



St. Gall

*Catholic
Church*

December 25, 2021 The Nativity of the Lord
December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph



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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St. Gall Parish Motto
Glorify God,
Grow in Holiness,
Give Jesus to Others



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27th, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:00pm Mass †Mary Halek by Trudy Bednarek

Tuesday, December 28th, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30am Mass †Rick and Theresa Mangers by Loving Family

Wednesday, December 29th, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:30am Mass †Carol Nield by Vicki Mueller

Thursday, December 30th,

8:30am Mass †Stephen Koebele by Bobbie and Dan Koebele

Friday, December 31st, Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:30pm Mass †Tim Arnet by Mary and Thomas Trotier

Saturday, January 1st, St. Sylvester I, Pope Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30am Mass †Stephen Koebele by St. Gall Knights of Columbus

10:30am Mass †St. Gall Purgatorial Society

4:30pm Mass †Mary Fortune by Loving Family

Sunday, January 2nd, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am Mass †Celeste Anderson by Loving Husband

*10:30am Mass †Anthony Sobczynski by Trudy Bednarek

5:00pm Mass People of St. Gall Parish

*The Mass will be on Facebook Live



The Church is open for private prayer on:

Monday, Thursday and Friday
from 9:00AM-7:00PM

Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday
from 9:00AM-4:00PM.

Everyone is welcome to come and prepare for the coming of the Lord. Please be assured of our daily prayers for you and your loved one.

St. Gall, Pray for us!

PRAYER CORNER

The following names are those who are in the hospital or who are critically ill. We ask that you include our brothers and sisters in your prayers for healing strength. Should you wish to add a loved one to our prayer corner, please contact the Parish Office. Names are kept on the list for 3 months unless the office is notified. Thank you.

Lorraine Michi
Mary Britz
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Scott Matthews
Richard Flynn
Gary Foster
Eddie Gracys
Thomas Johnson
Tina Hanson
Ava Algrim

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget (includes Holy Days and Holidays)...\$6,365.00
Weekly Offertory Envelopes (Dec. 11/12).....\$8,514.00
Building Fund.....\$810.00
Votives.....\$189.00
Christmas.....\$525.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



WISHING YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and the close of 2021, the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to wish you a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year in 2022.

Thank you for helping us serve our neighbors in need during these difficult times.

STAY SAFE.

November Contributions: \$2,017

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday 9:00-9:30 AM
Friday 11-11:30 AM
Saturday 9:00-9:30 AM
3:30-4:00 PM



You may also make an appointment by emailing Father Max at frmax@stgall.com.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday

From 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM



There is a need for Adorers to fill the one hour time slots for Adoration and a need for subs!

Please pray about being a part of this ministry and contact Maureen Kilmer at beesdance2@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the Adoration Team.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Obligation:

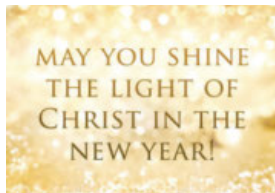
Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
And 5:00 PM

Daily Mass:

Monday 6:00 PM
Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat.
8:30 AM
Friday 12:15 PM



PARISH NEWS & NOTES



On behalf of Father Max, Deacon Greg, Deacon Jim and the Parish Staff, we wish all our parishioners and their families a very Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.

The St. Gall Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 27th and Friday, December 31st in observance of Christmas and New Years.



St. Gall Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*Vigil Mass, December 31st at 4:30 P.M.
and
Saturday, January 1st at 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.*

ROSARY FOR PEACE AND WISDOM in the WORLD



Join us as we pray for the WORLD and all of our leaders. We know that peace and wisdom begin at home. We can become peacemakers everywhere. We will pray the rosary for the world and the St. Francis Prayer. We know that Mary, our mama, is always ready to comfort us and closer to Christ who bring us His peace and hope.

All are welcome!
TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM



Please welcome the following family to

St. Gall Parish!

Michael and Patricia DiMaria

We are always happy to welcome new members into our parish family! Parish Registration Forms can be found in the narthex of the church or you may contact the Parish Office for a form to be emailed to you. Please complete the registration form and return it to the Parish Office. Contact Lisa Long, Parish Secretary, at lisa@stgall.com if you need further information.



**Holy Family,
Pray for Us.**

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Scripture focus for the December 26 Mass

The Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Hannah's Promise—1 Samuel
*The Great Story of Hannah and Samuel
for Kids and Adults Alike*

How should we live? St. Paul told the Colossians:

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

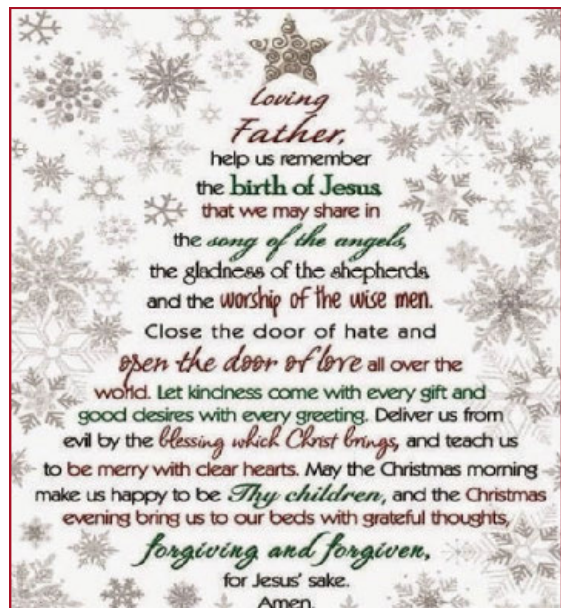
The Gospel story tells us how our Savior's parents lost Him! It's also the 5th Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. They found Jesus who was like, where else would I be? He was in His Father's house. Parents have probably experienced the extreme anxiety of Mary and Joseph that day. We find comfort in their example! We can learn so much by diving deeper into the story. Looking for direction for kids? Jesus was obedient to his parents and grew in wisdom and age and favor with God and man.

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Today's Mass: [Readings from USCCB](#)



*Pray the 5th Joyful Mystery of the Rosary
Finding Jesus in the Temple*



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



WORD OF LIFE: December 26, 2021

"Like every other human family, The Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'" (PC 3). His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2021 Respect Life Reflection

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents are expected to attend a preparation session with the Pastor or (on-line during Co-Vid) prior to the baptism of the baby. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: PLEASE SEE CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Couples should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their requested date. We will check the parish calendar for availability, and the pastor will contact you to confirm the date and schedule your preparation. One partner must have some personal connection with the parish.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: The Sacrament is available at any time with Father Max. Contact the Parish Office or Father directly in order to arrange a time. Anointings can take place at the parish, in the hospital or care facility, or in your home.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Teens are confirmed at St. Gall in the Eighth grade, and must complete two years of preparation beginning in Seventh grade. Contact the Faith Formation Office to register your child. (Adults seeking Confirmation, see "RCIA" below).

VISITATION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound are available to bring Communion to the home for parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or age. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or if you are a Catholic who has not completed your sacraments, contact Fr. Max to learn how you can prepare to receive the sacraments either through our RCIA program or through private instruction.

REGISTRATION: New Parishioners are always welcome at St. Gall! Please take some time to formally register in the parish. Your registration will allow us to make preparations for the sacraments, write letters of sponsorship on your behalf, keep you updated about parish news, and facilitate so many other important aspects of parish life! You can register by calling the Parish Office or picking up a registration form from our parish library in the church narthex.

Events Around the Community

ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL
A Catholic, College-Prep High School for Young Women

ENTRANCE EXAM
January 8 at 9 am

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Waterleaf Miracle of the Month



"Dottie" was referred to Waterleaf through a national call center. During her intake she told us she had been at Planned Parenthood for an abortion at 7 weeks but couldn't go through with it. By the time of her appointment, she was almost 11 weeks pregnant and still undecided what to do. "Dottie" is very young, lives with her mother and has a nine-month-old baby. The father of her nine-month-old lives with his parents and is also the father of this baby. After her ultrasound, "Dottie" said she was going to have the baby, but it would be difficult since the father wanted her to abort. "Dottie" was returned for a repeat ultrasound and a resource assessment and still intends to parent. However, there are still many challenges with the father that she will have to navigate. With the full support of her mom and the help available at Waterleaf, she is determined to succeed.



St. Gall Giving Tree Ministry



The St. Gall Giving Tree Ministry would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations to this year's Giving Tree. We helped 16 families

that included 40 children. What a generous parish we have here at St. Gall Catholic Church!

We would also like to thank everyone who helped the Giving Tree Ministry with making tags and also sorting gifts. Your time was greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!

May God bless all of you this Christmas Season.



2021
Giving Tree Helpers

Knights of Columbus
Council 17360 Corner



The St. Gall Knights of Columbus, Council 17360 are seeking new members. If you would like to know more about the Knights of Columbus or would like to join, please scan this QR code.

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Preferred Council Number is
17360

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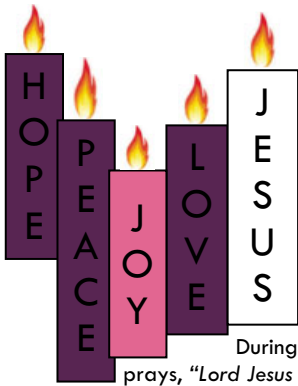


VENTURING®-BSA

Crew 413 is a community service and outdoor adventure crew. It is for boys and girls between the ages of 13-20 years old. Crew 413 is youth led under guidance of highly qualified and trained adult advisors. No scouting experience necessary. Our meetings are held at St. Gall Church on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month from 7-9:00PM. For more information contact Bruce Aderman at 630-404-6113 or Katie Kitz at 630-399-1028.

St. Gall Youth and Family

2021-2022 Classes for PK-7



Our Catechetical Theme:
"Say the Word and My Soul
Shall be Healed."

Where does this part of the Mass come from? We can be transformed by the Eucharist to look and act more like Jesus Christ! Christ promises to give us His peace.

During the Sign of Peace in Mass, the priest prays, "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen. The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit. Let us offer each other the sign of peace."

**NO CLASSES
UNTIL JANUARY 4!**
It's Christmas!!!
See you next year!



HOMEWORK



Learn and practice telling these stories:

- Nativity and Epiphany
- Jesus' childhood through the events in the Joyful Mysteries: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

Everyone should know these stories!

Check your child's folder for handouts and help them complete the lessons and quiz if they need to! Use this time to read Bible stories, watch spiritual movies and catch up on your lessons!

Go to Faith Formation Info & Events for links and more activities.

www.stgall.com/Faith-Formation

Contact Donna Doherty for more information at donna@stgall.com or call 630-365-9166

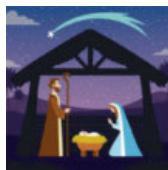
Learn • Pray • Do
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Parish Library & Web

December
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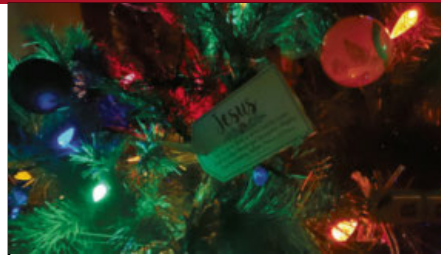
**The Feast of the Holy Family:
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

[Ages 3 and Up](#) and [Ages 7 to Adults](#)

This is a great way to learn, understand and memorize more of our Scripture stories!



Pray the 3rd Joyful Mystery this week!



CHRISTMAS FUN FACTS ADVENT WREATHS and TREES

The Advent wreath is a circle, the shape that reminds us of God because it has no beginning or end.

The evergreen calls to mind the eternal life that Jesus brings us, and even the specific types have symbolic meaning: laurel was used as a prize in the ancient world and so represents Jesus' victory over suffering. Holly has pointy, sharp leaves and so reminds us of Jesus' humble sacrifice for us. When using an Advent wreath at home usually the family lights the appropriate candles at dinnertime and uses Advent prayers and readings. The candles for weeks one, two, and four are violet, the color of penance. Week three is Gaudete Sunday (rejoice) and the color is rose. On that Sunday, along with Mary, we are filled with joy because the Messiah is coming.

The evergreen tree has a specific meaning for Christians. Long ago, European Christians celebrated December 24 as the feast of Adam and Eve, our first parents. They put up a "Paradise Tree" decorated with fruit. It was a way of remembering how human beings had eaten fruit from the forbidden Tree of Knowledge of good and evil. That sadness was replaced by joy the next day, December 25, when they could celebrate Jesus, born to save us from that sin and open the way back to God. Jesus would demonstrate his love by dying on a cross, made from a tree. A Christmas tree is a tree of life!

The Christmas lights and candles remind us of Jesus, who is the Light of the World.

And everywhere, we surround our Christmas trees with gifts: small gifts that echo the greatest gift of all: Jesus himself, who was born to us and lived among us. His love is evergreen, lasting through eternity.

—Excerpts from the *Loyola Kids Book of Catholic Signs & Symbols*

January 8

STORYTIME ON SATURDAY!

FAITH STORIES FOR KIDS!
10:00-11:30AM



SAVE THE DATE! We'll have some activities based on the book, too! Children 5 and under should be accompanied by an Adult. Watch for our sign up! This event includes donuts and milk!

Have you heard?

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**Presentation
of our Lord**

Epiphany Story

**Christmas
Season
begins on
12/24
When does
it end?**


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