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

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.
“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!

Liturgical Meditations

Monday, December 25, 2017
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, 17/6/Psalm 97:1/12

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

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/ Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, 17a, 17b/Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [c. 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.

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**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

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**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)

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**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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