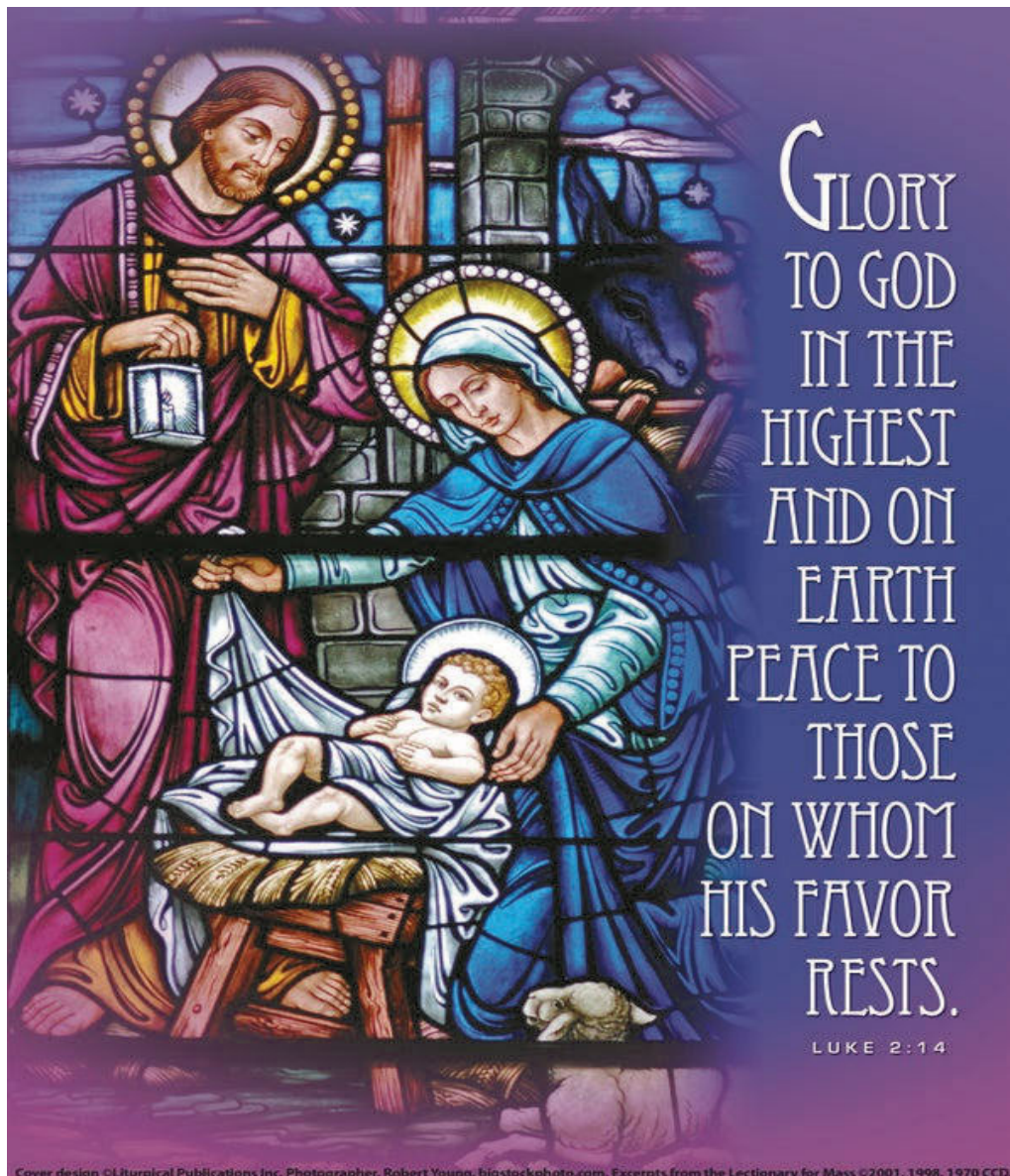




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**DECEMBER 26TH, 2021**



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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**  
 9:00 AM Flower Memorial  
 4:00 PM † Rita Christ  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH**  
 8:00 AM SH Catholic  
 10:30 AM † Fred Rietbrock  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH**  
 12:15 PM † Joan Fitzpatrick  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH**  
 12:15 PM Living & Deceased of  
 Riardon Family  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH**  
 12:15 PM † Joyce Weaver  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH**  
 12:15 Mary Bartell  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**  
 12:15 PM Patricia Dow  
 5:30 PM SH Catholic  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST**  
 9:00 AM Gustavo Montanez  
 Beltran  
 4:00 PM SH Catholic  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND**  
 8:00 AM † Juan R. Castillo  
 10:30 AM Living and Deceased of  
 the Crandall Family



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## THANK YOU FOOD CENTER VOLUNTEERS!!!

Many many THANK YOUs to all the volunteers who worked the Warrensburg Food Center during the month of December. The work you do there is exhausting but highly fulfilling, and at times humbling, and always very much appreciated by the regular Food Center staff. Thank you again for donating your time and following Jesus' command to "Feed my sheep" in the most literal of ways



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The Offices of Sacred Heart will be closed on Friday, December 24th, 2021 until 8:00 am January 3rd, 2021.



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“Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing.

Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness.

Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God’s wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to his people on earth as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God’s goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God’s own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God’s kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.”

St. Leo the Great



### **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 2:1-12

### DECEMBER 17TH, 2021

#### STEWARDSHIP

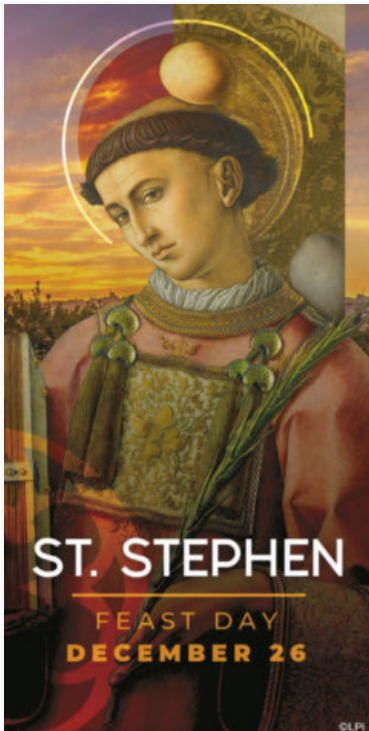
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## St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

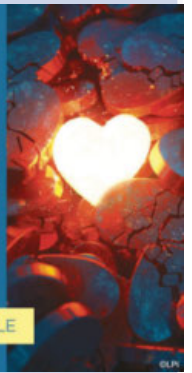
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# THE HOLY FAMILY

"GOD IS LOVE.  
WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM."

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE



## Coming Back to Church

### Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

### Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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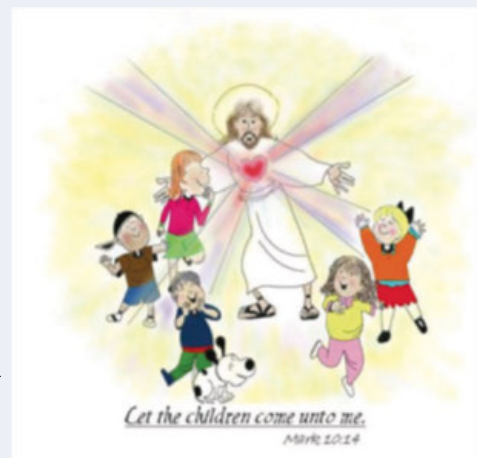
Sacred Heart Catholic Preschool is happy to announce the hiring of Breanna Christy as our new Preschool Director! Breanna and her family moved to Warrensburg this summer from Alaska and have become familiar faces here in our parish. Breanna has been teaching in both of our classes since October and will continue to do so in her new role.

Breanna was born in Scotland where her dad was stationed in the US Navy. He got out of the Navy when she was four and her family settled down outside of Atlanta, Georgia, where Breanna grew up. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education from Kennesaw State University in 2011. Breanna married her high school sweetheart, Sean, in 2012. She taught preschool and was a Child and Youth Program Coordinator before becoming a stay-at-home mom.

Sean is in the US Air Force so they have moved a few times while raising their boys; twins, Owen and Bryce (7) and Austin (4). All three of their boys will celebrate birthdays in January.

Breanna has always had a love for volunteer work. Breanna has been very involved in the Key Spouse programs where they have been stationed, helping military spouses through deployments and other aspects of military life. She has been a trained NICU Support Parent for 8 years, since the premature birth of their twins. She is also a Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Here at Sacred Heart Breanna has been helping out at all of our events since VBS this summer, and teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade PSR on Sundays.

Breanna is looking forward to her new role and is enthusiastic about learning all about this program. She is excited to further develop meaningful relationships with the local families and their children as well as the staff of the school and church.





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