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Church of the Nativity

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Please call the Parish Office at the Church you attend for the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage and also for Hospital visits.

RECONCILIATION:

St. Leo's: Saturdays at 4 p.m.
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Schedule of Masses

Saturday Masses:

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's, Tully

Sunday Masses:

8 a.m. St. Leo's, Tully
9 a.m. St. Joseph's, LaFayette
9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Pompey
10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's, Otisco

Read the bulletin online at:

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Running to Tell Someone

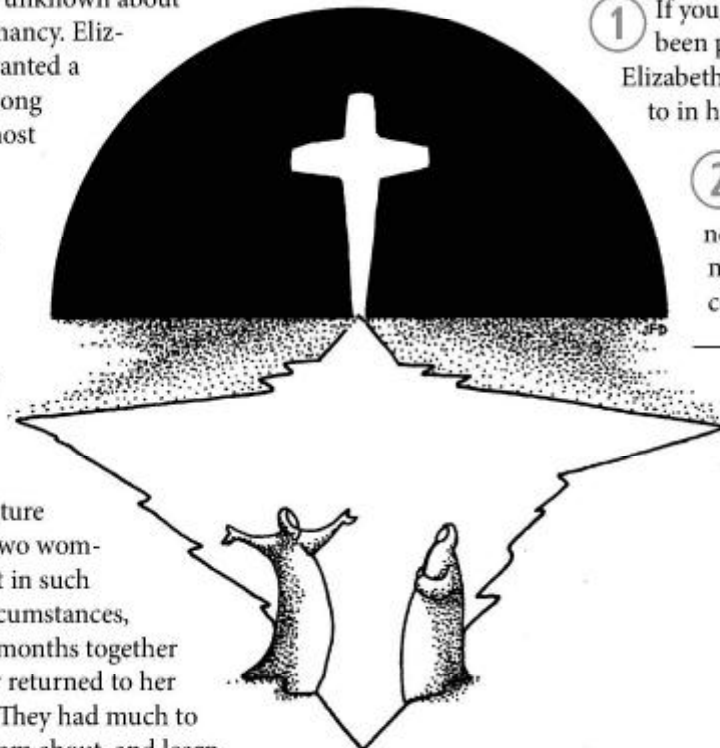
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Micah 5:2-5a - Restoration through the messiah
- ▶ Hebrews 10:5-10 - The second covenant
- ▶ Luke 1:39-45 - The visit to Elizabeth

This scene takes place immediately after the angel Gabriel comes to Mary to ask her to be the mother of God, and she gave her famous "Yes." As soon as the angel leaves Mary, we are told she "set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country" to visit her pregnant relative Elizabeth.

Women who have been pregnant will recognize Mary's urge to run out and tell another woman that she is pregnant. The angel doesn't hang around and wait on Mary hand and foot. He departs, so Mary needs someone to share her excitement and fears, to commiserate with about morning sickness, and to understand just how exhausting it is to grow a baby while still working, preparing the meals, doing the laundry, and cleaning the house.

Plus, there was so much mystery and wonder and unknown about Mary's pregnancy. Elizabeth had wanted a baby for so long and had almost given up hope when she became pregnant, but Mary certainly didn't imagine or plan on this pregnancy. Scripture tells us the two women, pregnant in such different circumstances, spent three months together before Mary returned to her hometown. They had much to talk and dream about, and learn



about together. Thank goodness God gave them the gift of each other in that time!

Questions of the Week

- 1 If you, your partner, or a loved one has been pregnant, who played the part of Elizabeth for you, the friend you could run to in haste?
- 2 When have you been an Elizabeth to someone else who needed to visit and talk? For whom might you be able to do that this coming week?

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18th—Advent Weekday

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—

Sunday, December 19th—4th Sunday of Advent

8 a.m. St. Leo's—

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—Joanne Skeval/Tom & Carole Scofield

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—Helen McDermott/Anne Valentine; Linda McCrystal/Immaculate Conception Bible Study

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Jason Burns & Patrick Owens / Tom & Chris Gray

Monday, December 20th—Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—John Whitney / Karen and Ed Wortley

Tuesday, December 21st—St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Carl Cosgriff / Shaw family

Wednesday, December 22nd—Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

Thursday, December 23rd—St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Matthew Muldowney

Friday, December 24th—Christmas Eve

4 p.m. Immaculate Conception—Parishioners

4 p.m. St. Patrick's—Parishioners and our Loved Ones

6 p.m. St. Joseph's—Parishioners

6 p.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

Saturday, December 25th—The Nativity of the Lord

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Susan Kenyan / Jeannie Crouse

10 a.m. St. Joseph's—Parishioners

Sunday, December 26th—The Holy Family

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Matthew Muldowney

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—Cecelia Davidson/Paige Family

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—Jyl Way/Anne Valentine; Matthew Gaglia/Jack & Jane Smyth

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Catherine Denn McAuliffe/The McAuliffe Family

Miscellaneous:

FOOD SENSE - Food Sense order forms are out, pick one up and drop off your order by Saturday January 8 at St Leo's Church Hall between 10:00-2:00 pm. Pick up food orders at the Church Hall on Thu January 20 between 3:00-5:00 pm. Any questions, please call Jeannie at (315) 696-5092. Thank you!

At St. Leo's:

The Light is On! A peaceful, prayerful, evening for Confessions offered at St. Leo's Church on Monday, December 20 from 4:00-7:00 pm. If you need another time for Confession please call the Church Office to make an appointment at 315 696-5092.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4 p.m. at Immaculate Conception & St. Patrick's

6 p.m. at St. Joseph's & St. Leo's

Christmas Day

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's

10 a.m. St. Joseph's

No 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Leo's

Sunday, December 26th

8 a.m. St. Leo's

9 a.m. St. Joseph's

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception

10 a.m. St. Patrick's

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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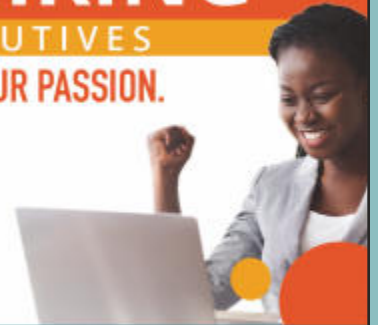
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