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ST. FRANCIS BORGIA CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Parish

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School

225 Cedar Street
636-239-2590 • (Fax) 636-239-3501
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Instagram: Borgia_GradeSchool

Mass Schedule

Monday: 7:00 am
Tuesday: 7:00 am, 6:30 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 am
Friday: 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 pm
Saturday: 7:00 & 9:00 am
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am

Masses Livestreamed

All Masses are livestreamed and can be viewed from our parish website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday: After 7:00 am Mass
Tuesday: After 6:30 pm Mass
Saturday: After 8:00 am Mass & 3:30-4:15 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

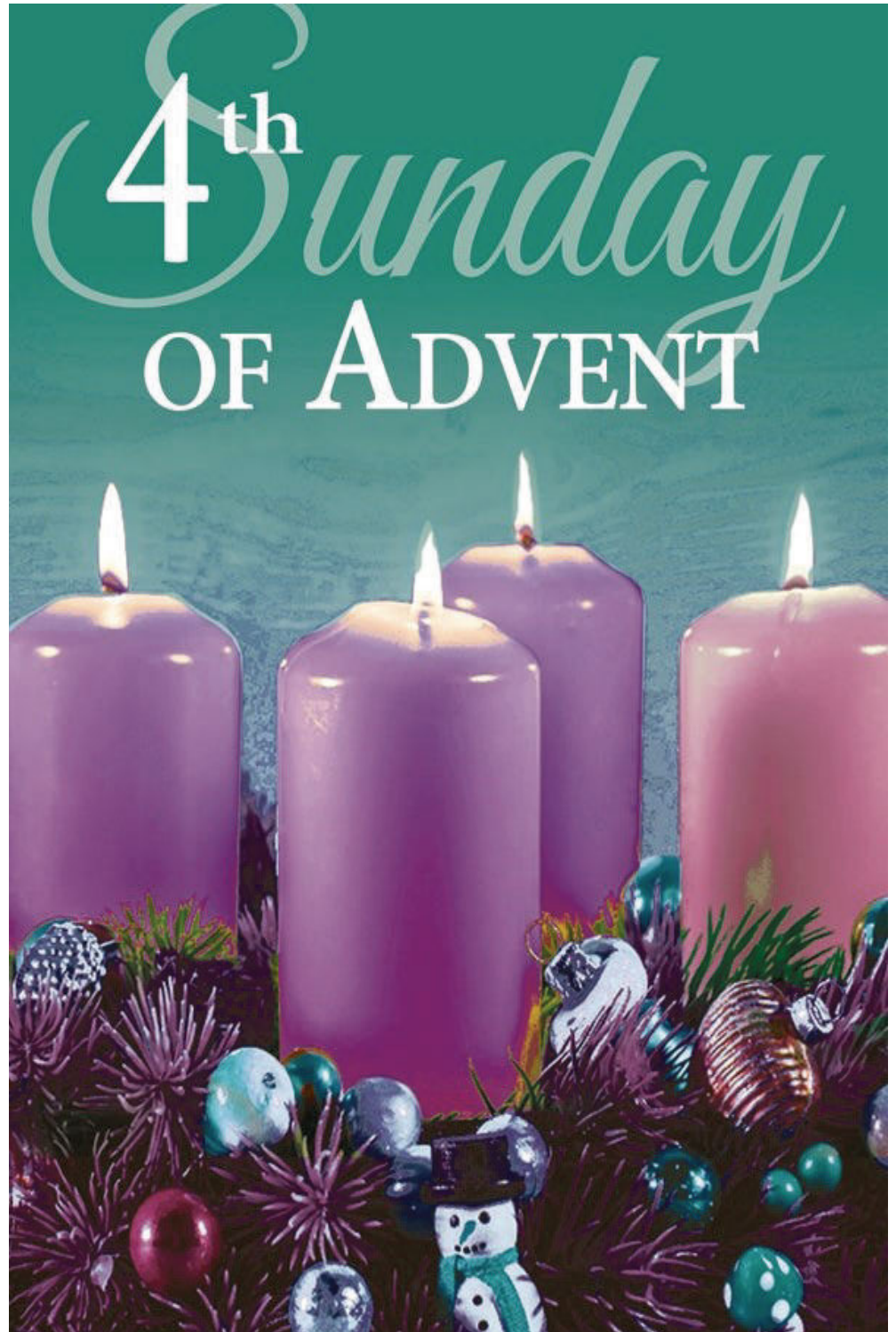
Tuesdays after 7:00 am Mass until 6:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Other arrangements can be made by calling 636-239-6701
Fr. Mike at ext. 1422
Fr. Tony at ext. 1513

SFB Mission Statement

The Catholic Faith Community of St. Francis Borgia Parish strives to live according to the gospel through worship, education, and service, and to create a parish environment where all may feel welcome, affirmed and part of this Christian family.



SAINT FRANCIS BORGIA PARISH WELCOMES YOU!

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a new friend, visitor or neighbor, we are so grateful that you chose to share this time together with us.

We are always happy to welcome new Borgia parishioners! If you are new to the parish and would like to register, you may call the office during regular business hours (M-F; 9am - 4pm) and ask for Donna. For school information, you can call and ask for Kelli.

We have assisted hearing devices available at the east door and center vestibule and a space for wheelchairs and walkers halfway up the aisle.

Children are welcome to sit with their families near the front of church where it is easier to see and hear. If they squirm around or are a bit noisy, that's okay! If it is more convenient for families with children, we also offer a Family Chapel (Cry Room) to the right of the Sanctuary and a vestibule in the back of church that is equipped with speakers and windows.

Restrooms are conveniently located in the Jesuit Hall Gathering Area. Feel free to ask an usher for directions.

You are invited to our parish website which offers much information about our history, parish life and the many ministries and service groups that keep St. Francis Borgia an active, vibrant Catholic parish! Please contact us with any questions you may have about our parish. Again, welcome!



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Baptism Preparation

Baptism class for new parents are done on an individual basis. Please call the parish office for more information (636-239-6701). Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass.

Marriage Preparation

Call the Rectory or Parish Office at least six months before the wedding.

Christian Initiation of Adults

For more information on becoming a Catholic, call Deacon Dave Tobben at 636-357-0436 or the Parish Office.

Pre K-2nd Grade - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children are dismissed at the beginning of Mass with volunteer catechists to reflect on the Gospel at different levels: Pre K-through Grade 2. They return to their families after the homily. On Sundays at the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses.

Infants

Family Chapel on west (right) side of sanctuary.

SFB Parish Library

Located on the 1st Floor of Jesuit Hall next to the Blessed Mother Room. For more information email at sfblibrary@borgiaparish.org

Prayer Tree

The members of the Prayer Tree express their love for their neighbor by praying each day in the comfort of their home for intentions that are given to them over the telephone. If you have an intention that needs prayers, please call Dot Filla (239-6463) or Debbie Goheen (636-667-8172) Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Prayer Tree Ministry, please contact one of these ladies.

Home Visits

If you would like a priest or deacon to visit you at your home or bring you communion, please call Deacon Dennis Meinert (573) 619-8741.

Prayers for Expectant Mothers

If you or someone you know is expecting a child, and you'd like to have a rose placed on the altar as a reminder for prayers throughout the pregnancy, please contact the Pro-Life Committee at 636-432-6781. Ask for Jane Maune.

Prayers for the Sick and Dying

Divine Mercy Cenacle Group is available to pray with the sick, the dying and their families at their bedside or in their home. Please call Donna Brown at 636-239-4176.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office hours are 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, unless stated in the bulletin. There is normally someone available during the lunch hours, however, on occasion we may have to close at lunch due to special circumstances. Any donations can be dropped off at the parish office, 115 Cedar Street, and put through the mail slot.

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Please submit bulletin information via e-mail to dholdmeyer@borgiaparish.org by 9:00 am on Monday.

Cemetery Clean-up

March 1-15 and September 1-15.

Food Pantry Hours

Thursdays 4:00-5:30 pm (314 West 2nd Street).

Divine Mercy

To order Divine Mercy signs please contact Bill Gegg at 636-667-7867 or Ken Obermark at 636-358-3053 or 636-239-7456.

SFB Roundtable

Parishioners that would need help with minor projects around the house, transportation, home visits, or other needs. Contact Bill Gegg at 636-667-7867.

Pastoral Council

Matthew Becker	Sue Holdmeier	Emily Mueller
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School Board

Jodi Baumker	Kathy Haddox	Kristy Stoyer (Chair)
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Connie Groff	Linda Pahl	Justin Voss



Dear Parishioners,

Here we are with less than a week to go until Christmas! I hope you enjoy this last week of Advent and that you have a wonderful and Blessed Christmas. We welcome our college students and others who will be with us for our Christmas Masses. We pray that your time with family and loved ones will be enjoyable and refreshing. Please note our Christmas Mass schedule below and we look forward to celebrating our Lord's birth with you!

Tomorrow (Monday, Dec. 20th) we will be decorating Church for Christmas. If you can make it, we will start at 3:00 p.m. Just show up and we can put you to work. Nothing too heavy. Thanks for your consideration.

Thanks to all who participated in our Christmas Outreach through the Advent Giving Tree. We had wonderful participation and brightened Christmas for many people. Thank you for blessing the lives of those who need help.

This past week we were blessed by our SFBGS students with a Regional Band Christmas Concert and a Christmas vocal concert. As always, our Borgia kids did us proud with wonderful performances to help all of us get in the mood for Christmas! We are so proud of them and thankful to our teachers who helped get them ready for these events.

Did you know that Scrips are now being sold after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses?! Stop by the Scrips sales location in the entry area on the middle floor of Jesuit Hall. Great for last minute gift ideas and for those everyday household purchases. Every sale of our Scrips helps with tuition assistance and our school, so it's a win-win! Many thanks to Missy Frankenberg for organizing this and giving of her time to make Scrips available. She could use some help so please consider volunteering for this. Feel free to contact Missy in our parish office for more information.

Here's our **Christmas Mass schedule**. Please take note of the **Mass times as we have readjusted Christmas Eve Mass times this year**. Our Mass times will be as follows:

Christmas Eve at 4:00, 6:00, and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day at 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. (Note: even though Christmas is on a Saturday, there will be no 4:30 p.m. Mass that day.)

Sunday, December 26th (Feast of the Holy Family), we will celebrate Masses at the normal times of 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. (No 6:00 p.m. Mass on the 26th.)

Saturday, January 1st (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God). This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, but we will have Mass at 8:00 a.m. (There will be no confessions after 8:00 Mass that day.) Join us at 8:00 to celebrate our Blessed Mother and to welcome the New Year.

Have a blessed final week of Advent. A Blessed and Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones!

Fr. Mike Boehm

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY (12/19) FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am | Masses

6:00 pm | Regional Youth Mass (Church)

7:00 pm | High School Youth Group Meeting (NDH)

MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:30 am | Rosary

7:00 am | Mass

MONDAY (12/20)

3:00 pm | Decorating church (Church)

7:00 pm | Grateful Hearts (JH Library, 1st Floor)

TUESDAY (12/21)

After 7:00 am Mass | Confessions

7:30 am - 6:30 pm | Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 am - 2:00 pm | Quilters (Middle School Bldg)

6:30 pm | Mass (Church)

After 6:30 pm Mass | Confessions (Church)

7:00 pm | RCIA (JH Franciscan Room)

WEDNESDAY (12/22)

Grade School on Christmas Break (Dec. 22-Jan. 4)

7:45 am | Cenacle Meeting (JH Choir Room)

3:15 pm | No Children's Choir Practice (JH Choir Room)

6:00 pm | No PSR (Grade School)

6:30 pm | Cenacle Meeting (JH Library)

7:00 pm | No Choir Practice (JH Choir Room)

THURSDAY (12/23)

7:45 am | Bible Study (JH Choir Room)

1:00 pm | Parish office closed

4:00 - 5:30 pm | Food Pantry (314 W 2nd Street)

FRIDAY (12/24) CHRISTMAS EVE

Parish office closed

4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 pm | Masses (Church)

SATURDAY (12/25) THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:00 & 9:00 am | Masses (Church)

SUNDAY (12/26) THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am | Masses

6:00 pm | No Regional Youth Mass (Church)

7:00 pm | No High School Youth Group Meeting (NDH)



Please note there will be no 6:00 pm Youth Mass on Sunday, December 26 and no High School Youth Group Meeting.

Decorating church for Christmas on Monday, December 20 at 3:00 pm in church. Everyone is welcome to help.



Parish Support

December 12, 2021

We are grateful for your continued support and sacrifice to our parish.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 16,994.40
*IRA Contributions	\$ 4,700.00
Loose Offering	\$ 2,737.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 6,502.00
Sunday Offertory Total	\$ 30,933.40
Weekly average for the month of December	\$ 26,118.20

ADDITIONAL THANKS

Tuition Assistance	\$ 345.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 325.00
Food Pantry	\$ 125.00
Parish Endowment	\$ 100.00
Youth Ministry	\$.00
Grade School Support	\$ 5.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 7.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 22.00
Seminary Collection	\$ 125.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,410.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 465.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 1,180.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00

MEMORIALS

Lyle Howell (Choir)	\$ 160.00
Lyle Howell (Church)	\$ 810.00
Lyle Howell (Grade School)	\$ 65.00

<u>DIVINE MERCY (SIGNS)</u>	\$ 1,635.00
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<u>FOOD PANTRY</u>	\$ 1,000.00
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**INDIVIDUAL DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM IRA ACCOUNT, OR DONOR ADVISED FUNDS. THANK YOU!*

End of The Year Gift

As we rapidly approach the end of year, there is still time to make your special end of the year, tax-deductible gift to St. Francis Borgia Church. Thanks for all your support.



Parish Breakfast Committee

Looking for committee members and volunteers to help with the Parish Breakfast. Please contact Dominic Gildehaus at 314-402-2490 or Ann Kopp at 636-390-3861 for more information.

Shop and Earn Looking for Volunteers

Shop and Earn is looking for some volunteers to sell scrips 1/2 hour after Saturday 4:30 pm Mass and 2 hour shifts on Sundays from 8:00 am - 12:15 pm.

Please email at shopandearn@borgiaparish.org for more information and open slots. Thank you in advance.

SEMINARY CHRISTMAS COLLECTION • DECEMBER 24-25, 2021

A SIGN OF JOY AND
HOPE

Merry Christmas!

The seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary wish you and your loved ones a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Your support and prayers strengthen formation efforts and help prepare us to serve you and your families with hope and joy!

Make a gift today!
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 KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY



SHOP & EARN NEWS

WEEK OF 12/13/21

Total Sales \$17,310.00

Tuition Credit \$348.87

Total School Operating Budget \$348.87

4% Return • 49 Parish Family Orders • 29 Online Orders

Shop and Earn is now open on Saturday and Sunday

After masses in Jesuit Hall!

Please stop by to find your favorite gift card.

Shop & Earn will not be open in Jesuit Hall on December 25-26 & January 1-2. It will reopen on January 8th.

Shop & Earn will be open in Notre Dame Hall between Christmas & New Year's.


We will not be open December 24 & January 3.

BP gas cards are temporarily unavailable.


This is an issue with our suppliers. We are sorry for any inconvenience, please be patient with us.

Shop and Earn will be selling from Notre Dame Hall (115 Cedar Street) from 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.





Brom Steven Leslie
Son of Trent & Maddy (nee Piontek) Leslie



Please remember in your prayers the soul of
Bob Lause (Father of Eric Lause)
May God welcome him and bless those who will miss him.

Stewardship Reflection
“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.



Please Pray For All Those Serving In Our Military and Especially For...

Owen Buchheit	Jessica K. Lamecker	Coty Ruether
Travis Branson	Derek Marquart	Bailey Scherer
Patrick Feldmann	Jacob Maune	Jamie Skornia
Eli Garcilaso	Ben Meyer	Ken Stallmann
John Heisler	Keaton Nabors	Jacob Willett
Lindsay Heisler	Amber Ortmeyer	Shayne Yenzen
Zak Hill	Peyton Struttmann	
Kelly Kosewicz	John Rudlof	



Randy Alfermann	Mike Hamann	Dennis Noelker
John Avooske	Charlotte Heimann	Nicole Parrott
Mary Bay	Ray Hilke	Carolyn Peck
Marilyn Beanblossom	Barb Hill	Neal Peters
Steve Brunsman	Sheila Jenkins	Nathaniel Pfitsinger
Lisa Buhr	Mary Ann Kamler	Barbara Philipp
Julie Konys Colson	Marian Kampschroeder	Cloyce Phillips
Msgr. Jack Costello	Marylee Kimminau	Joan Piontek
Jeff Todd Dieckhaus	Ken Kimminau	Karen Scheer
Regina Dutkiewicz	Randy Kleinheider	Marian Schelich
Charles Eckelkamp	Steve Kluesner	Christine Skornia
Sr. Michaelanne Estoup	Diane Koirtyoann	Connie Steinhaus
Francis Filla	Larry Konys	Robyn Stockhorst
Cindy Finder	Wanda Konys	Florence Tenholder
Sharon Fischer	Paul Kopp	Herb Tobben
Cole Fletcher	Annette Kossman	Marlene Tobben
Ella Furjes	Juanita Lauchstaedt	Richard Toben
Keith Gansmann	Donna Lindsey	Shae Veach
Gus Garbs	Dr. Jake Lippert	Collin Warrender
Leslie George	Doug Magac	Judy Wyatt
Allen Gephardt	Sr. Reine Marie Martin	Ann Wessel
Rosalie Gerschefske	Bill Mattson	Mark Wessel
Ralph Gildehaus	Anna McLean	Ken Westhoelter
Connie Hagedorn	Kristian McDonald	Patty Westhoelter
Barb Haley	Bev McKee	Katie Wright
	Myles McLaughlin	Jackie Zeitmann
	Richard K. Meyer	<i>For all shut-ins and all those in nursing homes.</i>
	Don Murphy	



Sunday, December 19 4TH Sunday of Advent
7:00 am Dorothy (Tudy) Meyer
9:00 am Jerome Kluba
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, December 20
7:00 am Bob Strubberg

Tuesday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius
7:00 am Ed & Wanda Roderique
6:30 pm Gloria Aranda

Wednesday, December 22
7:00 am Jean Kluesner

Thursday, December 23 St. John of Kanty
7:00 am Int. of Leon Noelker

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve
4:00 pm Elmer Unnerstall Family
6:00 pm John Piontek
10:00 pm People of the Parish

Saturday, December 25 The Nativity Of The Lord
7:00 am Jerry Brinkmann
9:00 am Jim & Marilyn Schmitt

Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph
7:00 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Norwood Amos Family
11:00 am Thanksgiving

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 19

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next 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

That as grateful children of God, we remember to tell family and friends that we love them every day and to pray for those people that may annoy us.



Christmas 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I send my warmest and most sincere greetings at this holy time of the year to all of you, and to all your families and loved ones!

This past year has been a challenging time for everyone. It has also been a year of great grace. We have witnessed the love and concern of people for one another. So many have been willing to make tremendous sacrifices to keep people safe, and try and curb this global health crisis. We have much to be grateful for as we move a step closer to the end of the pandemic. Now is the time for Catholics to step forward, giving generously to help those in need.

Each year, the people of the archdiocese are asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him as they discern a vocation to the holy priesthood, and have dedicated themselves to living, growing, and serving in His love as they prepare for a life of parish ministry. God-willing, these men will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2,000 years ago to future generations.

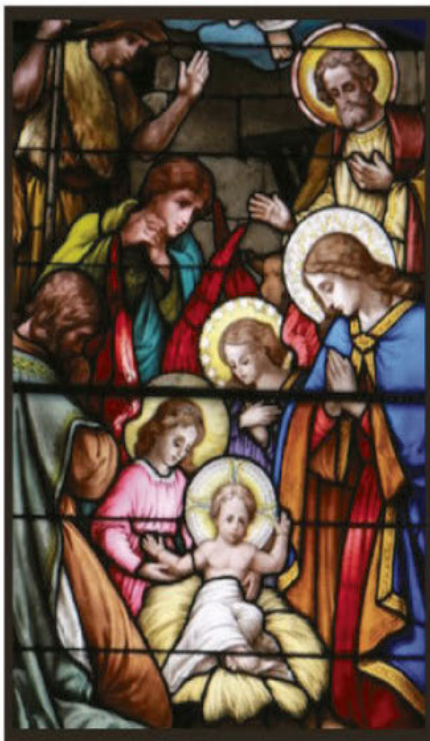
This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. How wonderful it is to have the faithful back in church to celebrate Christ's birth. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Mitchell T. Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



*We welcome you to the
Season of Christmas*

at

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA

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MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, December 24
4 pm ~ 6 pm ~ 10 pm

Christmas Day, December 25
7 am ~ 9 am

Feast of the Holy Family, December 26
7 am ~ 9 am ~ 11 am

Wishing you and yours a Blessed Christmas!



I wish I could personally thank everyone who lent a helping hand in making our Holiday Breakfast and Bazaar the success it was, but the names would fill this page. Starting with members, spouses, family and friends; food preparers and servers, kitchen and dining room helpers. Thank you to all who donated fancy work or food items. And, thank you, to the quilters and Borgia Bakers.

But, most of all, much gratitude to all who came to share the meal, shop and visit with Santa. It was a joy seeing the tables full and the smiling excited faces of your children.

Karen Kleekamp, President



Gospel Meditation

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

Feast Day Tip—Christmas Eve

It is the last week of Advent. Christmas Eve is on Friday. You probably have a handful of Christmas traditions to help you celebrate. However, if you don’t have anything particular you do on Christmas Eve, consider the tradition of going meatless. The Italian tradition of the Feast of the Seven Fishes is the most recognizable observance of this tradition. However, this is a common practice in many countries. In Poland, red borscht soup might be on the menu. Whatever you decide, have a Merry Christmas. Visit feastday.co for more help celebrating the feasts and seasons.



Bulletin Spotlight

The Nativity Story

In a story of profound faith revered by much of humanity, one young woman struggles with the destiny for which she is chosen – to give birth to the Son of God and to become the object of salvation for billions of souls—a deeply moving journey told in



The Nativity Story. The Academy Award-nominated star of *Whale Rider*, Keisha Castle-Hughes, portrays Mary, a young wife and soon-to-be mother upon whom a seemingly impossible burden will be placed. Over the two years before the birth of Jesus, as Mary realizes that she will bear a child fated to change the world, she discovers the inner strength, faith and grace that have earned her the veneration of billions of people for two thousand years.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 7:00 PM – MIDNIGHT

You are cordially invited to usher in the New Year in a different way this year. On December 31, New Year’s Eve, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church at 7:00 PM until midnight. All are invited to spend time in prayer in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At the beginning of each hour there will be vocal prayer such as the rosary, litany or other group prayer. Silent meditation is offered the remainder of the time. There will always be someone in church adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Socializing is encouraged for the times you are not at prayer. Tables will be set up in the Choir Room with snacks and refreshments. People can come and go as they wish. A short prayer will be offered at midnight followed by repose of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a deanery event. All are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors. If you can commit to a specific hour of prayer please contact Deacon Leon at 636-221-1531 or email at: lnoeiker@charter.net.



**Naming & Commendation:
Find Comfort, Healing & Hope...**

**Sunday, January 23
St. Francis Borgia Church
1:00 p.m.**

"I am the Resurrection and the life." - John 11:25



All are welcome to attend **Naming & Commendation**, a prayer service developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth for any reason (including miscarriage, accident, abortion or still birth). Parents and families of any religious background are invited to attend, whether the loss was recent or long ago. Naming & Commendation will start at **1 p.m. at St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington on Sunday, January 23**. The rite, celebrated by **Fr. Michael Boehm**, will offer parents and families an opportunity to name the child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Jane Maune at janemaune@hotmail.com or 636-432-6781.

To help spread the word about the January 23 event on social media, click here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/256748876234329>

To learn more or bring this rite to your parish, email pro-life@archstl.org or visit (click, then scroll): <https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/pastoral-care>



This past Sunday, thanks to our volunteers, all of our Christmas Giving Tree gifts were delivered.

We had approximately 556 ornaments this year. 260 went to the Pregnancy Assistance Center, 210 went to Loving Hearts, 40 went to our SFB food pantry and 46 went to our parish families.

We are always amazed at the generosity of our SFB parish. We will never know of the many lives we have touched and the joy you brought to these families through your giving.

Please note that any gifts still out there may be brought to the parish office where we will see they get to the proper place.

Again thank you and a very Merry Christmas to all of you.

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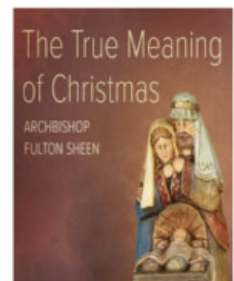


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Mary couldn't wait to visit her much older cousin, Elizabeth, up in the hills of Judea.

Both of them were expecting babies. Each of them knew that the birth of her child was a special event that could only happen because they trusted God. Your own mother trusted that God would give you life in this world. Both Mary and Elizabeth watched their children grow up to do good things. You can grow up to do good things too, if you trust in God.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to trust you and to remember that you are the reason we celebrate Christmas. Amen.

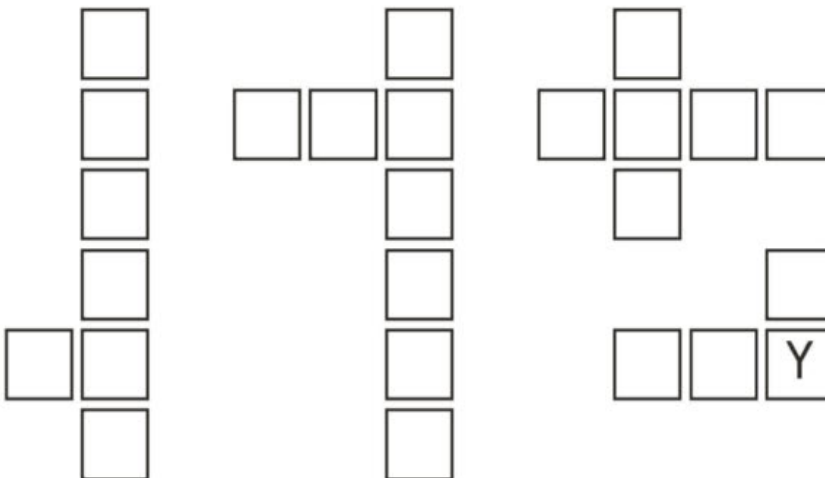
MISSION FOR THE WEEK

You belong to a larger family than just the people in your home. See how many of your relatives you can name before you visit them at Christmas. When you do see them, wish them "Merry Christmas!"

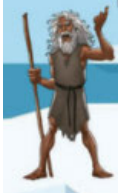
KIDS CORNER

Fit the following words from today's gospel into the empty squares below.

The infant in my womb leaped for joy.



The Community Bulletin Board



Polar Plunge 1.8.2022

Come out to celebrate the Feast of Jesus' Baptism. Registration: 10:00 am. Plunge: 10:30-11:00 am. Ages 10-up. Preregister: www.christplunge.com. \$10 per person donation. T-shirts: \$10. Location: Veterans Memorial Park, 600 Progress Pkwy, Union, MO. Hosted by St. John the Baptist Church and all proceeds will go to the Helping Hands Community Outreach.

Help Wanted—Part Time Cafeteria Worker

St. Gertrude's School is looking for a part-time cafeteria worker. Hours 8:30-12:30. Duties include food preparation, serving, washing dishes and some heavy lifting required. Please contact Ms. Wells at wellsd@sgs-krakow.com

Catholic Radio

As the liturgical year ends and a new one begins, tune in to Covenant Network for the best in Catholic radio programming to help you prepare your heart to receive the Christ Child this Christmas season. Tune in to KHOJ 1460 AM or 102.9 FM on the radio or listen live on our free Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 2:30 PM!
JOIN ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY ON WORLD MARRIAGE DAY!



Seating is limited. Sign up today!

Grab your mask and a friend and join us as we peacefully protest the legalization of abortion in our country. Buses depart from several locations throughout the St. Louis area. Open for ages 7-107. Departure Date: Thursday, January 20
Return Date: Saturday, January 22

Cost: \$235.

For more information and to register online:

www.MissouriLifeCaravan.org

Download the registration: mrl.eastern@yahoo.com or 314-434-4900

Interested in being a sponsor so someone else can attend the March for Life? You may donate online at www.MissouriLifeCaravan.org/sponsor or you can mail a check payable to 'Missouri Life Caravan' to 1000 Executive Parkway, Suite 229, St. Louis, MO 63141



New Year Day Country Church Tour

Join us for a day for visitors to travel around to the local parishes and enjoy their beautiful Christmas decoration and traditions.


January 1, 2022 from 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Churches that will be participating in the church tours are

- * Assumption Church, New Haven
- * Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Haven
- * Immaculate Conception Church, Augusta
- * Immaculate Conception Church, Union
- * Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Washington
- * St. Ann Church, Clover Bottom
- * St. Anthony Church, Sullivan
- * St. Francis Borgia Church, Washington
- * St. Gertrude Church, Krakow
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If you have any questions, please contact Connie Rigg at St. Ann Church (636) 239-3222 or email: stann.mills@yhti.net

*"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."
— 2 Corinthians 5:17*




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