



# SAINT PAUL PARISH

MAKING & STRENGTHENING CHRISTIANS



## Welcome to St. Paul Parish

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## Parish Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Jason Bertke  
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Nicholas J. Schwartz  
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Thomas Kathman  
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Scott Folz

## PARISH SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 27: Parish Office Closed

Mass 8:15AM: JOE CAMPBELL  
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church

### Tuesday, December 28: Parish Office Closed

Mass 8:15AM: KEVIN JOSEPH KENNY  
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church  
RCIA 7PM—PC 173

### Wednesday, December 29:

#### Parish Office Closed

Mass 8:15AM: JOAN KRUER  
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church

### Thursday, December 30: Parish Office Closed

Mass 8:15AM: RITA RALEY  
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church  
Holy Hour 6PM—Church

### Friday, December 31: Parish Office Closed

Mass 8:15AM: BOBBY DEEVERS  
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church

### Saturday, January 1: Happy New Year!

Mass 8:15AM: RICHARD C CANCELLA  
Confessions 3:30-4:30PM—Church  
Mass 5PM: JUNE PURCELL DEELEY



### Sunday, January 2

Mass 9AM: FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
Adult Choir Practice 10AM—Choir Loft  
Mass 11AM: KENNETH RUDOLPH

# December 26, 2021

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Introductory Rites

During these initial ritual moments, the assembly becomes one in mind, heart, and voice in the worship of the Eternal Triune God.

### The Procession and Entrance Hymn

The ministers, Deacon and Priest enter the church. The assembly turns and watches with expectancy as the Word of God enters. When the Deacon and Priest reach the sanctuary, they make a profound reverence toward the tabernacle out of respect and reverence for the sacramental presence of the Lord contained therein. Then, they approach the altar of sacrifice and kiss it, for it is a symbol of Christ himself.

### Sign of the Cross

To make the sign of the cross, use your right hand and as the priest says "In the name of the Father," touch your fingertips to your forehead. Then as he says "and of the Son," touch your fingertips of your right hand to the middle of your chest near your heart. Lastly, as he says, "and of the Holy," touch your fingertips to your left shoulder and as he says "Spirit," to your right shoulder. In this manner, we mark ourselves with the sign of the cross upon which our Savior Jesus Christ saved us, we also become more consciously aware that we are in the presence of the Eternal Triune God.

### Greeting

The priest greets those assembled using a greeting which echoes the greetings used in Jewish prayer and in the Pauline letters.

### Penitential Act

To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries of Jesus Christ and the salvation he gives us, we recall our sins and pray for God's forgiveness to be granted to each and all of us. At times, the litany "Lord have mercy" is prayed in the ancient Greek form "Kyrie, eleison," linking us to our ancestors in faith and reminding ourselves of the universality of God's mercy and of our faith.

### Angels We Have Heard on High

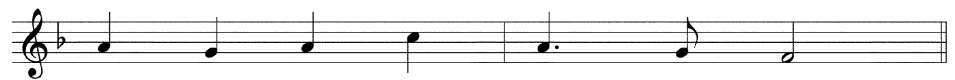
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1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing  
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the  
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply  
 strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be,  
 an - gels sing; Come a - dore, on bend - ed knee,  
 an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,



Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.  
 Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 While our hearts in love we raise.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your Spirit.**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

... Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy) **Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy).**  
 Christe eleison (Christ have Mercy) **Christe eleison (Christ have Mercy).**  
 Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy) **Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy).**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

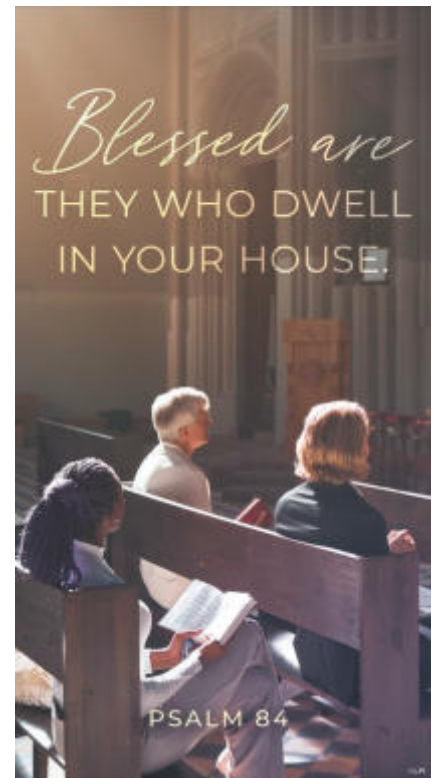
# Glory To God

Mass of Renewal

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple  
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you  
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly  
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -  
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed  
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -  
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

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## Collect

*The priest says "Let us pray" and a brief silence is observed so that all may become more conscious of being in God's presence and allowing each one time to call to mind the intentions each has brought to this holy liturgy. Then, the priest gathering, as it were, all the intentions, offers the collect of the day.*

Let us pray.

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## Liturgy of the Word

This is the first of the two major parts of the Mass, Divine Liturgy or Eucharistic Liturgy. It is during this part of the celebration that the proclamation of the Word of God takes place. The readings for the Sunday Mass are structured in a three year cycle. Thus the vast majority of the entire Bible is proclaimed to the Sunday assembly every three years.

### First Reading

The first reading normally comes from the Old Testament and is thematically paired to the Gospel proclaimed on the same day.

### Responsorial Psalm

Having heard of God's deeds in the proclamation of the first reading, the assembly responds normally by singing one of the psalms.

### Second Reading

The second reading comes from one of the epistles. These readings are read in a semi-continuous way. This means that a few verses of a given epistle is proclaimed and then stopped. The next Sunday the proclamation continues where the previous Sunday left off.

### Gospel Acclamation

Through this acclamation, the assembly welcomes and greets the Lord who speaks to the assembly in the Gospel.

*(Please be seated)*

A reading from the Book of Sirach

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84 *Blessed Are They* Tony Alonso



Bless-ed are they who dwell in your house, who dwell in your house, O Lord.

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

*Colossians 3:12-21*

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

*Alleluia* Mass of Renewal Curtis Stephan



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The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

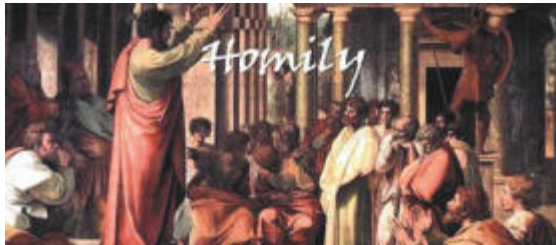
**And with your spirit.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 2:41-52*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*



*(Please stand)*

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven and **(Bow)** by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

....We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

### *Gospel*

*The Gospel is announced. All take their thumb and trace the cross signing the forehead, mouth and heart, praying as they do so: "May the Word of the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart." This comes to us from a Jewish custom honoring the scriptures. A section of one of the Gospels is proclaimed and the assembly listens attentively to the voice of the Lord. Across the three year cycle of readings for Sunday Mass, Matthew, Mark or Luke's Gospel is highlighted. John is read in all three years.*

### *Homily*

*The Priest, or from time to time a Deacon, explains and expounds upon the mystery laid before the assembly this Sunday.*

### *Profession of Faith*

*The assembly responds to the Word of God proclaimed with the ancient profession of faith to honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith. Normally the Nicene Creed is prayed which expresses the mysteries and rule of faith and comes from the Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325 AD and the First Ecumenical Council at Constantinople in 381 AD.*

### *The Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful or Bidding Prayers)*

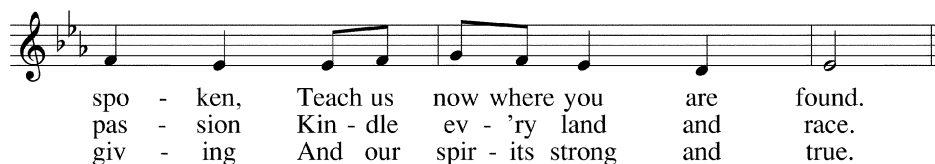
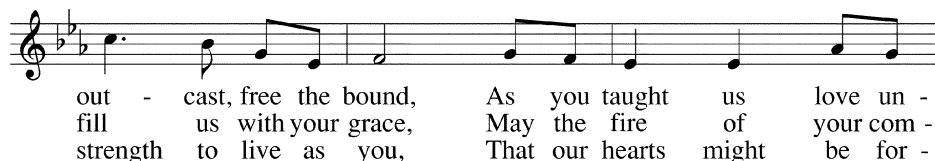
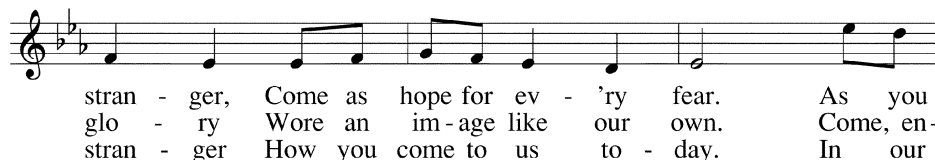
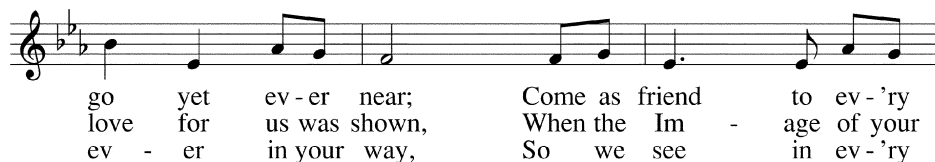
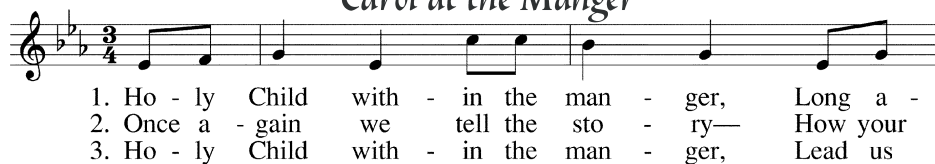
*The faithful, exercising their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation and benefit of all.*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

This is the second major part of the Mass. A collection is made for the support of the parish and its charitable works. This collection as well as the bread and wine to be offered are brought in procession to the altar. At the Last Supper, Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and banquet, by which the Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the Church whenever the Priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord himself did and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory. For Christ took the bread and the chalice, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat, this is my body and gave the chalice to his disciples saying: Take, drink, this is my blood. Do this in memory of me. Not a nostalgic remembrance but a dynamic living memorial in the power of God. Such, that, that which is remembered, becomes present to those who are celebrating the sacred mystery of salvation, who is Jesus Christ.

## Carol at the Manger

(Please be seated)



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(Please stand)

Pray brethren (or other address of the assembly), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## The Prayer Over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



### JOIN US FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY AUGUST 1 – 6, 2023

The Diocese of Covington is coordinating a pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal, for youth and young adults ages 16 and up. Experience the universality of the Catholic Church in the presence of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, alongside millions of young Catholics from around the world. The pilgrimage includes several days spent in service to the local diocese of Lisbon and a day trip to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Bishop, John C. Iffert, is hoping to join us along with a few priests from the diocese. The cost is \$3,700 per person and includes roundtrip airfare, transportation, lodging, meals, and tours. Initial payment of \$300 is due by March 31, 2022, with the full amount of \$3,700 paid by Friday, March 31, 2023. If you are interested in attending, leading a group, or making donations to help the youth of our diocese attend this powerful experience, please contact Isaak Abraham Isaak at 859-392-1500, ext. 1529 or [iisaak@covdio.org](mailto:iisaak@covdio.org).



The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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*(Please kneel)*

Mass of Renewal  
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### When We Eat This Bread

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
 claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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### Amen

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*(Please stand)*

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  
**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom  
 come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our  
 daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who  
 trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
 from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our  
 days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin  
 and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming  
 of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace  
 I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and  
 graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who  
 live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

### The Eucharistic Prayer

Now the center and high point of the  
 entire celebration begins, the Eucharistic  
 Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving and  
 sanctification. The Priest offers the  
 prayer in the name of the whole  
 community to God the Father through  
 Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

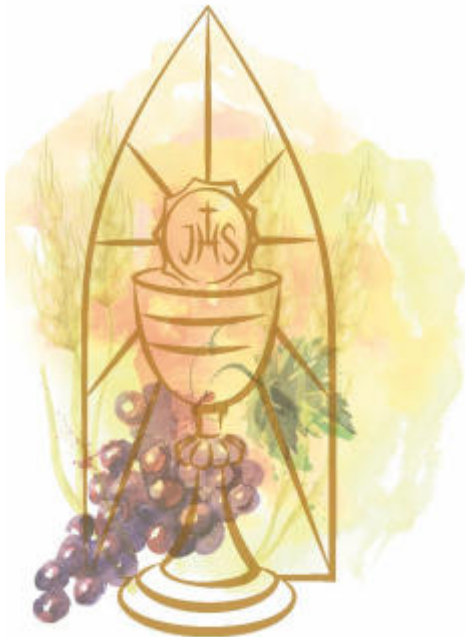


### The Communion Rite

The faithful prepare themselves to  
 receive the presence of the Lord Jesus  
 Christ in Holy Communion. They do this  
 using various prayers and by praying for  
 the coming of the Kingdom in the words  
 Jesus taught.

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.



If you or someone you know is curious about becoming Catholic, St. Paul Parish would like to invite you to come explore your questions. Deacon Nick Schwartz is available to meet with you to discuss and answer any questions you might have about what Catholics are all about. It's very informal, and there is no obligation. You can contact Deacon Nick at (859) 371-8051 ext. 240 or [nschwartz@stpaulnky.org](mailto:nschwartz@stpaulnky.org).

## Reception of Holy Communion

Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the Paschal Banquet, it is desirable that in accordance with the Lord's command his Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by those faithful who are properly disposed.

15th century

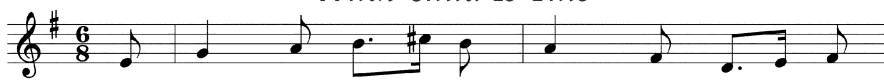
**Agnus Dei**

(Please kneel)

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## 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



Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for  
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 en - throne him.



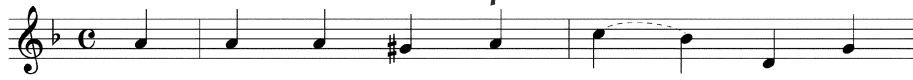
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



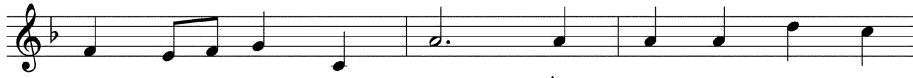
Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y.



## O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How  
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and  
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the  
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to  
 scend to us we pray; Cast out our sin and



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in the dark streets shin - eth The ev - er -  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad



last - ing Light; The hopes and fears of  
 ho - ly birth! And prais - es sing to  
 world of sin, Where meek souls will re -  
 tid - ings tell; O come to us, a -



all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 God the King, And peace to all on earth.  
 ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

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Tune: ST. LOUIS, 8 6 8 6 7 6 8 6; Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

(Please stand)

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in peace glorifying God by your life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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 all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



The Solemnity of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass will be at 8:15AM on Saturday, January 1.

### Saturday, January 1: Mass Times

8:15AM Mass—Solemnity of Mary

5:00PM Mass— Sunday Vigil

### MORNING OF REFLECTION: WITH FATHER CONOR KUNATH

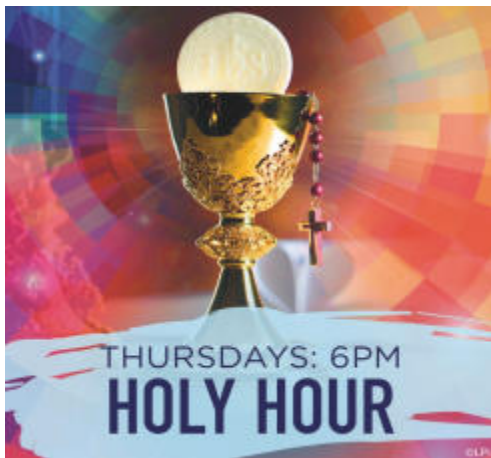
Have you ever wanted to know how to discern God's will in your life? Have you ever wondered if it is possible to learn to be holy? All of this and more will be the topic of a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 9:30AM – 12:30PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Burlington. There will also be Mass, a Holy Hour, and Confessions available to practice what we learn. Whatever your age, sex, or current path - ALL ARE WELCOME! There is absolutely NO CHARGE for this Morning of Reflection, and NO SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED; so, come and be inspired!

### Post Communion Prayer

### Concluding Rites


#### Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Bishop Foys has recommended that we pray the Leonine prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at the end of all Masses throughout the Diocese of Covington. "It is apparent that the smoke of Satan has entered the sanctuary," Bishop Foys said. "This prayer which has been prayed since 1886 to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness seems exceptionally appropriate at this time in the life of our beloved Church."



**2021 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES VESPERS CELEBRATION**

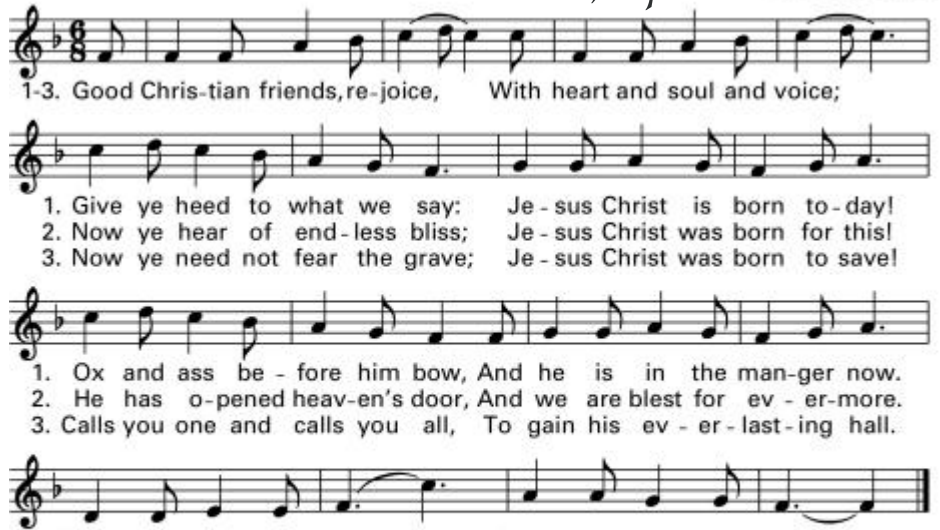
Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, to honor couples who celebrated significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2021. Married couples who celebrated their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to a Vespers celebration on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Anniversary couples please RSVP by January 11, 2022, at [covdio.org/wedding-vespers/](http://covdio.org/wedding-vespers/) or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533 to register. Reservations are only required for Anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.



**30 AND OVER COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

The 30 and over coed volleyball league is back! If you are interested in playing in the league, please let David Welte know. The games will start the 2nd week of January on Sundays. The cost is donation only. If interested in playing, contact David Welte at [davewelte005@gmail.com](mailto:davewelte005@gmail.com) or 859-609-7664.

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO



1-3. Good Christian friends, re-joice, With heart and soul and voice;

1. Give ye heed to what we say; Je - sus Christ is born to - day!  
 2. Now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 3. Now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

1. Ox and ass be - fore him bow, And he is in the man - ger now.  
 2. He has o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for ev - er - more.  
 3. Calls you one and calls you all, To gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

1. Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 2. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 3. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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 Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1535.



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## BAPTISM PREPARATION

### PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

A Pre-Baptism Meeting is required for first child parents. They will be held individually via Zoom meeting at the convenience of the participants and the instructor. For more information and to schedule a meeting, contact Linda Fryman at 859-371-8051 or [lfryman@stpaulnky.org](mailto:lfryman@stpaulnky.org).

### NEED HEALING?

As the source and summit of our faith, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest wellspring of healing that the Lord Jesus has given us. A Mass designated as 'healing' offers additional specific focus on personal healing. The Covington Diocese's Charismatic Renewal, the Mustard Seed Community, now sponsors a First Friday Healing Mass at St Joseph Church, Crescent Springs. All are welcome! Jan 7, 7:00 p.m. Praise music, 7:30 p.m. Mass followed by individual healing prayer.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 27 through Sunday, January 2. For an emergency, call the Parish Office at 859-371-8051 and follow the prompts.

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

**JANUARY 1 AND 2**

**5:00 PM—Michelle W.**

**9:00 AM – Jeff S.**

**11:00 AM – Tom B.**

## ST . PAUL SCHOOL

The students of St. Paul were very busy before Christmas break creating snowflakes to bring holiday cheer to the residents of Elmcroft Assisted Living. The goal was to put a snowflake on every door of the facility. With the efforts of our students, we made 100 snowflakes! Not only did every resident get one for their door, but we were able to decorate the common areas. The residents were SO excited, stating that nobody has ever decorated for them before.



### 1ST AND 3RD GRADE CHRISTMAS PLAY

The 1st and 3rd grade students preformed a beautiful Christmas play on December 14.



We are looking for one or two more Eucharistic Ministers for Homebound parishioners. Many of these individuals you have probably seen at Mass over the years, but can no longer attend. This will require one Sunday morning a month visiting 4 to 5 individuals in the Florence area. Training will be provided. You must be vaccinated and must provide your own transportation. This is a wonderful ministry you will enjoy. Please contact Deacon Scott Folz ([Scottfolz@gmail.com](mailto:Scottfolz@gmail.com), 859-283-2422) or Gil Foltz (859-304-0501, [gfoltz@fioptics.com](mailto:gfoltz@fioptics.com)) or the Parish Office at 859-371-8051.



## CHURCH IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

A few months ago, the Elmlinger family approached St. Paul about using the memorial funds for Steve Elmlinger to elevate the Tabernacle. Trinity Church Supplies will be completing the project and the marble is being cut now. The latest they expect to complete the project is January 2022.

To further enhance the sound quality in the church, St. Paul consulted with American Sound & Electronics Inc. about updating the sound system. Their recommendations include updating the speakers to a digital system which would allow consistent sound pressure throughout the church, new wireless microphones and Listen Technologies, and a hearing impairment system that is loop designed. Targeted installation is April 2022.

The sound system quote comes in at \$30,000. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and other additional funds, the parish is halfway to this goal. If you'd like to contribute toward the new sound system for the Church, please include a note with your donation. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Church and please note in the memo section "Church Sound System."

### VIRTUS

All VIRTUS accounts will be open during the month of December. If you wish to volunteer during the winter season, please catch up by reading all bulletins now and each month thereafter. The December bulletin posted December 5 and is due January 4. The January bulletin will post January 2 and is due February 1.

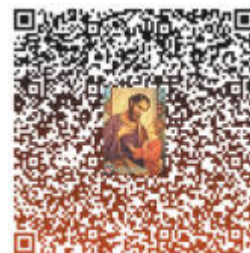
### SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

Our Catholic schools have been impacted by the labor shortage. Schools in the Diocese of Covington are seeking to fill a number of immediate openings. These include classroom teachers, counselors, instructional aides, and substitute teachers. Many positions need to be filled beginning in January through the end of the 2021-22 school year. Visit the "Employment" page on the Diocesan website, under "Teacher Openings" and "School-Related Openings" to view the postings and for information on how to apply: [www.covdio.org/schools/employment](http://www.covdio.org/schools/employment)



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### GOD BLESS OUR STEWARDSHIP

December 20, 2021

Due to the holiday, the deadline for the bulletin was early so the contribution statement will be in next week's bulletin.

### PROJECT RACHEL

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### ENVELOPES

If you are using WeShare for the Sunday collection and would like to stop receiving envelopes, please contact Linda Fryman at [lfryman@stpaulnky.org](mailto:lfryman@stpaulnky.org) or 859-371-8051.

## 2023 SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: WE'RE LISTENING!

Synodality is “journeying together” - a way of living out our faith that involves shared responsibility, listening and speaking to one another, and discernment with the Holy Spirit to address the issues facing our Church today. The diocesan consultation about how we journey together is underway, and we want to hear from **everyone** - as many people as possible, especially those who are often excluded or who are not involved in the life of the Church. There are two main ways to participate. Listening sessions will be held in a variety of formats during the months of January, February and March as determined by parishes, institutions and organizations. And for those unable to join in a listening session, an online survey is available at [covidio.org/synod](http://covidio.org/synod). Continue to look for more information in parish communications or on the diocesan website [covidio.org/synod](http://covidio.org/synod).



Pope Francis has invited the worldwide Church to participate in preparing for the next meeting of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. The topic? SYNODALITY

### When does the Synod Consultation take place?

The diocesan phase of the consultation began on November 7, 2021 in the Diocese of Covington and will conclude in April 2022. The national and international phases of the consultation will begin in the fall of 2022 and continue into 2023. The entire process culminates with the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023.

### Who should participate?

Everyone! The goal of the process is to have a wide consultation, involving the greatest number of people possible. In a particular way, we want to hear from those whose voices may not often be heard: youth, women, the elderly, people with disabilities, people who live in poverty, Catholics who rarely or no longer practice their faith, those on the margins, etc.

Diocesan parishes, institutions, religious houses, agencies and organizations are planning opportunities for people to participate.

### How can people participate?

There are two main ways to be involved:

1. Listening sessions will be held in a variety of formats during the months of January, February and March as determined by individual parishes, institutions, agencies and organizations.
2. An online survey is available for those unable to participate in a listening session. Visit [www.covidio.org/synod](http://www.covidio.org/synod).

Look for more information in the diocesan *Messenger*, in parish communications, on social media, and on the diocesan website, [www.covidio.org/synod](http://www.covidio.org/synod). Or visit <https://www.synod.va/en.html>





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