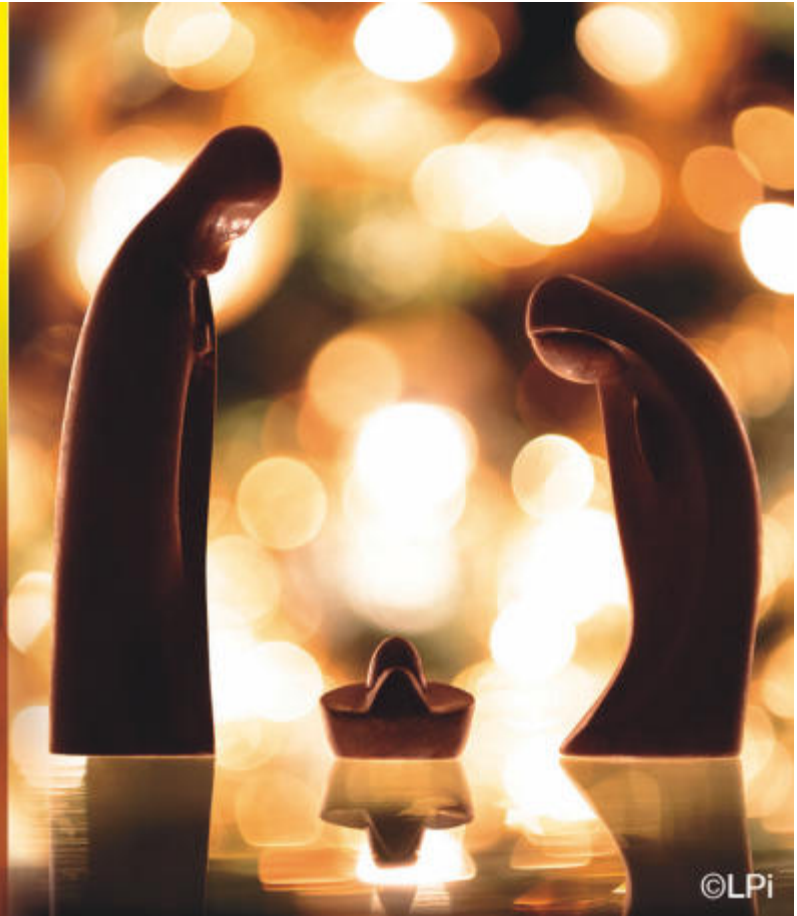


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The early Church Fathers spoke of the relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as a “dance,” serving the good of the other, respect and obedience at the same time. Jesus learned this mutual respect from his mother Mary and also from St. Joseph. This led him to be obedient to his heavenly Father all the way to the cross. We learn in family also to be respectful and obedient.

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9:00 am - 5:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday at 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

CONFESSIONS

Sat., 12:00pm - 1:00pm
or by appointment

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Second Sunday of the month by appointment

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Arrangements to be made nine months in advance, please call the office before setting the date

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FROM YOUR PASTOR



I give thanks for the **great and ongoing generosity** of our parishioners, especially in the Advent and Christmas season. In addition to our annual support to Christmas gifts for St. Louis Center and Faith In Action, we were able

to support eight more families through your Secret Santa donations. Our Holy Land Christian offerings amounted to over \$4400.00, making it possible for many of the children in the Holy Land to be sure to receive gifts. May God continue to bless us and also keep us safe!

My thanks also goes to all those decorating the church, inside and out for this Holy Season. We should be proud of our ability to visibly announce the good news of Christ among us as we celebrate his birth.

New Years Day, the feast of the Motherhood of God **is not a holy day of obligation** in 2022. There will be a Mass in honor of Mary this Saturday at 9:00 AM, followed by the weekend Masses for Epiphany.

May 2022 be a year of health and blessing!



IN OUR PRAYERS



Mike Adam
Judy Dehring
Liz Hollow
Sr. Ann Mahany
Mary Ellen Mynning
Dan O'Dale

Missy Redman
Kelli Reppart
and all those who are suffering from chronic illness, depression, and those in despair.

NEED TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER LIST?

You can add someone who would like their name added to the prayer list by calling the office: 734-475-7561 or by emailing Beth Wenzel at: bwenzel@stmarychelsea.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & Faith Formation



Holy Families Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than ‘the family of God.’ From the beginning, the core of the church was often constituted by those

who had become believers’ together with all their household.’ When they were converted, they desired that ‘their whole household’ should also be saved. These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world. In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason, the Second Vatican council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the *Ecclesia domestica* (the domestic church). It is in the bosom of the family that parents are ‘by word and example...the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. ... It is here that the father of the family, the mother, children, and all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way ‘by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity’ Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and ‘a school for human enrichment.’ Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated – forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one’s life. We must also remember the great number of single persons who... are especially close to Jesus’ heart ... The doors of homes, the domestic churches,’ and of the great family which is the Church must be open to all of them. ‘No one is without a family in this world: The Church is a home and family for everyone, especially those who ‘labor and are heavy laden.’ (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1655-1658)



We welcome the newest member of our family, Marcus Elliot. Son of Timothy and Miranda Koch. May he grow in wisdom, age and grace in the Holy Spirit.

LITURGY CORNER

**The Four Gospels of Christmas:
The story of Emmanuel – God-with-us**

Christmas – the moment when we celebrate God becoming one of us and dwelling with us, is so pivotal in human history that the church has developed four different liturgies in an attempt to help us gain some appreciation of the event.

If you attend Mass on Christmas Eve in our parish, you will hear the Christmas story as recounted in the gospel of Matthew. This gospel, in its longer form begins with Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus. Then, we encounter Joseph, who hears that Mary, his betrothed wife, is pregnant. Rather than publicly accuse her and even subject her to stoning to death, he decides to break off the engagement quietly. The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph and reminds him that he is a son of David and explains that the child Mary carries is God’s child, He who is **Emmanuel, God-with-us.**

If you attend Mass “in the night” – Midnight Mass, you will hear the story of Jesus’ birth as told by Luke. This gospel recounts the journey undertaken by Joseph and Mary, and the wondrously powerful irony of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, being born in a stable – Emmanuel, God-with-us. His birth announcement is not heralded in the courts of king Herod or Caesar Augustus, but before poor shepherds, who “watch their fields by night.” Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

If you attend Mass at dawn on Christmas morning, a Mass we do not celebrate in our parish, you would hear a continuation of the birth story told by Luke. The shepherds hurry from their fields to see this Child announced by the angels, and, full of joy, they spread the Good News of **Emmanuel, God-with-us.**

If you attend Mass at 10:00 AM on Christmas, you will hear the earliest recorded Christian hymn, which opens the Gospel according to John. In beautiful poetry the gospel begins by speaking of “The Word” – the second person of the blessed trinity, and it reaches its climax with

*And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son,
full of grace and truth.*

The whole point of Christmas can be summed up as this: **Emmanuel, God-with-us,** chooses to be intimate with us.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1 Sm. 1:20-22, 24-28 | Ps. 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 | 1 Jn. 3:1-2, 23-24 | Lk. 2:41-52

Monday: St. John

1 Jn. 1:1-4 | Ps. 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 | Jn. 20:1 & 2-8

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents

1 Jn. 1:5—2:2 | Ps. 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-8 | Mt. 2:13-18

Wednesday:

1 Jn. 2:3-11 | Ps. 96:1-2, 3, 5-6 | Lk. 2:22-35

Thursday:

1 Jn. 2:12-17 | Ps. 96:7-8, 9, 10 | Lk. 2:36-40

Friday:

1 Jn. 2:18-21 | Ps. 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 | Jn. 1:1-18

Saturday: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Num. 6:22-27 | Ps. 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 | Gal. 4:4-7 | Lk. 2:16-21

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is. 60:1-6 | Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 | Eph. 3:1-3, 5-6 | Mt. 2:1-12



Part of the Catholic tradition is to spend time refreshing and rejuvenating our faith. Make one of your new year's resolutions to reenergize your soul at **Reboot** with Chris Stefanick!

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00pm
St. Joe Dexter, Mast Rd.

Do not miss this opportunity to engage with this internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and faith warrior.

This event is an opportunity to reflect on:
Why are we here? Who is important in our life?
How do we spend our time?
How do we find joy? How do we spread joy in our community and relationships? You will leave the event with joy in your heart and simple, practical tips of keeping Jesus present in your daily lives.

Reserve your spot today by calling
734-475-7561

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25

10:00am—For Our Parish

Sunday, December 26

8:00am—Joyce Angelocci

By The Orłowski Family

10:00am—Lynn Houle

By Annette Gaken Houle

Monday, December 27

9:00am—Special Intentions of

Chris and Kendal Capparelli

By The Day Family

Tuesday, December 28

9:00am—Lawrence and Darlene Day

By Mark and Kathie Day

Wednesday, December 29

9:00am—Health Intentions of

John Anthony

By Patti Stewart and Marcia Katz

Thursday, December 30

9:00am—Fr. Tim Dombrowski

By Steve and Barb Lewis

Friday, December 31

9:00am—Adoration Guardians

By A Friend

Saturday, January 1

9:00am—Prayers to End Abortion

By The RLC

4:30pm—Helen Steele

By The Parker Family

Sunday, January 2

8:00am—For Our Parish

10:00am—Carol Surago

By Patrice Marner

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, December 27

Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm

9:45am Scripture Study

7:00pm Parish Council

24 hour Adoration

6:30pm Rosary

7:00pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Friday, December 31

Office Open 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, January 1

Happy New Year

9:00am First Saturday Mass

No Confessions

Thursday, December 30

Office Hours 9:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, January 2

STEWARDSHIP

Hannah in the first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

Weekly Offering

Giving Back to the Lord
December 11 & 12

Offertory: \$6,126.00
Envelopes: 121
Online Giving: \$5,692.00
Givers: 82
Weekly Total: \$ 11,818

With many thanks and gratitude for your generosity, we are happy to say you helped raise \$3,450.00 for the Retired Religious. These funds will help provide care, to those who have provided spiritual care to so many.



Life isn't a race. This is one of those quintessential lessons that we all hear at different times in our lives. We say to ourselves, "Got it." But we don't. Enjoy the journey. Another one of those lessons. We tell ourselves, "Got it." But we don't. We continue to rush around like maniacs. But here's the real problem with racing through life. If you think of life as a race, every step sideways and backwards, every pause, will seem like it doesn't belong, like a waste of time. Every step is part of life, and there is life in every step. Life isn't a race. It's a dance. Every step forward and every step back. Stepping sideways and twirling in circles, are all part of the dance we call life. Great dancers are never in a hurry. They relax into the rhythm, become one with their partners, and experience the exhilaration of the dance. When was the last time your life felt like that? Simply slowing down improves almost everything in our lives. (from *Life Is Messy* by Matthew Kelly)



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