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LITURGY SCHEDULE:

MASSES:

Saturday 5:30 pm - Sunday 9 am

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday 4:30 - 5 pm or by appt. (641-472-4375)

Daily Masses: See enclosed calendar

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Marriage: please call the parish office 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.




December 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED
THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD
WOULD BE FULFILLED."

—LUKE 1:45

A WELCOMING FAMILY OF FAITH"
Blessed Trinity, we thank you for helping us become a welcoming family of faith. Smile on us as we greet each other and all visitors to our Church. Hear us sing your praises at Mass and in our daily lives. Embrace us as we support growth in love for You. Guide us as we study Your Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and work in Your Service. We ask for your forgiveness and grant our own to others. Inspire us to respond to the needs of our world today. Amen

D E C E M B E R	19 SUN 9 am Mass <hr/> 2 pm—3:30 pm Quiet Reflective Piano Concert 	20 MON No Mass	231 TUE 4:00 - 5:00 pm Confessions <hr/> 5:15 pm Mass <hr/> 6:30 pm RCIA	22 WED 4:00 - 5:00 pm Confessions <hr/> 5:15 pm Mass	23 THU 8:30 am Mass	24 FRI Christmas Eve 4:30 pm Mass <hr/> 7 pm Mass	25 SAT Christmas Day 9 am Mass <hr/> Christmas Breakfast in Parish Hall after 9 am Mass <hr/> NO 5:30 pm Mass 
	J A N U A R Y	26 SUN 9 am Mass 	27 MON No Mass <hr/> Parish Office is Closed	28 TUE NO MASS	29 WED 5:15 pm Mass	30 THU 8:30 am Mass	31 FRI 5:30 pm Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of Mary



Scripture Readings for the Week

- Dec. 20:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/
Lk 1:26-38
- Dec. 21:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
[1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Dec. 22:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/
Lk 1:46-56
- Dec. 23:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf.
Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Dec. 24:** *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- Dec. 25:** *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 1:18-25 *Night:*
Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6,
11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* 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
- Dec. 26:** 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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

- Monday, Dec. 20**
No Mass
- Tuesday, Dec. 21**
5:15 pm Mass — Alice Kessel†
- Wednesday, Dec. 22**
5:15 pm Mass — Kay Buch†
- Thursday, Dec. 23**
8:30 am Mass — Lane Bush†
- Friday, Dec. 24**
4:30 pm Mass — Steve Pacha†
7:00 pm Mass — Rose Schillerstrom†
- Saturday, Dec. 25**
9:00 am Mass — John Hahn†
- Sunday, Dec. 26**
9:00 am Mass — For The People

Liturgical Ministers for December 26, 2021

- Lectors:** (1) Barb Hammes
- Eucharist:** (1) Janet Ho
- Servers:** (1) Parker & Sophie Boley
- Cantor:** (1) Dakota Andersen



Notes from Father Nick...

I hope you will also find time before Christmas to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I will be in our Confessional on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. If another time is better for you, please do not hesitate to call our parish office to arrange that accordingly.

I remind you that there will **not** be a 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, December 25. There will also **not** be a 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, January 1.

This afternoon, Sunday, December 19, Geoff Shaffer will be offering a time of reflection and instrumental Christmas music in preparation for our celebration of Christmas. This was warmly received when he did this recently and he has agreed to do the same again. This will begin at 2:00 pm.

Let us remember our deceased brothers and sisters in our prayers, especially Ron Peck, brother of Jan Peck, who died recently. May his soul and all of the souls of our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Since this will be the last bulletin before Christmas and since many will be traveling this coming weekend, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and holy Christmas season. May the birth of the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones much peace and comfort. His birth marks the beginning of our salvation. Let us rejoice and be glad!

fr. nick

Christmas Morning Tom and Jerry Breakfast

We are happy to announce that the "Tom and Jerry" breakfast will be served Christmas morning after the 9:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall. We invite all parishioners, who may be alone on Christmas morning, to join us for a tasty breakfast and Christmas fellowship.

As we prepare for the year end, please be mindful that donations must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by December 31, 2021 in order to be deductible in 2021. If posted after December 31, 2021, regardless of when the check is dated, the donation is deductible in 2022.

Please remember that all ADA payments for 2021 must be postmarked by December 31, 2021 and received at the Diocese by January 4, 2022, to be credited for the 2021 tax year.

If you wish to be placed on the prayer chain or if you want your names removed, we respectfully ask that you make that request to the Parish Office or Dot Hellkamp (641-919-3566).

Advertiser of the Week *from the back of our bulletin:*

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WE ARE NOW OPEN!

New Melleray Abbey is located in the fertile farmlands and rugged woodlands twelve miles southwest of Dubuque, IA. Guests are welcome to visit the monastery and share in our daily liturgy from Vigils at 3:30 am all the way through to Compline at 7:30 pm. Through our liturgy, gift shop, guest house, and monastic center we offer hospitality to all who come to New Melleray whether it be for a few minutes of prayer or several days of a personal or *themed* retreat. Additionally, visitors are encouraged to visit and take a tour of Trappist Caskets where we produce the handcrafted caskets that are our primary form of manual labor and self-support.

RETREATS

The monastery is a place where we learn to love God, to love ourselves, and to love each other. The abbey provides for retreats on the grounds for the layperson. A retreat can be personal and provide an opportunity to step out of the ordinary routine into an environment where time and energy can be focused on God. Making a personal retreat at the monastery provides an opportunity to follow the monastic schedule with its emphasis on prayer, study and reflection. We leave the monastery feeling spiritually refreshed, taking with us a deeper understanding of how we can follow the monastic way as we live in the world. Throughout the year, the monastery offers various retreats that focus on a particular topic or theme, or are intended for a particular group of people.

St. Peter Canisius | Feast Day December 21

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.



Dec. 19: Kathy Aicher, Elaine Reding
Dec. 20: Don Deutsch
Dec. 21:
Dec. 22:
Dec. 23: Juan Rojo
Dec. 24: Shelley Hinkle, Nelson LaFrancis,
Norah Sirdoreus
Dec. 25: Jane Bush, Bill Lowe, Christy Samuelson,
MaryAnn Williams

*If we have missed your name it was not intentional.
Please call the parish office and we can correct the error.*



B. Adam, D. Cummiskey, P. Cummiskey, E. DeMeyer, P. Graber,
L. & L. Hampton, L. Koerselman, A. K. Lane, J. Morrissey,
S. & J. Murphy, R. Sieren, J. Stanley, L. Weber

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING:

October 25 thru November 1, 2021
58 Families Contributed

Envelopes	3881.00
Offertory	357.00
Total week's income	<u>4238.00</u>
Annual Diocesan Appeal	44,039.00
Pledged	30476.00
Balance	<u>13563.00</u>
Catholic Messenger	4495.50
Subscriptions paid	<u>2021.00</u>
Balance due	2474.50

Mass Attendance:

December 8, 2021

5:15 pm: 47

December 11 & 12, 2021

5:30 pm: 85 & 9 am: 173

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