

The Parish Family of  
**MARY IMMACULATE**  
COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNION



CHRISTMAS | DECEMBER 25/26, 2021

## MASSES

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Daily Mass:**

Monday - Friday 9:00am

**Holy Days:**

7:00pm (Vigil on the eve)

9:00 (on the day)

## CONFESSIONS

**Saturday:** 4:00 - 4:30 pm  
(Large Church) or by  
appointment with a priest

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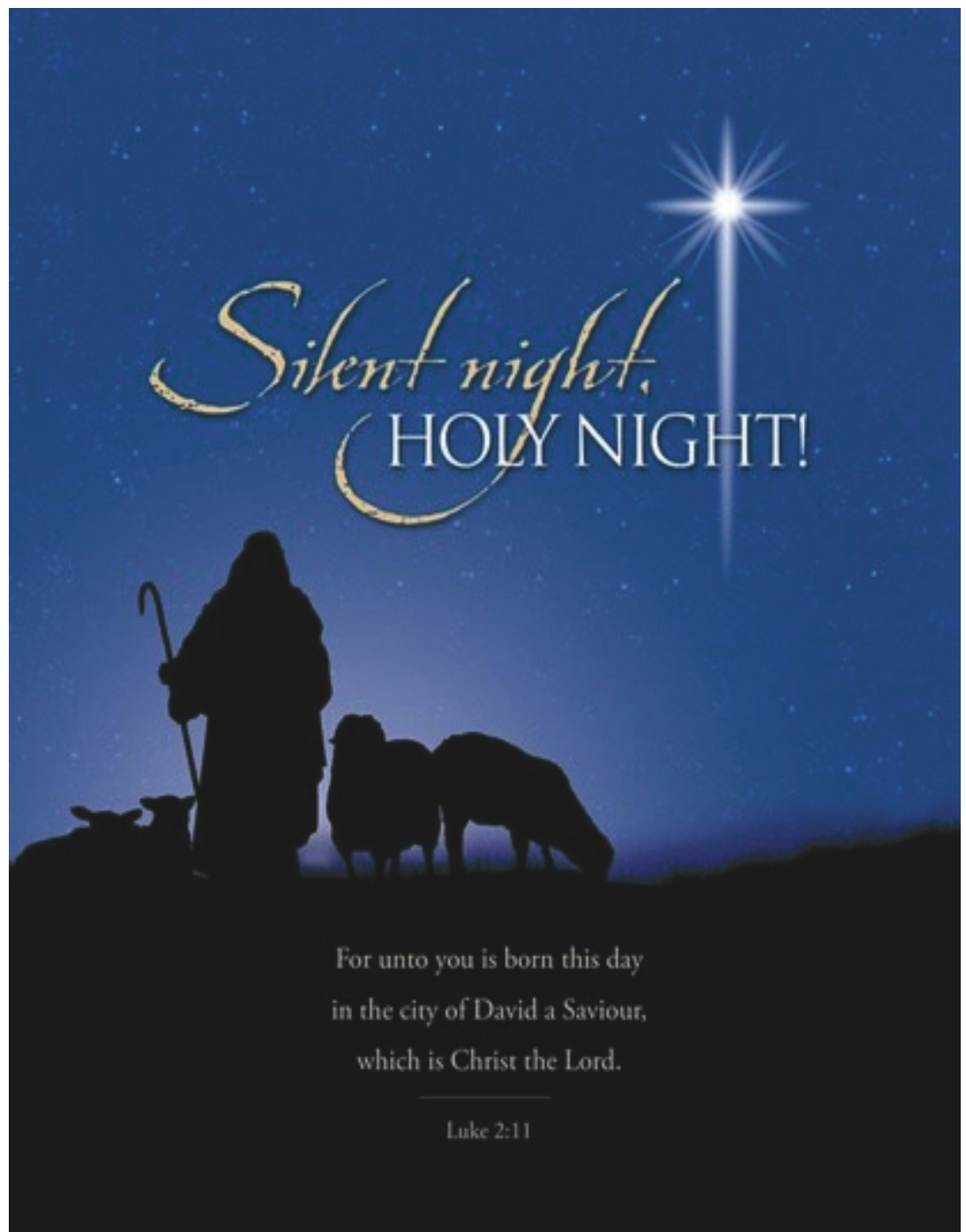
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**Food Pantry Hours:**

Wed: 10:00 am - 11:00 am,  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour,  
which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

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If you have recently moved into this area or are new to our church, be sure to register by calling or stopping by the Rectory during business hours. You can also fill out a registration form on-line by going to our website [www.miparish.net](http://www.miparish.net)

***Welcome to the Parish Family of Mary Immaculate!***

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you an unbaptized adult or an adult baptized in another tradition seeking to be a member of the Catholic Church? Call the Rectory Office and speak to Fran or email Fran directly at [fran@miparish.net](mailto:fran@miparish.net).

### **Sacrament Preparation Program (First Eucharist & Confirmation)**

Are you a baptized Catholic adult or the parent of a young person who is a baptized Catholic and has not completed all their Sacraments? Our Sacrament Preparation Program will help prepare adults, teens, and young people to receive their Sacraments. Call the Rectory Office and speak to Fran or email Fran directly at [fran@miparish.net](mailto:fran@miparish.net).

*Donations for Christmas flowers were made  
in memory of those listed below.*

*Please pray for them during this holy time.*

*The Doucette & Olencki Families*

*Francis & Caroline Marcinowski*

*Mass Offerings this Week*

Saturday, 9 am Fr. Tino  
 11 am Msgr. Ryan  
 Sunday, 9 am Francis Miller  
 By the Petrocine & Specht Families  
 11 am Marie Drescher  
 By Anne & Ray Cutter  
 Francis Miller  
 By the Naples Girls  
 Monday, 9 am Tom Derby  
 By Susan Dawson  
 Tuesday, 9 am no intention  
 Wednesday, 9am no intention  
 Thursday, 9 am no intention  
 Friday, 9 am no intention

*Christ the savior  
 is born.*

*Please Pray for Our Deceased*

June Iannuzzi	Anthony Quatrane
Paul Butler	Baldassare LoVoi
Thomas Derby	Rosalie Kalinowski
Francis Miller, Sr.	Paul Arena
Louisa Morrison	Etienne Jacquemai
Anna DeLuca	

*Prayers for the Sick*

Primo Carlos	Elizabeth Daconto
Anna & Evie Dowdell	John H. Bogan
Scarlett Ficco	Nancy Szabo
Gabrielle Waller	Oliver Burkhardt
Holly Ficco	Jennifer Lombardi
Donna Moreira	Frances Reilly
Andrew Webster	Robert Sherwood
James Wilkinson	Gina DiMartino
Robert Sherwood	Luhur Budiarjo
Therese Hopper	Peter McCombs

*For the month of December*

*candles, wine and hosts  
 are offered in memory of*

*Ruth Kalinowski*

*By a friend*



*Flowers are offered*

*in memory of*

*Aunt Ruthie*

*by Kathleen & Joe Reilly*

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 26

### First Reading:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

### Psalm:

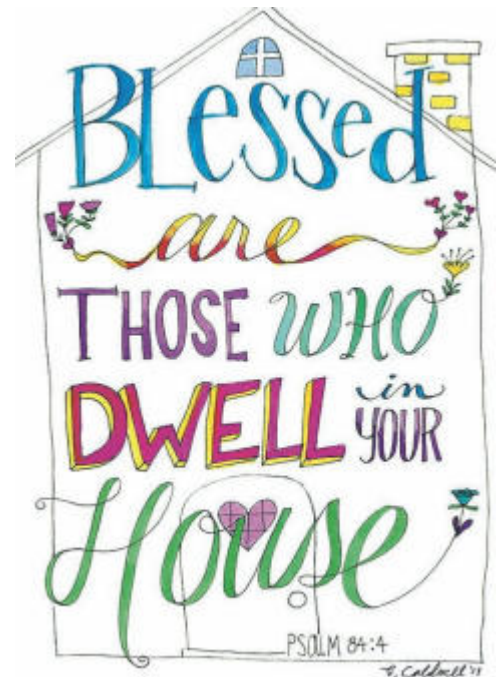
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

### Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

### Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

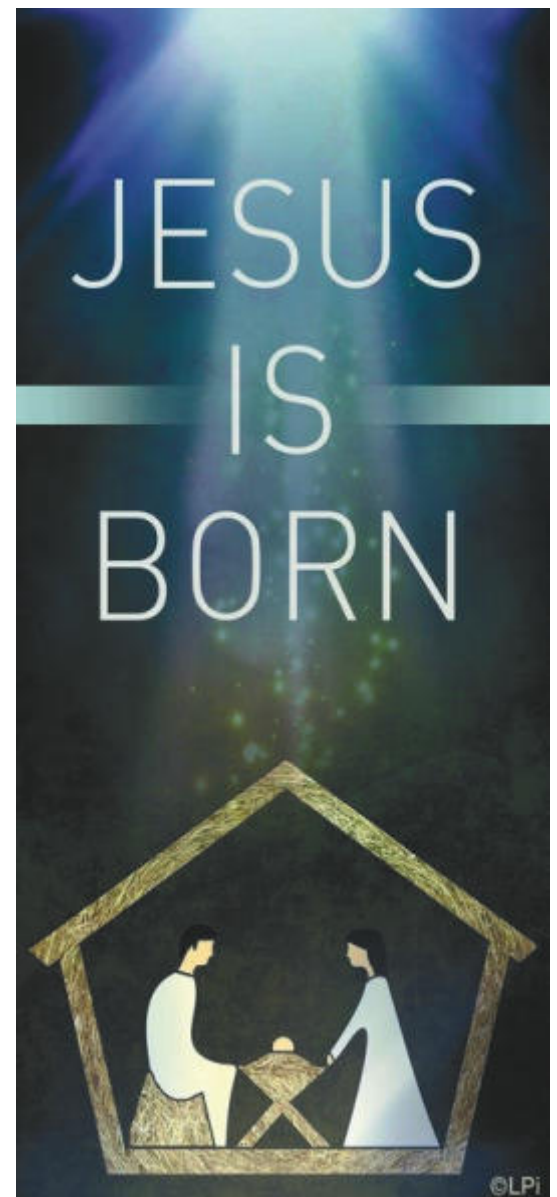


## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26

- 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

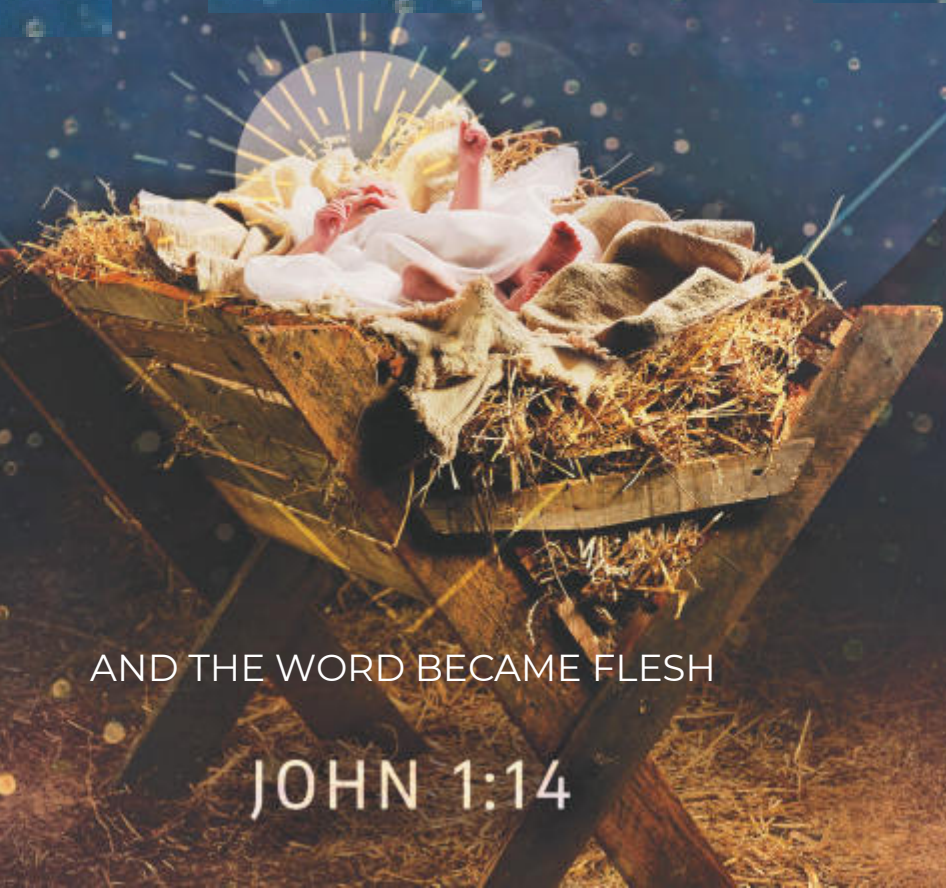
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 26

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace  
(Usually this is a Holy Day of Obligation; however, since the Feast Day falls on a Saturday, the Diocese has repealed the requirement to attend Mass today.)



# Merry Christmas!

From Fr. Bill and the Staff



AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

JOHN 1:14

**QUESTION:**

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about Epiphany?

**Answer:**

Epiphany means “manifestation,” or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew’s infancy narrative differs from Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph’s long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

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Wise  
Men  
Still  
Seek Him


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THROUGH

*Communion*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

**ALL IN THE FAMILY**

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life.

But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well.

We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace.

At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

***Dear Parishioners,  
Merry Christmas and  
A BIG THANK YOU  
to all of you on this  
Blessed Holiday.***

***Your generosity this year  
has put food on tables,  
heat in many homes,  
and smiles on faces  
throughout all of 2021.***

***God bless you!***

***The Vincentians***

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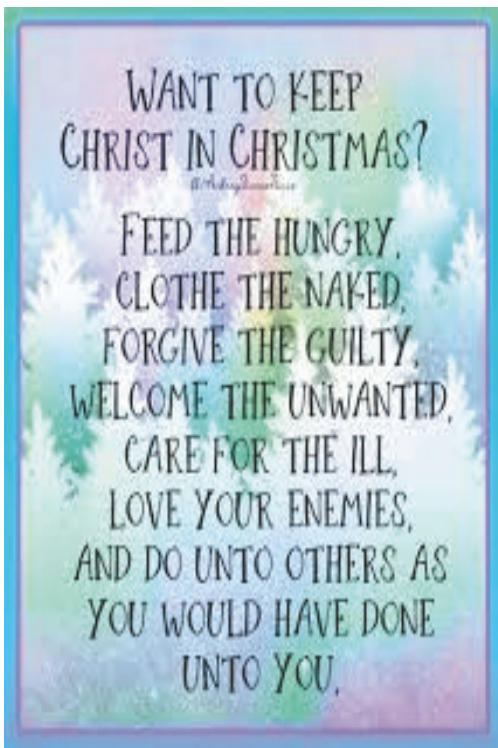


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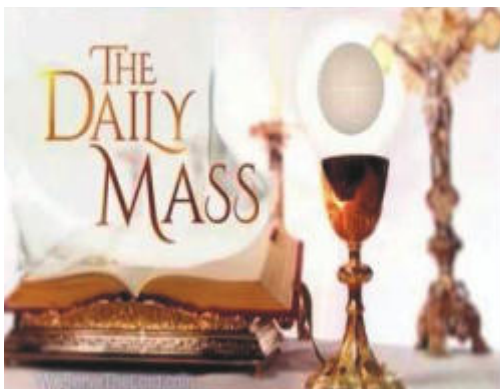
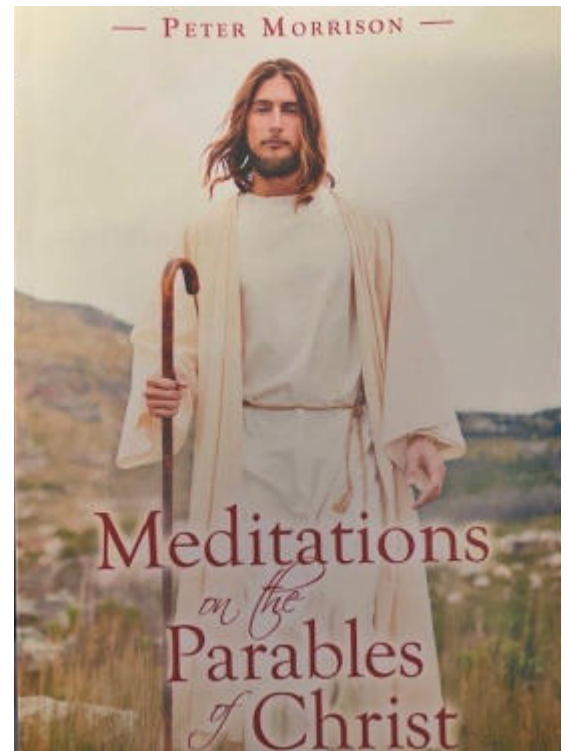
As we await the Christ child, we are invited to help the Life Center help courageous parents to choose life by taking a baby bottle and filling it with our loose change. Please return your bottle on the Feast of the Epiphany.



Parishioner and author Peter Morrison is making copies of his latest book available to all fellow parishioners who make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul.

There is a basket for your donations next to the book display in the Deacon Dooling Foyer.

If Peter is at Mass, he will be happy to sign a copy for you!



**Join Us!**  
**Monday—Friday**  
**9 am In the Little Church**

**A LIFE REMEMBERED**

Honor the memory of a loved one by sponsoring the altar flowers & candles, or the wine & hosts for one month.

We ask a donation of \$50 for the wine & hosts and \$100 for altar flowers & candles. These are frequently offered together.

**You may now also sponsor the missals for one month.**

Their name and yours will be listed in the bulletin for the month. A donation of \$150 for the missals

To remember someone in this very special way, please stop by or call the rectory office.



## **LAST WEEK FOR DONATION MATCHING!!**

If you sign up for on-line giving before the end of the year, our database company will match your donation to Mary Immaculate

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, WeGather will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

*We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.*

### **IT'S EASY!**

Go to [miparish.net](http://miparish.net).  
Use the drop-down menu for "Giving Opportunities"  
Click on "Weekly Giving" and follow the prompts.  
You can set up a recurring offering either weekly or monthly!  
Questions?  
Contact the Rectory

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 2021:**

Below is the November 2021 report listing the weekly collections for the month along with the majority of the monthly expenses. Note that the weekly collection isn't the parish's only source of income. Additional revenue comes from stipends for Masses, fees for weddings and funerals, thrift shop sales, as well as donations outside the weekly collection for specific purposes such as maintenance or land-

#### **11-2021: Most Common Recurring Monthly Expenses (not a complete list)**

	<b>\$</b>
Utilities/Buildings/Maintenance (heat, elec., cable, phone, water, lawns, etc.)	3,785
Auxiliary Expenses (Liturgical, missalettes)*	40
Total salaries	11,579
Benefits for priests and staff (health insurance, taxes, disability, retirement etc.)	6,707
Total Office Supplies/Equipment leases/professional services	3,273
Diocesan Assessment (paid quarterly)	
Holy Angels School Subsidy	4,008
Rectory Household food/supplies	1,200

**TOTAL COMMONLY RECURRING EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER      **\$30,592****

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER      **\$29,868****

**\*The cost of missalettes and song books for a year is almost \$5,000.**

**This is a 20% increase over what we last paid.**

*Grade Level Liturgies**Level 8: January 1 or 2**Levels 3 & 4: January 22 or 23**Levels 5 & 6: January 29 or 30***NO CLASSES THIS WEEK!****Classes Resume the week of  
January 3rd**

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