

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. — Lk 2:51-52



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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE FIRST NOWELL

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Verses

1. The first No-well, the an-gel did say,
 2. They look-ed up and saw a star
 3. And by the light of that same star
 4. This star drew nigh to the north-west
 5. Then en-tered in those wise-man three,
 6. Then let us all with one ac-cord

1. Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay;
 2. Shin-ing in the east, he- yond them far;
 3. Three wise men came from coun-try far;
 4. O'er Beth-le-ham it took its rest,
 5. Full rev-er-ent-ly up-on the knee,
 6. Sing prais-es to our heav-'nly Lord;

1. In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep,
 2. And to the earth it gave great light,
 3. To seek for a king was their in-tent,
 4. And there it did both stop and stay,
 5. And of-fered there, in his pres-ence,
 6. Who with the Fa-ther wa-a-dore

1. On a cold win-ter's night that was so deep,
 2. And so it con-tin-ued both day and night,
 3. And to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went,
 4. Right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay,
 5. Their gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense,
 6. And Spir-it blest for ev-er more.

Refrain

No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,
 Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 12th cent.; verses 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Responsorial Psalm:

TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR

Psalm 96 Francis Patrick O'Brien

To-day is born our Sav-ior, born our
 Sav-ior, Christ the Lord! To-day is born our
 Sav-ior, born our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord!

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2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2,21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Communion

What Child Is This

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On
 2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate Where
 3. So bring him in-cense, gold and myrrh, Come

Mary's lap is sleep-ing; Whom an-gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed-ing; Good Chris-tian, fear; fur-
 peas-ant, king to own him; The King of kings sal-

an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep-ing!
 sin-ners here The si-lent Word is plead-ing,
 va-tion brings. Let lov-ing hearts on-throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y.

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JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTHOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav-ior reigns: Let us our
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare him
 2. songs em-ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 3. na-tions prove The glo-ries of his righ-teous-

1. room, And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture
 2. plains Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat the sound-ing
 3. ness, And won-ders of his love, And won-ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing,
 2. joy, Re-peat re-peat the sound-ing joy,
 3. love, And won-ders, won-ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats based on Psalm 98, Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, 41.
 Music: T. Haskes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.

Apostle's 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, and life everlasting. Amen.

**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

is a
Holy Day.

Mass is at 9:00 AM
Saturday, January 1, 2022.
No 5:00 PM Mass on January 1.



Lector for the Holy Day is Mary Buckner



*The community of Holy Cross
rejoices with
Hayden Ashe Mullaney
son of
Kevin & Lindsay Mullaney
who received the
Sacrament of Baptism on
Tuesday, December 21.*

THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH

Holy Cross is a Catholic community of diverse people, rooted in a heritage of faith, united by the Eucharist and the Word of God. Following Christ's example, we seek through a variety of ministries, to know, love and serve God and one another.



End-of-the-Year Tax Statement

Annual contribution statements for 2019 will not be sent. If you need a statement, please contact Jo Ann at 474-2605, ext. 102 or e-mail her at sub17t9s8@verizon.net and a statement will be prepared for you. Requested statements will be sent out at the **end of January**. Please provide your e-mail address if we can e-mail your statement. Thank you for your understanding. We were able to save several hundred dollars in past years by not mailing statements to all contributors.



The Erie Cursillo Movement is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Men's Cursillo from February 11—13, 2022 and a Woman's Cursillo from April 29-May 1, 2022.

Applications can be found on the Cursillo Website at eriecursillo.org, calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119, or by asking someone you may know who has completed a Cursillo weekend who would be willing to serve as your sponsor.

You Can't Take It with You

There was a very rich man who was just about to die, and he wanted to take some of his wealth with him. So, he started negotiations with God about the matter. God was not sure as it had never been done before and He did not want to set a precedent. Finally, after long talks, God reluctantly agreed to allow him to bring his wealth to heaven.

Just a few days before he died, the rich man converted all his money into gold bullion. He died and the funeral home made sure that the suitcases containing the gold bullion went with him. He arrived at the Pearly Gates with his suitcases and there was Peter. Peter told him he could not bring the suitcases into heaven. But the man said he had already spoken to God, and He had said it was OK. So, Peter got on the God phone, and sure enough it was true. Peter was curious as to what was so valuable that the man wanted to bring it into heaven. So he asked, "Could I look in the suitcases?"

The man opened the suitcases and Peter exclaimed, "Why are you bringing pavement to heaven!"

Just a friendly reminder that all **CSA pledges** should be paid in full by **December 31, 2021**.



Thank you for your dedication to Holy Cross. Your kindness is an inspiration to me, and your generosity helps to make our parish faith community a strong and happy place. I am grateful. Your gifts do not go unnoticed.

Fr. Tom



The Church office will be **closed** from
December 23, 2021
through
January 2, 2022.
It will reopen
Monday, January 3, 2022
at 8:30 AM

December 12, 2021 COLLECTION

Budgeted Average Expense.....	\$ 7,400.00
90/488 Adult Env. Received.....	\$ 3,614.00
/ Children Env. Received.....	\$.00
Offertory Online.....	\$ 2,340.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 81.00
Total.....	\$ 6,035.00
Year-To-Date Budget (24 weeks).....	\$ 177,400.00
Actual Year-To-Date Collection.....	\$ 149,535.05
Year-To-Date Difference.....	\$ - 27,865.95



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday **December 27, 2021**
 8:00 AM NO MASS

Tuesday **December 28, 2021**
 NO MASS

Wednesday **December 29, 2021**
 8:00 AM George Tupek
 Req. Rosanne Tupek

Thursday **December 30, 2021**
 NO MASS

Friday **December 31, 2021**
 5:00 PM Frances Pregler
 Req. by Bob Walk

Saturday **January 1, 2022**
 9:00 AM Barbara Mitcho-Hollibaugh
 Req. by Mom & Dad
 NO 5:00 PM MASS

Sunday **January 2, 2022**
 9:00 AM James Paul Greenaway
 Req. by His Family

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of


JULIUS SPIEGEL

Requested by

The Helfert Family

(If you wish to request that the sanctuary candle burn in honor or memory of a loved one or for some other specific intention, please call the office. Donation \$10.00).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

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 

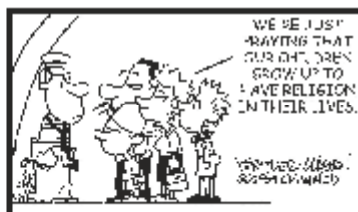
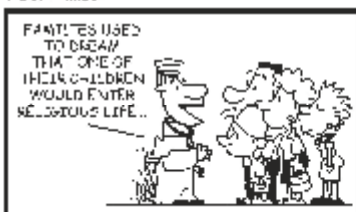
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Eternal Rest



Please remember in your prayers the families of **Dr. Guillermo Udarbe**, father of Cherry Clark. May his souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

HOLY FAMILY



MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sat. 1/01 9:00 AM Solemnity of Mary Mass- WS
NO 5:00 PM MASS
Sun. 1/02 9:00 AM Epiphany of the Lord Mass—WS



Jan. 1/2 NO 5:00 PM MASS 9:00 AM Sunday

Lector: Laura Cramer

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Kramzer
Ron Kramzer

Altar Server: Jim Terry



Nathan Waples, 18, received his Eagle Scout award from Troop 146, Boy Scouts of America. His Eagle Scout project involved installing a nine-hole disc golf course at WLD Ranch for use by campers at the nonprofit facility.

Pictured with Nathan is his mom and dad, Barbara and David Waples.

Congratulations and good job, Nathan!



*Blessing and prosperity in this
New Year!
Holy Cross Parish Staff*



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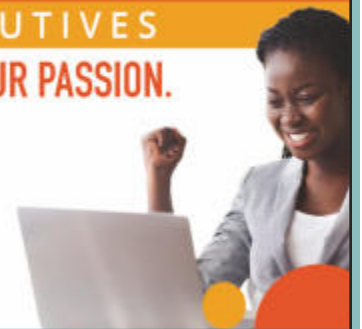
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