Gloria in excelsis Deo
Mass Intentions
for the Week

Monday, December 24  **Vigil of Christmas**
4:00 p.m.  † In loving memory of Rich Jensen.

Tuesday, December 25  **The Nativity of our Lord (Christmas)**
12:00 a.m.  A special intention for Joe Masner.
10:30 a.m.  Missa Pro Populo.

Wednesday, December 26
8:30 a.m.  No Mass.

Thursday, December 27
5:30 p.m.  No Mass.

Friday, December 28
8:30 a.m.  No Mass.

Saturday, December 29
5:00 p.m.  For the Staresina family, both living and deceased.

Sunday, December 30  **The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
8:00 a.m.  † In loving memory of Jim and Frances Fattic.
10:30 a.m.  † In loving memory of Dave Lenahan.

Monday, December 31  **Vigil - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**
5:00 p.m.  † In loving memory of Martha Bates.

Tuesday, January 1  **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**
10:30 a.m.  † For all Souls.

Wednesday, January 2
8:30 a.m.  For a special intention.

Thursday, January 3
5:30 p.m.  Missa Pro Populo.
6:00 p.m.  Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Friday, January 4
8:15 a.m.  Benediction.
8:30 a.m.  For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Saturday, January 5
5:00 p.m.  † In loving memory of Ron Beaman.

Sunday, January 6  **The Epiphany of the Lord**
8:00 a.m.  † In loving memory of Dr. Charles A. Kincaid Jr.
10:30 a.m.  † In loving memory of Helen L. Disney.

Treasure
Collection for December 16, 2018

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Budgeted Year-to-Date  $207,075.00
Actually Received      $217,745.02
Online Giving Received (November) $1,934.00
Total Received         $219,679.02
Variance to Budget     $12,604.02

Time - Talent - Treasure

The staff of Mary, Queen of Peace wishes everyone a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The parish offices will be closed December 26 through December 29.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Arthur Fallon, father of Matthew Fallon, and pray for the care and consolation of his family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

EXTENSION OF DATES FOR PHOTOS
Lifetouch Community Connect Directory
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Call the office for assistance.
317-745-4284.
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Extended dates are December 28th and 29th.
(For those who couldn’t make it earlier.)

For all those living in assisted living and nursing homes, also Peggy Cave, Rita Fritsch, Jim Goldman, Dick Griffith, Bud Harvey, Tom Konechnik, Kelsea Kushner, Debbie Little, Anthony Martinez, Felicia Osmialowski, Goldie Parsons, Rex Parsons, Katie Reynolds, David Roche, David & Dee Sheets, Mary Schmitt, Helen Schweizer, Debbie Such, Gene Trapp, Harold Walliser, and Mary Williams.  We ask that the Lord heal them and restore them to good health.
"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,

Advent is a time to live in joyful expectation at the coming of the Lord Jesus. We hear in today’s Mass that it is to the smallest and humblest that the Lord comes. Consider Mary, a simple Jewish girl living a seemingly insignificant life. It is in her womb that the very Son of God dwells.

Today we consider ourselves as well. Perhaps at times we consider ourselves too small or insignificant to count for much in God’s eyes. When we gather to celebrate Mass we are given the opportunity to become the very dwelling place of Jesus by listening to God’s Living Word and receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion! In the womb of the Blessed Mother grew the One Who would save the world from sin and death. And within each one of us lies the potential to bring peace and goodwill to all we meet. Too insignificant? I don’t think so!

While we gather this weekend to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, this bulletin is also the final one before the glorious Solemnity of Christmas. Therefore....

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

I pray that the celebration of Christ’s humble birth once again fills our hearts and lives with a spirit of simplicity and hope! I truly desire that everyone finds these days to be ones of peace!

When we assemble for Mass in the Season of Christmas, we are a Church haunted by a Child with many faces. Each of us brings to Mass the image of the Holy Child within. We proclaim the Child in Whom meets the ironies of life: divinity and humanity, birth and death, innocence and suffering.

God calls us at the time of Christmas, “My delight.” We are called to take these words to heart. We see, through the Gift of Jesus Christ, that even though we may feel desolate or abandoned at times, we can be assured that we ARE His delight! Our world waits for a day of lasting peace, freedom, protection and justice. All these were made visible in the form of a tiny Child born in a manger. His birth was the beginning of the promise. As a people who have been called to make a home for Christ within our hearts, we are called also to share that promise with our waiting world.

As the shepherds, may we be inspired to share the truth of Jesus with our families, friends, co-workers and with all who long for the life that only Jesus can give! In our own small ways, let us allow the light of Christ to shine in our hearts. Pray that we can show those who dwell in darkness (and that includes all of us at times) that there IS hope!

Due to bulletin deadlines, this bulletin is serving for BOTH this weekend and next. Therefore, please note the schedule of Masses for next weekend as well as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation, December 31 and January 1: December 31 Mass is at 5:00 p.m. and on January 1, at 10:30 a.m. Due to this odd com-bination of bulletins, I use this bulletin to also wish one and all A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR, 2019!! Know of my every good wish for you and all the families of our parish as we celebrate Christ’s birth and the start of our new year of 2019. May it be one of hope, compassion and trust. I pray it is one of peace.

As Tiny Tim once said: “God Bless Us, Everyone!”

Thank You to Our Catechists

Our catechists put their effort, time, and heart into helping parish families educate our young parishioners in the knowledge, practice and appreciation of our Catholic faith. Please thank them when you see them, and pray for them during the Christmas season, and then the rest of the year. Thank you!

Elementary RE:

Thank you to the Level 3 class for their presentation of a Nativity play last weekend!

If your family would like directions and materials to make a Jesse Tree to commemorate the significant people in the advent of Jesus’ incarnation, you may find the materials in plastic bags on a table in the RE hallway!

We will not hold classes for the next two weeks. Have a wonderful Christmas! We will reconvene on January 6th.

Adult RE:

The Religious Education program is happy to announce that we will be able to offer a Wednesday morning section of “Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom,” in addition to the Sunday morning and Monday evening sections. These will all begin the week of Sunday, January 6th. You may still join our spring study by signing up on the stairwell/RE hallway bulletin boards.

If you would like to look at any of our recent studies on your own during the holiday break, just contact Matthew Fallon to get the materials:

- A Biblical Walk With Mary
- The Gospel of Matthew
- The Bible Timeline
- The Catholic Letters
- The Mass
- Oremus - Let Us Pray (Catholic contemplative prayer)

Catholicism

You can join in one of the two official prayers of the Catholic Church: the daily office (Liturgy of the Hours). Sign up at the Catholic Company for their ‘Morning Offering’ to get the daily readings for free. In addition, you will enjoy the daily Mass readings, the Saint of the Day, weekly intentions of the Holy Father, a quotation of the day, and more. Visit the catholic-company.com and search for “morning offering.”
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