

# SS. PETER & PAUL

Catholic Church, Waterloo, IL



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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday:  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm

#### **Masses**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:00 am and 10:00 am

**Holy Days:** To be announced

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 4:00 - 4:45 pm

#### **Sister Parish**

Our Lady of Sorrows, Delores, Guatemala

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Early Learning Ctr. through Grade 8

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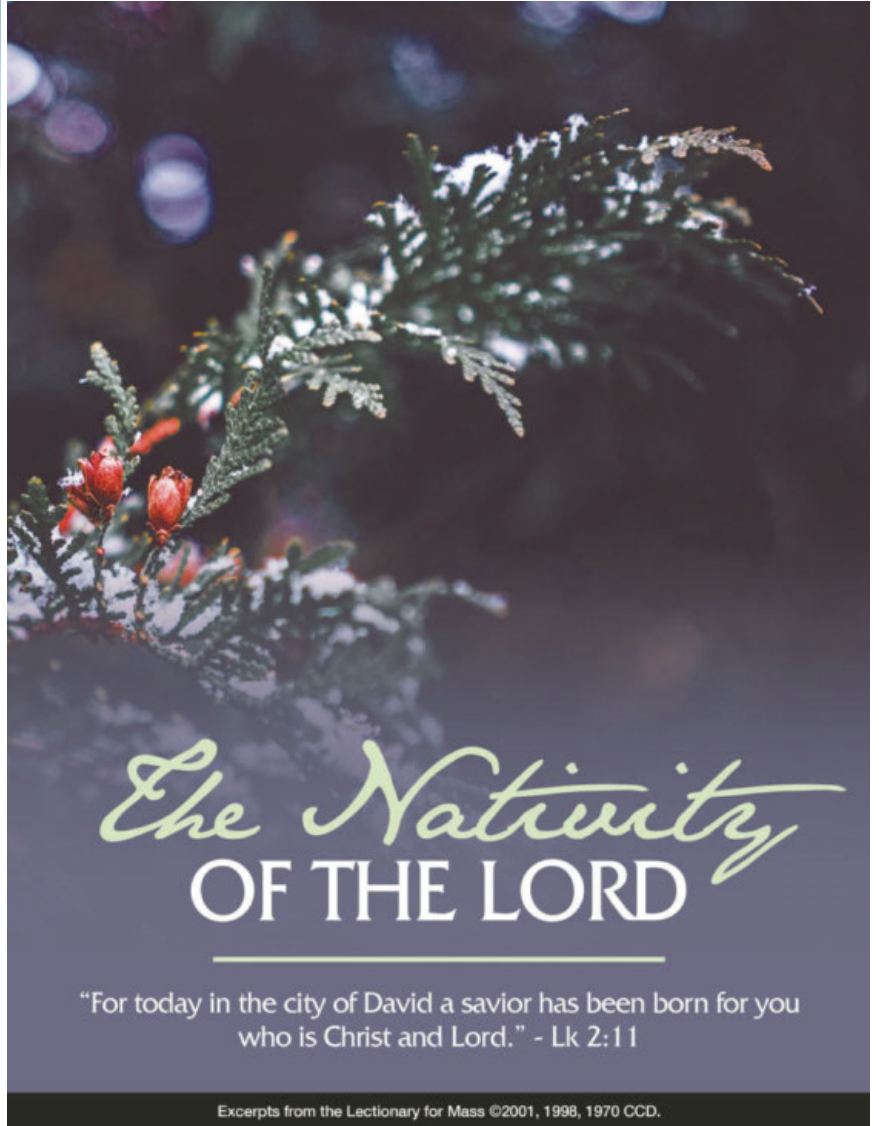
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**If you are new to the parish, have a change of address or phone number, please call the Parish Office.**

## Christmas



### Intro to the Liturgy of the Day

Our four-week Advent journey comes to its glorious fulfillment this holy day, when we celebrate the birth of our Lord into this world. We mark Jesus' birth as a tiny baby two thousand years ago, but also recognize that he is continually being born in our hearts and in our world as we allow him to penetrate our innermost selves and let him lead us to act in his name. Into a humble, lowly stable the Light of the world was born. Into our humble, lowly hearts let the Light of the world shine forth. Merry Christmas.

December 26, 2021

# Directory and Ministries and Opportunities

## Sacrament of Baptism

Parents seeking baptism for their child at Ss. Peter and Paul Church should be registered members of the parish. The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is normally offered on the last Sunday of the month (except during Lent) after 10:00 am Mass. To schedule a baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays, 4:00 – 4:45 pm or by appointment.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples wishing to be married at Ss. Peter and Paul Church should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

## Anointing of the Sick

Anyone who is seriously ill and wishes to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office during business hours.

## Communion for the Homebound

Anyone who is homebound and would like to weekly receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

## Hospital Visits

Due to the medical confidentiality laws and hospital policies, the names of individual patients are not available upon request. If anyone wants a hospital visit from the pastor, please call the Parish Office.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is normally held on the first Monday of each month from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

## Becoming a Catholic

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith is invited to participate in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). For more information, please call Joyce Springer at the Parish Office.

## Prayer Chain

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish is a community of faith and prayer. Anyone with a prayer request (illness, special intention, etc.) is asked to call Michelle Miskell at 618-407-2415 to have the prayer request included in the parish prayer chain.

## Parish Registration

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish wants to serve the Catholics of the community. It is essential that all Catholics be registered with the parish. All adults (including high school graduates) and those new to the community are requested to contact the Parish Office to register.

## Pastoral Staff and Support Staff . . . . 939-6426 / Ext.

Pastor	Father Linus Umoren, C.M. - 17
Associate Pastor	Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M. - 12
Vincentian Canonical House	Father Anthony Nyong, C.M. - 18
Deacon	Tom Helfrich - 26
Pastoral Associate for Adults	Joyce Springer - 22
Pastoral Associate for Youth	Catherine Burkart - 15
PSR Coordinator	Catherine Burkart - 15
Business Manager	Emily Kimutis - 20
Administrative Assistant	Amanda Stapf - 11
Maintenance	Gregg Woods - 23
Wedding Coordinator	Judi Horrell - 30
Sacristan and House Manager	Christine Petruso

## Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School . . . . . 939-7217

Principal	Lori Matzenbacher
Bookkeeper	Jane Briesacher
Secretary	Julie Doerr

## Parish Leadership

Trustee	Suzan Knese
Trustee	David Kennedy
Pastoral Council	Karl Krebel
Finance Council	Lauren Poettker
Board of Education	Brandi Friedrich
PSR Board	Catherine Burkart
Investment Committee	Andrew Briesacher
Holy Name Society	Andrew Riebeling
Mary and Martha Society	Pat Fieser
SPPCS PTO	Sarah Birkner

## Pastoral Council Committees

Worship/Liturgy	Deacon Tom Helfrich
Building and Grounds	Chris Toenjes
Cemetery	Steve Goessling
Service	John Mannix
Communication/Technology	Karl Krebel

## Parish Ministries

Welcome Committee	Sarah Krebel
Pro-Life Ministry	Beverly Krebel and Barb Reinholz
Grief Support Group	Pat Dunn, Karen Waterman
Prayer Chain	Michelle Miskell
FOCUS (Bible Study)	Dorothy Kohler
Funeral Luncheons	Mary Bradley
Homebound Ministry	June Valentine
Eucharistic Adoration	Chris Purcell
Nursing Home Ministry	Kathy Rippelmeyer
Heavenly Dusters (Church Cleaners)	Judy Mueth

## Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality	Jeff Kraus / 939-5133
Adult and Youth Servers	John Williams / 618-977-9966
Extraordinary Ministers	June Valentine / 618-939-8882
Scheduling	Darlene Niebruegge / 939-6656
Lectors	Donna Lance / 939-8408
Sacristans	
Church Decorators	Carol Postlewait / 939-8930
Choir/Cantors/Musicians	Amanda Stapf/ 939-6426

## Auxiliary Ministries

Marriage Encounter	Tony and Sue Morris / 618-593-5668
Knights of Columbus	Ross Monterusso / 618-719-7193
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul	Help line 618-792-4059

*Father Linus Umoren, C.M.*

## Reflection for the Feast of The Holy Family-Year C

*A Sunday school teacher asked her students to draw a picture of Jesus' family. After collecting the drawings, she noticed that one little boy's drawing depicted an airplane with four heads sticking out of the windows. "I see you drew three heads to show Joseph, Mary and Jesus," she said to the boy. "But who does the fourth head belong to?" The boy replied, "That's Pontius the pilot."*

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Holy Family: The family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. It is always easy to think that because we call this family holy, it was at the same time a perfect family. But, Unfortunately, my family looks nothing like that. So, I feel disappointed.

To be a real family, the family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus had to have its struggles and difficulties. Let us begin with the conception narrative: "When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly" (Matt 1: 18-19). First family problem. Joseph suspected that Mary could have been unfaithful. How did Mary feel about this? She was troubled. Another trial for the holy family came so soon. "While they were there (Bethlehem in Galilee), the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn" (Lk 2:6-7 NAB). Mary and Joseph were nervous because of the lack of space in the inn. In other words, the holy family had difficulties and their struggles.

In this weekend gospel, we see Jesus as a teenager. Although I am not trying to pick on teenagers, teenage children can bring some untold conflict to their families. Since "teen-age" comes with "expected" challenges, the teenagers in our families need special companionship. For example, Mary and Joseph struggled to understand and accompany Jesus. Such pain is evidenced in Mary's question to Jesus, "How could you have done this to us?" But Jesus responds, "Why were you looking for me. I was in my father's house."

The Feast of the Holy family brings us to one point. A family is a unit of lovers — a small unit where everybody practices their little virtue. This virtue may range from compassion to humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness. The family is the domestic Church because it is the first place where we all learn the meaning of love and trust. No family is perfect. But every family is holy to the extent that it is a place of security, welcome, care, love, concern, and forgiveness, not in the absolute sense, but always open to renewal and purification. Perhaps the question for us this weekend is, how does our family support each other in times of stress and sadness?

## Time - Talent - Treasure

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY – JANUARY 1/2

*Saturday, January 1*

**5:00 pm - Extraordinary Ministers: \*4 total**

Debi Edwards, John and Karen Hermes

**Servers:** Cole Schaltenbrand, Audrey Essner

**Hospitality Ministers:**

Tony and Sue Morris

**Lector:** Kevin Edwards

**Gift Bearers:** Marie Midyett

*Sunday, January 2*

**8:00 am - Extraordinary Ministers: \*4 total**

Mike Dreps, Chris Muehlher, Mary Kay Reinhold

**Servers:** A.J. Bine, Ava Eschmann

**Hospitality Ministers:**

Rodney Linker, Judy and Mark Paisley, Perry Vogt

**Lector:** Gerald Gabris

**Gift Bearers:** Gary and Marie Schroeder

**10:00 am - Extraordinary Ministers: \*4 total**

Gregory Lowe, Dave and Michelle Miskell

**Servers:** Joel and Noah Koeninger

**Hospitality Ministers:**

Tara Phillips, Ron Schilling, Kendra Kennedy, Craig Koeninger

**Lector:** Becky Krueger

**Gift Bearers:** Mark and Suzan Knese



*Christmas Blessings  
are extended to you from*

Father Linus Umoren, CM,  
Father Evaristus Akabueze, CM,  
Deacon Tom Helfrich, Joyce Springer, Catherine  
Burkart, Emily Kimutis, Amanda Stapf, Christine  
Petruco, Gregg Woods, Lori Matzenbacher and the  
SPPCS Faculty and Staff.

# Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

## Youth Ministry News



The principals at SPPS and ICS have agreed to challenge between the schools. The school with the most kids to sign up will be given a free Chick-Fil-A lunch. This challenge will also extend to the PSR students. If we can double the PSR registration, we will have Chick-Fil-A brought in to the PSR students on a Wednesday.

Registration forms available here:  
<https://forms.gle/GX2ShA7NNSfGvC67A>

## SPPCS News



### **WE'RE HIRING!** Part Time Custodian Needed

Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School is seeking a part time custodian, Monday-Friday for 15hrs/week after school. Candidates should be reliable and trustworthy. The primary responsibilities would include sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, sanitizing and other duties as assigned. If interested, please submit a resume to Lori Matzenbacher at [lmatzenbacher@sppswaterloo.com](mailto:lmatzenbacher@sppswaterloo.com).

**Use Scrip Gift Cards for Christmas shopping & gift giving!**  
It is time for the Christmas shopping season! Scrip cards make great gifts and stocking stuffers. In addition, consider purchasing "scrip cards" from SPPCS, to use in place of cash, checks or credit cards for purchases you make for the holidays! Scrip is available in the school office, in the back of church after masses or use an order sheet from the scrip table. Order early as deliveries and availability could be an issue. Thank you for supporting SPPCS!



## From the Deacon's Desk

*Thomas J. Helfrich*

What a busy weekend this is, we go from Christmas eve on Friday, to Christmas day on Saturday, to the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph on Sunday, thankfully that doesn't happen very often because I think that it becomes

somewhat of a blur when we don't have at least a few days to savor in the joy of Christmas before moving on to celebrate the Holy Family, and thus all of our families, and family life. We also miss celebrating the Feast of St. Stephen (one of the first seven Deacons in Acts and the first disciple to be martyred) on December 26 because the Feast of the Holy Family takes precedence over St. Stephen, rightfully so, but St. Stephen is one of my favorite Saints and his feast has a special part in my calling to the Diaconate. Then as if all that were not enough, this week we move right along to the Feast of St. John apostle and evangelist on Monday, the Holy Innocents on Tuesday, and then the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God on Saturday (usually a holy day of obligation, but not this year) and the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord next Sunday. WOW, that is a lot to take in over the course of a week or so during this busy time of the year, I get a bit overwhelmed just typing it and thinking about it. But please remind yourself, as I will remind myself, to stop, to pause, and take some time to bask in the joy of Christmas and celebrate families during the Octave of Christmas (the eight days following Christmas) and during the entire Christmas Season (December 25 thru the Feast of Baptism of the Lord January 9).

## Gibault News



### VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Take a look at the redesigned [gibalthawks.com](https://www.gibalthawks.com)! We hope you enjoy this virtual window into our school!

### ENROLLMENT NEWS

Bring the entire family for a Private Tour or spend a day as a Shadow Visitor. Schedule your tour or shadow visit at <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

It's time for our Class of 2026 to begin the application process! The application can be found at <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

### RAFFLE-MANIA!

Help Gibault and possibly win some money for yourself! Talk about a win-win!

With a purchase of a \$25 ticket, you are entered for:

- \$100 Early Bird Christmas Drawing (ticket must be purchased by December 15 to qualify)
- \$30 Daily Drawings on Monday-Friday from January 1 - May 31
- \$100 Bonus Winner the last day of each month (January - April)
- GRAND PRIZES in May for \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250!

If your ticket is pulled for a prize, it goes right back in, so you have the chance to win again!

Tickets can be purchased online at: [www.bidpal.net/rafflemania](http://www.bidpal.net/rafflemania), by contacting any Gibault student, or by calling the school office at 939-3883.

**Thank you for your support of Gibault Catholic High School throughout the past year. All of us at Gibault Catholic High School wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2022!**

# Mass Intentions

# Prayer List



## Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 pm † Michael Klein, Harold and Mary Crook

## Saturday, December 25 - The Nativity of The Lord

12:00 am † Eugene Notter

8:00 am † Jeffrey Schmieg

10:00 am † Nancy Kronst, Steve Candler

## Sunday, December 26 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 am † Ted A. Lammert, Millie Curran

10:00 am † Susan Martin, Geraldine Schilling

## Monday, December 27 - Saint John

8:00 am † Carl Rippelmeyer

## Tuesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents

8:00 am † George and Billie Gregson

## Wednesday, December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am † Donald Sminchak, Fennewald and Springer Families

## Thursday, December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am † Cletus and Verena Kreher, Red and Sally Smith, Pat Smith

## Friday, December 31 – Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am † Cletus and Miriam Jung

## Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am † Patricia Floerke

5:00 pm † Jean Ahne, Susan Lynn Isbell

## Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am † Millie Curran, Vernon DeBourge

10:00 am † Maury Koesterer, Cletus and Mary Eschmann

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

**Friday, December 24– Christmas Eve-** Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, December 25–The Nativity of The Lord**

**Sunday, December 26 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
2:30 pm Grief Support Group

**Monday, December 27–** Parish Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 28–** Heavenly Dusters—Team 4

8:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

1:30 pm Cursillo Group Meeting

**Wednesday, December 29**

**Thursday, December 30**

**Friday, December 31–Parish Office Closed (New Years)**

**Saturday, January 1–Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Anointing of the Sick (All Masses)**

4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sunday, January 2 – Epiphany of the Lord**



## Those Who Are Asking For Our Prayers:

Rick Michaels, Debbie Hency, Chris Morris, Zachary Wheat, Brian Kreher, Diane Corzine, Nina Dietrich, Michelle Knefelkamp, Roger Knobloch family, Joe Dreps, Liz Brinkmann, Gary Elliott, Kathy Raitt, Kevin Kessler, Rosemary Remiger, Eleanor Krebel, Marcella Boehne, Larry Doiron, Dylane Doerr, Dorothy Fennewald, Donna Timpe, John Descher, James Kassing, Brian Fennewald, Sr. Jeannette Fennewald, Margie Beelman, Brenda Schmitz, Ellen Dietz, Betty Wightman, Stacy Banker, Ed Easley, Sr. Janice Fennewald, Norma Butler, Sue Schultheis, Kevin Volner, Haleigh Hahs, Gary Brinkmann, Lois Papenberg, Jean Frame, Ray Frame, Jessica Lutker, Steve Coleman, Dennis Hitzemann, Bill Brucker, Edward Horn, Jan Thompson, Bob Springer, Madalyn Kilebew, Brody Cobb, Mike Kirsy, Mathew Notter, Jess Giesler, Jim Wills, Gary Krause, Ron Laub, Dan Krebel, Patti Rottler, Barbara Clifton, Abby Schrage, Robert Klube, Ann Kingery, Jeanette Scheibe, Sarah Rekosch, Rachel Warden, Chuck Green, Karen Altes, Tim Branson, Cathy Hodge, Steven Wagner, Betty Friedrich, Lydia Boyer, Michelle Bixler, Karla Halloran, Pat Stamm, Dolores Fernandez, John Jungers, Barbara Michels, Amanda Ebeler, Kelly Hoeffft, Donald Marion, Wyatt Dugan, Peter Schrader, Fr. Juan Garca, Andrew Brandt, Dennis Asselmeier, Shirley Gregoire, Norman Knight, Angela Wellen, Kacey McFarland, Rhonda Whelan, Dennis Kuper, Kathy Karius, Laura Bisile, Marisue Kueper, Brittany Wolfangel, Justin Juelfs, Mary Lorraine Steinmann, Jackie Luchtefeld, Susan Halt, Rayni Lashley, Bryan West, Buddy Allscheid, Julie Blackelk, Michael Hergenroeder, Laura Juelfs, Rick Diemert, TJ West, Jerry AuBuschon, Sue Davis, Grant Hastings, Eileen Weile

## Military Personnel:

**Air Force** - Bob Manning, Steven Poettker, Lance Guyton, Randy Ivall, Christopher Mueller, Dan Kreher, Samuel Rick

**Army** - Dillon Scheibe, Alex Naumann, Jodie Steibel, Austin Scheibe, Adam Carrico, Corey Sanders, John Dell, Matt Pruitt, Phillip Kirk, Matthew Greb, Charles Lombardo, Paul J. Doty

**Coast Guard** - Justin S. Bushong, Erich F. Klein

**Marines** - Brandon Foerg, Blake Pete, Tom Aucutt, Gregory Connoyer, Julie Vogt, Ryan A. Kohrig, Rob Pfeil, Erik Bartelt, Edward Dugan

**Navy** - Jack Range, Haley Lewis, Matt Kopp, Michelle M. DeBourge, Aaron A. Zimmer

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS LIST UP TO DATE!**

## Readings of the Week

### Week of December 26

**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 2:1-1

# Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

## Adult Faith Formation Happenings



God's blessing and best wishes for a wonderful and Merry Christmas from the Adult Faith Formation Commission.



The cemetery committee is taking on a project of restoring some very old tombstones in our old cemetery. Some have fallen over and others are leaning.

Not only is it a hazard for the mowers but we feel obligated to keep our cemetery looking nice in memory of those who have passed before us.

We will be contacting family members to help with the expense. If you would like to help, use the quarterly cemetery envelopes to contribute to this project.

Thank you for your support.



## Donate from your IRA to SsPP Parish or other charities tax-free if over age 72

Annual withdrawals from traditional retirement accounts that accumulated tax-free are required after age 72. However, you can avoid income tax on a required withdrawal up to \$100,000 per year by donating directly to a qualifying charity. Charitable contributions must be made by December 31 and can only be made from IRAs (not a 401(k) or 403(b) unless rolled to an IRA). You don't need to itemize your taxes in order to make an IRA charitable distribution but cannot additionally claim a charitable contribution tax deduction. For a retiree in the 25 percent tax bracket, an IRA charitable contribution of \$5,000 could reduce your income tax bill by \$1,250. Funds must be transferred directly from the IRA to an eligible charity by the IRA trustee in order to qualify for the tax break. Contact Chris Ziebold at 618-580-3388 or your tax advisor for more information.



Containers that cookies were delivered in are at the Parish office. If you brought your container in a really nice container without putting your name and phone number on it please check these out during regular business hours.



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FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 2:30 PM!  
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Christ  
is  
Born

## A Christmas Message from our Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,  
As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: "we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us." My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion, and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Bishop Michael McGovern



## Holiday Schedule

### Christmas Eve:

Friday, December 24

Masses at 5:00 pm and 12:00 am

### Christmas Day:

Saturday, December 25

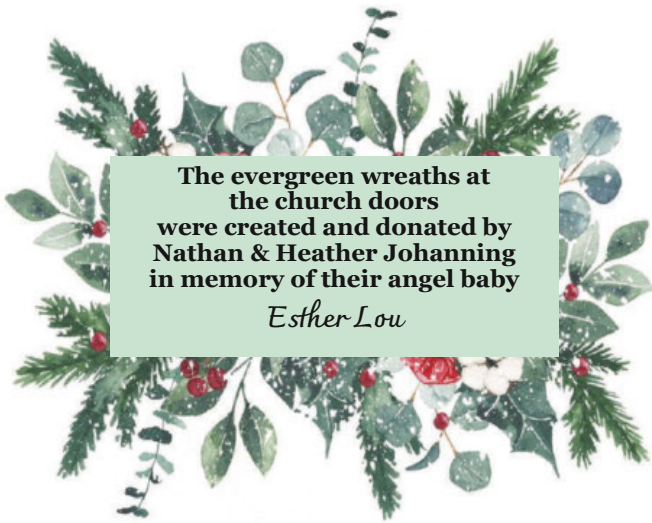
Masses at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God:

Saturday, January 1

Mass at 9:00 am

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The evergreen wreaths at the church doors were created and donated by Nathan & Heather Johanning in memory of their angel baby  
*Esther Lou*

## The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do...  
- John 14:12

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year.

With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity,

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