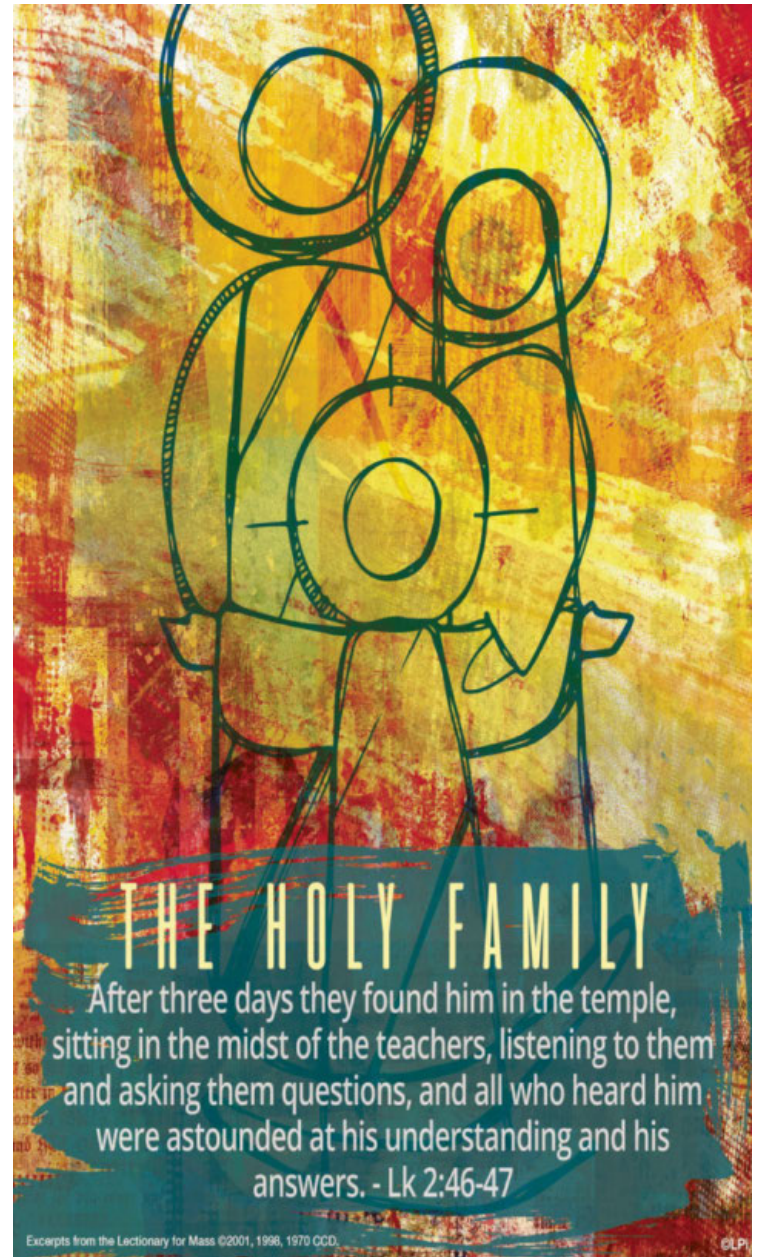




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Fourth Sunday of
ADVENT



THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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MARRIAGE

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TIMES: Please see calendar inside.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
*this week is for the family & friends of
Jim & Sharon Kamoss.*



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
*this week is in loving memory
of Nancy Johnson.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

Late Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

.....No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

5:15 PM.....Gerry Lynch

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

Late Advent Weekday

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

9:15 AM.....Dick Deist

.....No Faith Formation Classes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

St. John of Kanty, Priest

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

Lk 1:57-66

5:15 PM.....Lois Bute

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Late Advent Weekday

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

Lk 1:67-79

4:00 PM.....The Jim Gebel Family

6:30 PM.....Mass at St. Michael in Nashua

9:00 PM.....People of the Parish

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

The Nativity of the Lord

Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

9:00 AM.....Jim & Fran McIntire

(No Evening Masses)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/

Lk 2:41-52

8:00 AM.....Patsy & Charlie Hoffman

10:30 AM.....Happy Birthday Ryan & Sarah

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

.....No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

5:15 PM.....Nancy Johnson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

9:15 AM.....Jim Erb

.....No Faith Formation Classes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

5:15 PM.....Sue Gebel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

4:30 PM.....Lois Bute

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2022

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

4:30 PM.....Bob Murray & Rick Murray

6:30 PM.....Mass at St. Michael in Nashua

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND

Epiphany of the Lord

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

8:00 AM.....People of the Parish

10:30 AM.....Lois Bute

***Blessings for a
HOPEful Christmas
and New Year!***



***Holy Baptism
at Immaculate Conception***

***Sawyer James Westendorf,
son of Marty & Alison, was Baptized on
Thursday, December 2nd, 2021.
Congratulations to Sawyer and his family!***



DECEMBER 19TH, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND
 DECEMBER 26TH, 2021 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th, 2021

Immaculate Conception: 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.

St. Michael: 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 25th, 2021

Immaculate Conception: 9:00 a.m.

(No evening Masses Christmas Day)

Sunday, December, 26th, 2021

Immaculate Conception: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



ADVENT TREE of HOPE

Thank You for your generosity to our Advent Tree of Hope as we bring Hope to many with Hair Care, Outreach to the Homebound and tags for Toys for Tots.

GIFT BAG - Assembling, Delivery & More!

Mon., Dec. 20th - 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 21st - 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

(Want to help, but need another time?)

Call Sr. Diana at 641-228-1071 or email:

dbq035s@dbqarch.org



It's Never Too Late . . .

to send *Christmas Greetings!* In fact, we celebrate 12 days of Christmas. Names & addresses of the homebound, former members, priests and sisters may be taken from the bulletin board. Brighten the days for others with **FREE** cards by the Social Hall. Please take as many as you wish!



Preparing the Way

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Mass & Fiesta



Mananitas

Feast of Immaculate Conception



Parish Party



Snow Fun and Games

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Poinsettia & Seasonal Decorations

Please complete the form below if you would like to make a monetary donation for Christmas flowers and seasonal decorations in memory of a loved one or as your family's gift to the parish. Place your completed form and donation in an envelope marked **"Flowers/Decorations"**. Place your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or mail or drop it off at the Parish Office **by December 27th**. Memorials and gifts will be listed in future bulletins.

Poinsettias & Seasonal Decorations

(Please return by Monday, December 27th!)



In Memory of: _____

OR

(Please Print Clearly)

Our Family's gift to the Parish: _____

YOUR NAME: _____ **(or Anonymous) DONATION: \$** _____



CANCELLATION POLICIES:

- When School is cancelled due to weather, Mass & all Parish events are cancelled.
- When there is a delay due to weather, morning Mass & events are cancelled.
 - When there is an early dismissal, evening Mass & events are cancelled.



Upcoming Bulletin Deadline

Items for the January 2nd, 2022, Sunday Bulletin need to be into the Parish Office by the end of the day on Monday, Dec. 20th!

Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers

*are extended to the friends & families of
 John Heinz, father of Scott Heinz,
 Richard Perez, husband of Karen Perez,
 Ken LaBounty, brother of Jim LaBounty,
 Margaret Steinhart, sister of Sara Hrdlicka,
 and Marcella Blong, mother of Sr. Diana Blong,
 who passed away recently. God, grant them eternal*

Meals On Wheels

I.C. is responsible for delivering **Meals On Wheels** the following 2 weeks in January:

January 3rd - 7th, 2022

and

January 10th - 14th, 2022

Please call Sara Hrdlicka at the I.C. Parish Office (641-228-1071) or email at: DBO035S1@dbqarch.org to volunteer.

Family Prayer

Lord God, Creator and Sustainer of life, watch over our family gathered in Jesus' name. Guide and guard us, keep us united in your love for one another. Let your grace be our support in whatever emergencies may lie ahead. Show us how to put the past behind us, give you our best today, and place our tomorrows in your hands. Bless our laughter and tears, ease our sorrows and fears. Teach us to appreciate every good gift from your loving heart. Amen.



Dec. 4th & 5th, 2021
484 in attendance

Budget Envelopes...114.....	\$ 11,893.00
Elect. Giving...12-05-'21...35.....	\$ 3,985.85
Offertory.....	\$ 481.00
Christmas.....	\$ 625.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 170.00

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

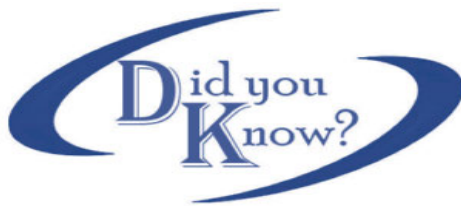
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Reminders Related to End of the Year Giving:

- Contributions need to be received at the parish office no later than December 31st, 2021, to be included in the 2021 giving record.
- The IRS does allow gifts sent via USPS to count as a 2021 gift provided the postmark is dated no later than December 31st, 2021.
- Checks cannot be post-dated. So, if a check is dated December 31st, 2021, and dropped in the January 2nd collection, that gift is part of the parishioners 2022 giving since that is when it was received.



125 Years
Celebrating I.C. School

Please submit your "IC Memory" in 100 words or less to Brenda at the Office or email: DBQ035sec@dbqarch.org



IC Christmas Programs were held Thursday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 9th. What a wonderful way to start our Christmas season with the beautiful

voices of children. A special *thank you* to the following for directing our Christmas programs:

- Mrs. Susan Leeper
- Mrs. Jody Osier,
- Mrs. Jessica Wilson,
- Mrs. Kirsten Field and
- Mrs. Carrie Shaver



My parents, Louis and Delma (Dugan) Hagarty were married Nov. 23rd, 1935, at I.C. They had 12 children, all of whom attended I.C. School. Seven children graduated from I.C. School and the rest went to C.C. High School when I.C. High School closed. Out of the 12 of us, 11 were married at I.C. Church. I'm one of the daughters, and I graduated in 1961. I married Don Olejniczak and our 3 children went to the catholic school. A lot of my family's children went to the catholic school also. We had a lot of fun going to basketball games and CYO. *(GO Wildcats!)* By *Judy Olejniczak*

IC Did You Know

Our students have been working on the virtues. Each month we focus on a new virtue and provide challenges for our students to learn about the virtue. Last year when we focused on Reverence, we talked with our students about our loved ones that leave us to be in Heaven.

A way we can show reverence is to pray and show respect to the deceased members of our parish. When a funeral is held during the school day, our students, typically our 5th & 6th grade students, line up at our fence or at the church after the funeral mass. They pray quietly for the parish member as the funeral procession drives them to the cemetery. The day of the funeral all students and staff pray during our morning announcements for the deceased. It is both a privilege and an honor for our students to show this reverence and in turn, teaches them the importance of praying for the deceased.



Merry Christmas

Christmas . . . for young children it is a magical time of the year. Our students are excited and the joy we see in their face, their voices and their actions shows us the meaning of Christmas. Our students can tell us the reason for the season is Christ and that Jesus loves us so much he shares HIS birthday with us. Christmas and New Year's is the time to reflect on the year. We look at the challenges and blessings that have been bestowed upon us. We know that the love God has for each of us and the love of our family are our greatest blessings. What a beautiful feeling this gives to us, and I hope to our students and families! IC is part of the blessing of family. I look around the school and feel the love, support and kindness every day from our staff, students and their families. Our parish support of Catholic education is truly

a *gift*. You help us to be able to learn and grow in our faith every day. **Thank you.**

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students and families, we wish you a *Merry Christmas* and *many blessings* in the New Year.

Blessings,
Mrs. Laurie Field

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