



# DIVINE WORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Rosary: Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 3:30–4:15 PM or anytime by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements are to be made in advance. Parent Baptismal Class and Sponsor's Certificate are required. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before the wedding. Please contact the Parish Office before you set your date or reserve your hall.

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday 8:00 AM–5:00 PM

Closed Saturday & Sunday

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*  
*December 26, 2021*



## Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

## Anniversary

<b>MON.</b> DEC. 27	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist (1 JN 1: 1-4; JN 20: 1-8) 8:30 AM Helen Petruziello	Michael Pilla
<b>TUES.</b> DEC. 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (1 JN 1: 5—2:2; MT 2: 13-18) 8:30 AM + Bob Casey	Hazel Thornicroft
<b>WED.</b> DEC. 29	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, <i>St. Thomas Becket, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i> (1 JN 2: 3-11; LK 2: 22-35) 8:30 AM + Wallick & Hayward Families	Lee Katzenberg, Rita Shafer
<b>THUR.</b> DEC. 30	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord (1 JN 2: 12-17; LK 2: 36-40) 8:30 AM + Don Dangler	Kathleen Nabozny, Louis Nosse
<b>FRI.</b> DEC. 31	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, <i>St. Sylvester I, Pope</i> (1 JN 2: 18-21; JN 1: 1-18) 8:30 AM + Roza & Jakov Buzdon 4:30 PM + Penny Patterson	Fran Kusar, Eugene Salopeck
<b>SAT.</b> JAN. 1	The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (NM 6: 22-27; GAL 4: 4-7; LK 2: 16-21) 9:00 AM + Irene & Middio Ariemma and Josephine & Jim Burrington 4:30 PM + Jack Thomas	Eileen Magee, Irma McGinley, Yvonne DeMilta Shulman, Helen Stanicic
<b>SUN.</b> JAN. 2	Epiphany of the Lord (IS 60: 1-6; EPH 3: 2-3, 5-6; MT 2: 1-12) 8:30 AM + Judy Sustar 11:00 AM + Sammy Smuk	Robert Pfeifer

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:30 AM Mass— Livestreamed

11:00 AM Mass

*NO PSR CLASSES—WINTER BREAK*

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27: Parish Office Closed

8:00 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM SVDP Meeting / UR

*No Adoration*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM Widow & Widowers Meeting / GA

7:00 PM Virtual Choir Concert

*NO PSR CLASSES—WINTER BREAK*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 AM Avilas followed by 8:30 AM Mass

*NO PSR CLASSES OR RCIA—WINTER BREAK*

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30: Parish Office Closed

8:00 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31: Parish Office Closed

8:00 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass

4:30 PM Mass

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM Mass

4:30 PM Mass

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 AM Mass—Livestreamed

9:30 AM PSR Classes K-5th / HH

11:00 AM Mass

12:15 PM Baptism: Lennox John Preseren

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**I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?**

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.







## *This week's message from Fr. Dave....*

Christmas is the story we all know. We know the truth of this story and its lasting effects. When we read from the gospels about the birth of Jesus, it creates a nostalgic overtone. The story always plays good on the screen or stage, for the young or the old. The deeper, spiritual meaning of the birth of Christ relies on the deep passion God has for us. Why else would we even ask the question, "Why did God take on human flesh?" The only compelling answer I can give is passion for His people.

His birth is more than just righting the wrong of humanity. Rather, God has this incredible passion for us. He wants to be in a relationship with us and he wants us to thrive in life. Hence, Jesus, his Son, is born with a mission. Jesus will show us how to live and act to give glory to his Father. Our faith is the only one that claims that God takes on human flesh. Christianity's story begins today and continues through his passion, death, and resurrection. We see Christ doing incredible things, but always keeping in mind how God provides for us in the person of Christ.

There are many good memories of my Christmas past. As a young child walking to church early in the morning with my father and brothers. Cutting down the Christmas tree, bringing it home and decorating the house with my parents. The number of gifts under the tree and the anticipation of opening them. The large spread of food for Christmas dinner. I remember Christmas spent in Ohio with its cold weather and often, snow. I also remember the Christmas moments in Georgia and North Carolina and enjoying the warmer weather. (I could use a little of the South now!) This year I hope and pray that many will gather as families without too many restrictions. I am praying that COVID dissipates soon for all of us.

Once again Merry Christmas to everyone! Having Christmas fall on a Saturday creates multiple liturgies in a matter of a few days. Thank you for being here throughout the weekend. The Season of Christmas is only two weeks long for us this year. We will celebrate Christmas on Friday, December 24th and Saturday, December 25th. (There is no Mass in the evening on Christmas Day.) Sunday, December 26th we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family at 8:30AM and 11:00AM. Next weekend, we celebrate on New Year's Eve at 4:30PM and New Year's morning at 9:00AM the Solemnity of Mary, the mother of God. On Saturday, January 1st we celebrate at the 4:30PM Mass the Epiphany of

The Lord and on Sunday, January 2nd we continue the celebration of the Epiphany at 8:30AM and 11:00AM. As you can see, I will be spending lots of my time at Mass this next week.

I hope you can help us with the Synod Listening Session that will be coming our way. These Listening Sessions are a process to gather feedback from the entire church. They are facilitated to allow people to speak of the strengths, weaknesses, and hurts they have experienced in the church. Information from these Listening Sessions will be collected and sent to the Diocese. The Diocese will send all of its information to the United States Conference who will in turn send all of its information to Rome. This is an ambitious process. The hope is to get a better reading of what the experience of Church is for our people. Please join us Monday, January 10th at 7:00PM in Hanson Hall or Thursday, January 13th at 7:00PM in Hanson Hall. The Sessions will take about 90 minutes.

Alpha is a faith program based on enriching our relationship with Christ. Those who will be attending will meet on eleven consecutive Mondays. Each week we will provide a meal at 6:30PM and then a presentation and table discussion. The meeting will end by 8:30PM. We are hoping you will take advantage of this program and join us for Alpha. Call the parish office if you'd like to participate. We begin the Alpha Program on Monday, January 24th. Hope to see you there!

I am thankful once again for all who have passed through our doors during Advent and these days of Christmas. Your spiritual and financial support is overwhelming! I count myself lucky to be your pastor. You make my life as a priest worthwhile. I hope and pray that this time of the year has a powerful impact on you. God's greatest gift to us in Jesus has forever changed the course of human history. My hope is that Christ will continue to change us. May you and all in your family experience God's unconditional love and blessing.



*Fr. Dave*

## "In His Sandals" Walking Group



Join us as we share in prayer, friendships, conversation and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Please contact Debbie Lokar at the parish office if interested in participating. Our group will meet **Wednesdays at 3:00 PM** at the following parks:

Date	Location
12/29	Penitentiary Glen 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd., Kirtland

**This is the last meeting for "In His Sandals" Walking Group for 2021. The group will resume again in March 2022!**

## Virtual Choir Concert



Grab a mug of hot chocolate, some leftover cookies from Santa's dish and join our fabulous Divine Word Choir for a Virtual Choir Concert on **Tuesday, December 28th** at 7:00 PM. The link for the virtual concert will be located on the parish website

([www.divinewordkirtland.org](http://www.divinewordkirtland.org)).

## Divine Word and Alpha



Please join us for this 11 week program at Divine Word called Alpha. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings (in Hanson Hall) from 6:30PM-8:30PM beginning **January 24th**. Alpha enables people to ask questions, share ideas, build friendships, and

experience the love of God through the Holy Spirit. *Sign-ups are available on the Divine Word website, in the Gathering Area or you can call the Parish Office.* For more information, contact Gina Rensi, Director of Religious Education, at 440-256-1412.

### **New Year's Mass Schedule:**

Sunday, December 26th, Feast of the Holy Family, 8:30AM and 11:00AM

Friday, December 31st, Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 4:30 PM

Saturday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, 9:00AM and 4:30PM, Vigil for the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2nd, Epiphany of the Lord, 8:30AM and 11:00AM

## Humor from the Caddyshack



- A father was bragging to a co-worker about his son who had just gone off to college. "Why our Billy is so bright, every time we get a letter from him, we have to go to the dictionary." "You're lucky," the co-worker said, "every time we get a letter from our son, we have to go to the bank."

*Father Jim*

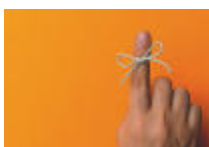
## "Taylor-Made" News



Thank you to everyone who came to a youth group event this semester! It was a great start to the year. Praying that everyone has a blessed Christmas with their families and cannot wait to kick things back off on **Sunday, January 16th, 2022** for another semester of faith and fun!

*Taylor*

## Charitable Contributions Reminder



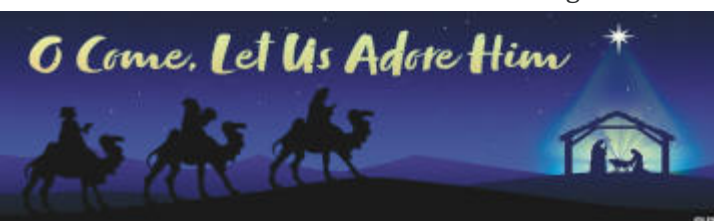
The end of 2021 is next Friday! For your donations to be counted as 2021 contributions they must be physically in hand at the parish office, or if mailed, POSTMARKED on or before

December 31, 2021. Contributions received after January 1, 2022, and postmarked in January will be recorded in 2022, regardless of the date of the check. 2021 contribution statements will only be processed by request. If you would like a statement for your records, please do one of the following: drop a note in the collection basket requesting a statement or contact Dee Germano in the parish office via email, [dgermano@divinewordkirtland.org](mailto:dgermano@divinewordkirtland.org) or by phone at 440-256-1412. We will gladly mail or email your statement to you. *Your gift of treasure is greatly appreciated, and we thank you for your continued support!*

## Divine Word Ushers' Luncheon



Please join us for the Divine Word Ushers' Luncheon on **Sunday, January 9th** at 1:00 PM in the Grill Room at Pine Ridge Country Club. Ushers, spouses of ushers, spouses of deceased ushers and retired ushers are welcome! Please sign up by **Sunday, January 2nd** on the ushers' bulletin board in the Gathering Area.





## Saint Vincent de Paul



Christmas blessings to all! Sunday, December 26th is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God, which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

*At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting two families, providing \$1000 for rent and fuel bills. Thank you!*

## Year-End Giving



In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2021, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. We wanted to take this time to remind you of some important CARES Act provisions that are scheduled to expire at year's end. These provisions may affect you—and even make it easier for you to make a gift to your parish. They include:

- *An expanded charitable giving incentive that allows taxpayers who take the standard deduction to make up to \$300 in charitable cash contributions for single filers (\$600 for married couples) to qualified charities like ours this year.*
- *For those who do itemize their deductions, the law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as ours to be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2021 calendar year.*

And, if you are age 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact Shari Allwood, Business Manager, at 440-256-1412 or via email at [sallwood@divinewordkirtland.org](mailto:sallwood@divinewordkirtland.org).

## Parish Office Holiday Hours



The parish office will be closed on **Monday, December 27th, Thursday, December 30th, Friday, December 31st and Monday, January 3rd.**

**Have a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!**

## Holiday Help for Divorced & Separated



Are you ready for a new year? Let us help you turn the corner! Join us for this special program intended to offer practical advice, support, and the skills to move forward. We will meet from 6:30-8:30PM on **Thursday, January 6th** at St. John Vianney Church in Mentor. To register or for more information call Karen at 440-352-8282 or email [kjubeck@st-gabriel.org](mailto:kjubeck@st-gabriel.org).

## Support Group for Caregivers



Divine Word has a retired healthcare professional who is willing to assist if we begin a support group for caregivers. We're thinking about starting a monthly meeting on a weekday, either late morning or early afternoon. Before making concrete plans, we want to know if interest exists. If you'd benefit by meeting with other caregivers for some mutual support and personal care, please contact Shari Allwood via email, [sallwood@divinewordkirtland.org](mailto:sallwood@divinewordkirtland.org).

## The FEST Internship

The Fest ([www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us)) is looking for PAID summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of this annual event for thousands of people. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to [Caitlin@theFEST.us](mailto:Caitlin@theFEST.us) by **Sunday, January 9th.**

## Divine Word Ushers Needed!

If you are interested and available to become an usher at any of our weekend Masses, please fill in & cut out this section and return to the Parish Office. Thank you!

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to become an usher at the Saturday Mass (4:30 PM).

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to become an usher at the Sunday morning Mass (8:30 AM).

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to become an usher at the Sunday morning Mass (11:00 AM).

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

BEST Phone Number or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Stewardship Report**  
**Weekend of December 19th, 2021**

*Because of the Christmas bulletin deadline, figures from the week of December 19<sup>th</sup> will be provided next week.*

**Christmas Cards**



Early this month when I was out and about, I stopped to buy Christmas cards. After selecting some beautiful cards with a Christian message and scripture, I thought “I better buy some non-religious cards for the nonbelievers I know.” Then I got to thinking. Christmas communications provide an opportunity to share

the love of Jesus. If a nonbeliever wants to send me a non-Christian card, no problem (and they do). But I decided that all those to whom I send a Christmas card would benefit from a reminder of why we celebrate Christmas. (We’ll see if the Christmas card list dwindles a bit after this year.)

Lately I’ve been hearing a lot about evangelization from a number of Catholic sources. I’ve been trying to “up my game” a little bit here and there. Nothing overt, and I certainly try to avoid being “preachy.” But I do find that there are opportunities to get in a little blessing to a customer service rep or to offer to pray with someone if they seem distraught or shared a need. Or even suggesting to people that I love going to church or mentioning the excellent Advent reflection series at church. I need evangelization to become a more natural occurrence in my life. Rather than fear offending someone, I think I’d benefit from thinking of it as an opportunity to reach someone in need of Jesus in their life. I think there are a lot of people searching for peace and love. And a non-threatening sharing of God’s goodness may be just what they need.

Merry Christmas!

**Remember Our Sick & Suffering!**



Pat Aquila, Maria Babic, Samantha Bagdasarian, Mary Barresi, Charlie Bartzen, Cecilia Bertha, Jeff Bonfanti, Premo Bonfanti, Joe Borkey, Cristan Smudz-Bregar, John Brown, Father Jim Caddy, Mike Camino, Rachelle Marie Carlson, Michael Cholak, Courtney Clair, Daniel Clair, Izzy Corbin, Susan Daly, Nicole Dixon, Rose Dixon, Vera Draksic, Cindy Evans, Jackie Fatica, Joe Fontana, Christopher Gilbey, Vickie Gilbey, Alice Gilmore, Magdalene Giorgi, Rosemary Giorgi, Lou Godfrey, Judith Gruber, Ida Guest, Richard Guest, Raymond Gullo, Vicki Gullo, George Harchick, Rose Harchick, Lynn Hogye, Michelle Holbury, Gabrielle Holicky, Bill Horton, Donna Horton, Nancy Hummer, Elizabeth Hunter, Allan Jenisek, Shirley Jirousek, Bruce Kephart, Mike Keresman, David Kirek, Kelly Konya, Audrey Kramer, Kallie Kramp, Lynne Kravos, Darlene Kuhar, Ralph Kutcher, Fred Lazar, John Leskovec, Cathy Lombardo, Nicholas Lombardo, Paula Mason, Joshua MacDonald Jr., Dave Mekker, Ronald Minadeo, Bob & Judy Morel, Mary Morton, Frank Nannicola, Katy Nicolli, Gwen Novak, Ed Nye, Mollie Oberstar, Lynn Odell, Natalia Rose Ortega, Premo Panzarello, Marty Parent, Father Fred Pausche, Bobby Petruziello, Michael Popovich, Erin Potter, Kevin Powers, Breda Radej, Christian Rassi, Sharon Regovich, Judy Rigo, Kris Ruhe, Steve Sabol, Camille Salerno, Jennifer Sanderson, Elaine Sargi, Rosemary Schaller, Rosemary Scholti, Joseph Seiler, Peter Sussen, Gene Trela, Donald Victor, Jay Vukcevic, Angela Wandle, Bernadette Wasserman, Tammy Webb, Dale White, Michael White, Michael Wojnar, Father Dave Woost

*Please take a moment to lift these individuals up in prayer this week. Notify the parish office when a name can be removed from the list. Thank You.*

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**Dec. 31st, 2021 and Jan. 1st and 2nd, 2022**

	Extraordinary Ministers	Lector	Servers
Friday 4:30 PM (New Year's Eve)	P. Andrykovitch D. Trombetti	C.A. Brooke	J. Brooks VOLUNTEER NOW
Saturday 9:00 AM (New Year's Day)	VOLUNTEER NOW x2	VOLUNTEER NOW	A. Munitz C. Munitz
Saturday 4:30 PM (New Year's Day)	VOLUNTEER NOW x3	VOLUNTEER NOW	VOLUNTEER NOW x2
Sunday 8:30 AM	VOLUNTEER NOW x3	VOLUNTEER NOW	VOLUNTEER NOW x2
Sunday 11:00 AM	VOLUNTEER NOW x3	VOLUNTEER NOW	VOLUNTEER NOW x2



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