



THE NATIVITY *of the Lord*

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Christmas 2021

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the sick of our parish especially: G.P.A, Bruce & Kathy Anderson, Alicia & Tim, Anderson, Christine Anne, Chloe Arnold, John Barber, Beth Bartja, Dave Beutler, Larry & Susan Bialecki, Rich Brenner, Ava Burkey, S.C., Mike Chambers, Sue Chitwood, Seth Clark, Howard Cook, Dcn. George Cousino, Patricia Davis, Tom Dieter, Bob & Ruth Drudge, Ron DuVall, D. & A. E., Charles Esteves, Jim Etts, Caroline Flaczynski, J. Flanagan, Tom & Joanne Foster, Carollee Gilmore, Florence Grandowicz, David Greer, Gayle Grove, Sharon Grycza, A.L.H., Nan Hankenhof, Doris Hervieux, Gerogianne Hobson, Shannon Huber, Thelma Humphrys, Jessica Jenkins, Virginia Johnson, Eugenia Jones, Jacob Kahn, Gloria Karczewski, C. & M. Kehoe, David Kolar, Rich & Lexie Kopas, Dick Laurell, Vicki LaValle, Josh LaVigne, Loren LaVoy, Madeline & Mary Lemerand, Laura Lorenzo, Katie M., Ed McCormick, Nick McCoy, Regina Meszaros, Betty Miller, Joseph Mitchell, Rick & Madeline Mitchell, Amanda Moore, Ken & Lynn Muntz, Pat Myers, Patricia Novembre, James Nyhan IV, Carita Pakulski, David Perry, Margie Perzynski, Lucille Pirrone, Jamie Poupard, Marie Rakolta, Crystal Regnier, Lu Rosser, Mary Russell, Joe Rutkowski, G.S., Joan Salisbury, Sandra, Pat Schoenrad, Paul Schornack, Joe Seager, Midge Sherman, Ernestine Slaviero, Tracy Smith, Jill Stoll, Barbara Szczurek, Christy Szymanski, Tenney Family, Alice Truna, Erick Urbaniak, Cheryl Usery, Cindy Veбенstad, Andy Veбенstad Jr., L.W., M. Walentowski, Walter, Pat Webber, Ralph Wenski, Roberta Wesolowski, Dana Willi, Hazel Young, and Tom Zoldowski.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

***Weekend Masses:** Saturday, 4:30 PM;
Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

***Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat, 9:00AM.
Church open daily until 2:00PM (no Thurs & Sat).

Confession: Saturdays, in Room 1, 9:45-10:30AM;
3:00-3:45PM; weekdays by appointment—call the Parish Office.

Baptism and weddings: Prearrangement required.
Call the Parish Office for details.

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Christmas Giving

You can still make a **gift to the parish for Christmas**—the only collection that **stays 100% in our parish**. If you're not using your Christmas envelope, make sure it is somehow marked "Christmas." We can accept your Christmas Offering through January 7th.

Thank you to all who sponsored a child, bought a special "Tag" gift (gift card), or donated a toy of your choice. Your combined efforts helped make a very Merry Christmas for many in need. God bless you all!

Epiphany Concert

Come join us for a concert featuring our parish choirs on **Saturday, January 8, 2022!**

The concert will be held in the church following the 4:30 PM Mass.

Bring a friend, and join us as we enjoy the end of the Christmas season with beautiful Christmas music.

Dinner to follow in the parish hall. See you there!

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We **DO NOT** share your information!

Your Envelope Speaks...

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the tithe for December 18/19 will be reported in the next available bulletin.

Remember 2022 envelopes will come to you by mail.

Thank you for your support at Christmas and throughout the year!

January Ushers

Saturday, 4:30 PM

D. & C. Andrews

Sunday, 9:00 AM

B. Folk, M. LaVoy,
S. Lamb

Sunday, 11:00 AM

J. Gerity, C. Yensz



LaCuesta's Quest

It brings me great joy to celebrate and give thanks with you to the incredible God we have! I see the joy on your faces despite how tired many of you are. Even though this season is so hectic for many of us, I pray that the peace and joy of this day will remain with you long after the presents are opened, the parties are held, and the carols have been sung.

What a difference a year makes, right? Last Christmas seemed so strange, so different from any other. And not just Christmas—the whole year! Nothing went the way it usually does—school, work, leisure, church, dining, vacations, holidays. And we did our best, we tried to make a very abnormal time as “normal” as possible. It amazed me how creative people became as they tried to stay connected with family and friends. But as one month became 3 became 8, health officials around the country began getting concerned not just because of the physical effects of the virus, but because of something else...

...the isolation. That's right, the isolation. They knew that it was unhealthy for people to go day after day feeling so alone. That's a bad feeling, the feeling of being by oneself, separated from the people we love, separated from the routines, traditions and support systems that keep us grounded and safe. It might take quite a while to find out if there are any long term effects of what we went through (not just from a physical standpoint but from an emotional and spiritual one). That's why we need this Christmas more than ever.

And the reason is simple. While Christmas is many things to many people, it is at its core an emphatic explanation point assuring us that we are **not** alone. Its God telling us: I'm not distant. I'm closer to you than you can imagine. I have no desire to treat you harshly but rather want to show you my gentleness, tenderness and compassion. I'm not a God who doesn't understand what you are going through. I do, because I am willing to walk the same journey. True power isn't what you think it is. It comes from loving and nothing else. I will never abandon you or turn away from you! Rather I am willing to do whatever it takes to save you.

My friends, God is not a God who sits on the sidelines and watches from afar. Rather, he is deeply concerned about us, passionately committed to us, and madly in love with us. What a God we have! And so, Christmas reminds us that we are not making this journey alone. God is right alongside us and within us, helping us pay forward our blessings in times of plenty, and providing a shoulder to cry on and a loving embrace in times of sorrow. He's there to guide us and inspire us and pick us up when we have stumbled.

Most importantly, he came among us to show us how to love. So, I guess we don't just need THIS Christmas more than ever. We need EVERY Christmas more than ever, we need that yearly reminder that we never have to feel all alone. God is with us. God forgives us. God loves us. God saves us. I'm not sure there's a better present than that.

Have a merry, blessed, and truly grateful Christmas everyone!

— Fr. Don A. LaCuesta

Need Prayers?

Anonymous prayer requests can be made via our website. Just click on the green prayer request box on the home page.

Your prayer intentions will be remembered for one month at Mass, and by the parish Intercessory Prayer Team. If you need your prayers to be continued after a month, please resend your intention.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 26—Holy Family

9:00 AM

† Marjorie Scavio

† Jean Waybright

11:00 AM

† Gene Borysiak

† Rita Lenhart

† Joseph & Michael Wlodarski

Monday, December 27

9:00 AM † Patrick Dillon

Tuesday, December 28

9:00 AM Intentions of Mark Hubbel

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 AM † Dianne Montri

9:30 AM **Eucharistic Adoration**

4:00 PM Benediction

Thursday, December 30

No Mass

Friday, December 31

9:00 AM † Sue Bomyea

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 AM Intentions of OLMC

Parishioners

4:30 PM

† Layne Fraley

† Ann Szydlowski

Sunday, January 2

9:00 AM

† Vito Sr. & Gina Boraggina

† Charles Wardell

11:00 AM

† Dan Biegaj

† Lucille Hebert

O Come All Ye Faithful

Readings for the Week

December 27-January 2

Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tue: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Thu: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Sat: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/

Lk 2:16-21

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1-12



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