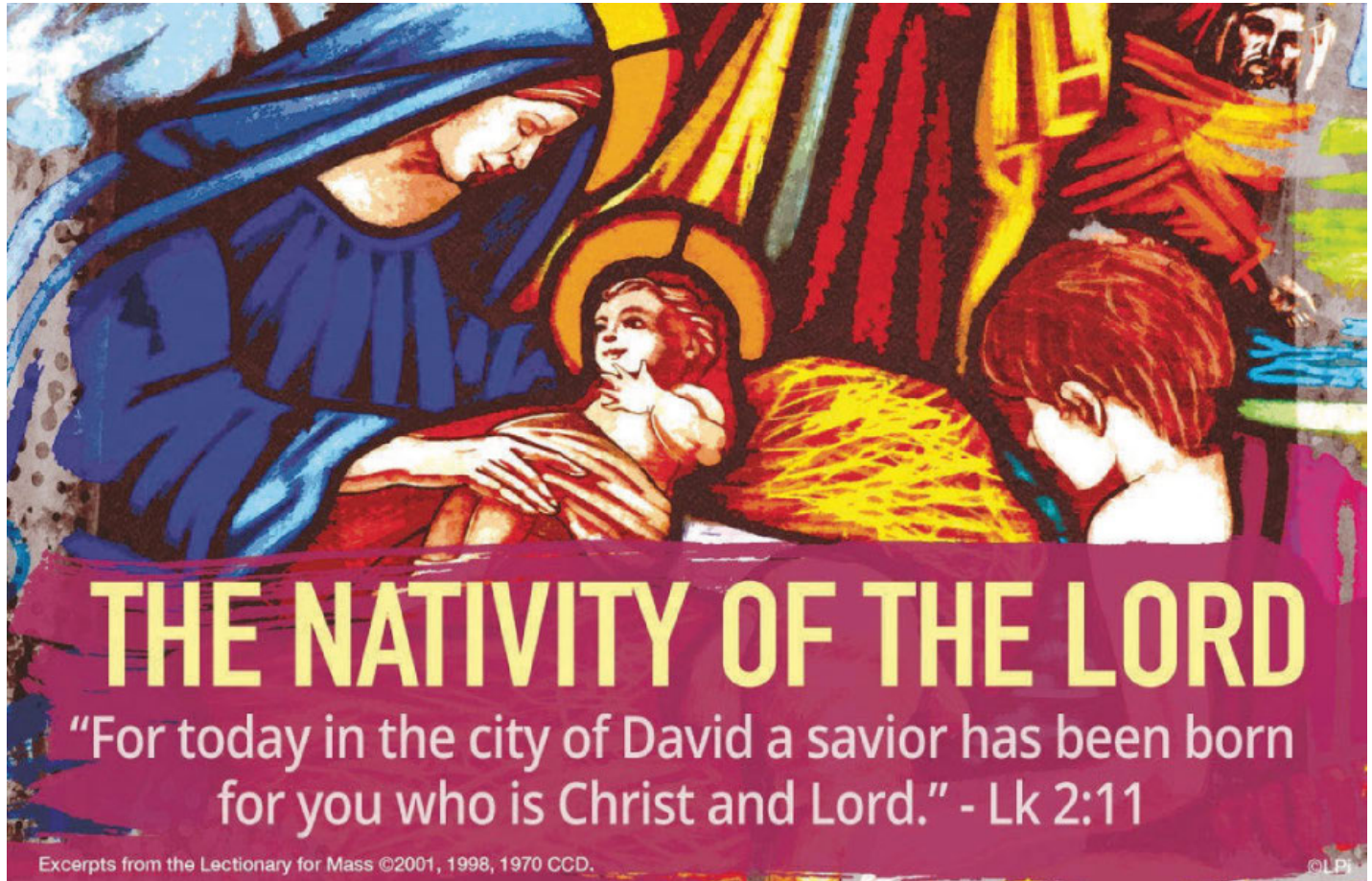


December 25th, 2021 — Christmas Day

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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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CLERGY

Fr. Leonard Andrie, Pastor
Deacon John Allgaier

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend:

- Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Weekdays:

- Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 7:00 am
- Wednesday 5:15 pm

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 4:45 to 5:10 pm
Saturday: 8:30 to 9:30 am
4:00 to 4:30 pm

Baptism:

Call Liz Lammers, 952-473-4422, to schedule Baptism preparation class.

Matrimony:

Call Geri Korman, 952-261-0560, at least six months in advance to schedule wedding preparations.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Tuesday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wednesday: 7:30 am to 8:00 pm
- Thursday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Friday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday: 8:30 am to 10:00 am

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For the sick, homebound, dying and bereaved, contact the Parish Office at 952-473-4422.

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A Message from Father Andrie

The Adorable Face

There is something beautiful about babies, especially their little faces. Human faces are unique and, in a particular way, they reveal not only the uniqueness of the person but also the glory of God.

The Old Testament alone speaks about the “face” 400 times, 100 of which refer to God’s face. In the opening pages of Genesis, Adam and Eve were able to see God “face to face.” After breaking the commandment, ashamed, they ran and hid their faces from God (Gn. 3:8). In their brokenness, they felt like they could no longer see God’s face and live.

And yet, throughout the Old Testament, the strong desire to see God’s face remained. Psalm 80:3 says, “O God, restore us, light up your face and we shall be saved.” There is salvation in seeing God’s face.

In the Book of Exodus, Moses asks God to guide them through the desert. And God agrees. Encouraged, Moses then asks to see God’s glory. He wants to see God’s face. The Lord responds, “I will make my goodness pass before you...but you cannot see my face, for no one can see me and live” (Ex. 33:18-20). As the Lord passes by, He covers Moses so that His face cannot be seen. Moses is not allowed to see the Lord’s face, but only His back (Ex. 33:20-23).

On Christmas, everything changes. A little baby is born who reveals the face of God in an utterly new and splendid way. John’s Gospel says it beautifully: “No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known” (Jn 1:18).

In a quiet, little stable on that chilly night, Mary and Joseph gaze upon the adorable little face of a baby, i.e., the face of God. It is the face of infinite love, sublime beauty, and profound humility.

And, it is the face of hope for one day, that that little face would give strength for the suffering, encouragement for the discouraged, healing for the broken, comfort for the anxious, connection for the lonely, and fulfillment for the empty.

And as Mary and Joseph gaze upon that little face, they also see the face of mercy. One day, those tender little eyes will bring healing for the sick, peace for the anxious, forgiveness for the sinner, and new life for the dead.

On Christmas, we not only celebrate the beauty of God in the human face of Jesus, but we also celebrate that every human face is an icon of Christ. In other words, now that God has a human face in Christ, each human face reflects the splendor of Christ, who is the face of God. For the person of faith, the beauty of Christ shines through each human face.

At this point, you may be thinking, “C’mon father, have you seen my face? I have wrinkles and blemishes. And you should see me without my makeup on. I could scare the neighborhood cats away.” This would not necessarily be a bad thing.

But it’s true! The person of prayer seeks the presence of Christ and recognizes Him in every human face. We could call this way of seeing a “sacramental vision,” i.e., seeing the invisible in the visible – seeing Christ in the face of another. The saints see the world this way. Wherever they look, they not only see the fingerprints of God, but also the reflection of Christ in the face of each human person.

Additionally, the saints were aware of a spiritual secret – seeing the face of Christ in the face of others – leads to a new way of living, a new way of relating to others. How *radically* different the world would be if every person recognized Christ in the face of others and loved Him in them!

Seeing the face of Christ in my neighbor, I begin to treat him or her as I would treat Christ Himself. “Amen, I say to you,” Jesus says, “whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt. 25:40). When you lift the burdens of those struggling more in life – the hungry, thirsty, the ill, those in prison – you serve Christ Himself. In short, when you see the face of Christ in others and serve them, *you are the face of Christ* for others! What a gift to be the face of God, i.e., the face of love!

On behalf of our parish here at St. Therese, *thank you* for all the ways you have made and continue to make the adorable face

Adoration of the Shepherds



Guido Reni (1640)

Goldy Giving Baby Jesus a Kiss



of Jesus visible to your families, your friends, and those at St. Therese. While it has been a most challenging year yet again, we will not give up hope for today, the glory of God shines brightly in the adorable face of baby Jesus. And if you open your hearts to Him, God’s glory will shine brightly in your face as well!

On behalf of our parish and staff, I wish you all a Merry Christmas! May God fill you with hope, joy, laughter and love as we celebrate the birth of our Lord! Merry Christmas! ~St. Thérèse, pray for us!

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| Monday | 12/27 | | Chapel closed at this time |
| Tuesday | 12/28 | *7:00am | Rolfes Family |
| | at DW | 3:30pm | †James Rupp |
| Wednesday | 12/29 | *7:00am | Darlene & †Jack Witt |
| | | 5:15pm | †John Keeble |
| Thursday | 12/30 | *7:00am | †Christine Dunbar |
| Friday | 12/31 | *7:00am | †Greg Nicpon |
| Saturday | 1/1 | 9:00am | †Anton & Elizabeth Ries |
| | | 5:00pm | †Michael Hansberry |
| Sunday | 1/2 | 8:00am | For the People |
| | | 10:00am | Theresa Adamson |

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| Dec 27 | Campus Closed |
| Dec 30 | Campus Closed |
| Dec 31 | New Year's Eve - Campus Closed |
| Jan 1 | New Year's Day |
| Jan 4 | St. Martha's Circle Party |
| Jan 6 | St. Elizabeth's Book Club <i>"John Paul the Great" by P Noonan</i> |
| Jan 7 | Friday Night Bash |
| Jan 8 | Wine & Cheese Saturday |
| Jan 9 | Coffee & Donut Sunday |
| Jan 11 | Church History Session |
| Jan 11 | Deephaven Woods Movie Night |
| Jan 14/15 | Women's Retreat |
| Jan 15/16 | ICA Food Collection Weekend |
| Jan 21 | Local March for Life |
| Jan 22 | YDM Service Saturday |
| Jan 22/23 | Community Caring for Life Diaper Drive |
| Feb 5 | Canva Dinner |

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Readings for the Week

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 20:1a, 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

Remember in Your Prayers

Kailey Giancola, Erik Soderlund, Dillon DuPont, Treffle Daniels, Louise Burton, Christopher Daniels, Ruth Colnar, Marisa Zarate, Michael Scott, Bill Ashenbach, Richard Morton.

To be included in requests, you or a family member should call the parish office, 952-473-4422. Names will be shown at least 30 days or as space allows.



ARTICLES/INSERTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

To have something printed in the body of the bulletin, please submit the article 10 days prior to publication. Inserts are forms or flyers with information that will not fit in the body of the bulletin. Please submit inserts 5 days prior to publication. To have a pulpit announcement made during weekend liturgies, please submit it by noon on the Thursday prior to announcing. Submissions may be emailed to Catherine at crupp@st-therese.org.

Deacon John's Note

The Gift of Christmas

The true meaning of Christmas can sometimes be missed. Non-Christians will often say that we are celebrating the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis for our religion. I've often heard from those who have walked away from the Catholic Church, that they don't need any formal religion - but they do believe that the teachings of Jesus are a good way to live their lives. They think that Jesus is a good moral compass. When I hear this, I can begin to understand why they might want to leave the Christian or Catholic faith. Sadly, they are missing the most important part of our faith. Jesus Christ is not a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of our religion. Jesus Christ is God! Christmas means that God became a little baby. Christmas means that God entered our world. If fallen away Christians and Catholics stopped to really understand that Jesus is not just a spiritual and moral teacher but is God Himself - I don't think they could walk away from our Faith.

Pope Benedict was once asked, "What did Jesus actually bring? We still have wars. We still get sick. People still suffer. We still die. So, what did Jesus bring?" Pope Benedict's response was, "Jesus brings us God."

The gift of Christmas is that **Jesus brings us God.**



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

from all
of us at
St. Therese
Catholic School



Early Learning Center

The Zebras

The Zebra preschoolers were absolutely elated over all the snow we got earlier in December! We have become experts in getting on our snow gear in order to get outside and enjoy the beauty of it all. Inside, we were quite busy preparing for the holidays. As we learned about Jesus' birthday, we continued to decorate our classroom. We have several Christmas trees and Nativity sets and we loved looking at them each day. We also worked hard practicing for the Christmas concert.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!



The Early Childhood Program at St. Therese is a fun and enriching place to be! Want to join the fun?

Contact: Jo Ellen Begalke at 952-261-0587 or on-line at jbegalke@st-therese.org or Emily Rohla at erohla@st-therese.org.

Faith Formation



Merry Christmas

From St. Therese Faith Formation

Thank you for supporting our mission and praying for the faith journeys in this parish! Know of our prayers for you during this Christmas Season.

Questions of the Week

Adult: How do the members of your household show love for one another during difficult times?
Child: How do you show your family that you love and trust in them?



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School

June 20-24, 2022

Registration opening soon!

www.st-therese.org/vbs



Winter Faith Camp

"It's everything that you love about camp... but in the winter! Our High School Youth will be heading to Camp Courage to "fortify" their faith in a new way. This camp is intended for youth who are looking to deepen their understanding of the faith and to be reignited in their relationship with Jesus. This camp will feature the power of the Sacraments, talks, outdoor winter activities, and the opportunity to meet Catholic youth from all over the Twin Cities!"

When: Feb 18th (evening) - 21st, 2022

Where: Camp Courage, Maple Lake, MN.

Price: \$200

Register online at www.st-therese.org/youth.



Deeper Love...
 6th Annual Women's Retreat - 2022
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Friday Evening: January 14
 5:30 Check-in and Dessert, 6:00-9:00PM Program
Saturday: January 15
 7:30 AM-3:00 PM Program
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**Come Be Inspired...
 By Our Special 2022 Retreat Leader
 Elizabeth (Liz) Kelly**

Register online at www.st-therese.org/events OR return form (see reverse side) with payment to the parish office. Livestream option available for those unable to attend in person. Full program can be found on the parish website.

Financial Stewardship

| November 2021 COLLECTIONS | November 2021 Actual | November 2021 Budget | Variance | Fiscal Year to Date Actual | Fiscal Year to Date Budget | Variance |
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| Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts | \$ 114,483.67 | \$ 118,800.00 | \$ (4,316.33) | \$ 523,632.83 | \$ 594,000.00 | \$ (70,367.17) |
| Sunday Plate | \$ 3,527.47 | \$ 1,700.00 | \$ 1,827.47 | \$ 14,842.16 | \$ 8,500.00 | \$ 6,342.16 |
| Total | \$ 118,011.14 | \$ 120,500.00 | \$ (2,488.86) | \$ 538,474.99 | \$ 602,500.00 | \$ (64,025.01) |

Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, and funds all ministries and operations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.



Job Posting – Afternoon Preschool Assistant
 Our ELC is in search of a joyful, energetic preschool assistant to teach kids during the afternoon shifts—days will vary. The applicant must be at least 16 years old. No experience necessary (but always preferred). Please send cover letter and resume to jbegalke@st-therese.org.

Fall Market Results
 The November Fall Market was very successful—we made \$6,500, which will go towards many items including hospitality and social justice causes. Thank you to everyone who donated items and to those who volunteered their time for this event. It was great to get together again and enjoy the fellowship of our community.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend
 Friday, February 11-Sunday, February 13
 Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo
 Is the honeymoon over? It doesn't have to be! A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. Early registration is recommended. For more information, visit twincitieswwme.org



Chesterton Academy Winter Open House - January 18
 Chesterton Academy Catholic High School cordially invites you to attend an Open House for prospective students and their families. Meet and interact with teachers, administrators, and students, and learn about our curriculum and tour our Hopkins campus (1320 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343). Reservations are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Call 952-378-1779 or email kbasgall@chestertonacademy.org. We hope to see you there!

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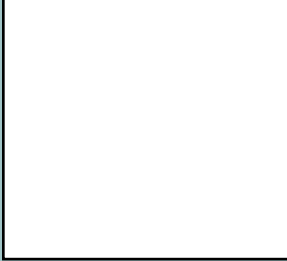
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