



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 26, 2021



Live Nativity—December 16



Christmas Gift Shop—December 18

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Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Masses:..... 10 am

Weekday Masses ((Wednesday)):.....11:30 am

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass or by appt.

Marriages: Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Contact the Parish House.

First Communion, First Reconciliation: Contact the Parish House.

Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits: Contact the Parish House.

Funerals: All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.

Registration: Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.

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Markings *...Questions, Quotations and Exclamations from the Pastor*

Merry Christmas to All!

I am writing this article on Monday, December 20 because the company that publishes the bulletin has requested that we submit the content of this issue earlier than usual due to the holiday. Therefore, my reflections are based on what may seem to be “old news.” Nonetheless, I wanted to share some of the Good News about what God has been accomplishing through us during the weeks preceding the days leading up to the Christmas holiday.

On Thursday, December 16, our annual Live Nativity took place on our property. On the morning of the event, we discovered a number of the children who had rehearsed to play characters in the Nativity presentation were out sick. I contacted our friends at St. Martin DePorres High School at 6202 St. Clair Ave. and told them of our dilemma. They quickly recruited four willing students to fill in for our ailing cast members. That evening was unseasonably warm, and the soft rain stopped just before we began the event. We attracted a wonderful crowd of people from our neighborhood as well as visitors from throughout the city to enjoy the presentation.

Once again, Spring Mist Farms from Brunswick provided the farm animals, which included a cow, sheep, and a donkey, plus a magnificent camel. The Church of the Resurrection assisted us by lending their Live Nativity costumes to us to add to our own collection. A large search light played the part of the star of Bethlehem and attracted the attention of many for miles.

A choir of singers from several Protestant churches, including Lee Seville Baptist, Church of the Savior, Cleveland Heights, Heights Presbyterian, City Church, and Church of the Open Door, came together to form a choir which performed Christmas music in the church. Visitors enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies, toured the church, warmed themselves and sat in our pews for a

moment of prayer and reflection. The choir was recruited by Ms. Yolanda Latham, one of our new friends who collaborated with us for the “Art in the Park” event which we hosted last summer. Many visitors expressed appreciation and gratitude for our proclamation of the story of Christ’s birth to the neighborhood.

On Saturday, December 18, groceries were distributed by our parishioners and other volunteers to hundreds of households by way of our drive-thru distribution method as well as through our delivery process to the homebound.

In the afternoon of that same day, we hosted our first Christmas Gift Shop in an effort to provide an opportunity for parents and guardians to purchase Christmas gifts for their children at greatly reduced prices. Everything was sold for less than a dollar. Free wrapping stations also provided wrapping paper and assistance with wrapping from volunteers.

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MASS INTENTIONS DEC 26—JAN 1, 2021

Sunday	10 am	Rosa Andriano
Wednesday	11:30 am	Margaret Ponikvar
Saturday	10 am	St Al’s Parish Family
Sunday	10 am	Margaret Ponikvar

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Ronald Redmon	Sterling Uitenham
Toni E Payne	Marlene Jones
Henrietta Broadus	Michelle Triska
Barbara Williams	Miles Frierson
Paulette Jones	John Berry
Keli Harland	Dorene Gantt
Jermaine Harland	James Harland

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

Mary Ann Melton	Ruby Gibson
August & Jackie Reese	Margaret Atwell
Donna Beard	Kevin Strickland
Evelyn Davis	Leanna Wysinger
Rosemary McKeon	Letcher Epps
Colleen Holt	Vyrdye Hopes

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	Dec 26	10 AM Mass
Monday	Dec 27	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	Dec 28	NO COMMUNITY MEAL
Wednesday	Dec 29	11:30 AM MASS
Thursday	Dec 30	
Friday	Dec 31	NO MASS Parish Office Closed
Saturday	Jan 1	10 AM Mass—Mary Mother of God
Sunday	Jan 2	10 AM Mass

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Our parish members, assisted by volunteers from St. John Vianney Parish and others, volunteered in the set-up, execution, and clean-up of this very successful event. More than 150 shoppers participated. Again, much appreciation was expressed by those who participated, and the funds collected will be used to purchase gifts for next year's Christmas Shop.

I was greatly edified by the participation of our members along with many friends in these efforts at evangelization and service. God is doing wonderful things through St. Aloysius Parish!

Have a blessed week.

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday Dec 27 as well as Friday Dec 31 and Monday January 3, 2022.

Offertory Envelopes

The 2022 Offertory Envelopes are now available. Please check the tables in the back of church..

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12/19/21

Offertory	\$2333.51
Renovations	\$148.38
Special Collection	\$110.00
Target Year to Date	\$50,000.00
Collection Year to Date	\$55,146.15

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 Blessings go to those who honor their father and mother.
2nd Reading 2 Colossians 3:12-21 Paul tells us to put on love in all our relationships.
Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52 Joseph and Mary find the boy Jesus teaching in the temple.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Dec 27 1 John 1:1-4; John 20,1-8
 Tues Dec 28 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matt 2:13-18
 Wed Dec 29 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
 Thurs Dec 30 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
 Fri Dec 31 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
 Sat Jan 1 Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
 Sun Jan 2 Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matt 2:1-12

SCHOOL NEWS

We are looking for Career Day speakers who are willing to visit all K-8 classrooms and talk about their careers in 10-15 minute increments. We hope to cover all kinds of professional careers and would like to involve our parishioners in this process. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office at 216-451-2050. Career Day is February 17 from 8:15—11:15 AM.

Synodal Listening Sessions

Thank you to all who participated. We will be hosting more "Listening Sessions" in January. Dates and times will be provided in the bulletin.


Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six of our offices and virtually: For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

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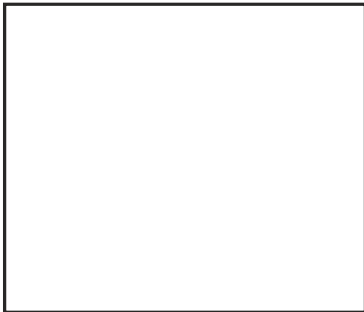
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