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December 26, 2021



THE NATIVITY *of the Lord*

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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Mass, Prayer & Sacraments

MASS

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM
 Saturday (Anticipation) 4:15 PM
 Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

ROSARY

Thursday 7:30 AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Thursday after 8 AM Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays of the month beginning after the 8:00 AM Mass with Reposition at Noon.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 - 4:00 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone who is seriously ill due to sickness or old age may be anointed. Please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office if you wish to have you child baptized.

ADULT BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult interested in becoming Catholic, or are an adult baptized Catholic but not confirmed, please contact Deacon Mike.

MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office at least six months prior to the marriage.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
 No Liturgical Service

Tuesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 8:00 AM + Sue Manhardt

Wednesday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop
 and Martyr
 8:00 AM + Edward Enright

Thursday, December 30 Weekday
 8:00 AM + Peter Stoffel

Friday, December 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope
 New Year's Eve
 8:00 AM + Steven D. Jacoby
 4:00 PM + Ben and Rose Fechter

Saturday, January 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 World Day of Peace
 New Year's Day
 9:00 AM + Tony LaLoggia

There will not be a 4:15 PM Mass of Anticipation

Sunday, January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00 AM For the people of Holy Trinity
 10:30 AM + John "Jack" Peterson

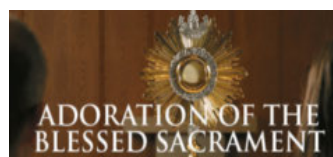
Liturgical Schedules

Friday, December 31 4:00 PM
 Altar Server Ron Peters
 Lector Sharon Peters
 Ushers **NEED volunteers**

Saturday, January 1 9:00 AM
 Altar Server Tammy Weber
 Lector Dick Wilhelm
 Ushers Randy McCray and volunteers
There will not be a 4:15 PM Mass of Anticipation

Sunday, January 2 8:00 AM
 Altar Server Richard Becker
 Lector Tammy Weber
 Ushers Kathy Wilger, Bernard Barth
 and volunteer

Sunday, January 2 10:30 AM
 Altar Server **NEED volunteer**
 Lector Barb Sullivan
 Ushers Kenny Albinger, Dave Vande
 Boom and volunteer



ADORATION OF THE
 BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Come, spend some
 time with our Lord...*

Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 8:00 AM Mass on **Friday, January 7** and conclude with Prayer and Reposition at Noon.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go

and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love.



Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious

concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Stewardship Ties

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus’ biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their “blood.” A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I’ve heard it called a “gotcha day,” and it’s marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God’s Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It’s not about who we look like, it’s about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let’s think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus’ birthday, it’s also our “gotcha day” — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Scripture Readings for the week of December 26

- Sunday** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21
- Monday** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday** Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 ©LPi



We welcome into the Holy Trinity Parish faith community the following child who was recently baptized:

Sutton Lynn

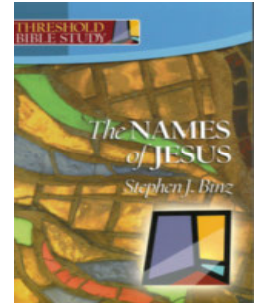
Daughter of Jacob and Sarah Stadler

May God bless you always Sutton!

Deacon Mike Koebel holding Sutton following her baptism.

Bible Study Begins in January

Join us for a Threshold Bible Study, Names of Jesus written by Stephen Binz and facilitated by Terri Schiller. Terri has led bible studies for over 20 years in area parishes. This bible study is open to everyone, those who have never been to a study and those who are more experienced. We will all learn together. Books will be distributed at the first class.



The essential purpose of reading the scriptures is to know a person -Jesus Christ- more personally and intimately. Knowing the names of Jesus allows us to establish a closer and fuller relationship with him. Though no single name or title of Jesus can encompass the fullness of who he is, together they express his very nature and person. The more we know about his names, the more we will understand what he has done for us.

The scripture study will be held Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 PM January 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15 OR Wednesday mornings 9:00-10:30AM January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16 (choose the day/time that works best for you). The classes will be held in Holy Trinity's Parish Office. To register call Katie, (262) 675-6256 or on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

2021 End of the Year Contributions

Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish! Without your support Holy Trinity and its ministries could not exist. *Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

Please remember that, per IRS regulations, charitable contributions must be applied to the year they were received or postmarked. Any contributions received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2021 is a 2021 donation.

Any contribution received or postmarked on or after January 1, 2022 will be applied to your 2022 stewardship.

Contribution statements will be mailed out in mid-late January.



A New Friend for Christmas

Lilliana makes a new friend with a three week old calf at our Live Nativity.

Please join us

New Year's Eve Masses
Friday, December 31 8:00 AM

Mass of Anticipation—
Mary, the Mother of God
Friday, December 31 4:00 PM

Mary, the Mother of God New Year's Day
Saturday, January 1 9:00 AM

There will not be a 4:15 PM Mass of Anticipation

The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 2 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Wishing you a blessed New Year!
Fr. Tom, Deacon Mike and the Parish Staff

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

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