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## The Nativity of the Lord

### December 25, 2022

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## HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** Truly Jesus came in human form to save us and reconcile us to the Father. We give thanks to God! As we celebrate the coming of Jesus among us, we look forward to when we will be united with Christ in Heaven.

**In Jesus, God Became Man for our own Spiritual Benefits:** This Christmas day, God has given us the most precious gift in his only begotten Son, Jesus, born in Bethlehem. With the birth of Jesus, the world entered a new age, an age of joy, and a time of true freedom as children of God. The birth of Jesus leaves us human beings with four Divine benefits that no money can buy. First, we are blessed because of the Incarnation of Jesus or God assuming human form. The coming of Jesus has brought God from the light and glory of heaven to earth in person. By assuming human form in the person of Jesus Christ, God came down to our own level. Through Christ God has made Himself visible to us human beings. He is not a distant deity who takes care of us from heaven. God became man and by so doing gave himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ his Son: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (John 1: 14). Second, with the coming of Jesus in the flesh our salvation is assured, that is, guaranteed. The coming of Jesus has saved us from sin as a result of which we have been divorced from God and led to eternal death. Jesus himself declared that we are saved through Him: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11: 25-26). Jesus is also the way to salvation: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14: 6). Third, the coming of Jesus in the flesh has made it possible for us to be reconciled to God. The coming of Jesus brought us God's forgiveness, which Jesus Christ bought for us at the price of his own body and blood on the cross. Since God in His divine nature, could not die, through Christ, God took on human flesh, lived among us, and taught us until he was rejected, crucified and died for us. Through His death and resurrection we have been reconciled to the Father. Fourth, from the point of view of our hope in eternal life, the coming of Jesus has also guaranteed us the hope of partaking in the eternal life with God. Since Christ died and rose from the dead, we are hopeful that we who believe in Him, though we will die will rise to eternal life with Him. It is by the coming of Jesus that Christ opened the door to heaven and closed the door to hell for us. Jesus himself said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14: 6).

**The Formula of Christmas Joy is Putting Jesus and Others First Before Self:** Christmas is finally here and the angel bring the good news of great joy to all nations: "The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord" (Luke 2: 10-11). The birth of Jesus is the Good News of great joy that God bestows on all nations, but we also need to make this joy of Christmas our own personally. To personally experience the joy of Christmas which God has bestowed on the whole world, we have to make a little effort. The effort we are to make in order to personally experience the joy of Christmas in our lives, in our families, and in the world around is putting into practice what the term JOY stands for. In the word JOY, there are three letters: First J, then O, and lastly Y. J stands for Jesus, O for Others, and Y for You. Joy therefore is: Jesus, Others, before You. To personally know joy in our lives we need to place Jesus first in everything. Secondly, we need to try to please others before trying to please ourselves. That is the recipe joy. That is how we can convert the Christmas "joy to the world" into a personal "joy in my life" now and always. Christmas joy is therefore not a thing for one person. While Jesus is at the center of Christmas because He is the one who was born and whose birth invokes joy, we who are happy during Christmas have to bring this joy to others before we can experience it ourselves.

**How the Good News and the Joy of the Birth of Jesus Influenced the Lives of those who Received Jesus:** The different people or group of people mentioned with regard to the story of the Nativity of Jesus are worth of meditating upon in order to see if they tried to please Jesus and others before themselves, or if they were selfish, jealous, and so sought their own interests first. When Jesus was born the innkeeper did not receive Joseph, Mary and the Baby Jesus but rather refused them a place in the Inn leaving them with no place to lay their heads. There is also Herod who at the news of the birth of Jesus became agitated or uncomfortable that his position is in danger and in an effort to kill the Baby Jesus sent many innocent children to their graves. The inn keeper and Herod did not receive Jesus, nor did they allow themselves to experience the joy of the good news of the birth of Jesus or share that joy with others either! They sought their own interests first. While others had the reason to celebrate, these did not celebrate or become joyful. Besides the people who refused to welcome the Baby Jesus and partake in the joy of the birth of Jesus, there are those who accepted the good news of his birth and allowed the Joy of His birth to influence their lives. When the shepherds received the good news of the Savior's birth, they left their flock and went to adore Jesus first. The magi or the wise men from the East also after receiving the good news of the birth of Jesus left the comfort of their homeland, made a long and dangerous journey to Bethlehem just to worship the new-born Jesus and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This latter group of people accepted the Baby Jesus, they were happy, and they reached out to Jesus. In their effort to please Jesus first, they were moved to leave their flock or homeland and go in search for the Baby Jesus to adore or offer Him gifts. These are the ones who receive God's favor and experienced the true peace and joy of Christmas in their hearts. The Joy of Christmas will always be ours when we follow the good example of the magi and the shepherds who placed Jesus before self.

**Closing Prayer:** As we commemorate the Incarnation of Jesus Christ our Lord, may the grace of God continue to benefit us now for our salvation until the hour of our death and when Christ will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." JOHN 1:14*  
God made his Stewards to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus, we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Raphael	St. Gabriel
<b>Needed Each Week:</b>	<b>\$2,467.41</b>	<b>\$2,807.70</b>	<b>\$815.76</b>	<b>\$533.66</b>
<b>Needed Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>63,836.33</b>	<b>70,192.58</b>	<b>20,394.00</b>	<b>12,808.10</b>
<b>Actual Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>64,771.24</b>	<b>66,609.20</b>	<b>18,746.55</b>	<b>13,501.55</b>
<b>Date: Dec. 18, 2022:</b>	<b>1,642.00</b>	<b>3,938.85</b>	<b>406.00</b>	<b>461.25</b>
<b>Other Collections:</b>	<b>241.00</b>	<b>555.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>360.00</b>

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

### Saturday, December 24, 2022

#### **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael

*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

### Sunday, December 25, 2022

#### **The Nativity of the Lord**

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

### Monday, December 26, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

*(\*Antonija Ovcjak)*

### Tuesday, December 27, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

*(For the Children of the Parish)*

NO ADORATION & CONFESSION

### Wednesday, December 28, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

*(\*Maxine Moran)*

5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration & Reconciliation  
at St. Catherine

6:30pm Holy Hour with the Lord at St. Anne

#### **\*\* OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED\*\***

**Monday, December 26 - January 2nd and  
will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.**

### Thursday, December 29, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

*(For all parents)*

9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

### Friday, December 30, 2022

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

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

*(For all families)*

5:30pm Mass at St. Anne

*(For All of Our Families)*

### Saturday, December 31, 2022

#### **Vigil Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael

4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael

4:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Raphael

*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel

*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

### Sunday, January 1, 2023

#### **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,  
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*



#### **NEW YEARS MASS TIMES:**

#### **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**DEC. 31** - Vigil Mass at St. Raphael at 4:30pm

Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel at 6:30pm

**JAN 1** - Mass at St. Catherine at 9am

Mass at St. Anne at 11am

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Will pause until Friday, January 6, 2023
- **MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED FOR ST. CATHERINE AND ST. GABRIEL:** St. Catherine/St. Gabriel is in need of a couple money counters. If you are interested please contact the parish office for more information
- **ST. CATHERINE'S ANGEL FUND COLLECTION:** Has collected a total of \$3,220.00. If you would like to donate there are envelopes at both entrances of the church, just drop them in the collection or at the parish office.
- January 1 Masses will follow the regular weekend Mass schedule at all four parishes.
- **COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**  
**St. Catherine:** Coffee and Donuts will resume in May 2023.  
**St. Anne:** NO Coffee & Donuts after mass on Christmas!  
**St. Raphael:** Refreshments will be after mass on Saturdays!
- Volunteer Cleaners needed for January - December 2023 for St. Anne Church.
- **MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

#### **SUNDAY:**

IS 9:1-6, TI 2:11-14,  
LK 2:1-14

#### **MONDAY:**

ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59,  
MT 10:17-22

#### **TUESDAY:**

1 JN 1:1-4,  
JN 20:1A AND 2-8

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

1 JN 1:5-2:2,  
MT 2:13-18

#### **THURSDAY:**

1 JN 2:3-11,  
LK 2:22-35

#### **FRIDAY:**

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14,  
MT 2:13-15, 19-23

#### **SATURDAY:**

1 JN 2:18-21,  
JN 1:1-18

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### **OUR SICK:**

Carolyn Lenhard,  
Beverly Aube,  
Betty Keen,  
Charles Carriveau,  
Karl Miltz Sr.,  
Carol Antkowiak,  
Carl Skwisk,  
Mary Gruba,  
Mike Maturen

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

### **AND RELIGIOUS**

#### **Sunday:**

Rev. Bernard Tyler

#### **Monday:**

Rev. Michael Verschaeve

#### **Tuesday:**

Rev. Duane Wachowiak

#### **Wednesday:**

Rev. Matthew Wigton

#### **Thursday:**

Rev. Peter Wigton

#### **Friday:**

Rev. John William

#### **Saturday:**

Rev. Innocent Zambua



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION:



### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022**  
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
5:30pm Mass at St. Anne



### HOLY HOUR WITH THE LORD

**Day: WEDS. | Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm**  
**Where: St. Anne Church**

"Again, I say to you, If two of you agree on Earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Matthew 18:19)



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6851 TO CELEBRATE CORPORATE MASS JANUARY 8, 2023 AT 9:00AM**

Knights of Columbus Council #6851 will celebrate Corporate Communion on Sunday January 08 at the 9:00 Mass at St. Catherine's. Brother Knights are encouraged to attend. Mass is in remembrance of our deceased members.



### FRIDAY NIGHT - BIBLE STUDY

**\*\*NO CLASS 12/23 or 12/30.  
RESUME 1/6/23\*\***

**Day: Friday's**  
**Time: 6:30-7:30pm**  
**Where: Maria Hall at St. Anne**

Soup and bread will be provided.



### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022**  
4:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Raphael  
6:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023**  
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne

# Merry Christmas



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### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### BECOME A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

**FREE MEMBERSHIP Now through December 31st**  
*It will make you a better husband, a better father,  
a better catholic and a better man!*

Calling all Catholic men 18 and older.  
Now is a great time to join the Knights of Columbus. If you can please scan the QR code, enter your information and use the FREE code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY for a FREE membership as an online member.

The Knights are a Catholic fraternal organization that actively supports the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. Whether you have 2 hours a year or 2 hours a month, show your support for our faith and sign up. Call Joel Kendzorski, Diocesan Membership Director, if your interested in joining or to answer any questions you may have. Phone (989) 766-2124

