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December 26, 2021



The Nativity of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays	8:20 am - St. Katharine Drexel
Tuesdays	4:30 pm - St. John the Baptist
Wednesdays	5:30 pm - Holy Family
Thursdays	6:00 pm - Adoration 7:00 pm - St. Columbkille
Fridays	8:20 am - St. Katharine Drexel
Saturdays	4:30 pm - St. Katharine Drexel 5:00 pm - Holy Family
Sundays	8:00 am - St. John the Baptist 10:00 am - St. Columbkille

Reconciliation: Currently available by request, Thursday evenings during 6 pm Adoration hour at St. Columbkille or 9:30 am Saturday mornings at St. Katherine Drexel Church.

Sacrament of the Sick: Given privately upon request. For pastoral emergencies you may contact the Tri Parish Center at (920) 927-3102.

Baptism: Active parishioners should call the Tri-Parish Center to arrange a date/time. First time parents who are active parishioners need to attend a "Pre-Baptism" conference. This conference can take place even before the child is born.

Marriage: Active parishioners are to contact the Tri Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. Couples must attend an Enrichment Day for the Engaged, and submit to a Pre-Marital Inventory.

St Vincent DePaul Society: Those in need may contact the SVDP by calling the Tri-Parish Center at any time and leaving a message.

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Gospel Reflections...

Dear friends,

Merry Christmas!

In recent decades we've seen the culture rapidly change the way that we celebrate the holidays. The season of Advent was probably always as busy as it is now, but there was a deeper and more thoughtful understanding for what we're preparing.

Due to secularism, Black Friday has become a sort of "official" beginning of the Christmas season. Rather than spend the Thanksgiving holiday with loved ones, the day might include a brief respite with others that involves a meal, but, for many, it ends in a long line at a big box store on a cold night. Perhaps this has been less common for the past couple of years. Still, the advertisements and sales come earlier and earlier, distracting us and drawing our attention away from the beauty of the season—the anticipation and preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ the King.

Now, Christ is here! In Psalm 97 we pray: *The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice!* Indeed, Jesus is our Lord and king and we presently enter into the actual liturgical season of Christmas. In these days of celebration we go to visit the newborn king in his humble place of birth. It is in Bethlehem, a place of the utmost simplicity, where the greatest event in human history happened. It is there that the Incarnation took place. Further, it is to an unassuming young woman from Nazareth that the Christ Child was born. His foster-father was not a wealthy businessman, but a plain carpenter. Christ was born into a family. He entered not into a world unknown or unfamiliar to us, but into the most basic unit or building block of society.

For us, that God took on flesh in the person of Jesus Christ and lived on this earth within a family is so important. The sanctification of our souls and our spiritual lives is not limited to the church building or Sunday Mass, but rather, we find ourselves seeking holiness of life and battling against forces of evil in the ordinariness of our lives—in our homes and families. As individual families and as the family of God we turn to the Holy Family as that most perfect example so each one of our families serve as a seedbed of virtue and holiness. May this season of Christmas and the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family be a reminder that God humbled himself to bring our hearts to the joys of heaven!

Christmas Blessings!

Fr. Will



Thank you for being with us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior on this holiest of nights.

Whether you are a long-time member of our congregation or a newcomer to our church family, we appreciate that you have incorporated this worship service into your own personal Christmas tradition this year.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27, 2021

St. John, Apostle

8:20 am at St. Katharine Drexel

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

4:30 pm at St. John the Baptist

For: † Fr. Vern Schefer

By: Don & Kathy Meinholz

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

5:30 pm at Holy Family

For: † Steven Todd Richards

By: Susan Murphy

Thursday, December 30, 2021

7:00 pm at St. Columbkille

For: † Mary Jaeger Mannlein

By: Paul & Susan Jaeger

Friday, December 31, 2021

St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:20 am at SKD

Saturday, January 1, 2022

New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God

9:00 am at St. Katharine Drexel

5:00 pm at Holy Family

For: Pro populo

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 am at St. John the Baptist

The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops/Doctors of the Church

For: † Dennis Heiling

By: Alice Heiling

10:00 am at St. Columbkille

For: † Hedy Guenther

By: Joyce Kalscheur

Liturgical Roles 1/2/2022	St. Columbkille 10 am Sunday	St. John the Baptist 8 am Sunday	Holy Family 5 pm Saturday
Servers	N/A	Cody Jablonski	Dani Casperson
Readers	Marge Groh	Gloria Schuett	Brenda Caine
Ushers	Paul Walz & David Roche	Jeff Kreuziger & Tim Zimmerman	Bob DePover & Volunteer
Greeters	Elaine Parpart & Bernie Zandler	Sherry Haase & Sherri Counsell	Mary Goldbach & Tony Kudak
Money Counters	Elaine Parpart & Bernie Zandler	Howard & Gloria Schuett	Kathy Bronner & Greg Caine
Eucharistic Ministers	Lois Schneider	Gloria Schuett	Bob DePover

At the request of Fr. Will, we have arranged for an **Adoration Event** to be held on **January 5, 2022**, to grant members of our Faith Formation Classes an opportunity to experience the beauty, power and solemnity of Eucharist Adoration.

The Adoration Event will begin immediately following the 5:30PM Mass at **Holy Family Church** in Reeseville. **Everyone is welcome!**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 6:00PM and the event will culminate with Benediction at Midnight.

We will have a communal Rosary beginning at 7:00PM and may, if attendees desire, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Please pass this information to friends and family. The power of communal prayer cannot be exaggerated, particularly when that communal prayer takes place in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a perfect way to welcome in the New Year while illustrating to our young parishioners our reverence for and commitment to Eucharistic Adoration.

Communion Distribution Guidelines

The presider's line will allow people to receive in the hand or on the tongue without discrimination of order. Going forward there will be an Extraordinary Eucharistic minister assigned to distribute communion on the hand only so that those who are concerned about receiving Communion after someone who might have received on the tongue can be at ease. There will not be an additional minister at daily Masses. In the event that there is someone at daily Mass concerned about this, they are encouraged to step forward and receive first. There are no servers at daily Mass, so they would be the first. **Fr. Will**

TRI PARISHES NEWS

Year end contributions must be made by December 31st. Watch for an announcement in early January for availability of 2021 giving statements.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

No Class this Wednesday. Enjoy the Christmas and New Year Holiday



Reflection for the Week

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. (Jn 1:14)



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