



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

*A Place to Grow in the Love and Knowledge of Jesus Christ*

**December 26, 2021 · The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

## DIRECTORY

## Church Hours

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
9 a.m. - noon & 1 - 4 p.m.  
724-838-9480

### For assistance with utilities and other financial needs:

*St. Vincent de Paul Helpline*  
724-837-5154

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*St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry*  
724-836-0175

### For other assistance:

*Catholic Charities*  
724-837-1840

### Pastoral Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Daniel L. Blout

### Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Ignatius Camello, OSB

**Director of Liturgy:** Marisa Cazden

**Director of Discipleship & Evangelization &**

**Youth Ministry:** Katrina Coleman

**Coordinator of Children's Discipleship &**

**Evangelization:** Kelly Dembiczak

### Office Staff

**Secretary:** Joyce Petrunyak

**Secretary:** Donna Stewart

**Administrative Assistant for Discipleship &**

**Evangelization & Social Media:** Itzia Peluso

**Custodian:** Don Sabol

**Custodian:** Jeff Andrejcik

### Saturday Vigil

4 p.m.

\* Interpreted Mass for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing.

### Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

### Live-Streamed

Parish website, Facebook or YouTube.  
4 p.m. and/or 10:30 a.m.

### Weekday

7:00 a.m. M-W-F

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Noon to 1 p.m. Saturday  
in the Day Chapel

### Private Prayer Schedule

The church is open  
Monday through Thursday,  
6 a.m. to 6 p.m.;  
Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Access limited to Gathering Space  
and Devotional Area*

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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."  
(1 Sm 1:27-28)



## PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)



## SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)



## GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Intention of Celebrant

4:00 p.m. **NO MASS**

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 a.m. Louis & Margaret Charley  
by William & Nancy Charley  
and grandchildren

10:30 a.m. For the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace  
& Saint Benedict churches

6:00 p.m. Special Intention

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 a.m. Ralph Synder  
by wife, Ethel

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00 a.m. Charles Cunningham  
by the family in thanksgiving

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, Solemnity of Mary Vigil

7:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

5:30 p.m. James E. Renz, Jr.  
by Joyce Petrunyak

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, Solemnity of Mary

10:00 a.m. Timothy Grohal  
by Norreen Grohal & family

4:00 p.m. Florence & Charles Palangio,  
James Sinwell & Dolores Becker  
by Rose Marie Sinwell

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 a.m. Joanne Wass  
by Donna & Vince Petroy

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the DeHennis &  
Frelin families  
by Virginia Frelin

6:00 p.m. Mario Paulone  
by family

## SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp acknowledging the  
Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle  
is burning this week in loving memory of

*John & Nina Spino  
by friends.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Jim Ahearn  
Mildred Andrykovitch  
Gary Bailey  
Tiger Certain  
Estelle Dannhardt  
Flora Fannerella  
Norma Japalucci

Joan Ross  
Donny Sabol  
Richard Sackett  
Linda Santone  
Phil Sinclair  
Marian Spino  
Shawn Teamann

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Family members may add loved ones to the prayer list  
by contacting the parish office. Names will be removed  
after one month, unless you notify the office.*

## PRAYERS FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Jake LeJeune - Marines

John Petrucci - AF

Baylee Gardner - AF

CPO Cole Terrell - USN

Peyton Smith - Nat. Guard

Lt. Col. Thomas Naughton - AF

Capt. Thomas Shine - AF

CPO Eric Cain - USN

Sean Bialecki - AF

Tara McGuire - Nat. Guard

Zachary Daigle - Army

Nathan Daigle - Nat. Guard

Ryan Daigle - Army

WO Andrew Couchenour - Nat.

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Staff Sgt. Nicholas Baker - AF

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

*May all the souls of the faithful departed, through  
the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life  
in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.*

## VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

*Monthly visits to the sick & homebound by a lay  
minister of communion are resuming. Homebound  
ministers may contact Fr. Ignatius at the parish office  
with any questions.*

Fr. Ignatius and Fr. Dan will provide Anointing of the  
Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if requested. If  
you or your loved one are in need of this spiritual care,  
please contact the parish office.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Due to early bulletin deadlines,  
the Stewardship totals for Dec. 19, 2021,  
will be posted in the Jan. 2, 2022, bulletin.**

**Thank you for your continued faithful support of our parish!**

## MASS BOOK OPEN

Our parish office has opened the Mass Book for 2022. Mass Request forms are available in the Gathering Area of the church and also on the parish's web page. Intentions must be submitted in writing using the Request Form and must include the Mass stipend of \$10 per Mass. PLEASE READ THE GUIDELINES printed on the back of the form. No Mass requests will be accepted over the phone.



### 2022 CALENDARS

are available  
in the Church Gathering Space  
compliments of

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## 2022 Lenten Fish Fry

A general information meeting is scheduled in Shepherds Hall on Thursday, Jan. 13 @ 6:30 p.m. to discuss the upcoming Fish Fry.

**The meeting is open to all parishioners.** This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer, make new friends and provide your valuable input. Please mark your calendars to attend!

## THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 1480 FOUNDATION

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## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

### Mass Schedule

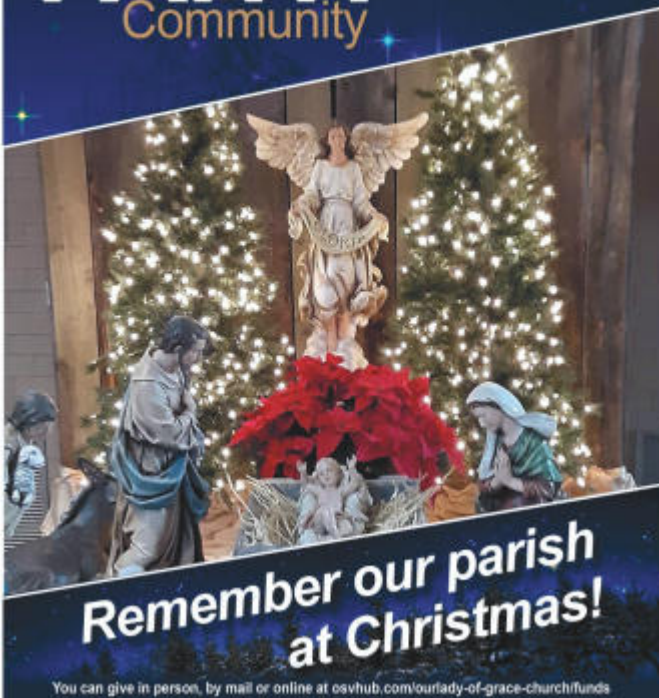
Friday, Dec. 31,  
Our Lady of Grace Church: 5:30 p.m. Vigil

Saturday, Jan. 1,  
Our Lady of Grace Church: 10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.  
St. Benedict: 9 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

*Please note:  
The parish office will be closed on Friday  
in observance of the Holy Day.*

Growing Support for  
**FAITH**  
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If your circumstances allow, we humbly ask you to remember our parish at Christmas with an end-of-the-year gift or a commitment to increase your offertory in 2022.



Remember our parish  
at Christmas!

You can give in person, by mail or online at [osvhub.com/ourlady-of-grace-church/funds](http://osvhub.com/ourlady-of-grace-church/funds)

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Last year, Rosa lost 30% of her harvest because of the rain from hurricanes Eta and Iota. With support from us, Rosa learned techniques to cope with the effects of Climate Change. Now, she hopes to get 50 sacks of corn with this year's harvest. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!



*"Poverty is the flesh of the poor Jesus, in that child who is hungry, in the one who is sick, in those unjust social structures." ~ Pope Francis*

**Liturgical Ministers Dec. 31- Jan. 2**

**5:30 PM Vigil Dec. 31**

**EM: Needed**

**EM: Needed**

**EM & Sacristan: Needed**

Lector: Chuck Boyer

**Servers: Needed**

**Teen Servers: Needed**

**10 AM Mass Jan. 1**

**EM: Needed**

**EM: Needed**

**EM & Sacristan: Needed**

Lector: Needed

**Servers: Needed**

**Teen Server: Needed**

**4 PM Mass Jan. 1**

EM: Susanne Mayhugh

**EM: Needed**

**EM & Sacristan: Needed**

Lector: Daniel Merkovsky

**Servers: Needed**

**Teen Servers: Needed**

**8 AM Mass Jan. 2**

**EM: Needed**

**EM: Needed**

**EM & Sacristan: Needed**

Lector: Needed

**Servers: Needed**

**Teen Server: Needed**

**10:30 AM Mass Jan. 2**

**EM: Needed**

**EM: Needed**

**EM & Sacristan: Needed**

Lector: Doreen Tracy

**Servers: Needed**

**Teen Server: Needed**

**6 PM Mass Jan. 2**

**EM: Needed**

**EM & Sacristan: Needed**

Lector: Needed

**Servers: Needed**

**Teen Server: Needed**



***ANGEL TREE WRAP UP***

The Angel Tree leadership team would like to thank all of the parishioners who helped to make this year's project a success. We deeply appreciate the efforts of our volunteers, who served in so many different capacities to see this ministry fully to its completion. To all who helped out by purchasing gifts for the 124 children who received them, we thank you for making a child's Christmas brighter—without you, this event could not happen! To the parish staff, we are also very grateful for your support. We hope that all of you receive many blessings this Christmas season. **THANKS SO MUCH!!!**



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# DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION

## SACRED STEPS TO SACRAMENTS

### Preparation for Baptism

First-time parents and typically those who last had a child baptized five or more years ago are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation session. Due to covid-19, the prep session will be offered online. After contacting the office to request Baptism, you will be provided with the information to complete the online preparation. Both parents are expected to participate in the prep session.

### First Reconciliation & Communion

Our next Sacrament Prep sessions will be held on *Monday, Jan. 31, and Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 6:30-8 p.m.* in Albanese Hall. Please choose the night that best fits your schedule. A parent must attend with their child. Contact Kelly Dembiczak at the parish office, Ext. 17, with questions or concerns.

### Confirmation

If you have a teen currently in 8th grade or above who has not yet received this Sacrament or is not currently in preparation for this Sacrament, please contact Katrina at the parish office, Ext. 16, to be included in the 2021-2022 preparation group.

### Sacraments for Adults who were Baptized Catholic

If you are an adult who has not received one of your Sacraments of Initiation — First Eucharist or Confirmation — you are invited to join other adults from the parish who will be completing their Sacraments of Initiation during the 2021-2022 academic year.

### Sacraments of Marriage

Prior to setting a wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance so that all of the formation and paperwork can be completed.

### RCIA

If you have ever thought about becoming Catholic or returning to the faith, please call Katrina, our Director of Discipleship & Evangelization, or our pastor to have your questions answered and be welcomed home.

### Vocation Information

If you are interested in the priesthood or religious life, our pastor is happy to speak with you. Young men may also contact Fr. Tyler Bandura at 724-552-2535.



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