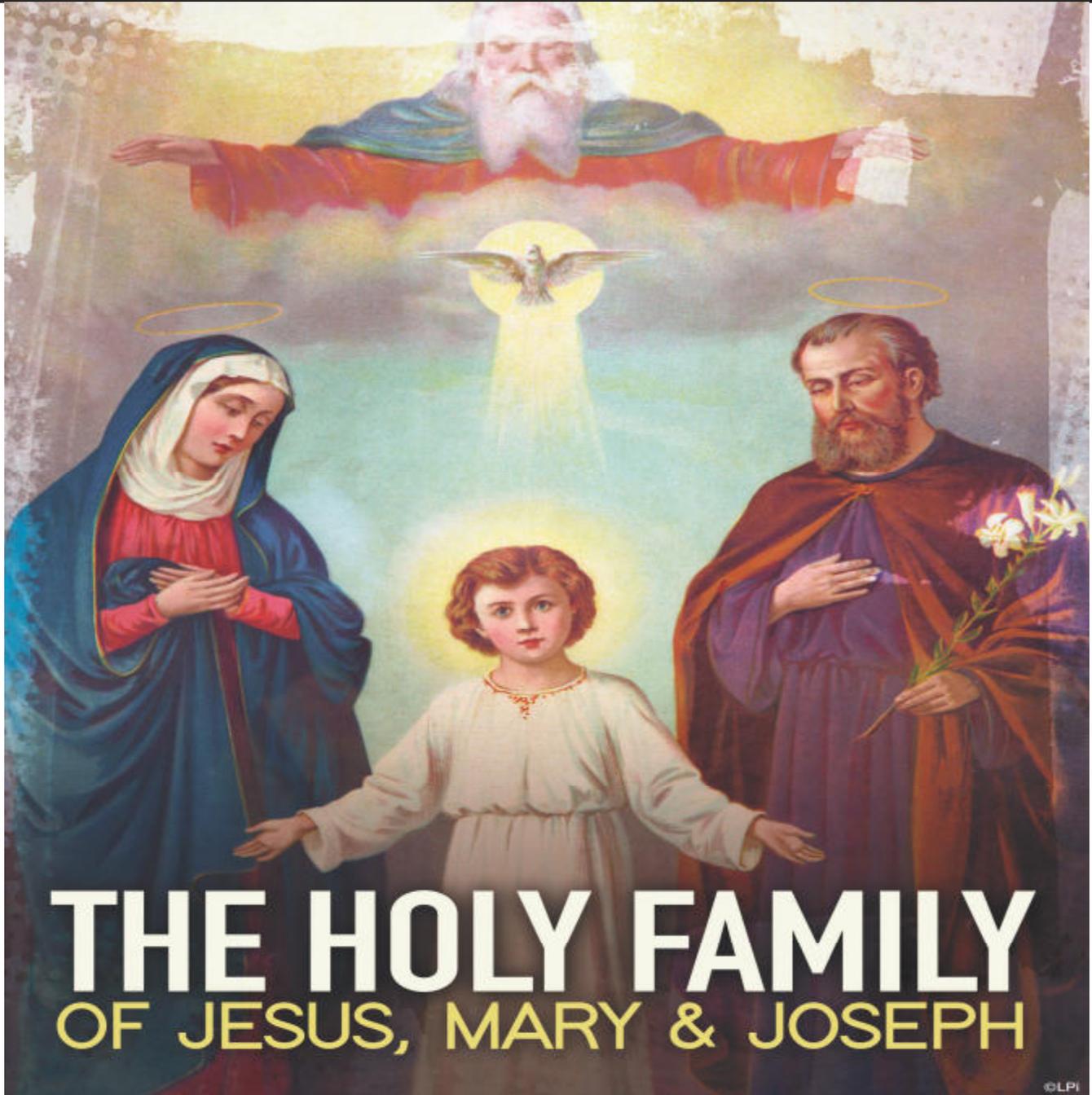
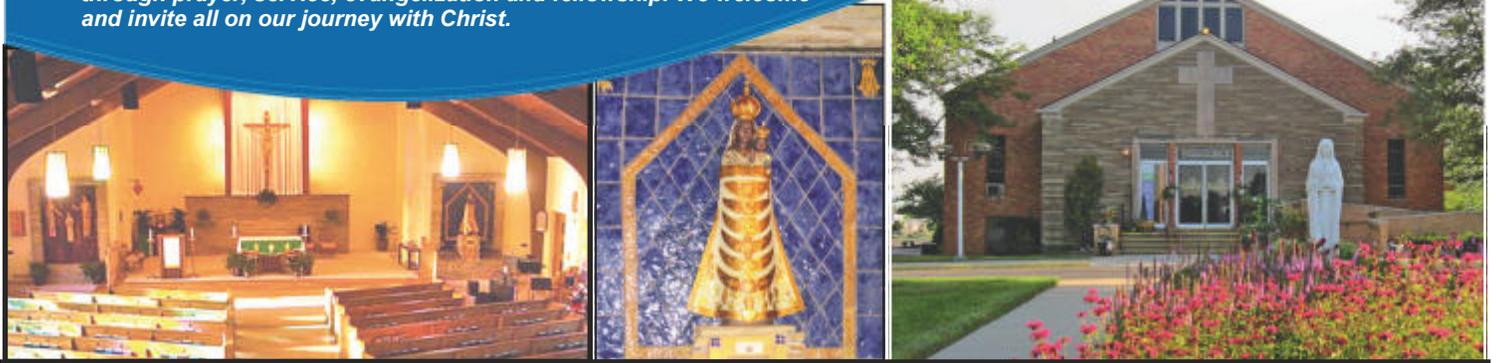


THE TRAVELER

Our parish Family is a Catholic faith community serving Jesus Christ and His Church. Together, we reach out to the congregation and larger community through prayer, service, evangelization and fellowship. We welcome and invite all on our journey with Christ.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

STEWARDSHIP

12 WHOLE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

From: teachingcatholickids.com

"What Are the 12 Days of Christmas?"

During the holiday season, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' is heard everywhere from shopping malls to church functions. Everywhere you go, you can hear about Two Turtle Doves, Seven Swans-a-Swimming and Eleven Pipers Piping. But what does any of this mean? What does a song about doves, hens and geese have to do with Christmas?

One theory, connects the carol to the era when Catholicism was outlawed in England, from 1558 to 1829. The carol, it is said, was a catechism song for Catholics to learn their faith, as they could not openly practice in Anglican society. While many still hold the idea of a coded hymn to be true, there's no substantive evidence that this was the case, nor is there any evidence that the verses contain anything uniquely Catholic.

Here are the verses of the song, along with their supposed symbolism:

*A Partridge in a Pear Tree - Jesus Christ
Two Turtle Doves Old & New Testaments*

Three French Hens - The three virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity

Four Calling/Collie Birds - Four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Five Golden Rings - First five books of the Old Testament

Six Geese-a-Laying - Six days of creation before God's rest on the seventh day

Seven Swans-a-Swimming - Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

Eight Maids-a-Milking - Eight Beatitudes

Nine Ladies Dancing - Nine fruits of the Holy Spirit

Ten Lords-a-Leaping - Ten Commandments

Eleven Pipers Piping - 11 faithful disciples

Twelve Drummers Drumming - Twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed"

So, keep celebrating the twelve days of Christmas, December 25 – January 6. Practice your faith, stewards! Share the Good News with everyone.

God bless!
Pat Potter



"Can you not spend one hour with Me?"
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Tuesday
After 8:30am Mass until NOON

Schedule for the Week 12-26-21

Monday, December 27

8:30a Mass
6:00p NO Religious Ed Classes
6:30p NO Bible Study

Tuesday, December 28

8:30a Mass/Adoration
12 Noon Benediction
6:30p Mary's Cardio Exercise

Wednesday, December 29

6:30p N.A.

Thursday, December 30

6:30p Mary's Cardio Exercise
6:30p Legion of Mary

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve Day
8:30a Mass @ St. Valentine's
4p Mass @ OLL in honor of Mary, the Mother of God

Saturday, January 1, 2022

New Year's Day
Happy New Year!!!

10a Mass
(no 4p Mass)

Sunday, January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord
10:00a Mass
7:00p AA



Our Lady of Loretto Parish Family extends their prayers and heart-felt sympathy to the family of Joseph Willim. May Joseph rest in peace and joy with our Lord.

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...



Sheila Alaska
Minnie Armstrong
Barrett Family
Patty Baumgardner
Mildred Beck
Art Bork
Tom Borkowski
Bob Brown
George Cascos
Carmen Cassar
John Dallacqua
Christopher/Susan Davenport
Margaret David
Isabella Davis
John Davis Family
Mike DeCapua
Don Devine
Dorothy
Andrew Fedor
Tony Ferro
Nikole Frederick
Eileen Graham
Bob Hanley
Juan Hernandez
Lisa Hernandez
Joan Kelly
Jim Kilmark
Jim Kimpton
Jennifer Koskie
Joe Kuzniar
John/Nancy Lengyel

Dee McClain
McClain Family
Bea MacDonald
Debbie MacDonald
James McDonald
Harlean McGrath
David Mallory
Michelle Martoia
Les/Carol Miner
Marilyn Mootsey
John Mueller
Mike Murphy
Joanna Nannini
Suzanne Nattress
Margarete Pringle
Grant Racine
Kais Rayes
Mary Rayes
Liam S-W
Suzanne Sands
Tim Simpson
Angie/Rich Sloan
Victoria Steakley
Robin Sunday
Pat Taylor
Helen Walker
Debbie/Pat Weier
Lynne Wendt
Williamson Family
Joe Willim
Woodward Family

ALL Saints

12-27: St. John, Apostle
12-28: The Holy Innocents
12-29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop
12-31: St. Sylvester I, Pope



Sunday, Dec. 19th
Fr. Socorro baptized Brooklyn Marie Barnes, daughter of Jacob and Ashlei Barnes. We warmly welcome her into God's Church and extend our prayers and blessings to Brooklyn and her family.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

FOR UNTO US IS BORN A SAVIOR!

The staff and students in the Religious Education Program wish all members of Our Lady of Loretto community a very merry and blessed Christmas!

We recall the story of the birth of Jesus as told in Luke 2:1-14. Was Jesus the King born in a castle surrounded by wealth and servants? Not at all. Rather, He was born in a stable and laid in a manger, which was nothing more than a feeding trough for animals. His first visitors were lowly shepherds, who were considered outcasts of society. Ultimately, He was visited by Magi from the East, the first visitors who had any official status and who were not Jewish.

Jesus came for all people, both of His day and of ours. It is not just important but vital that we recall how Jesus entered the world, being the son of a young mother who was considered somewhat scandalous as she was already pregnant when Joseph, her husband, took her into his home. We sing songs of peace and wonder, yet keep in mind all the things about the birth of our Lord that were so different. He came to live, to die, and to rise to new life.

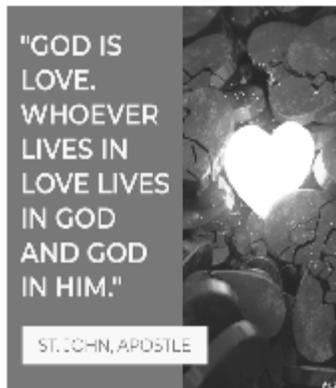
May we remember his origins and pray to this wondrous child in all humility. May His peace be with you this season.



Holy Family

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting families, providing food, gifts, and for utility and rent bills. Thank you!



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Alan Baumgardner, Coby Carpentier, Cooper Frederick, David Fry, Heather Ingalls, Christopher Larry, Christopher Laveirge, Eric Polson, Robert Previch & Michael Genga.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen

Walking with Purpose ~~~ by Laura Phelps

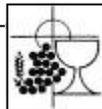
"Seeing What the Church Sees Means Seeing What is There"

Frank Sheed

Advent is my favorite time of year. Every morning in December, I get to wake up before the entire house and pray by a Christmas tree. It's glorious. For four weeks, I get to meditate on the mystery of God becoming man, and I love it. I love it because I love God, I love Christmas trees, and I love history. And while all of these things make me feel good, I rarely allow these delightful moments to transform the way I live.

Advent is a season for preparation. During this time, we prepared our hearts for Christ's coming, but that preparation should not only affect our hearts and minds. The work we allow God to do in us during Advent should leave a mark that **makes us different during the rest of the year.** But how? How should praying through old prophecies and thinking about Jesus' being born in a manger change us? It should change us because, when we meditate on them, they tether us to reality, and when we live in reality, we will live more joyful and ordered lives. (to be continued)

MASS INTENTIONS



- Monday, December 27, 2021
8:30am SI OLL Parishioners living and deceased
- Tuesday, December 28
8:30am SI All Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday, January 1, 2022: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ~Happy New Year!
10:00am + Loretta Milne by OLL Deaf Community
+ Ustes Family, Georgiana & Richard Ryzewski by the Family
+ Mary Frederick by the Family
+ David Lefforge by M/M Hyso
- Sunday, January 2: Epiphany of the Lord
10:00am + Mark Bara by the Family

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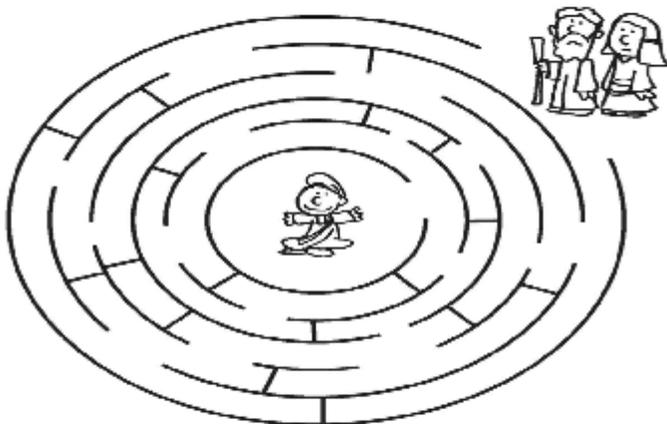
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Holy Family • Luke 2:41-52

PUZZLE

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



MISSION

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.

Respect Life: Word of Life

“Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, ‘in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’ (PC 3). His ‘yes’ to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening 4:00 pm
 Sunday..... 10:00am
 Mon. & Tues. 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 2:30 pm & by appt.

BAPTISMS: Family must be an active registered parishioner. Class held as arranged. Baptism by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made in advance (6 months min.). At least one of the couples must be an active registered member of OLL.

SICK & COMMUNION CALLS: We are happy to visit the sick. Notify the Rectory.

REGISTRATION: All new members are asked to register in person.

The Nativity of the Lord “And the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, and the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth. - Jn 1:14

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Dear Parish Members,

In the midst of all that we are going through, be it illnesses, personal or in our families, death of loved ones, and especially our current challenges and concerns that we all are facing with COVID-19 and the new Variants that keeps coming up, it is important to remember that there is still a reason for us to celebrate. The love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: “Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!” We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

We can and must still celebrate the enduring love of God for us: the God who has never left us despite our tragedies, the God who is continuously assuring us that he is an Emmanuel—the God who is always with us. This is the message we will hear at Christmas Masses. “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” (Lk2:10-11)

At this most wonderful and sacred time of the year, may you and your loved ones find joy and fulfillment just as Joseph and Mary did despite their challenges. May God bless you this Christmas, and may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. No matter what we are going through the greeting does not change. Along with the Staff, I like to wish you, and your loved ones a joyful and meaningful Christmas.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fr. Socorro

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