

# The Anselmeter

December 20, 2020

St. Anselm Parish



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Behold, you will conceive  
in your womb and bear  
a son, and you shall  
name him Jesus.”  
- Lk 1:31

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In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: “What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself.”

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

### PARISH THEME

"In order to promote individual and parish growth, St. Anselm parish is a welcoming Catholic community committed to serving Christ through:

- the celebration of the sacraments (especially the Eucharist),
- outreach initiatives to individuals,
- life long education resulting in the transfer of the truths and practice of our faith to our youth."

# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

## 2020 Christmas Schedule

### Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 p.m. - Penance Service

### Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

1:00 p.m. - Penance Service

### Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. – Christmas Mass

10:00 p.m. – Christmas Mass

### Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

(Nativity of the Lord)

10:00 a.m. – Christmas Mass

12:00 p.m. – Christmas

### Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

4:30 p.m. – Sunday Mass

### Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> (The Feast of the Holy Family)

10:00 a.m. – Sunday Mass

12:00 p.m. – Sunday Mass

### Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Years' Day

(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

9:00 a.m. – Holy Day Mass

# THIS WEEK

### Saturday, December 19

4:30 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

### Sunday, December 20

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

12:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

### Monday, December 21

8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

### Wednesday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

<<<See Christmas Schedule>>>

### Saturday, December 26

4:30 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

### Sunday, December 27

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

12:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

*Rosary is recited after all  
8:30 a.m. daily Mass*

## MASS ATTENDANCE OVERFLOW

Due to anticipated crowds and safety concerns at our Christmas Masses. The Ushers will seat people starting thirty minutes before each mass to insure proper social distancing for all people. For overflow (audio only) we will be using the parish meeting room.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 21

8:30 a.m. +Richard Massey by his wife, Marilyn

### Wednesday, December 23

8:30 a.m. +Angelique Hawkinson by her family

8:30 a.m. +Bernard Byle his daughter, Kathy and Dave Bailey

### Thursday, December 24

4:30 p.m. +Margie Hengtgen by her husband, Jack and her family

10:00 p.m. The People of St. Anselm

### Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m. +William Sheposh by his wife, Eleanor and his family

12:00 p.m. +Thomas O'Reilly (1st Ann) by Claudia Gdowski

### Saturday, December 26

4:30 p.m. +Donald Lowe by his wife, Lorraine and his family

### Sunday, December 27

10:00 a.m. +John and Loretta Wisniewski  
by their daughter, Carol and Bradley Johnson

12:00 p.m. The People of St. Anselm

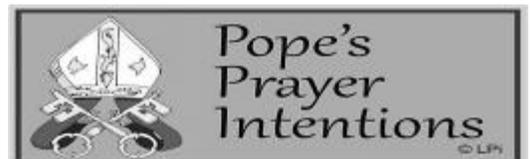
## NEW FOOD REQUEST

We are going to continue assisting St. Sabina with their Christmas boxes. So that we can assist them in providing a Christmas meal for neighbors in need, they are asking for the following items:

Potatoes (boxed or canned), turkey gravy, stuffing mix, corn, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, macaroni & cheese (box), Jell-O, pudding mix, canned fruit, muffin mix, cookie mix, canned pie filling, pie crust mix and salad dressings.

Please place all food donations for St. Sabina in the grey food collection bin in the church vestibule.

If you have any questions or concerns

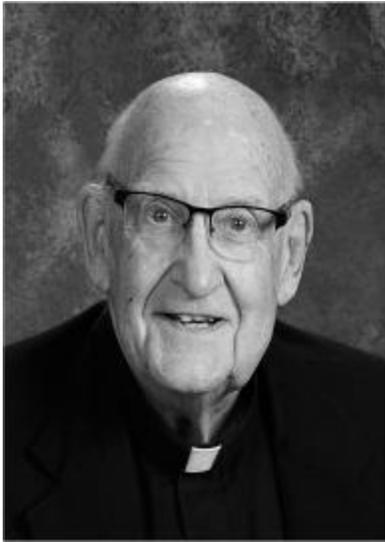


## DECEMBER

### For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

# OF MANY THINGS



As we begin this most beautiful week of the year and as Christian Communities throughout the world gather to celebrate the Birth of Jesus we join with our fellow Christians who do so with great fear that they and their churches will be terrorized by those who hate our faith. We do so with great appreciation for the opportunity to do so.

During this Year of Grace 2021 let us not forget our Holy Father's request that we seek God's forgiveness and that of each other at this time. We will conduct Communal Penance Services this Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. Our Christmas schedule is printed in today's

bulletin.

As I mentioned last week contributions made to the parish church at Christmas time are not assessed the seven percent tax from the Archdiocese. If you need to make-up past collections this is a good time to do so. We also have available Christmas envelopes in the vestibule for those who are not registered or who did not receive their December/January envelope packet.

Festival raffle tickets normally placed in the vestibule at this time will be delayed a few weeks. Our Fair is scheduled for June 4th, 5th, and 6th of June. Please pray that it will not be allowed due to COVID 19. .

Thank you for the prayers for my recuperation. I was hoping to have a pacemaker placed in my chest in January but God said NOW!

God bless you all and may the Lord keep you and your family safe at this time.

Merry Christmas  
*Msgr. Moloney*

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday:  
TBD at a later date

## BAPTISMS

For information call  
rectory.

## WEDDINGS

Please call ahead,  
at least six months for  
weddings.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:  
4:30 pm  
Sunday:  
10:00 am and 12:00 pm

## WEEKDAY

Monday, Wednesday and  
Friday  
8:30 a.m.

## HOLY DAYS

8:30 am & 5:30 pm

# DIRECTORY



## ST. ANSELM PARISH

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\*Vicariate Council Reps \*\*Choir Director

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 24 & 25

	4:30 PM SAT. VIGIL	10:00 PM	10:00 AM SUN.	12:00 NOON SUN
LECTORS	L. Gutierrez	M.L. Gass	B. Salter	D. Jennings
LAY MINISTERS	G. Schira	G. Schira	G. Schira	G. Schira
USHERS	P. Poynter J. Romano J. Drapala B. Jennings	Volunteers	E. Mignogna J. Witzleben D. Budz R. DeBlander M. Dudek M. Gass G. Rinke	J. Berkowski J. Mocerì J. Stodulski M. DeMarco

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 26 & 27

	4:30 PM SAT. VIGIL	10:00 AM SUN.	12:00 NOON SUN
LECTORS	A. Chromicz	G. Cancel	M. Walkuski
LAY MINISTERS	G. Schira	G. Schira	G. Schira
USHERS	S. Bielawski T. McIlhiny S. Qussar P. Poynter P. Karas P. Kelly	D. Reeves R. Roose C. Cwiek R. Forystek D. Gillis M. Walkuski J. Pease	P. Bargardi M. DeMarco E. Jannusch S. Marcon

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you would like to enroll, change your address, or simply have questions about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church office: 17650 West Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights, 48127.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- ◇ I would like to enroll as an active parishioner.
- ◇ Please change my address to the one shown above.
- ◇ I would like to learn more about school/parish activities
- ◇ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ◇ I would like to speak with a priest about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

## THANK YOU

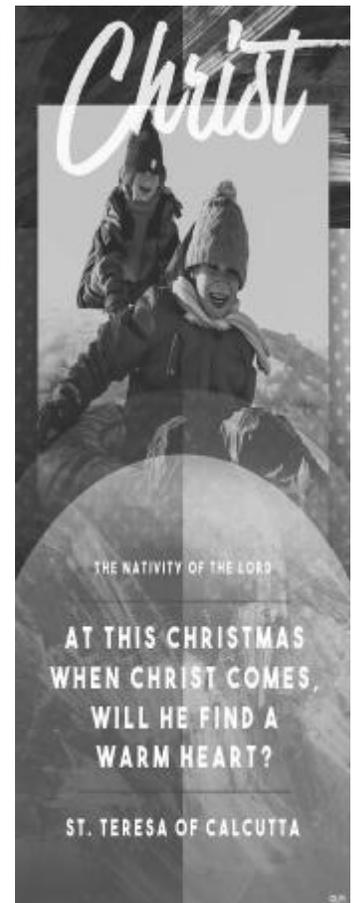
The gifts were all delivered this past week from our giving tree. Our efforts to help those who struggle at Christmas has been successful.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support our efforts in helping the less fortunate.

**St. Anselm Families:**  
We were able to help several or our parish and school families this year. Thank you for your contributions of Kroger and Meijer gifts cards. They were extremely blessed this year even with the pandemic.

**Thank you very much for your generosity!!**

St. Anselm Christian  
Service



# LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (11B)

**A reading from the second Book of Samuel**

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

**R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.'"

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**Second Reading** Romans 16:25-27

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Luke 1:38**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**Luke 1:26-38**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
**+Glory to you, O Lord.**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,

**Prayer to St. Michael**

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls.

**Amen.**

*Have a Very Blessed and Merry Christmas  
From  
Msgr. Moloney, Fr. Perfetto and  
all the Staff and Faculty Of St. Anselm.*



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

“For today in the city  
of David a savior has been  
born for you who is  
Christ and Lord.”  
- Lk 2:11

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If the salutation, “Merry Christmas,” is more than just the expected greeting we use today, then what is the “more” really all about? Today is a sacred day and the birth of Christ has changed not only history but how human beings perceive and relate with God. God has become one with humanity in the Person of Jesus Christ. All of these truths remain just pious sentiments unless they take flesh in the heart and soul of each one of us. We need to absorb and immerse ourselves in what is meant by these truths so that we can be changed by them. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord!

A woman once recounted her journey with poverty and how she went from “doing” for the poor to “being with” the poor. It’s transforming and life changing. It’s easy to simply give alms to those in need, and yet another thing to be with them in their poverty and become poor ourselves. A change of the axis from vertical to horizon puts a whole new twist on things. Our souls understand the experience in ways that our minds simply cannot. Christmas requires this same change of axis.

It is one thing to sing out the words, “Joy to the World,” and quite another to experience that joy ourselves. Many have not experienced the full impact of that first Holy Night because they choose to keep the manger at a distance rather than make a home with the Holy One who resides there. The birth of Christ levels the playing field of life and we have to allow ourselves to be leveled. There is no way to truly be human unless we understand that God is with us and blesses every fiber of the human experience. We cannot be truly human unless we listen to the words of the Word Made Flesh and work so that justice and peace can be realized by all, and God’s sacred earth cared for and nurtured.

The axis of Christmas begins to shift when we realize it’s not about, “I and me,” but, “we and us,” and there’s an order and purpose to how God fashions and sustains things. The world hasn’t really given Christ a full shot yet to understand that Truth has been born in our midst. We pick and choose what suits us in the message and leave the rest behind.

**What needs to change about you so that Christ can truly be born in you?**

# YOUTH GROUP

By Marcia Santostasi

We will meet again this **Sunday, Dec. 20**, for our annual “**Reindeer Games**”, the YG version of our Christmas Party, from 6-8p. Games, cookie decorating, snacks, and dinner will be on the agenda! Wear your fun Christmas attire or Ugly Sweater! Bring your competitive or non-competitive self, your appetite, and we ask every member attending to donate a canned good or non-perishable item for the St. Anselm Food Collection Bin. Join us for a fun-filled evening of fellowship as you kick off your Christmas Break!

*On Behalf of the Youth Group and the Adult Leadership Team, we wish everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!*

Youth Group will be taking some time off for the Christmas and New Year Break and we will resume in January. However, looking ahead to 2021 and our upcoming Service Projects, the YG will be assembling Hygiene Kits for the Homeless. We are seeking New Personal Hygiene items for both Men and Women, i.e. shampoo, soap, deodorant, hairbrush/combs, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc., socks, hats and gloves.

We have extended an open invitation to all of our Parish and School 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to join us at our upcoming service projects. With the limitations on doing volunteering because of State Mandates, we thought this invite may help the students to get their required service hours needed for Confirmation, while staying close to home. If 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents have any questions, feel free to contact one of the adult leaders at the numbers listed at the end of this article.

We also want to remind our Parish High School Students WE NEED YOU. If you are a 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade student and are interested in joining the Youth Group, you are always welcome to attend any upcoming meeting. We generally follow the school calendar throughout the year.

The mission of the St. Anselm Youth Group is to do service for our parish and community, and needed service hours for high school can be earned. This is a great opportunity for our parish high school students to stay involved and participate in our Church, truly live their faith and lend a helping hand to others. Also remember, while attendance isn't mandatory, it is encouraged. You will meet new friends and get reacquainted with old ones. It's never too late, simply join us for the first time or we welcome you back anytime at an upcoming meeting. Be sure to fill out a Registration Form as this will add you to our Group Text Message List, and stay tuned to this weekly bulletin article for current events and updates.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Dec. 20:** “Reindeer Games”, YG annual Christmas Party, 6-8p.

**Dec. 21-January 3, 2021:** Merry Christmas! We're off for Christmas Vacation!

## Area Events:

**Dec.18: “Wreaths Across America”**, sponsored by The Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Schulte Assembly, is seeking 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to join them in setting up approximately 800 wreaths at St. Hedwig Cemetery, from 1145a-130p. This is a great opportunity for those students in need of service hours. For more info contact Mrs. Kim Cwiek @313-565-4808.

**Dec,2020-Jan, 2021: AMVETS Americanism Contest:** Open to students in grades K-12 who attend Public, Private, Parochial Schools, are Home Schooled, or are members of a Youth Group or Faith-based organization are eligible to participate. The divisions include:

**AMVETS Americanism Flag Coloring Contest** for K and 1<sup>st</sup> grades.

**AMVETS Americanism Poster Contest** for 2-5<sup>th</sup> grades.

**AMVETS Americanism Essay Contest** for 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Parish students can contact Kim Cwiek or Marcia Santostasi for more information. For more specifics on the program, please visit [AMVETS.org/](http://AMVETS.org/) Americanism.

For more info regarding Youth Group, please contact one of the adult leaders: Marcia Santostasi @313-277-3844 or [msantostasi@saintanselmschool.org](mailto:msantostasi@saintanselmschool.org), or Kim Cwiek @313-565-4808 or [kim.c@saintanselmparish.org](mailto:kim.c@saintanselmparish.org).



# BIRTHDAYS

## December 20

Diana Collada, Amy Wallis, Karissa O'Neill

## December 21

Joanne Kraft, Manuela Vassallo, Raymond Hunt, Joseph Carl

## December 22

Marlene Novoselich, Patricia Pease, Nancy Rahrig, John Sames

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## December 23

Joy Suyo

## December 24

Valerie Schmidt

## December 25

## December 26

Sharon Aiello, Bernadette Krawczyk, Michael Gass

# ANNIVERSARIES

## 38 Years

Matthew and Melissa Schick

## 10 Years

Sara and Sean Moore

# BULLETIN ITEMS?

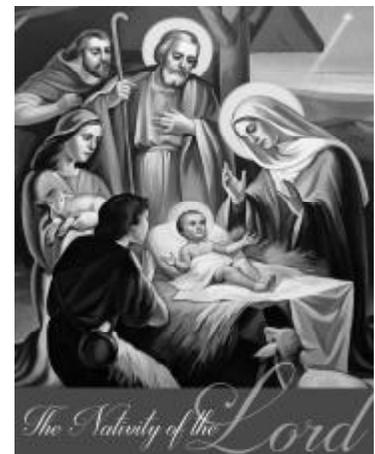
Bulletin announcements are due in the Parish office by

9:00 a.m. Mondays.

All flyers must be submitted in a JPEG format.

Please email articles to

[kim.c@saintanselmparish.org](mailto:kim.c@saintanselmparish.org)



## VOCATIONS PRAYER

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy.  
Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts  
of many men and women.  
Grant to them the willingness and generosity  
to give of themselves, their lives, their time and  
their  
talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, Our Lord and  
Savior, and to His Holy Church.

May more men and women go forth as priests,  
deacons,  
brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our  
Catholic faith  
to all others so that soon they, too, may know  
You better  
and love You more...  
and serving You, be truly happy. **Amen.**



## CHRISTMAS GIFT?

**Dear Parents or Grandparents,  
Wondering what you can give  
you child or grandchild that will  
last a lifetime. How about at  
Catholic School Education at St.  
Anselm Catholic Elementary  
School. If you would like a tour  
or more information please call  
the school at 313-563-3430.**

## MEMORIALS FUND

The Memorial fund was established to help raise money for St. Anselm School to ensure that the educational tradition of St. Anselm will continue for many years to come. Please consider this fund when you are doing your will as this will help in preserving your Catholic values and passing them on to the next generation. Always seek advice of your attorney or financial advisor. If you need additional information about the fund please call the rectory at 313-565-4808.



Hello St. Anselm,

I would like to announce our Christmas coloring contest winners and our students of the month.

Students of the month will be honored on Thursday, December 17 around 1:45-1:50 PM in church. We have mass at 1:15 PM and will honor the students after.

Parents of the students being honored are welcome to attend mass. However, the church will be packed (masked and socially distant, of course) because our entire student body and staff will be present. This mass is not open to the general public.

Coloring contest winners will receive five free raffle tickets!

### Our Students of the Month:

Alivia Iuliano  
Eleanor Mouradian  
Tyler Popyk  
Josephine Vena  
Lila Kelley  
Nolan Nosis  
Angelina Iuliano  
Selena Sbeiti  
Joseph Schimizzi  
Evelyn Orozco  
Stella Nosis  
Nicholas Schimizzi  
Luca Madrigal  
Sally Akroush  
Justine Moore

### Coloring Contest Winners:

Alivia Iuliano  
Gabby Watson  
Alex Globke  
Lila Kelley  
Selena Sbeiti  
Evelyn Orozco  
Nicholas Schimizzi  
Max Garcia  
Tiffany Alvarado  
Juliana Jaber  
Allie Adams

*The Faculty and Staff at St. Anselm Catholic Elementary School would like to wish you all a Very, Merry Christmas!*

**Mrs. Angela Kraetke  
Principal**

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# FAITH FORMATION

By Maryann Walkuski

## Who Were Jesus' Parents?

Jesus only had one human parent, his mother Mary. Her husband, Joseph, was not the biological father of Jesus as it was God the Holy Spirit who enabled the Virgin Mary to conceive without the cooperation of a human male. This is why Jesus is called the Son of God and the Son of Mary. Mary was human just like the rest of us in that she had two human parents, Saints Joachim and Ann, and she was as much a part of the human race as anyone else. This meant she was neither perfect nor divine. She was not a goddess. Her son, though, was divine; since she gave birth to the Son of God, by way of analogy, we can call her the mother of God because you cannot separate the divinity and humanity of Christ.

Jewish custom, tradition, and law made it clear that legal adoption had the same effect as natural birth. So Joseph, the legal spouse of Mary, became the legal (but not biological) father of Jesus. This is why Jesus is sometimes called the "carpenter's son" or the "son of Joseph." Even the Greeks and Romans had the same practice of showing equal privilege and rank to an adopted son as to a son from natural birth.

No one knows when Joseph died, but it was before Jesus began his public ministry in 30 AD. Present at his birth and circumcision, His foster father also taught Him the art of carpentry, as indicated in Mark 6:1: "Is this not the carpenter?" referring to Jesus as a carpenter Himself. Joseph is only mentioned in the Bible at the time of Jesus' birth and when Jesus was twelve. Nothing more is known about him beyond that time, but it is speculated that Jesus grew up in Nazareth and learned carpentry from His foster father.

If Joseph died when Jesus was thirty, it would explain why Jesus only began his official public ministry as a rabbi at the age of thirty, just three years before his death. Until then, he was merely known as the carpenter's son or as a carpenter himself. Mary survived to see her only son crucified, killed and buried, but then to reunite with Him after the Resurrection on Easter. She lives beyond the Ascension of Jesus into heaven forty days after Easter, and she is recorded as present in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon her and the apostles.

We do not know when the mother of Jesus left this earth. The Bible is silent about her departure. Catholicism does believe that when her time came, she was taken up body and soul (called the Assumption) by her divine Son into heaven. Though it is celebrated liturgically each year on August 15<sup>th</sup>, no one knows for sure if that is the exact date.

## Thought For The Week--Picture of Peace

This short story was written by Catherine Marshall.

There was once a king who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists tried. The king looked at all the pictures. But there were only two he really liked and he had to choose between them. One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for peaceful towering mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace. The other picture had mountains, too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky, from which rain fell and in which lightening played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all.

But when the king looked closely, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest—in perfect peace.

Which picture do you think won the prize? The king chose the second picture. Do you know why? "Because," explained the king, "peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace."



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 21	*Penance Service 7:00 p.m.
Dec 22	*Penance Service 1:00 p.m.
Dec 25	Christmas—Friday
Feb 17	Ash Wednesday
Apr 4	Easter Sunday
Apr 21	Feast of St. Anselm
Jun 2	Msgr.'s 65th Anniversary of Ordination
Jun 4	Fr. Peretto's 55th Anniversary of Ordination
Jun 4	*Fun Fair 2021
Jun 5	*Fun Fair 2021
Jun 6	*Fun Fair 2021
Jun 10	8th Grade Graduation
Jun 12	School Year Ends
Jun 18	Msgr's Birthday
Aug 2	Fr. Peretto's Birthday

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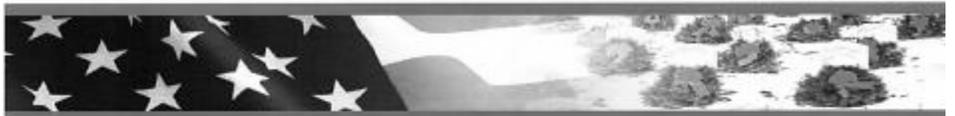
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## EXPLORE THE SUNDAY GOSPEL Announcement of the Birth of Jesus LK 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord

God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

### MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

#### St. Stephen (Feast Day December 26th) D. 36

Stephen is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as being one of the first deacons of the Catholic Church (See Acts 6-8). He was ordained to assist the apostles in their work of preaching, administration, and works of mercy. He boldly proclaimed the name of Jesus Christ and used his rhetorical gifts to preach the truth of the Gospel. This brought him many enemies, and he was stoned to death in the streets of Jerusalem. He is called the "proto-martyr" because this is the first account in Scripture of a believer in Christ being killed for professing that Jesus is the Messiah. We celebrate his feast day immediately after Christmas (December 26) as a reminder that in the midst of the joy of Christmas, Jesus calls us to follow him completely, even knowing that it could cost us our lives.

### TAKE TIME TO CHAT

- Why does the angel say "Do not be afraid" to Mary? Do you think she was scared?
- How do you think Mary felt when the angel departed?
- The angel tells Mary, "Nothing is impossible for God." Have you seen or heard of God doing something that seemed impossible?

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

#### Homemade Hot Sauce

*Feeling the chill of winter coming on? Why not warm up with some homemade hot sauce? This hot sauce has the perfect amount of heat, and it's easy to make. It also makes a great gift!*

- 1 pound mixed medium to hot fresh red chilies like fresno, holland or cayenne
- 3 tablespoon kosher salt
- 2 cups distilled white vinegar

Rinse the chilies in a colander and pat dry. Transfer chilies to the bowl of a food processor; add salt. Transfer the chilies mixture to a glass jar. Cover and allow to sit for 2 to 3 days so it can ripen. Do not stir.

Uncover and stir in the vinegar. Cover again and allow to sit in a cool place for 5 days. Strain mixture through a mesh strainer and press with a spoon. Discard the solids. Pour mixture in a bottle with a tight-fitting lid. You can refrigerate this for up to 6 months. From: <https://mycatholickitchen.com/2017/12/hot-sauce.html>

### FAMILY FUN

#### Christmas Lights Road Trip

After dinner, drive through the lighting displays around town or around your neighborhood looking at Christmas lights. See how many homes have something from our Catholic faith in their display (Nativity scene, statue of Mary, etc.). Play Christmas music while you drive and find the house with your favorite display. Challenge: Go to their door and tell them they won "Best Display in the Neighborhood" by the Christmas Display Committee of your family.

### FAMILY PRAYER

Pray this traditional litany together this evening. It is a great reminder of the richness of our Catholic tradition and how God uses Mary in so many ways to be close to us. For this prayer, dad (or mom) leads and everyone else says the responses, which are in bold.

*Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.*  
*Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.*  
*Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.*  
*Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.*  
*God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.*  
*God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.*  
*God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.*  
*Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.*  
*Holy Mary, pray for us.*  
*Holy Mother of God, pray for us.*  
*Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.*  
*Mother of Christ, pray for us.*  
*Mother of the Church, pray for us.*  
*Mother of divine grace, pray for us.*  
*Mother most pure, pray for us.*  
*Mother most chaste, pray for us.*  
*Mother inviolate, pray for us.*  
*Mother undefiled, pray for us.*  
*Mother most amiable, pray for us.*  
*Mother admirable, pray for us.*  
*Mother of good counsel, pray for us.*  
*Mother of our Creator, pray for us.*  
*Mother of our Savior, pray for us.*  
*Mother of mercy, pray for us.*  
*Virgin most prudent, pray for us.*  
*Virgin most venerable, pray for us.*  
*Virgin most renowned, pray for us.*  
*Virgin most powerful, pray for us.*  
*Virgin most merciful, pray for us.*  
*Virgin most faithful, pray for us.*  
*Mirror of justice, pray for us.*  
*Seat of wisdom, pray for us.*  
*Cause of our joy, pray for us.*  
*Spiritual vessel, pray for us.*  
*Vessel of honor, pray for us.*  
*Singular vessel of devotion, pray for us.*  
*Mystical rose, pray for us.*  
*Tower of David, pray for us.*  
*Tower of ivory, pray for us.*  
*House of gold, pray for us.*  
*Ark of the covenant, pray for us.*  
*Gate of heaven, pray for us.*  
*Morning star, pray for us.*  
*Health of the sick, pray for us.*  
*Refuge of sinners, pray for us.*  
*Comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.*  
*Help of Christians, pray for us.*  
*Queen of Angels, pray for us.*  
*Queen of Patriarchs, pray for us.*  
*Queen of Prophets, pray for us.*  
*Queen of Apostles, pray for us.*  
*Queen of Martyrs, pray for us.*  
*Queen of Confessors, pray for us.*  
*Queen of Virgins, pray for us.*  
*Queen of all Saints, pray for us.*  
*Queen conceived without original sin, pray for us.*  
*Queen assumed into heaven, pray for us.*  
*Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.*  
*Queen of families, pray for us.*  
*Queen of peace, pray for us.*  
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*  
*Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*  
*Let us pray. Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, your servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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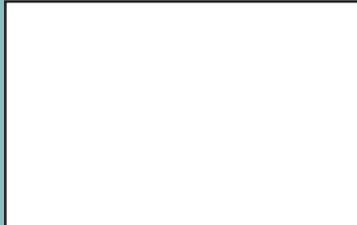
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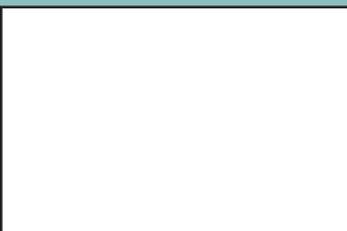
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