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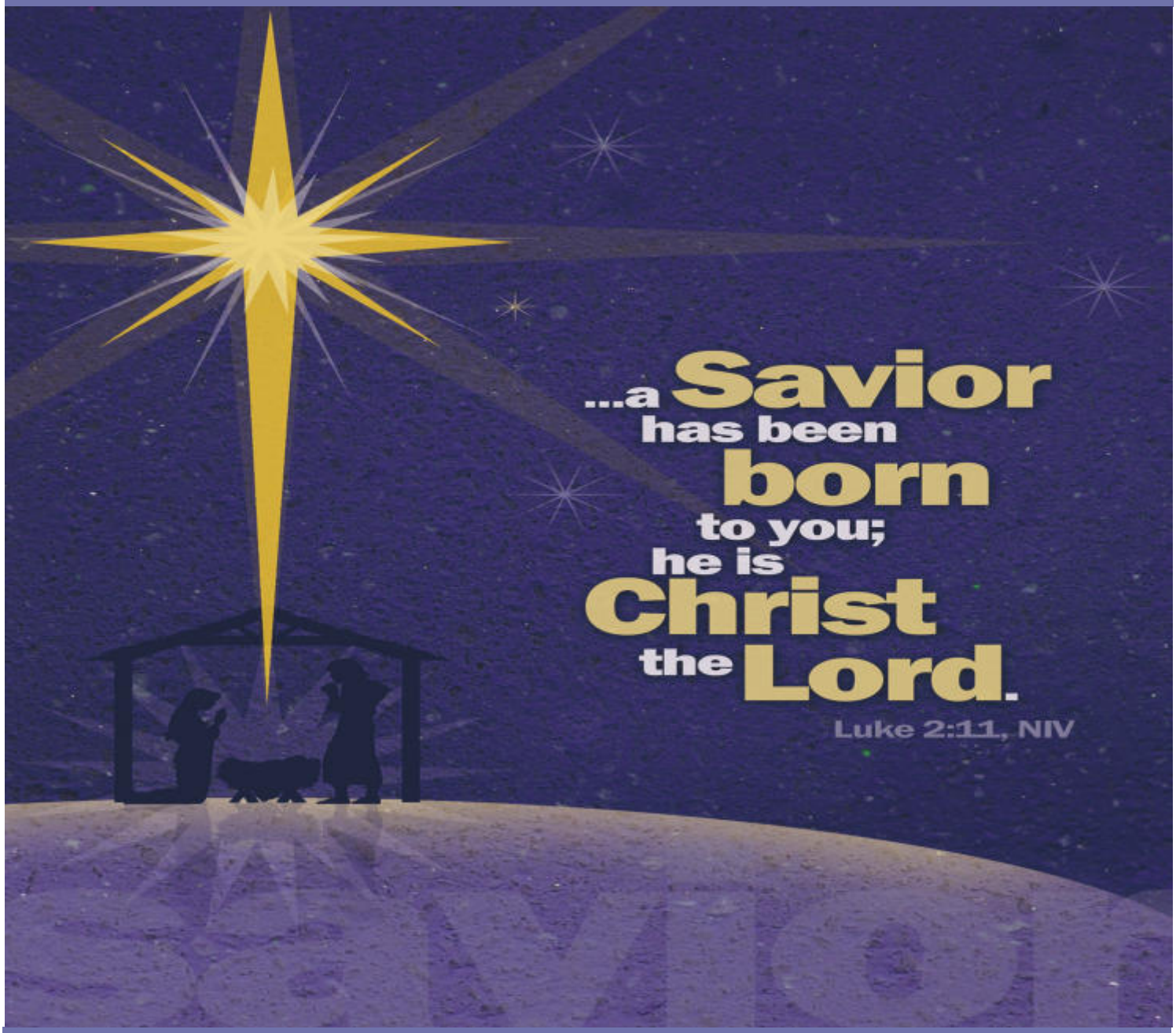
December 27, 2020 ~ The Holy Family



The All Saints congregation welcomes today's visitors and invites them to return often to worship here. Please respect our custom of standing in place throughout the singing of the recessional hymn.

Welcome to All Saints Catholic Church

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

All Saints vision and mission is to ensure the parish nurtures, challenges, supports, and shares our baptismal mission to bring about the kingdom of God. The life of our faith community, rooted in Jesus Christ and celebration of the Eucharist, is exemplified in the areas of gathering for prayer and worship of God; sharing the good news of Jesus in word and deed; facilitating the life-long faith formation of our brothers and sisters; building up our communal life and collaborative ministry; endeavoring as good stewards to cherish and share our gifts, talents and treasure; and living the faith daily by reaching out in service and advocating for those in need, within our parish faith community and beyond.

If you are interested in joining All Saints, please pick up a registration form in the Gathering Space, download on-line at www.dmallsaints.org or stop in during Parish Office hours to register.

Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am

Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm
or by appointment
(No Reconciliation on Saturdays scheduled for a Wedding or a Funeral)

Baptism
To register for the pre-baptismal class or schedule a baptismal date call the Parish Office.

Marriage
Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. One individual must be a registered member for the previous three months.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA helps people learn more about the Catholic Church. Any parishioner may attend, but pre-registration is required. Contact Fr. Harris in the Parish Office.

Hospital or Home Visit
Eucharistic Ministers and Fr. Harris are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, or if you would like a visit from Fr. Harris, please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick
This sacrament is for people suffering from mental, spiritual or physical hardships. Contact Fr. Harris in the Parish Office.

Room Coordinator
Contact the Parish Office for availability of any room for any meeting or event, or for rental information.

Bulletin Deadline
Submit articles to the Parish Office by noon on Friday of the previous week.

REFLECTION

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. Needless to say it has been a trying year with the weather and virus. I hope you are well along with your families.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior we must remember that God is always with us even in these difficult times.

I ask you to place God above all things and watch the blessings that he will bestow upon you.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!
Fr. Harris

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this." -Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Annual Diocesan Appeal

All Saints 2020 Annual Diocese Appeal goal is **$91,648.00**, which is based on a three-year average of our assessable income. To date we have received **$75,590.00 or 82.5%** of our goal. The purpose of this appeal is to financially empower the Church to serve all the people of God. Your gift benefits many, such as seminarians in our Diocese; priests needing medical care and retirement income; families of poverty, domestic violence and substance abuse; young people in Catholic schools and Religious Education programs; and those seeking to serve in the diaconate or as lay ministers. Everyone is encouraged to please consider a gift to support this year's appeal. All gifts, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated. 100% of funds collected over our goal goes back to our parish. If we do not make our goal, we will need to pay the assessment balance out of our general fund savings. Thank you for your generosity and support of this appeal. Please return your pledge card to the Parish Office. Pledge cards and envelopes are located at each church entrance.

SECOND COLLECTION NEEDED

In response to local and global needs, the Bishop is asking for second collections be taken up as the need arises at all parishes, with a notation for which collection it is for. Donations can also be made directly to the Diocese or on-line at www.dmdiocese.org/giving.

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If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit **www.dmallsaints.org** and click on the box for online giving. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our Parish Office at **515-265-5001.**

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Watch the weekly bulletin for meeting dates and times.

DIOCESE MASK MANDATE

As you are aware, in the State of Iowa and in our country the incidence of infection, hospitalization, and mortality due to the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 is rising significantly just as we as enter the holiday and winter seasons. Per the Diocese, effective immediately, it is necessary to **require** face masks or coverings at all public Masses, sacramental celebrations, and other events in Church buildings in the Diocese of Des Moines. This diocesan requirement applies to all those over the age of five, who do not have a medical or psychological condition prohibiting mask use. A personal preference opposed to mask use, or the belief that masks are not effective, does not qualify as a condition exempting one from mask use. This requirement extends through February 2, 2021 (The Feast of the Presentation), at which time it will be reviewed. See the Diocese of Des Moines website for more information at: https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus/regathering

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2020

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/ Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/ Lk 2:36-40
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/ Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Friday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/ Jn 1:19-28
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 14/ Mk 1:1-8

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VOCATIONS

Looking for more Information
If you'd like more information or resources about religious vocations, please contact:
Fr. Ross Parker, Director of Vocations
rparker@dmdiocese.org.
(515) 237-5050.

PEACE ON EARTH

Merry Christmas! Wow it has been one heck of a year!! A pandemic, virtual schooling, zoom meetings, a land hurricane, more virtual schooling, an election, loss of family and friends, Masses with nobody around… the list could go on and on.

As I sit here before Mass reflecting on this year and pondering what 2021 might have in store for us, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by it all. But it is in these last few moments of quiet before Mass begins that I find relief. And within this relief…

if I allow it…

there exists a peace that passes all understanding that settles upon my soul.

This peace that we are all invited to embrace pulls back the cloud of despair allowing God's goodness to shine through. And left in the place of this despair is an amazement of God's mighty deeds. Amazement at how He can take the littlest of things and turn them into something wonderful. Amazement at how a pandemic can slow us down and create the space for us to build our relationship with Him and our loved ones. The space to miss those things we take for granted… like receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.

And what better time is there to appreciate these blessings in disguise than at Christmas.

During Advent we have been preparing for the celebration of Jesus's birth. Readying our hearts to receive once more that gift that God has given us in Christ Jesus. But this year, I suspect, that many of us have been preparing in a way we might not even realize. Because this year just like the chosen people of Israel we wait and long for someone to save us.

40 weeks… Nine months… as a mother of 4 this is a time period I am well acquainted with. A time period of excitement, fear of the unknown, hope, and joy. A time spent preparing for a new life.

Friends, our lives changed the week of March 15th. Our communities were shutdown, our regular activities seemed to stop as if frozen in time. We found ourselves shut away from the world, almost as if being taken into a womb. As we celebrate this Christmas, we will be concluding our 40th week… Nine months of "quarantine". Nine months that we have had to grow closer to Christ. Nine whole months that God has formed us and invited us into a life with him.

So, I will leave you with this question and my personal prayer for peace in your life!

Have we been like soft clay in the potter's hands?

Jamie Clyde
Religious Education Director

December Peace

This Week's Upcoming Events at All Saints

Sunday, December 27
9:00 am Mass — *Church*

Monday, December 28
No Events

Tuesday, December 29
7:40 am Daily Rosary — *Church*
8:00 am Daily Mass — *Church*

Wednesday, December 30
8:00 am Daily Mass — *Church*

Thursday, December 31
5:45 pm New Years Eve Mass — *Church*

Friday, January 1
9:00 am New Years Day Mass — *Church*

Saturday, January 2
4:00 pm Mass — *Church*

Sunday, January 3
9:00 am Mass — *Church*

LIVESTREAMING WILL CONTINUE FOR ALL MASSES

Christmas Reflection 2020

My Christmas season has been dominated by the joy that is the Hallmark Channel. Julie and I have dutifully watched every Saturday and Sunday movie premier since the end of October. It is a pretty simple formula that drives these movies. Boy gets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl back. We are comforted at the certainty of a happy ending.

For most of the year, 2020 has not followed the Hallmark formula. We have dealt with a lot of stress, change, and anxiety of not knowing the future. Many have been sick; many have lost loved ones and many have felt the loneliness of isolation. It has hard to be certain of a "Hallmark ending" when it comes to our lives this past year.

As I sit in my office and write this, I gaze upon a beautiful painting on the wall that belonged to my Mother. The painting was sent to her by her uncle, John "Bud" Hayes, who was a soldier serving in Italy during World War II. As art galleries and museums were bombed and destroyed in the war, many GIs would gather the art and send it back to family members in the United States. My Mother recalls getting this painting in the mail, wrapped in bloody newspaper. For many years it hung proudly in my Grandfather's house, who claimed it from my Mother. With his passing, she was able to reclaim the painting, and gifted it to me shortly before she died.

The painting has art on both sides. It is signed by the artist, Bartolomeo Giuliano, a 19th century painter from Milan. On one side is a picture of a beautiful woman standing in the doorway of a barn, and on the other side is the Holy Family. Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in a manger.

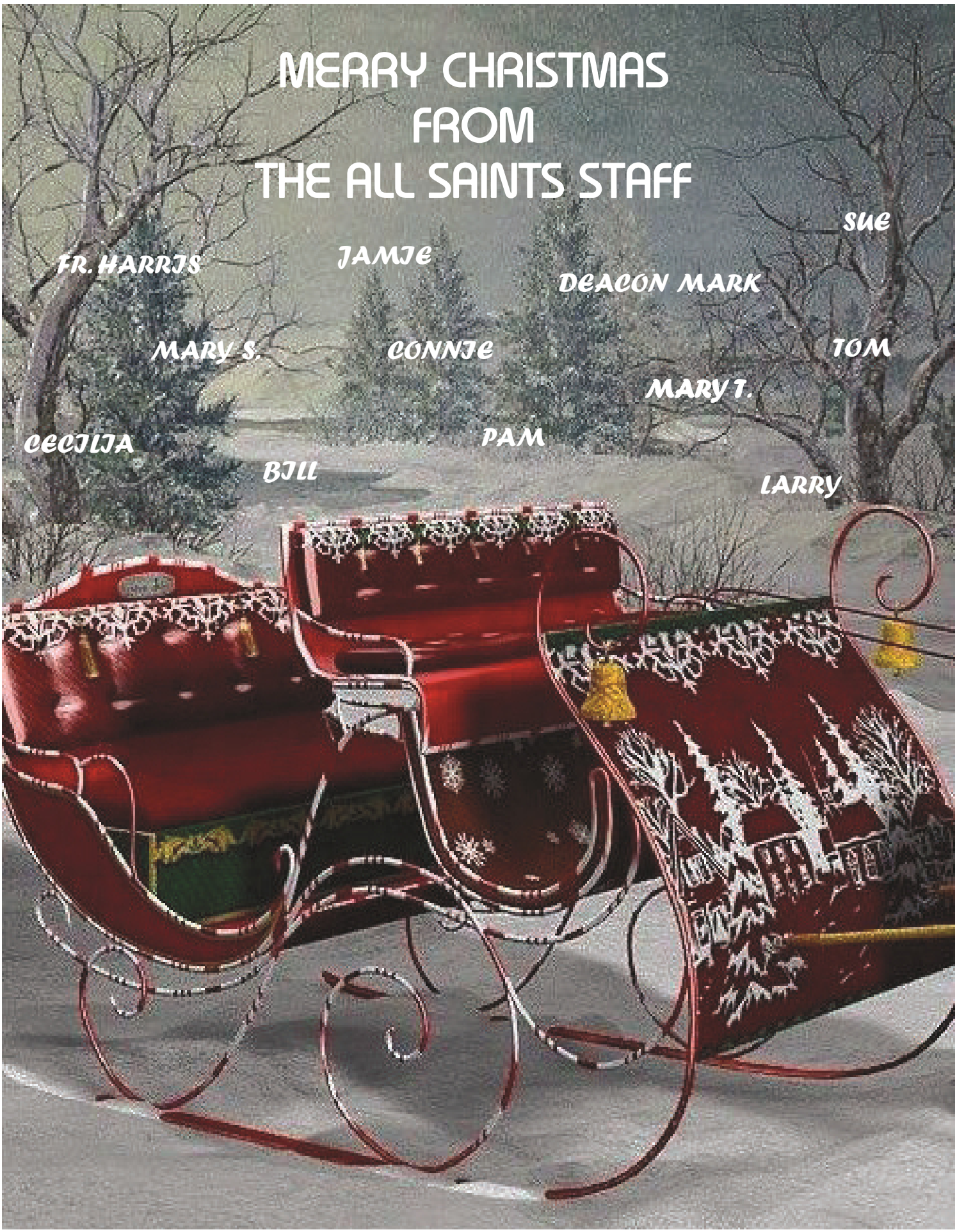
I reflect back on what my mother's uncle, Bud, must have been feeling when he collected this painting and sent it to my mother so many decades ago. He was serving in the Italian theater in the middle of World War II. I do not know how long he was deployed at that point, and I am sure he had no idea how long he would be gone from home, and if he would ever make it home. I am sure he was full of doubt, uncertainty, and fear as to his future.

It is easy to imagine how Uncle Bud would lose hope. Where would one find comfort; where would one find the strength to go on another day when the world seems to be falling apart around you?
The answer is lying in the manger. The gift of the Christ child. The Word made flesh. Lying in the manger is a beautiful, helpless child. Lying in the manger is the source of our hope. God's love is so great for us he sent us his most precious gift, His son Jesus, to free us from all fear.

Christmas is the commemoration of God's coming into the world. The fulfillment of God's promise to us, His covenant made flesh. His birth should bring us the hope and triumph to dispel the sadness, fear and anxiety from our lives.
This is why the angel announced to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ the Lord". To climax this announcement a whole army of angels appeared and sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."

How can we be without hope when we know Jesus?
I wish all of you a peace filled and joyous and Christmas season. Thank you for supporting us as members of the All Saints family.

Deacon Mark Burdt and Family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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

DECEMBER 13, 2020

Tithes/ACH/Online-giving:
- Budget amount……..…….$490,000.00
- Needed each week……..……$9,423.00
- Received week 24…….....…….....$8,519.00

Amount over (below)……($904.00)
- Collection to date……..……$201,794.82
- To date over (below)…….($24,357.18)
- Plate Received……..……..…….....$35.00

Please tithe regularly, as our shortfall each week has to be taken out of our savings (which is decreasing), and we are now having to borrow from a line of credit with the bank, in order to pay our monthly operating expense bills. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	December 28		NO MASS
Tues.	December 29	8:00 am	Ruth Ann Stone
Wed.	December 30	8:00 am	William Beck
Thur.	December 31	5:45 pm	Frank Lukaszewicz
Fri.	January 1	9:00 am	Ellen Bitters
Sat.	January 2	4:00 pm	Dorothy Moehrig
Sun.	January 3	9:00 am	Shirley Remus

Tithing Direct Payment forms (ACH) are available at each entrance or in the Parish Office

The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy to the world and to every human heart. May His coming this Christmas bring to each one of us that peace and joy that He desires to give.

Mother Teresa

MASS ATTENDANCE

		Virtual	In Person
Weekday,	December 15, December 17, December 18 ~ 8:00 am December 16 ~ 5:45 pm	46 0	55 0
Saturday, December 19 ~ 4:00 pm (Information Not Available)			
Sunday, December 20 ~ 9:00 am (Information Not Available)			
	Total	**46**	55
November		**1901**	**882**
October		**1344**	**746**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 31 ~ 5:45 pm (New Years Eve)
Communion: Deacon Mark Burdt
Lector: C. Walters

Friday, January 1 ~ 9:00 am (New Years Day)
Communion: Deacon Mark Burdt
Lector: D. Gilbride

Saturday, January 2 ~ 4:00 pm
Communion: Deacon Mark Burdt
Lector: Michael Clyde

Sunday, January 3 ~ 9:00 am
Communion: Deacon Mark Burdt
Lector: J. Vanderah

The 2021 Lector books are in the hallway by the Sacristy.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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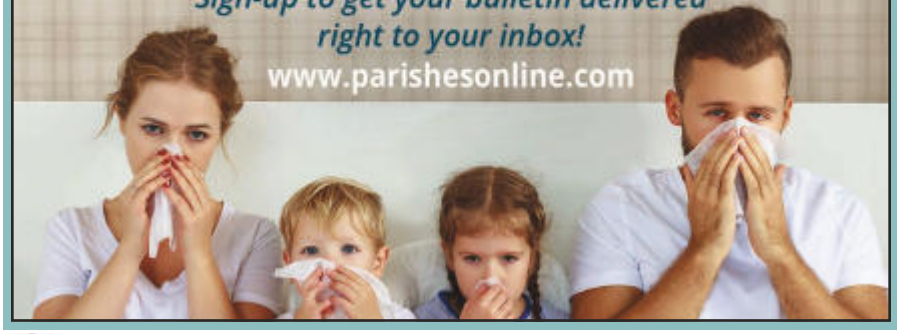

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