † In loving memory of Geraldine Ehram.

Thursday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*
5:30 p.m. † For the Poor Souls.

Friday, December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*
8:30 a.m. † In loving memory of Joe Hawkins.

Saturday, December 30
5:00 p.m. A special anniversary intention for
Jim & Helen Disney.

Sunday, December 31 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph*
8:00 a.m. For our Family, Mary, Queen of Peace.
10:30 a.m. † In loving memory of Rose Mary Sheley.



*In Honor of our Blessed Mother
Mary, Queen of Peace,
The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Or St. Joseph*

The Nativity of the Lord

If you would like to make a donation for fresh flowers to be placed before one of the statues in the church, please use the envelopes that are located in the vestibule. Donations will be accepted in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary, Queen of Peace, The Sacred Heart of Jesus, or St. Joseph and given in the name of whomever you choose. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection. Thank you, *The Liturgy Committee*



For all those living in assisted living and nursing homes, also Pauline Cave, Peggy Cave, Bob Elliott, Rita Fritsch, Jim Goldman, Bud Harvey, Denny Kashman, Felicia Osmialowski, Goldie Parsons, Katie Reynolds, David Sheets, and Gene Trapp. **We ask that the Lord heal them and restore them to good health.**

Prayer Line

If you know of someone who needs the special healing power of prayer, or to become a part of this ministry, call Fran Strauss at 317-745-5640.



Time ~ Talent ~ Treasure

Treasure

Collection for December 17, 2017

Because of the early deadline for printing the bulletin we are unable to provide collection figures for December 17. The numbers will be in a future bulletin.

*The parish office will be closed
between Christmas and New Year's Day
(December 25 through December 29).
The staff wishes everyone a
Blessed Christmas.*

Incense Usage at Mass

Incense will be used at the following Masses during the Christmas Season:

- Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 p.m. and Christmas Day Mass 10:30 a.m. used very lightly, Midnight Mass regular use.
- Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, all Masses used very lightly.
- The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Masses 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. lightly, 10:30 a.m. regular use

Bereavement Ministry

If you have lost a loved one recently or know of a parishioner who has, please contact Helen Disney so that we can include the family in our ministry. 317-745-4867 or jimandhelendisney@gmail.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

St. Malachy

Saturday, 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.
Or anytime by appointment

St. Susanna

Saturday, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment

Mary, Queen of Peace

Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment



Bulletin Deadline

Please submit bulletin announcements by 10:00 pm on Sunday's to amw1005@iquest.net, also a copy to patsmooney@indy.rr.com and tjmobrien@sbcglobal.net



*"God has found me worthy to be a minister of His Gospel,
and so when I speak, I strive to please God and not men."*

1 Thessalonians 2:4

+Dear Friends,

In the reading today from Samuel, we heard, "I have been with you wherever you went." That should echo in our hearts as we prepare for this week's celebration of Christmas. We heard today of the Lord's enduring presence as shown to the Blessed Mother, who accepts the invitation to bear the Son of God within her. At that moment of our Lord's conception within her, God's promise of faithful endurance and presence is proclaimed...thanks be to God!

During this Advent season we have waited patiently (?) in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord Jesus. We have lifted our voices and sang, "O come, O come, Emmanuel." We have listened to the pleas of St. John the Baptist, who summons us to prepare the way for the Lord. We have been inspired by the prophetic words of Isaiah and Samuel, who gave us words of comfort and challenge.

We will celebrate God's becoming one of us in all things but sin. We will celebrate our dying and rising with Christ Jesus in Baptism. We will celebrate His enduring Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. Truly, the tabernacle in our church is the enduring manger of Christ!

Please note in the bulletin, as well as at the entrance of the church, the Mass schedule for the Solemnity of Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family. On Christmas Eve Mass will be offered at 4:00 p.m. The choir will lead us in the singing of carols and hymns preceding Midnight Mass at the stroke of twelve. Mass will again be offered on Christmas Morning at 10:30 a.m. December 30-31 is the Feast of Holy Family. The regular Mass schedule will be in place. NOTE: Because the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God falls on a Monday this year, the OBLIGATION to attend Mass is DROPPED. Everyone will be taking a needed holiday rest!

As we journey through this fourth and final day

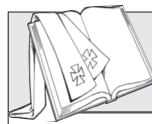
of Advent, let us do our very best at preparing our hearts to celebrate with joy the Incarnation of Jesus. May He touch our hearts this week as we prayerfully and humbly call to mind that He has come to us, that He is with us and that He will come again in glory!

AND, BECAUSE THIS IS THE FINAL BULLETIN
BEFORE CHRISTMAS,

*A VERY MERRY AND BLESSED
CHRISTMAS
TO ONE AND ALL!!*

Oh, Come, Let Us Adore Him!

Father Michael Suter



Liturgical Meditations

Monday, December 25, 2017

Vigil (4 p.m. 12/24): Isaiah 62:1-5/Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Isaiah 9:1-6/Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Luke 2:11]/Timothy 2:11-14/Luke 2:1-14
Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12/Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12/Timothy 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20
Day: Isaiah 52:7-10/Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc & 17 [6]/Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

1 John 1:1-4/Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/John 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday, December 28, 2017

1 John 1:5-2:2/Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Matthew 2:13-18

Friday, December 29, 2017

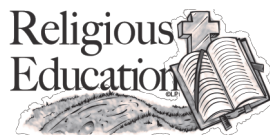
1 John 2:3-11/Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Luke 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30, 2017

1 John 2:12-17/Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Luke 2:36-40

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/
Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Have a blessed Christmas! We'll resume classes on January 7th.

Thank you to the (at least) 108 people of the parish who are praying for our young disciples in the Level 2 class. In January, the students will begin preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the elementary RE fleece blanket making service project! We are about halfway to our goal thanks to your generosity, God bless you.

Thanks to a generous parishioner we are able to offer "The Weekly Mass Readings Explained" videos again this year. We will include another showing of this study of the lectionary after the 10:30 Mass. Words and phrases can change meaning over time and through translations - hear the meaning of the readings as the original 1st century Jewish audience would have understood them. No kidding, this is really good; if you can afford a half an hour I think you'll find them very informative and interesting.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Weekend of December 30 & 31

COORDINATORS

5:00 p.m. Phil Schneider
 8:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus
 10:30 a.m. Ann Mooney

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

5:00 p.m. Korey Berg, Jim Schweizer
 Tom Swords, Jack Williams
 8:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus
 10:30 a.m. Matthew Bratt, Adam Bratt
 Joan Kimbley, Confirmation Student

READERS

5:00 p.m. Nick Campbell, Audrey Fox
 8:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus
 10:30 a.m. Carra Origer, Peg Glover

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Megan Fox, Averie Wray
 8:00 a.m. Olivia Pell, Clare Wigger
 10:30 a.m. Lucy Kult, Toby Kult

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

5:00 p.m. Tom Konechnik, Renaye Parsey
 Judy Schneider, Kathy Stamper
 Margie Williams
 8:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus
 10:30 a.m. Dixie Chaille, Beth Dieckmann
 Anita Dieckmann, Mary Kay Hood
 Kim Lovejoy, Mary Lovejoy
 Clara Petree

Holiday Mass Schedule

Masses for Christmas

Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
 Midnight Christmas Mass

Monday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

Masses for Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 31

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

(The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

“And the angel said to her in reply, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.’”
(Luke 1:35)



Family Taco/Bingo Night

Will be Saturday, January 27, 2018. It will begin after 5:00 Mass. We will have a taco bar and Bingo with prizes! Invite everyone!

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