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MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WEEKEND	
Friday, Dec. 31, 2021	5:00 pm
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022	9:00 am
	12:00 pm
Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022	8:00 am
	11:00 am

ASSISTANCE-FOOD OR UTILITIES:
Call the St. Vincent De Paul Society Assistance Line
314-289-6101 ext. 2231

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS:
Knights of Columbus-2nd Wednesday.....7:30 pm
Rosary begins at7:20 pm
Men's Club-Last Wednesday.....8:15 pm
Finance Committee-as scheduled.....7:00 pm
School Board-2nd Monday.....6:30 pm
Athletic Association-4th Monday.....8:00 pm

**11:00 am Mass can be viewed
on our Facebook page
or on YouTube.**

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Or call the rectory for an appointment any time

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

Grades K thru 6, Special Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass, September thru May

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Instruction classes for Parents
and God-parents on Monday evenings by appointment.
(Contact the Rectory early in pregnancy.)

WEDDINGS: Archdiocesan guidelines must be followed.
Contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance to
assist you. You must be attending Sunday Mass.

NEW PARISHIONERS: A warm welcome to new parishioners.
Please stop at the Rectory and register. If you move, please
let us know.

**The Most Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 26, 2021**

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From the Pastor's Keyboard:

Merry Christmas! Our Holy Family Sunday bulletin is serving double duty this year as a Christmas bulletin, as Christmas is on a Saturday, and as a Sunday bulletin. So if you are reading this during the Christmas sermon, consider this a friendly reminder that tomorrow is Sunday, and Catholics are obligated to attend Sunday Mass. If you are reading this on Sunday during the sermon, good job coming back on Sunday! Reading the bulletin during the sermon might not be a bad choice as this column is being written by a less tired version of me than the one preaching on Sunday.

During Advent, I offered some short reflections of the Jewish roots of Christianity. As we spiritually make a pilgrimage to the stable in Bethlehem, we can consider the town itself. Bethlehem is not far from Jerusalem, but is a distinct town. In the time of Jesus, it would have been very small. The city is at the top of a hill or rather spread out over a few steep hills. The actual stable in Bethlehem is really a cave. The actual spot where Jesus was born is under the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. It is marked with a little glass window to the rock floor below the stone floor. The words "here the Word became flesh" in Latin adorns the spot.

The bedrock is soft and the area is full of caves. Most every home would have been built over a cave or even into the rock. It is a perfect place for tending sheep. King David himself tended sheep on the hills of the area. The shepherds would keep their sheep in caves or clefts in the rock.

The cave where Jesus was born is part of a network of caves. Tour groups can even have Mass in the attached caves. At the time, stables were often attached to houses. Jesus's stable was likely the back end of someone's basement, with access to the cellar of the house and a little entrance to the outside for the animals. The actual spot for Jesus was tiny compared to the other rooms. It was definitely not the best spot in the house. In places that didn't have caves, as in the homes of the poor, the animals would sleep on the first floor and the people would sleep on the second floor loft.

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The house of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph was in Nazareth. The location of the house is marked by the impressive Church of the Annunciation. Like Bethlehem, Nazareth has caves and homes with deep foundations. Currently, if you want to see the little house where Jesus grew up in, you would have to go two different places. The basement is located in Nazareth. The Church of the Annunciation has a big hole in the floor opening to the lower level where the little basement of Jesus's childhood home can be found, under the foundations of a destroyed older church.

The top half of the Holy House is in Loretto, Italy. In the Middle Ages, it was moved by the Angelo family to protect it from wars. The dimensions match between both halves of the house. These physical places, even though they have now been adorned with marble, remind us of the humble and very concrete beginnings of Jesus's ministry.

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021
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 20:20:1a, 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

LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 31, JANUARY 1 & 2, 2022

Friday, December 31	5:00 pm	Nancy Hilke
Saturday, January 1	9:00 am	
Saturday, January 1	12:00 pm	
Sunday, January 2	8:00 am	Pat Lohe
Sunday, January 2	11:00 am	Kate Flatley

Catholic Men for Christ is back in person for 2022! Join us Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Si Commons at St. Louis University High School with men from around the Archdiocese of St. Louis as we respond to the challenge to become the men that God is calling us to be. Contact your parish captain, Bruce Gardiner, Jr. at 314-389-2141 (H) or 314-630-3592 ©.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Holy Family: Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting many families by providing food, Christmas gifts, and money for utility and rent bills. Thank you!

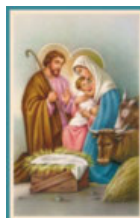
LECTO DIVINA

Reading, Meditating, Prayer and Contemplation
with Sacred Scripture

Meetings are in the Rectory Library

WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 PM

All are welcome. Please join us.



Christmas Day

For unto us a Child is born. His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
-Isaiah 9:6



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 27

8:00 am John Pollaci

TUESDAY, December 28

8:00 am Sue Bantle

WEDNESDAY, December 29

8:00 am William Bove'

THURSDAY, December 30

8:00 am Milton & Mary Graham

FRIDAY, December 31

8:00 am Michael Cody

5:00 pm Normandy City Council Members

SATURDAY, January 1

9:00 am Sidney Koob

12:00 pm Celebrant's Intentions

SUNDAY, January 2

8:00 am The People of St. Ann

11:00 am Phyllis Bove'

Please pray for our sick, hospitalized, home bound and nursing home residents:

Alicia Ashley	Emily Habel	Marcia Putnam
Alex Befort	Shannon McLaughlin Healy	Stephanie Randall
Dorothy Birdsong	Mary Hof	Vi Rodgers
Tim Britt	Cindy Hogan	Kimberly Ryan
Carl Brown	Chris Holmes	Maria Sanchez
Jerry Buterin	Barbara Jackson	Rose Marie Schroeder
Darryl Cannon	Sonya Jennings	Michael Schulte
Walter Chadwick	Jack Klein	Blain Selvidge
Fontaine Chapman	Diane Leffler	Raymond Sharp
James Chappell	Olivia Leigh	Fred Shea
Marci Cole	Barb Lynch	Michael Shea
Gabby Copp	Kirk Markuly	Jana Smith
Randy Cosby	Cook McGraugh	Alex Stafford
Helen Craven	Dan McGraugh	Barbara Ten Eyck
Jay Elliott	MaryLouise Montgomery	Jim Tierney
Rosemary Fischer	Peggy Murry	Jim Viefhaus
Kathleen Fitzgerald	Debbie Myers	Joe Welsh
Julie Garcia	John Nikonowicz	Barbara Williams
Dominic Gauden	Jack Niland	Pam Winter
Fritzi Goodman	Sheila Nunes	Henry Wright
Wallace Goodwin	Janice Pope	Theresa Zlotopolski
Amy Habel	Kevin Putnam	

If you are homebound or hospitalized call the rectory if you would like a visit or Holy Communion. Hospitals almost never inform the parish.

Please Pray for the safety and well being of all those serving in our Military, especially the family members and friends of our St. Ann parishioners:
 Keith Campbell Robert Chapman
 Dennis Cody Brandon Klink
 Dylan Hilliard Andrew Spilling

UPCOMING EVENTS

Online/In-person Bible Study.....Tuesdays-7 pm
 St. Ann School Resumes.....Jan. 3, 2022
 SAPO Progressive Dinner.....Jan. 15

Mask-wearing appreciated at these events.

WINTER CLEANING? Put your slightly used items in the St. Vincent de Paul Drop Box (located on the east side of Church). All donations support our local efforts to assist the poor. Please do not leave bagged/boxed items outside of the collection bin. If the items get wet, they will be thrown away. Thank you for your support.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the 2nd week of December ending 12/12/2021
 \$6,602

Stewardship Goal: \$14,200

Actual Monthly Parish Stewardship: \$15,461

Money Counters: Monday, December 27-Team D
 Please mail in or drop off your Sunday offerings, both regular and special collections, if you are unable to attend Mass.

The St. Louis Review subscription renewal is due on Sunday, January 16. The cost is \$35.00 for 50 weekly issues plus access to the website. There is an envelope in your packet for this purpose or you may write "St. Louis Review" in the memo section of your check. Please make checks payable to St. Ann Church.

Ladies Luncheon

Will be on Thursday, December 30th at 11:30 am. We will meet on the church parking lot at 11:00 am. Please contact Carol Giblin 314-383-3832 for reservations by noon on Tuesday, December 28th. Let Carol know if you need a ride.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER IS BACK!

Join us Saturday, January 15 at 6:00 pm as we visit different homes for appetizers, dinner, and dessert. Pick up a registration form at the back of church or email Meg Naes at naes.meg@gmail.com to request form be emailed to you. RSVPs are due Monday, January 3.



START OUT THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

Starting January 10, 2022, a new session of exercise classes will be starting at St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. The classes offered are as follows:

Arthritis Exercise Class: These classes consist of sitting and standing exercises that gently work every joint and muscle in your body. **You do not have to have arthritis to participate in this class.** We meet every Monday and Thursday in the Parish Hall from 9:00-10:00 am. The cost is \$10.00 for an 8-week session.

Zumba: These are high-energy aerobic dance classes done to DVD's. We meet every Monday and Thursday from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$10.00 for an 8-week session.

If you are interested in signing up for a class or have questions, please call Peggy Baker at 314-837-3410, or just show up for the first class.

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