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Merry
Christmas



For today in the city of David
a *Savior* has been born for you
who is Messiah and *Lord.* - Luke 2:11

December 26, 2021

Written by
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DISCIPLE

Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 | Lk 2:41-52

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Some of my fondest childhood memories are of my dad leading my three sisters and me in song as we made the hour-long drive to visit my grandparents every other weekend. Granted, our silly car songs don't qualify as "singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs," as Paul advised the Colossians, but I do think they reveal that my dad took to heart Paul's advice about family and faith. Paul writes that in putting on holiness, kindness, gentleness, and forgiving one another, we "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." Whatever we do, in word or deed, we ought to do in the name of the Lord Jesus. Fathers, mothers, and children are to love one another, seeking and choosing the good for one another, and helping each other along life's journey - on long car trips as well as in a lifetime of situations. On this feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we honor their perfect holiness and love, and pray that God may continue to perfect us in holiness and love within our own families, that we may bear good fruit for the Kingdom.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Three Days? Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus for three days! Any parent who has had a child missing for a few seconds understands the anxiety Mary and Joseph experienced in three long days of searching for Jesus. In the end, though, all is well - they find him, and the peace of Christ casts out their fears. It is a remarkable scene: Jesus' parents are *astonished* to see him teaching in the temple, and Jesus is curious as to why they were looking for him - did they not know where he would be? This event marks a sort of milestone in their lives together, as Jesus has hinted at his future public ministry, and his parents have experienced that first bit of soul-piercing that Mary will later fully undergo. For each of them, love is what directed their actions. Joseph and Mary put aside everything to search for their son; Jesus put aside everything to serve his Father; and they joined together in humble obedience to God's will for them. The Holy Family models a way of living for us to imitate, and to witness to others in that imitation.

SERVE/STUDY Perhaps you have some down time in this coming week between Christmas and New Year's. As a family, choose an activity that allows you to think outside yourselves and serve others. Or make a plan to read the Scripture for each day of the upcoming week; everyone can choose a favorite verse to memorize each day. You may be surprised how often these verses enter your mind throughout the week.



OPEN HOUSE



Discover our school community of faith, knowledge, and service!

The Open House is an opportunity to tour the school, meet students and faculty, and see how we are forming disciples of Christ.

Sunday, January 30 After all Masses

Preschool - 8th grade



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Trivia Night 2022

Mark your calendars for a fun evening of fellowship, trivia, and games on Saturday, January 29th, 6:00-9:30pm.

FREE BEER, free popcorn. Your participation supports the faith formation programs of our parish. Registration opens soon. Child care tbd. We look forward to seeing you at Trivia Night 2022!



Explore the Liturgy during Advent and Christmas

Starting Wednesday, December 1, 6:30-8:00pm, in the new Bread of Life Hall. You're invited to an adult formation program exploring the Liturgy and the Sacraments. The program will be 6 sessions, skipping weeks for Christmas and New Years. Join at any time. Make time to grow your faith during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Learn more and sign-up at www.saintjohns.us/adulted

Can you teach a mini-course?

A mini-course week is a three-day event that provides middle school students an opportunity to explore various "electives," which we hope will inspire a lifelong hobby, interest, or career. Mini-Course Week was very popular back in the early 2000s here at St. John's School. Parents, parishioners, and community members are invited to come and teach your favorite hobby, career, or just a subject that you feel comfortable teaching our students. Examples include, photography, sewing, architecture, fly tying and how to use a fly rod, art classes, crafts, story writing, theater/drama, CPR/First Aid, Canva, Duct Tape designs, chess, stop motion videos, airplanes and rockets, knitting, finance education for kids, jewelry making, calligraphy, font making, and much, much more. Courses must be approved by the principal. Mini-Course Week will take place Monday – Wednesday, March 7-9, 2022. Courses will be all day with enough material to teach the three days. If you have a skill, hobby, or interest you are willing to share/teach, please contact Al Drago at: adrago@saintjohns.net.

You bring light to those living in darkness



Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers short-term assistance to our neighbors in need with rent, utilities, food, and other qualifying expenses. Through your gift in the Poor Boxes, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhoods. To learn more or get involved, please contact saintjohns.svdp@gmail.com

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 31:

No confessions

8:30am Regular Friday Mass

7:00pm (bilingual) Mass

Saturday, January 1:

No confessions

8:30am Mass

4:00pm Regular Saturday Mass

No Cost Giving

Did you know that your Christmas shopping and everyday purchases can add up to big rebates to our parish? It's possible through a variety of easy, no-cost fundraising programs like **Scrip (gift card fundraising)**, **Amazon Smile**, **Raise Right Mobile app**, and **King Soopers rebates**. Learn more by visiting saintjohns.us/donate or the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!

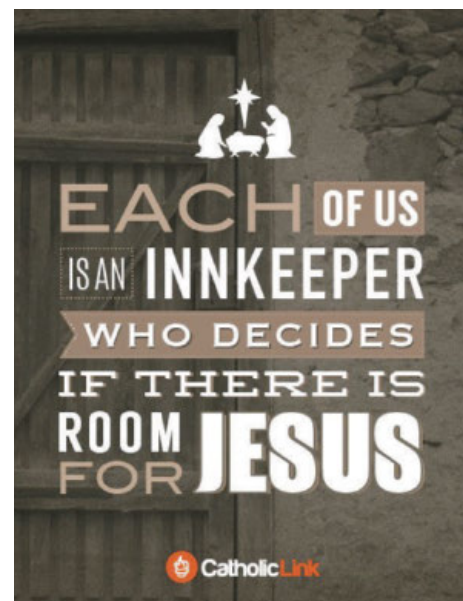
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Read the Bible or Catechism in the next year.



Have you ever wanted to read the Bible or the Catechism in a year?

There are free, independent study resources on our website to help you do just that! There are no classes or meetings to attend, but you may find a reading or devotional plan that works for you. Learn more at www.saintjohns.us/bible2022





PRAYER CHAIN

If you are in need of prayers, we will add you to our Prayer Chain. Please call Mary Ann 669-0860, Jan 669-9472 or Carol 488-0969.

Please Pray For:

The Sick of the Parish

Joan Burke

Linda O'Day

Kelly Barnes

Eva Eyer

Chris Jones

Jake Steib

Barbara Jenkins

Jessica Forro

Bill Stein

Mary Berndt

Deanna Morgan

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Stuart McDonald

Barbara Pietrzak

Jeanne Weng

Joseph Meyers

Becky Vath

Deacon Bob Haigh



2022 Celebrate Life March Denver

Saturday, January 15, at Colorado State Capitol. Rally at 1:00pm, March at 2:00pm. Visit www.respectlifedenver.org to learn more.

Parish Office Christmas Closures

The Parish Office will be closed December 21-27, December 31-January 2, and in the afternoon on January 4. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



María, Madre de Dios - Día Santo de la Obligación

Viernes 31 de diciembre: 7:00 pm Misa en español

"La Biblia en un año."

¡El nuevo podcast de *Ascension* inicia en enero de 2022!

¡Disponible a partir del 1 de enero de 2022! Si has tenido problemas para leer la Biblia, este podcast es para ti. El podcast de *Ascension*, "La Biblia en un año," guía a los católicos por la Biblia con un episodio diario durante 365 días, comenzando el 01 de enero del 2022.

Aprende más <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>

Clases de ingles gratis

Ofrecemos clases para principiantes, intermedios y avanzados los lunes de 5: 30-7:00pm y los jueves de 5: 30-7: 00pm. ¡Estamos bendecidos con 6 maestros que están emocionados de enseñar! Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Diana al 281-726-9491. Las clases se imparten en Our Lady of the Valley en Windsor, 1250 7th Street, Windsor, CO 80550. Además, si conoce a alguien que dese ayuda con el examen de ciudadanía de los EE. UU., Llame a Kathleen Jones al 970-686-7325.



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There are many ways to grow your faith and connect with others in our parish community! Come to Mass, sign-up for Flocknote (our weekly email newsletter), and check out our current Ministries online. Discover where you can share your time and talents!

Gratefully Give Back to God

Christ taught us to have a healthy relationship with our material possessions and to use them in the service of God. Please consider including St. John's in your year-end giving. Your gifts not only provide a home for worship and fellowship, but they also provide Christian programming, spiritual guidance, community growth, assistance to those in need, mission support, and they help continue our Catholic traditions. To learn more or make a gift, please visit our website or contact the Parish Office at (970) 635-5800. Thank you for your generosity!

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Knights Bingo

No Bingo on December 26, but we will be back on January 2. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Special pull-tab games and horse race tickets go on sale before 1:00 pm. Bingo packets go on sales before 1:00 pm, and must be purchased before the first game of regular bingo. Snack Bar available.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

+ means intentions for the deceased

♥ symbol means living intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
8:30am Pat Torpy +

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
6:30pm (bilingual) Babies: Kami, Robert, Buzz,
& Lucia

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
8:30am Mary Lenski +

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
6:30pm Bernice Mages +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
8:30am C. Richard, A Lorraine Cox +
7:00pm (bilingual) Araceli & Jose Rameriz ♥

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
8:30am Carl Zogg +, El Jean Zogg ♥
4:00pm Jeannie Weng +

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
7:00am SJE Parishioners ♥
9:00am Walter & Dora Nelson, Tom &
Juane Nelson +
11:00am Lewis Family +
1:00pm (Spanish)

CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00-8:00am
No Confessions Tuesday and Thursday
No Confessions on Dec. 24, 25, 31 & Jan. 1

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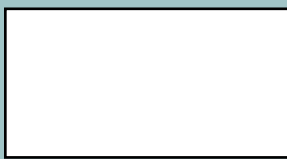
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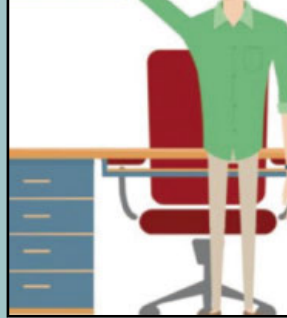


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