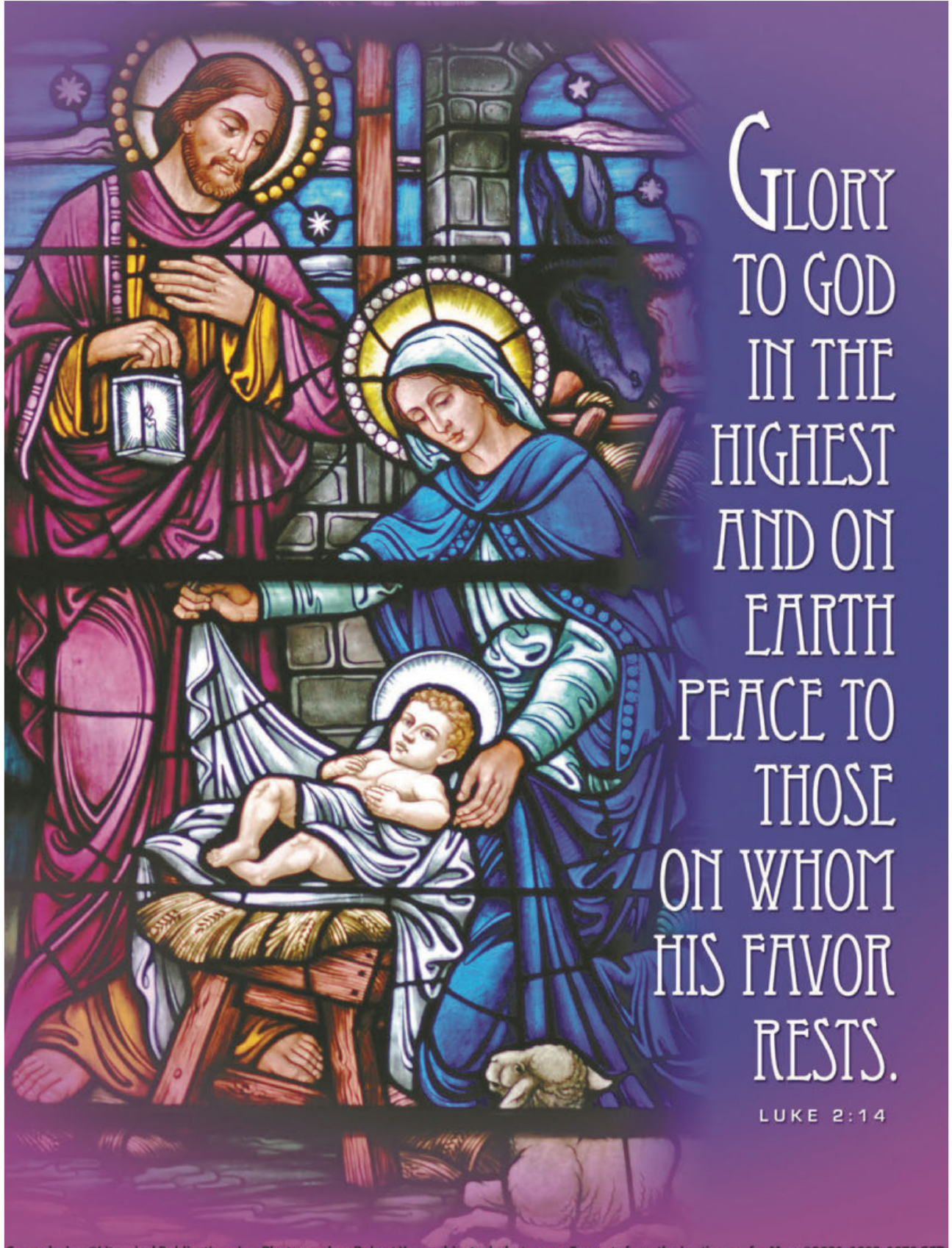


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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Friday	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-1
Saturday	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Sunday	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 26, 2021

Sunday, 12/26

8:00 am	The Parish
10:30 am	† 1st Ann. of Death: Ruth Knecht (Parish)
5:00 pm	† Mary Mills (Weiss)

Monday, 12/27

9:00 am	† Mary Kay Barbuch (Barbuch)
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Tuesday, 12/28

9:00 am	† Michael Naspinski (Callahan)
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Wednesday, 12/29

6:00 pm	† Benjamin Hall (Lupinski)
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Thursday, 12/30

9:00 am	† Virginia Hartwig (Donnelly)
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Friday, 12/31

9:00 am	Sp. Int. of Fr. Travis Stephens (Mushalla)
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Saturday, 1/1

10:00 am	† Fr. Douglas McCormack (Parish)
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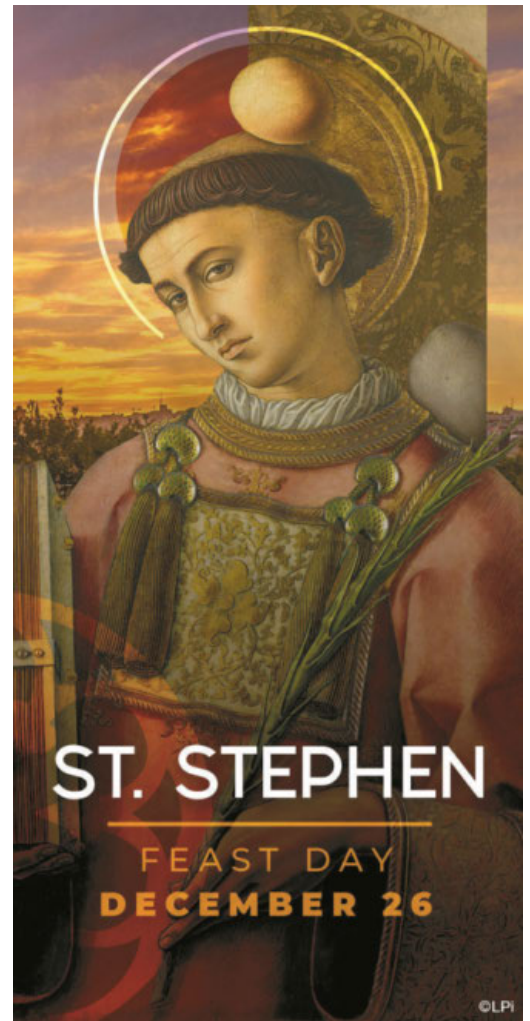
4:30 pm	† Juliana King (King)
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Sunday, 1/2

8:00 am	† Ben Hall (Youngs)
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10:30 am	The Parish
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5:00 pm	† Letty & Papa Dacanay (Famolaro)
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INCENSE AT MASS

Sunday, Dec. 25 @ Midnight Mass
Sunday, Dec. 26 @ 5:00 pm
Saturday, Jan. 1 @ 4:30 pm

NEXT ROSARY AFTER MASS

Sunday, Jan. 2 @ 10:30 am
Sunday, Jan. 9 @ 10:30 am

CONFESSION TIMES

Wednesday @ 6:30 pm
Saturday @ 3:30 pm
By Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - Friday: 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
There is NO Eucharistic Adoration on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

PLANNING AHEAD

- January 29/30: Blessing of Throats at all Masses
- Wednesday, February 2: Candlemas Day
- Sunday, February 6 @ 9:00 am: Sacrament of Anointing
- Sunday, February 13: Scout Sunday

THE SICK

Jean Badger, Chris Berm, Lisa Fisher, Stephen Boehm Sr., Scott Foster, Carol Gentry, Walt Hap, Steve Lawrence, Sean McGovern, Andrea Meyer, Carolyn Newport, Michael O'Neill, John Overman, Andy Ratz, Stanley and Sondra Sandoe, Judith Kline-Stratton, Matt Weidner, Isaiah White, and all the ill of our parish and community.

REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Please pray for all the poor souls in purgatory

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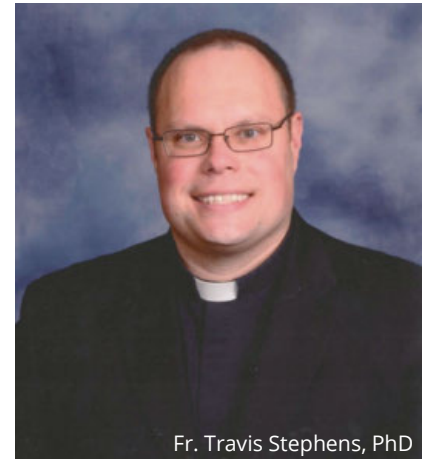
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Names of the sick remain in the bulletin for 8 weeks. At that time, you may call the office to resubmit a request: 317.873.2885 or email bulletin@zionsvillecatholic.com.

CHRISTMAS & THE HOLY FAMILY

For many, Christmas is an exciting time of year. We gather together with friends and family. For kids, they receive presents. But for some, Christmas and the holiday season are stressful and difficult times. They may be an opportunity to dwell on the past and to think about unmet expectations. Unfortunately, spending time thinking about all the things that aren't going right is not a recipe for a Merry Christmas.

There is a parallel here in the Holy Family. I am sure that Joseph and Mary did not expect that having the Savior meant traveling to Bethlehem from Nazareth when Mary was at the end of her pregnancy. She probably did not expect to give birth in a manger. Nor did she expect to have to flee to Egypt to escape a murderous tyrant. How could God allow things to be so difficult for the parents of His Son, the Messiah, especially if he wanted them to succeed? *Mary and Joseph found peace in the chaos because they tempered their expectations and allowed God to surprise them.* If we approach Christmas with a trusting and open attitude to God's Providence, we may find ourselves pleasantly surprised by something new and unexpected.



Fr. Travis Stephens, PhD



STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP TIES

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children. But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

SPECIAL COLLECTION REPORT

Thank you for your generous support last month for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. As a parish, we raised \$3,878.16 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

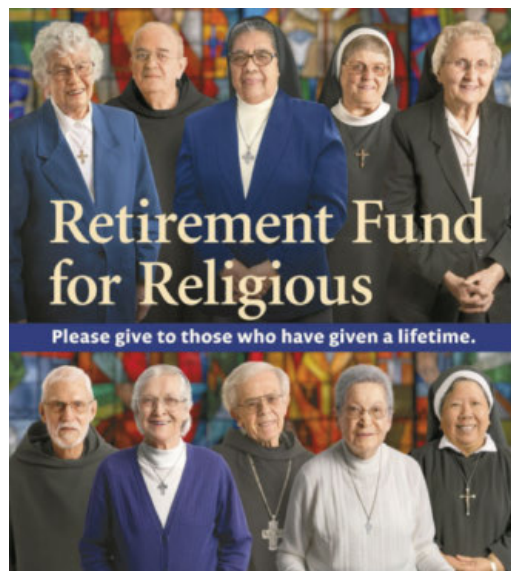


TEXT TO GIVE

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For the following special collections, text the code word and your dollar amount to 317.593.8366.

- **Christmas:** CHRISTMAS
- **Christmas Flowers:** POINSETTIA
- **Religious Retirement:** RETIRE



UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- **Dec. 25:** The second collection at Christmas will go towards the complete renovation of the Day Chapel to an Adoration Chapel.
- **Jan. 9:** Retirement for Religious Fund
Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes - often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more.

RUMMAGE SALE

to benefit the community of
St. Anthony of Padua in Croix Fer, Haiti

DROP OFF ITEMS TO PARISH HALL

JAN. 26 | 3-8PM

JAN. 27 | 8AM-6PM



SHOPPING DAYS

JAN. 28 | 8AM-6PM

JAN. 29 | 8AM-NOON

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(Gr 7 - 12)

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR
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Day of Reflection: January 9 | 1-3pm
Retreat: March 11-13
Confirmation Mass: March 17

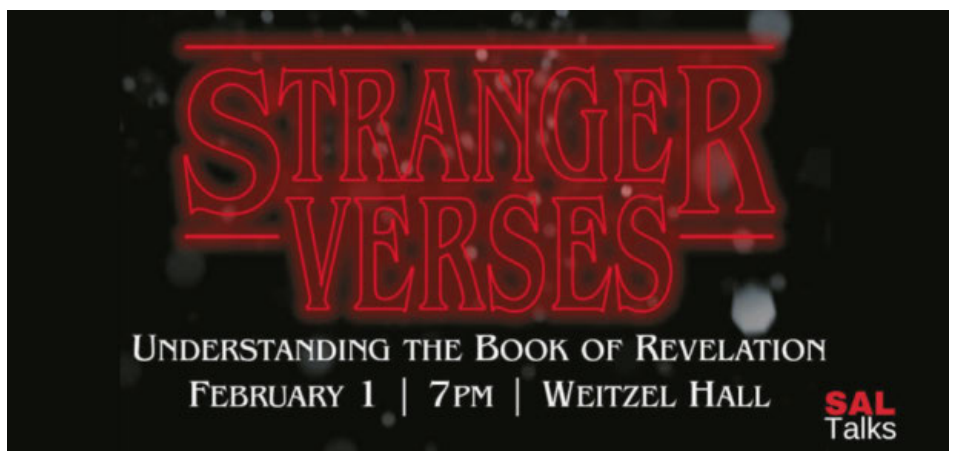


Girls' Retreat!

The Daughters of the Immaculata are hosting a retreat for the high school girls of St. Alphonsus! Join us for a rejuvenating weekend with your sisters in Christ!

When: January 15 at 1pm - January 16 at 3pm
Where: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Cost: \$20 and a Permission Form

Register by January 10
ZionsvilleCatholic.com/Life-Teen



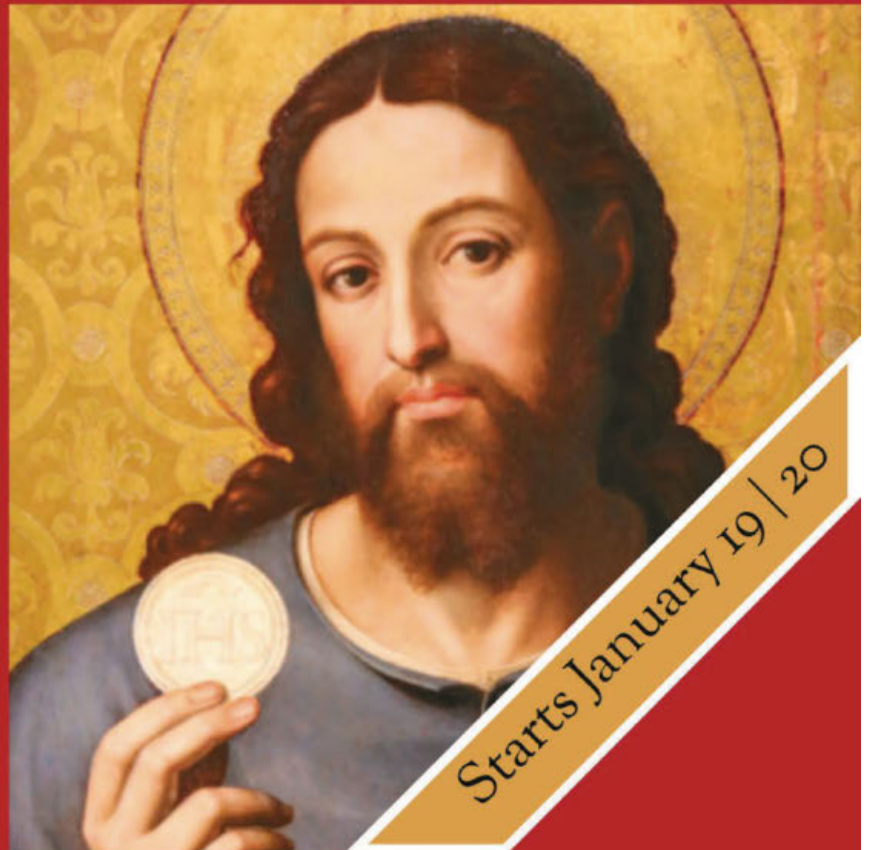
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PROCESSION OF ROSES

Our annual Rose Procession will take place during 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 23.

Most federal and state restrictions on abortion were removed by the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision on January 22, 1973. The Rose Procession acknowledges the children whose lives were taken, as well as the men and women who have suffered from the effects of abortion in the 49 years since that decision.

This event is one of the ways the SAL Embrace Life Ministry seeks to share the Catholic Church's teachings on the respect for all human life.

You are invited to represent your birth year by participating in the procession during Mass. Children may be escorted by a parent or other helper.

Sign up at:

[bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/SALRoseProcession2022)

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BLOOD DRIVE

Just weeks after being born, Zach Fechter was diagnosed with severe Hemophilia A, an incurable blood clotting disorder.

Following the diagnosis, Zach began receiving treatment through Versiti's Comprehensive Center for Bleeding Disorders (CCBD). The CCBD provides medical and supportive care, along with training and education for patients and their families.

As he grew up, the CCBD taught Zach how to self-infuse the factor product, which helps promote blood clotting. He also spent time at Camp Klotty Pine, a summer camp for children living with bleeding disorders. These experiences have helped Zach develop confidence and independence as he lives a happy and healthy life.

"With the help of the CCBD and the education we've received, Zach's future is very bright," says his mom, Tracie.

- versiti.org

Season of giving

DONATE BLOOD TODAY!

Sunday January

16

9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. Please bring your FACE MASK and Photo ID.

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SNOW PATROL!

Now that we're experiencing colder weather, we need to beef up our Snow Patrol. If you are able-bodied and willing to help with an occasional call to shovel snow from the sidewalks that lead into church, just text the word SHOVEL to 84576.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FYI...

The parish office is closed Dec. 24 and will reopen at 8:00 am on Monday, January 3.



SUPPORTING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS (S.O.C.S.)



Do you have a child or family member in college? If so, we have a ministry for you!

The S.O.C.S. Ministry helps provide love and support to our college parishioners who are away from home. Throughout the academic year, this group gathers together to assemble care packages and pray for our students.

If you're interested in being added to the S.O.C.S. communication list, email Dawn Holifield: ministrysupport@zionsvillecatholic.com.

UNITING IN HEART: THE BISHOP

Bishop Doherty's role is to teach, sanctify and govern. "Helped by the priests, their co-workers, and the deacons, bishops have the duty of authentically teaching the faith, celebrating divine worship (above all the Eucharist) and guiding their Churches as true pastors. Their responsibility also includes concerns for all the Churches, with and under the pope" (Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 939).

The bishop's role as a servant leader is to do everything in his power to unite the people of the diocese in heart and mind, in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ, so they can continue in Christ's footsteps to build the reign of God on earth.

(Uniting in Heart Pastoral Planning Guide, 2015)



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