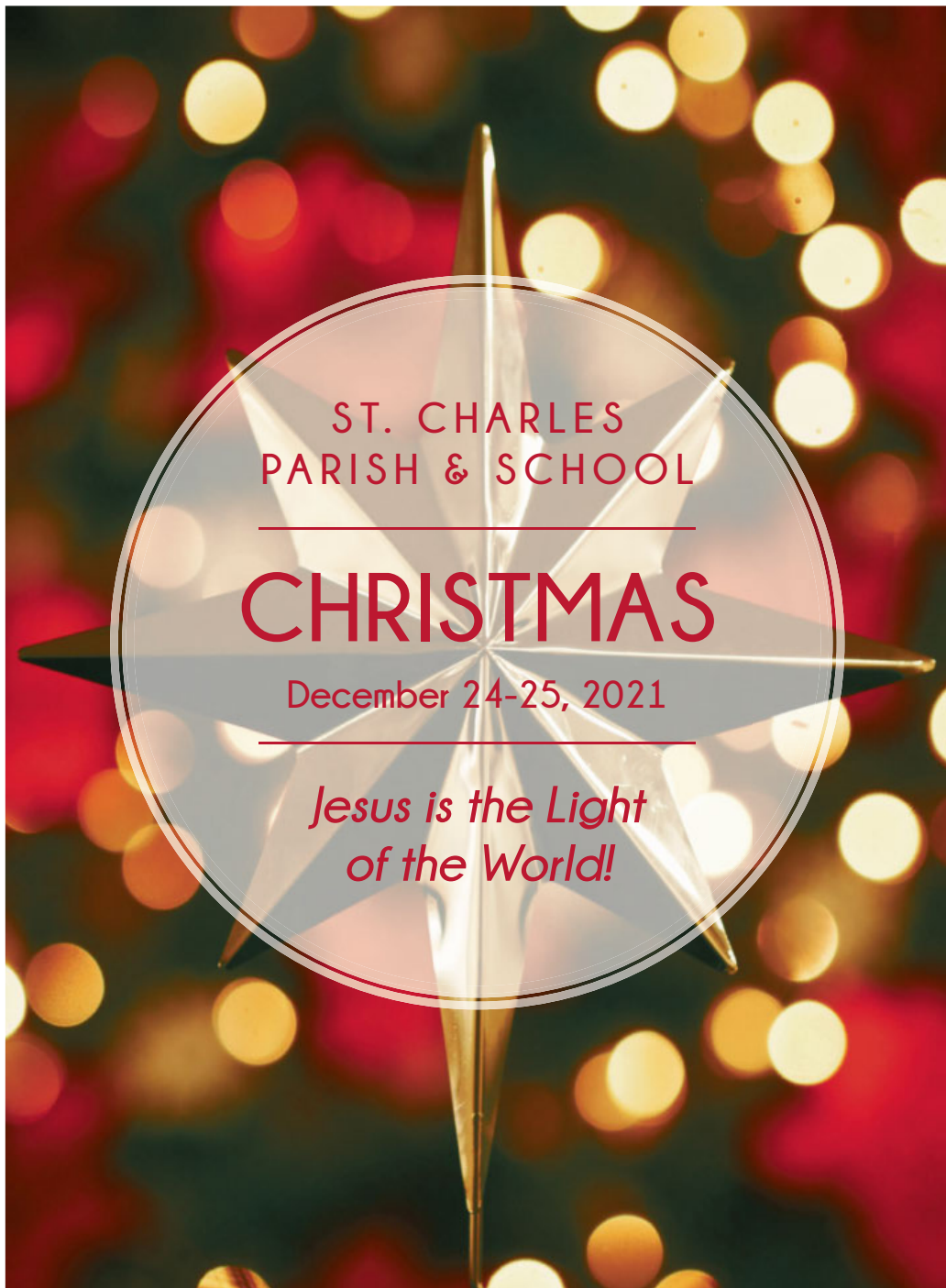




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meet Christ, know Christ,
love Christ and serve Christ.*

December 25 & 26, 2021

CHRISTMAS DAY & THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



WELCOME ALL

We welcome all who worship with us, in person or live stream! May you find hope and inspiration during this Christmas season through the community of St. Charles. We remain ready to pray with you, no matter where you are in your faith journey. We thank God for all His blessings, especially that we are able to come together to celebrate our Lord's birth!

May our gathering this day gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are, after all, one People of God redeemed in the Light. May we walk by the Light and live by the Light - together in faith.



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:30am & Saturday: 8:30am

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Monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 5:30 pm

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Mondays: 5:00-7:00pm with closing prayer (includes music)

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00pm with 7:30pm Rosary and closing prayer

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RECONCILIATION

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- BECOMING FULLY CATHOLIC
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Mass Intentions for the Week of December 26th



Sunday, December 26 ~ Feast of the Holy Family

7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Jerry Johnson Family
9:00 am † Ervin & Esther Wunsch and Anton & Marie Hallada
11:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles
6:00 pm No Mass

Monday, December 27

8:30 am † Deceased Members of the Daniel Fitzgerald & Joseph Connolly, Sr. Families

Tuesday, December 28

8:30 am † Magdalena Selthafner
5:30 pm † Bud & Alys Hemmy

Wednesday, December 29

8:30 am Special Intention

Thursday, December 30

8:30 am † Bob Williams

Friday, December 31 ~ Solemnity of Mary & New Year's Eve

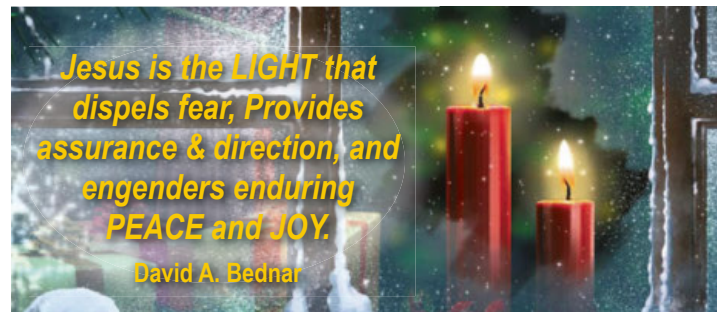
8:30 am † Amy (Lamerand) Zott
5:00 pm † Tamara Durand

Saturday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary & New Year's Day

9:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles
11:00 am † Steve Guihan
5:00 pm † Jerome Mahlik

Sunday, January 2 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles
9:00 am † Charles Birschbach
11:00 am † Wayne Sanger
6:00 pm No Mass



BULLETIN DUE DATES!

If you have an event(s) you would like to publicize in a January bulletin, please submit your information by the due dates listed below. This earlier deadline is due to the printer's holiday schedule. Please submit all articles by 8:00 am on the due date. Thank you!

- Jan. 9th Bulletin information is due Monday, Jan. 3rd
- Jan. 16th Bulletin information is due Monday, Jan. 10th
- Jan. 23rd Bulletin information is due Wednesday, Jan. 12th



Dear Parishioners,

“Glory to God in the highest!” With two exceptions, we haven't heard these words sung at Mass for the past four weeks. They are, of course, the opening words to the Gloria, and we've been fasting from them during Advent. It's a fitting fast, since these words were first sung by the angels who came to bring glad tidings of great joy to the shepherds in Bethlehem: “Today a Savior is born...Glory to God in the highest!” The angels have been silent during Mass in Advent so that they could cry out all the louder at Christmas. We will hear these words again during Lent – not on the lips of angels this time, but of the disciples as Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. These words mark the threshold, then, of both Jesus' birth and death. And they point to the fact that Jesus' birth is just as serious as His death and His death just as joyful as His birth. And this is the essence of Christian hope. For the Christian, hope differs as much from optimism as joy does from happiness. Happiness, in the sense of emotional satisfaction, is not always possible. And an optimistic attitude is not always realistic. But for the Christian, hope and joy are always possible and always realistic. The Christian can say “Glory to God in the highest” both in the face of the Manger and of the Cross. Even when the shadow of the Cross lies on the Manger, even when new life is threatened by death, we can rejoice, because we know that the shadow of the Manger also lies on the Cross: God brings new life out of death! “Glory to God in the Highest!” May the hope which fills these words – the hope ushered in by the birth of our Savior—fill your hearts, and the hearts of your loved ones, this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Ken & Fr. Nick



15 minutes each day spent in God's presence – reading, reflecting, responding and resting with his Word – adds up to 90 hours in one year. That is time well spent and a testimony to how a little at a time turns into something remarkable!

Reflection questions for Sunday, January 2nd



- The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?
- It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of “coheirs” and “copartners.” What does this language signal to you?
- The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God’s revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?

Readings for the Week of December 26th

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
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: 1 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

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REST.

Cut out and keep in your Bible for reference!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD & EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

by Marianne Giovingo

St. Charles Engagement & Discipleship Coordinator

The Church always celebrates the **Feast of the Holy Family** the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's; this year that falls on December 26. We have the model of the Holy Family to help guide our families in how to stay focused on what's important, and don't we all need that reminder these days! Take some time this week as a family and make a plan about how you sense God asking you to begin to pray through Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. My suggestion – create a prayer that is offered by each member of the family asking for the protection of their hands and for the closeness to their hearts!

Our Church surely loves to celebrate! January 1 is more than the beginning of the calendar year – we celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary Mother of God!** What a fitting way to bring in a new year, by entrusting and believing that all we do is guided by the Hands of our Heavenly Mother. For 2022, this day is not celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation, but at St. Charles, we want to give you an opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother with additional times to come to Mass and give Her permission to be your EVERYTHING this new year! What a great time to renew the prayer you made to the Holy Family the week before!

The Church continues pretty immediately to invite us to participate in the weekend Mass schedule (altered a little, so please see the schedule), which for us this year is actually the **Epiphany of the Lord.** Generally connected with the coming of the three kings, it is at this moment that Jesus is revealed to humankind, represented by those who traveled to see Jesus. The church term for this would be a 'theophany.' Will we give God permission to be revealed to us, at work, at home, at school, by those who frustrate us, by those who love us? Will we travel into our prayer at home and at Mass to meet Jesus, who has come to Save? Traditionally we write the initials of the three kings between the current year – in Latin these initials also invite a prayer of blessing over our house, office, or room. I encourage you to write 20 + C+ M+ B + 22 above the doors you walk through so that when you look up, you will remember that you are not alone!

CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th MASSES (The Holy Family)

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am (No Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass or 6:00 pm Sunday Mass)

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASSES

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2022)

Friday, December 31: 5:00 pm

Saturday, January 1, 2022:

9:00 am, 11:00 am (with incense)

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1, 2022: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 2: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

(No 6:00 pm Sunday Mass)



PARISH AND SCHOOL OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The St. Charles School Office will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021 and will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022.

The Parish Office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 24th and all day Monday, Dec. 27th. The Parish Office will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 3rd.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered, as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort, too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress, and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

CIRCLE OF LOVE THANK YOU



We hope you had the opportunity to see the Borromeo Room the weekend of December 4th and 5th! What a wonderful sign of your generosity and love. We had 650 tags on the Circle of Love Miracle Tree this year, and you helped 65 Families.

Circle of Love wishes to **THANK** each and every person who took a tag off our Miracle Tree and made Christmas much brighter for someone less fortunate. **THANK YOU** to the wonderful people who offered financial support. Your generosity helped provide food certificates for each family.

THANK YOU to all the Volunteers who helped out by getting the tags ready for the Miracle Tree, setting up tables, transporting the gifts from the Narthex to the Borromeo Room, sorting all the gifts and boxing them, helping the Sponsors load the gifts into their cars! It was an awesome sight to see all the gifts wrapped so beautifully and put under the Circle of Love Miracle Tree in the Narthex - Thank You! Even more heart-warming is the thankfulness of the recipients who are overwhelmed by your love and caring. Please look for the Thank You cards and notes from the recipients the weekend of February 12th & 13th in the Church Hallway. God Bless you in 2022!



ST. CHARLES NIGHT AT CULVER'S IN HARTLAND

Monday, January 3rd from 5:00-8:00 pm

Mention that you are with St. Charles and the School receives 10% of the evening's sales! Thanks for your support!



FESTIVAL OF THE LORD

The poinsettia plants and decorations that beautify our Church during the Christmas Season are made possible by your donations.

IN MEMORY OF:

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- Ted , Loretta and Teddy Fiducci & Thomas & Rita Mae Cassidy
- Gregory Pilgrim and Kerry Packer

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

- For the health of son Eric
- Row vs. Wade to be overturned
- Prayers for their souls
- My Grandson, Andy
- Prayers for Katie's soul & her family
- Blessed birth of our new Grandson
- Happy Life "Ever After"
- Health and Safety of Family
- For Jack's family
- That our family will continue to grow in holiness
- Deployed Military & their Families

BLESSINGS RECALLED:

- For a loving family
- For all our children living close to us
- Loving Parents
- Gift of Grandchildren: Arden Merritt, Ingrid, Louise, Florence, Rocco, Lucca, Nora, Finny & Ruby
- Thanksgiving for their love
- Faith, Hope, Love, Life, Courage
- Our Children
- For the blessing of our faith, family, and friends

STEWARDSHIP (TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE)



THERE IS STILL TIME!

In this season of giving, we wish to thank you for your generous financial support of St. Charles Parish and School and the Cornerstone Capital Campaign.

There is still time to get your year-end donations into the Parish. Donations must be received in the Parish Office no later than **Tuesday, Dec. 28** at noon. This allows for adequate time to record contributions for 2021. For information about contributing an end-of-year donation to St. Charles Parish and School, please contact the Parish Office at 262-367-0800 or parish@stcharleshartland.org.

God Bless you for supporting St. Charles and Christ's work in Lake Country.


ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



The members of St. Charles' Society of St. Vincent de Paul hope that your Christmas is beautiful and filled with Christ's light. We also would like to express our gratitude for your benevolence toward our ministry of service to the poor and needy. Have a peace-filled Christmas week and joyous New Year.

The St. Charles' SVdP food pantry is located a few blocks from church at 229 Lawn Street, Hartland. Please help us get the word out that it is available to anyone in our community experiencing lack of food. Hours are Tuesday mornings between 10 AM and noon and 5:30 PM to 7 PM on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. If you need other assistance, SVdP can be contacted at 262-367-0800.

The food pantry will close when Arrowhead Schools close for inclement weather. It will reopen the following week weather permitting.



RESPECT FOR LIFE AD CAMPAIGN

Because of all the precautions caused by the COVID-19 epidemic, we cannot be sure if we will be able to collect signatures for our January 22nd Freeman ad in our church. Since the ad costs between \$4,000 and \$4,500 and we can't be sure that we will have any signatures or donations, we have decided that we will not place the signature ad in the Waukesha Freeman this year. However, we do not want the January 22nd anniversary date to pass unnoticed. Therefore, we will place a smaller ad in the Freeman on that date. The size of the ad will depend on how many donations are sent to us for that purpose. If you would like to contribute to this year's smaller ad, please make your check payable to: WRL-Waukesha County Chapter. Please write "January 22nd ad" at the bottom of the check. Send it to: Mary Carey, P.O. Box 12, Waukesha, WI 53187. Thank you so much for your help and your continued support.



2022 PARISH & SCHOOL DINNER AND AUCTION

February 26th
The Club at Lac La Belle
from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE
for our upcoming Hope Grows Here Dinner and Auction!

Visit stcharles2022.givesmart.com to buy your tickets by January 31st. We are looking forward to coming together as a community to celebrate St. Charles and hope you will join us! Please pray for the success of our event.



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JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30

2021-2022

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 Weekend Total \$27,325.71
 E-Giving \$13,885.75
 YTD \$685,985.99

2020-2021

Envelopes..... \$24,201.00
 Offertory..... \$704.22
 Weekend Total \$24,905.22
 E-Giving \$13,882.55
 YTD \$643,273.07

PARISH SCHOOL CELEBRATING THE SEASON



What Does Christmas Mean To You?

Staff and students in 3K-8th Grade were recently asked what Christmas means to them, and we want to share their very thoughtful answers with you!

- Christmas means celebrating the birth of Jesus, spending time with your family, and making memories! - Mrs. Hanaway (4th Grade Teacher)
- Christmas means celebrating with family and sharing love and excitement with others and the birth of Jesus. It also means to give and feel happy that you have been forgiven for your sins. – Ava (4th Grade)
- Christmas means spending time with family, giving to others in need, having a good spirit, having a family dinner at a big table with people that care, making cookies with my mom and brother, and every night reading The Night Before Christmas. – Maggie (4th Grade)
- I think Christmas means spending time with my family, Jesus being born, going to church, and finally, waiting for our elf to come! – Camden (4th Grade)
- To me, Christmas means waking everyone up to put Jesus in the manger, having a big Christmas dinner with my family, and giving to others. – Leah (4th Grade)
- Christmas means making memories, praying, singing, celebrating the birth of Jesus, going to church on Christmas morning, and sharing joy to everyone by giving to those who do not receive anything for Christmas! – Sasha (4th Grade)
- Christmas means hanging out with my family, giving to the poor, praying, looking for the elf on the shelf with my siblings, and waiting for Jesus. – Gregory (4th Grade)
- Christmas means giving to everyone, celebrating Jesus' birth, going to my grandma and grandpa's house, going to church, and making Christmas cookies. – Zachary (4th Grade)
- Christmas means spending time with family, giving and not getting, and celebrating the coming of the light of the world. – Matteo (5th Grade)
- Christmas means Jesus, the son of God, is here on Earth. – Sully (5th Grade)
- Christmas means spending time with your family and the joy of Christ being born. – Grace (5th Grade)
- Christmas is about Jesus' birth and giving to others. – Paige (5th Grade)
- Christmas means to love your family just as Jesus did. – Ava (5th Grade)
- Christmas is a time for family and friends to get together and share the Christmas joy. – Keegan (5th Grade)
- Christmas is about baby Jesus being born. – Abraham (5K)
- Christmas is about giving presents to others. – Louise (5K)
- Christmas is about celebrating Jesus' birthday. – Jane (5K)
- Christmas is about caring about my family. – Charlie (5K)

CELEBRATING THE ADVENT SEASON WITH MUSIC



SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 23

COME SEE OUR SCHOOL!

**Our annual Open House will be on
Sunday, January 23 from 10 am to 1 pm**

Stop by after Mass to check out our classrooms, meet with teachers and Principal Garvey, and speak with current parents. This is a wonderful opportunity to take a tour of our school and consider it for your family for the 2022-2023 school year! Please visit our website for more information and to register for a tour. Walk-ins are also welcome!



CHRISTMAS 2021

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." Luke 2:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Jerome E. ListECKi

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