



# THE EPIS<sup>T</sup>LE

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD and THE HOLY FAMILY | December 25 and 26, 2021

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Thursday**  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Friday**  
Closed

**Saturday**  
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

**Sunday**  
7:30 am to 1:00 pm

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:45 am  
9:30 am  
11:30 am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am

Thursday 8:30 am

#### RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30 to 6:30 pm



## 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.



When the authors of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote their accounts of the birth of Jesus Christ, they saw, in the nativity of the Messiah, parallels to His ministry, death and resurrection. Recall that the Gospels were written sometime between 35 to 70 years after the birth of Jesus. This gave the Evangelists time to ponder and put into context how the pattern of the events of Bethlehem are linked to the cross on Calvary and the empty tomb of that first Easter morning.

When the Word became Flesh and came into the world on the day we now refer to as Christmas, some rejoiced at His birth (shepherds and the Magi) while others (Herod and his courtiers) were deeply disturbed by the incarnation of the King of kings and the Lord of Lords. Consequently, they sought to put Him to death. When Jesus began His public ministry some (the Disciples) followed Him while others (the Scribes and the Pharisees) plotted to have Him executed. For some, the words of Jesus were a source of joy and inspiration, while for others, those same words were anguish and misery.

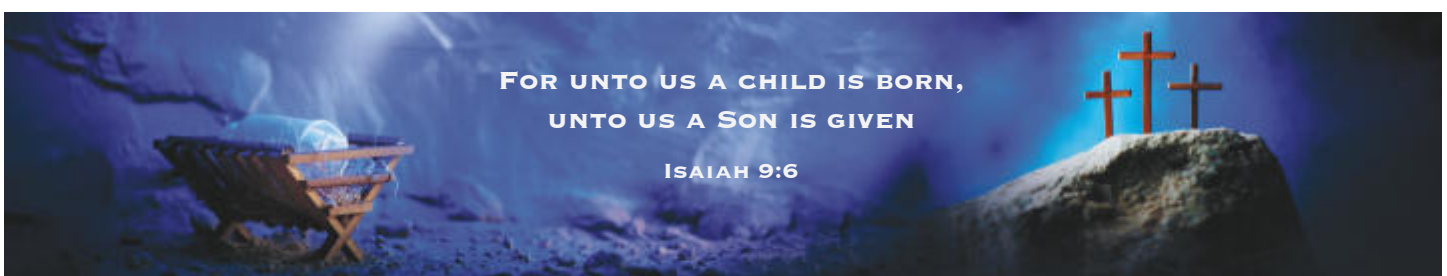
The following is the adult message of Christ and the meaning of Christmas and how it is intrinsically linked to an even greater event which relates to our faith – The Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The meaning of Christmas is understood as realizing how the wooden crib of Bethlehem foreshadows the wood of the cross and swaddling clothes represent the burial shroud that was placed around the body of Christ as he was interred into the tomb. It would be time well spent to reflect on the mysterious revelation of Christ's Incarnation not just as a sentimental event that is to be situated in a fantasia of winter themes, Christmas trees and merriment on and around December 25<sup>th</sup>, but as an event which is incomparably and inescapably important all year round and into eternity. Such reflection goes far beyond the stuff of elves, eight tiny reindeer and Santa Claus. This is not to say that these things do not have their place.

They do. The ecstasy of Christmas captures the meaning of the Holy Day we celebrate each year as we sing The First Noel, Joy to the World and various other Christmas Carols. God has given us permission to be happy.

At Christmas the crib takes precedence over the cross, but the cross never fully vanishes, evaporates or disappears. Christmas is meant not to disturb us, but to lead us to ponder, as Mary did when she contemplated in her heart all the things that had taken place when she gave birth to her first-born son. What we can ponder or reflect on at Christmas is that God has given us a joy that no one can take away from us. People we love and care for will still become ill or return home to the Lord. It is still possible we may lose a job, be rejected by a friend or a spouse. None of us can ever hope to entirely escape pain and suffering. We are meant to live in joy, even as we live in pain, because the resurrection of Jesus Christ points to an even greater joy, a superior and more magnificent reality which awaits us on a day and hour we do not yet know.

Even when the childhood joy of our Christmas has faded into memories of the past, and all the cribs, festivities, lights, cards, colorful wrapping paper, and gifts no longer bring us the same thrill of our youth, the invitation still remains the same: Celebrate Christmas, be happy. The crib and the cross are one in the sense that we have been given a joy no one can take from us – that we are one with God in both this world and the next.

Christmas, as the old proverb poetically puts it, “gives us the permission to plunge headlong into the pudding” because of what God has done for us. God has given us a Lord and Savior who offers to us eternal life. Go forward, celebrate, take the plunge because of the greatest gift we have been given – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.





**St. Paul of Tarsus**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Weekly Schedule

**MONDAY**  
December 27

Food Pantry Closed  
Parish Office Closed

**TUESDAY**  
December 28

Parish Office Closed  
No Confessions Today  
No Mass Today

**WEDNESDAY**  
December 29

Food Pantry Closed  
Parish Office Closed  
No Mass Today

**THURSDAY**  
December 30

Food Pantry Closed  
Parish Office Closed  
No Mass Today

**FRIDAY**  
December 31

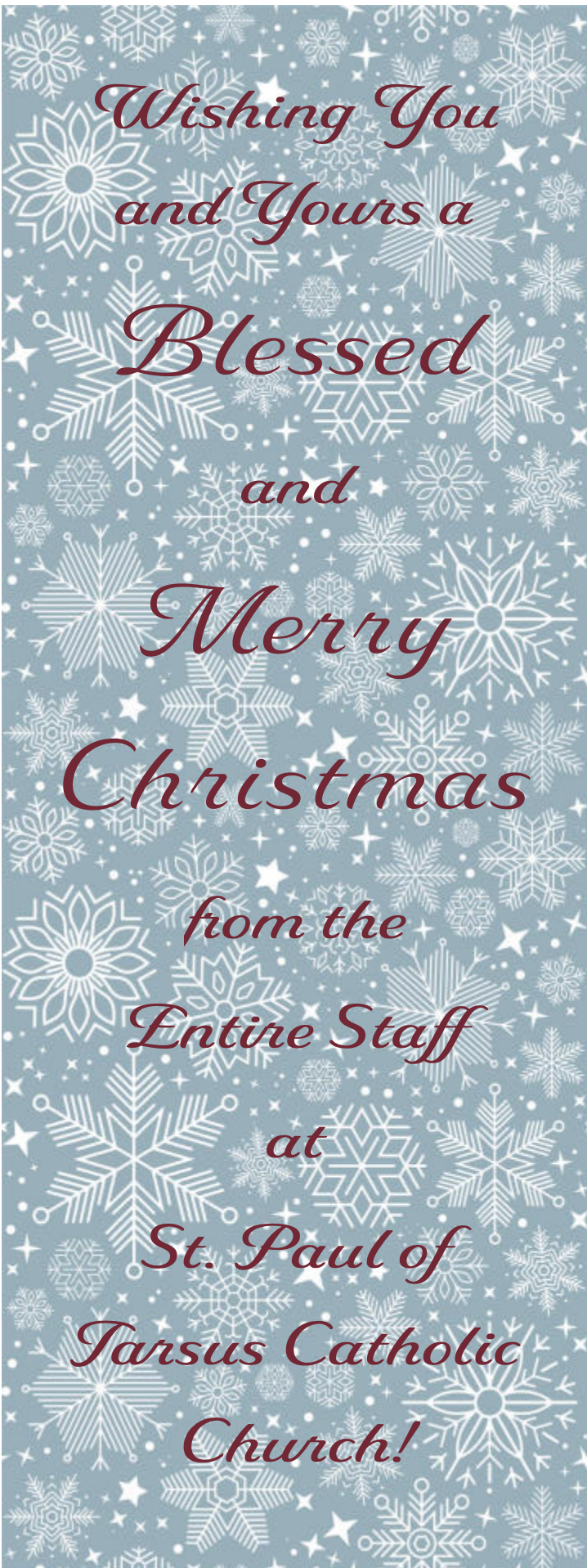
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
Parish Office Closed  
4:00 pm ..... New Year's Eve Mass  
7:00 pm ..... AA Meeting

**SATURDAY**  
January 1

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
10:30 am ..... New Year's Mass  
**MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD**  
3:15 pm ..... Rosary  
4:00 pm ..... Mass

**SUNDAY**  
January 2

**MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD**  
7:45 am ..... Mass  
9:30 am ..... Mass—Choir  
11:30 am ..... Mass





## — WELCOME HOME —

Merry Christmas to all! I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all who may be visiting St. Paul of Tarsus Parish at this wonderful Christmastime! I'm delighted that you are here to worship with us. As we celebrate our Savior's coming on Christmas, may we remember to welcome Him into our hearts and homes throughout the New Year as well!

You will notice that there is a Christmas tree in our gathering area decorated with a colorful chain and images of the nativity scene. These symbols represent how the love of Jesus unites us all, and were created by the children in the Religious Education Program. As children of God, we are all connected. As believers, we are the family of God. The Bible refers to us as the body of Christ and the children of God. That makes us ALL vital and very important to the heart of God! We are His chosen, called out and SPECIAL people.

Please know that my "door is always open" to assist you in any way that I am able. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about baptisms, our Religious Education Program for students, adult formation, or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). I may be reached at 586-228-6651.

Warmest holiday wishes,  
Peggy DeClercq,  
Director of Religious Education

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS COME!

A baby was born in a stable,  
very dark and cold.  
He came to help God's people;  
to fulfill the prophecies of old.

His mother was young and faithful.  
His father was trusting and brave.  
Their Son is the one we have been  
waiting for;  
it is mankind he will save.

The shepherds were very afraid  
when the angels announced  
He was here.  
They were invited to come see Him,  
from Him there was nothing to fear.

His birth is a joyful occasion!  
Kings came from far away!  
This special day of Jesus' birth  
we celebrate today.

Not just the event of long ago,  
but Christ's presence here and now.  
We see his face in every stranger;  
they must see Him in us somehow.

I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Not just for a single day.  
May the Light of Christ  
shine upon you;  
and be with you to guide your way.



## Evangelical Charity S.P.O.T. Light

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Evangelical Charity Commission at St. Paul of Tarsus!



The Evangelical Charity Commission exists as a model and resource of Catholic Social Teaching to enable the entire parish of St. Paul of Tarsus to put the social teaching of the Church into action.

The Commission empowers the members of the parish to fulfill the Church's mission of love of neighbor, justice, freedom, and peace by responding, in an organized way, to societal and individual needs. We become the example of the active hands and feet of Jesus by being Christ to others and in so doing proclaiming the Gospel.

The Commission creates and or promotes programs which strive to address human needs, by upholding the dignity of human life and achieve justice whether locally or in the broader communities of our Family of Parishes, Vicariate, Archdiocese, State, Nation, and even World-Wide .

May this Christmas Season and New Year bring us blessings in order to proclaim the Gospel by our lives!



### ***Adopt A Family Blessings!***

Sincere gratitude to everyone who adopted a family this Christmas! It makes a huge difference in the lives of boys and girls, families and individuals, who need to know someone cares. Because of your generous support, 25 families and 66 children received Christmas gifts to make their holiday a little brighter. We are humbled by the compassionate parishioners who gifted toys, clothing, winter gear, bedding and gift cards. Special love and kindness gave by those who took on large families, contacted the adopted family to make a perfect gift and everyone who blessed the family with a positive impression. May your kindness be returned!

### ***Pantry Needs***

- Dish Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Feminine Needs
- Cleaning Solutions
- Small Laundry Detergent

Celebrate joy this holiday season!

### ***Food Pantry Hours:***

**Monday:** 10am to 12pm

**Wednesday:** 10am to 1:45pm

**Thursday:** 10am to 12pm

**Phone:** 586-228-1094



## "MARC" MY WORDS

First things first. I hope everyone had a blessed and bountiful Christmas. I want to thank everyone who sent me a card, gift, or offered a prayer for me and my family. I try to reach everyone personally but sometimes that is not possible, so THANK YOU one and all! I'll be starting my thank you calls after the 1st because we are closed the week between Christmas and New Years. So I will wish all of you a happy and blessed New Year as well. May Father, Son, and Holy Spirit come upon you and your family and make 2022 a joyous and prosperous year as you proclaim the gospel by your lives! Thanks be to God!

Family and friends are very important things to have in our lives. The support, concern, and love we receive from family and friends as well as giving it back gives us strength, courage, and commitment. There is no guarantee that things will always be hunky-dory and in fact, life isn't that way at all. We can get lost or lose someone. The only thing life has to offer with respect to consistency is that the one constant is inconsistency. That is why we need family and friends to be a part of our lives as a support system. We need people to look after us, especially if we get "lost." We in turn, must look after our family and friends as well.

The Holy Family was no different. Today's gospel is a prime example of, "I thought he was with you!" Imagine the fear, anxiety, and sense of loss Mary and Joseph felt when they found out that Jesus wasn't with them. He was "lost." Now remember how you felt when you suffered "loss" in any way, shape, or form. We all get that "sinking feeling" in our souls, our very being, when that happens. It would be like being on the Titanic and knowing that we were not getting into a life boat because they are all gone.

Joseph and Mary, once they discover their loss, did the logical thing and retrace their steps. They retrace them all the way back to Jerusalem, to the Temple. They find what they lost, Jesus, teaching in the Temple. What do we find in the profound "innocence" and great logic and wisdom of Jesus when asked "why did you do this to us?" The twelve year old Jesus answers, "Really you were worried? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" Now if you were a parent and your child disappeared for several days what would your response have been to that question?

We don't hear what Mary and Joseph's reaction is do we? Nope, sure don't. That is because we should put ourselves in their place and respond with mercy, kindness, compassion, and explain why they reacted the way they did and what they felt was the proper way things needed to be done. We get a glimpse that is what happened when Jesus left the Temple and returned with them to Nazareth and was "obedient to them."

This Holy Family example is a model for all of us to follow, whether we have children or not. When we are confronted with loss, or any problem for that matter, we must take the time to let go of emotional reactions as best we can, take a step back and logically approach the issue. We need to use our support system and realize that we are not alone. Then we can "retrace our steps" and deal with the confrontation using mercy, kindness, compassion, and allow God to be a part of the solution.

If we can do this we will can see God's....

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

**Deacon Marc**



## **RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

### ***Stewardship Ties***

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Holiday Schedule

**The Christmas and New Year schedule is as follows:**

**Sunday, December 26**  
Office Hours : 7:30 am to 1:00 pm  
7:45 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass  
11:30 am Mass

**Monday, December 27**  
Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 28**  
Office Closed  
No Mass Today

**Wednesday, December 29**  
Office Closed  
No Mass Today

**Thursday, December 30**  
Office Closed  
No Mass Today

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**Friday, December 31**  
Office Closed  
4:00 pm Mass

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**Saturday, January 1**  
Office Closed  
10:30 am New Year's Day Mass  
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, January 2**  
Office Hours: 7:30 am to 1:00 pm  
7:45 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass  
11:30 am Mass



**THE JOURNEY MEN**

***Upcoming Schedule:***

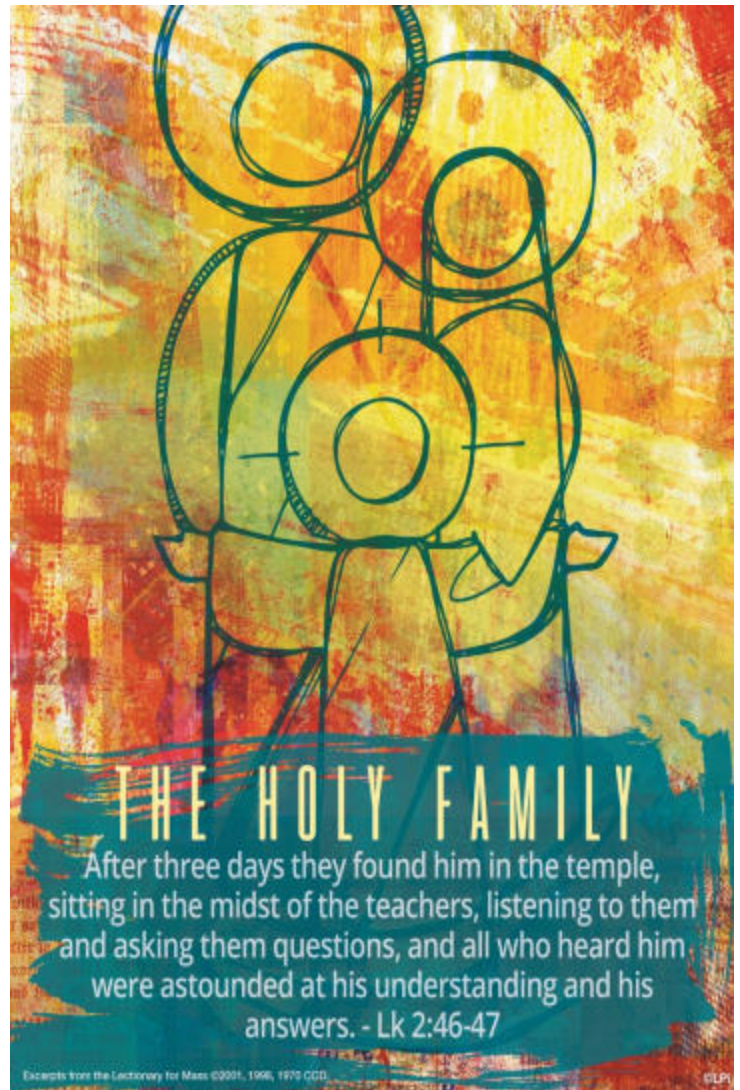
Saturday January 15 - 8:00 am - Social Hall - TOPIC: Metanoia - Episode 8 + optional Rosary (before session, starting at 7:30 am).

Thursday January 27 - 6:30 pm - Library - TOPIC: Saved - A Bible Study.

Saturday February 5 - 8:00 am - Social Hall - TOPIC: Metanoia - Episode 9 + optional Eucharistic Adoration (before session, starting at 7:15 am).

***Highlight from a recent session:***

Prayer is communicating and having a relationship with God; thus, if we don't prioritize it (like communicating and relating to our spouse / family members), the relationship with God will wither and die (and that is no way to prepare for Heaven!)



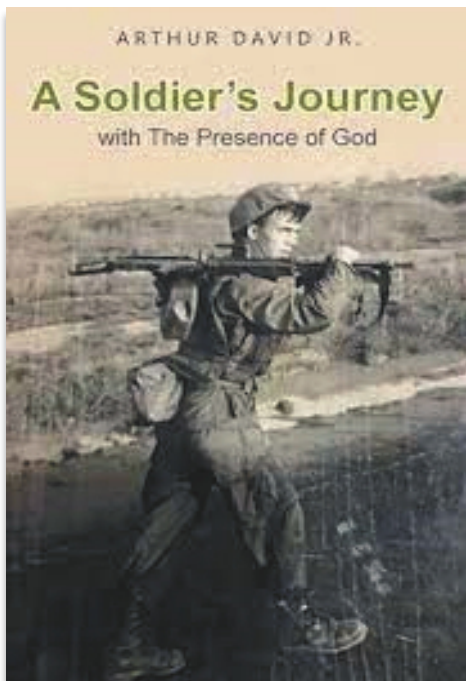
**Christmas Eve Masses:**  
 4 pm, 6 pm, and 9 pm  
 8:30 pm Choir Christmas Prelude

**Christmas Day Masses:**  
 9:30 am and 11:30 am (No 4 pm Mass)

**Sunday, December 26 Masses:**  
 7:45 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am

**New Year's Eve Mass: 4: pm**  
**New Year's Day Mass: 10:30 am**





### **A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO SHARE**

A Vietnam Veteran and parishioner at Saint Paul of Tarsus Church writes his true life stories and experiences of how God saved his life several times. In his book ***A Soldier's Journey with the Presence of God*** discover how life took him to the brink of complete hopelessness and how he came to find his life purpose lying flat on his back in the middle of a major highway. Read about his painful journey to recovery from PTSD and how he navigated through depression, discouragement, disappointment and resentment to finally arrive in a place of peace, purpose and meaning, a place where God wants for all of us. Hopefully, when reading his book you too may feel the presence of God in your life as he does in his.

**For that reason, he is donating all of his profits from the book to the Wounded Warrior Project and the veterans PTSD program.**

ORDER YOUR BOOK NOW at the author's website [soldiers-journey.com](http://soldiers-journey.com) and please share this with family and friends.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



*A Life Line for Married Couples*

## **The Best Christmas Gift Ever!**

Present under the Christmas tree are nice, but they can't heal a hurting marriage. Retrouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, not communicating well, or those considering separation or divorce. It is also for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. Some couples attend during the initial signs of marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. Some couples have been married for many years, while others have been married only a short time and encountered trouble. This is the BEST Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family, and your friends!

### **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**

**PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL RIGHT AWAY!  
(QUICK RESPONSES)**

**248-382-8281 or [3016@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3016@HelpOurMarriage.org)**

**For confidential info or to register call 800-470-2230**

**Marriage Saving Weekend**

**January 14-16, 2022**

Metro Detroit Area



George Harris  
 Rose Henry  
 Hy Family  
 Gerald W. Keehn  
 Keehn Family  
 John Leo Kelly  
 Debbie Struder Kelly  
 Chester & Katheryn Kontry  
 Diane Kontry  
 Karen Kontry  
 Kotlark Family  
 Al & Ann Kozak  
 Chris L.  
 Florence Labich  
 Valentine Labich  
 Joseph Labuda  
 Anna Labuda  
 Walter Leslie  
 Betty Leslie  
 Cecelia Lieske  
 Yolan & Joe Loewengruber  
 MacKieniea Family  
 Mr & Mrs Leo McGraw  
 Frank McHugh  
 Howard McNally  
 Marie McNally  
 Leon Merecki  
 Stanley Mieczkowski  
 Margaret Mieczkowski

**IN MEMORY**



Bacca Family  
 Thury Beckstrom  
 Eva Belknap  
 Barry Bergstrom  
 Robert Bieniewicz  
 Hedwig Biernaczonek  
 Ron & Chris Bousson  
 James Bousson  
 Monroe Braiker  
 Raymond Brickman  
 Marilyn Brickman  
 Joel Brickman  
 Mr & Mrs Frank Burda Sr  
 Carney Family  
 John & Mary Casper  
 Edie Caster  
 Mary Ceravolo  
 Domenic Ceravolo  
 Cichy Family  
 Duane Clark  
 Loreto Colasanti  
 Rose Colasanti  
 Albert Cook Sr  
 Albert Cook Jr  
 Rita Cook  
 Mario Christoforo  
 Ben Cristoforo  
 Lucia Cristoforo  
 Rita Dahmen  
 Patty Dahmen  
 Florette Davis  
 Mr & Mrs Joseph Demeriuk  
 Fr. Norm Dickson SJ  
 Marvin Endres  
 Mary Feeney  
 Fekin Family  
 Mr & Mrs Ken Fournier  
 Danny & Julie Frezza  
 John Galaska  
 Michael Galaska  
 John Geml  
 Paul Harris





*William Mitchell*  
*Ed & Emma Murphy*  
*Ray Naughton Sr*  
*Owczarczak Family*  
*Elizabeth Parker*  
*Andrew Parrinello*  
*Caterine Parrinello*  
*Cinthia Pastrick*  
*William V. Petrak*  
*Richard K. Petrak*  
*Picnette Family*  
*Stanley & Margaret Powers*  
*Radtke Family*  
*Martin Rosenau*  
*Rosenau Famly*  
*Gregory Sands*  
*Anna & Sam Sapienza*  
*Pietro & Benetta*  
*Thomas Sapienza*  
*Karl Sauner*  
*Frank & Ann Schefke*  
*Judi Schefke*  
*Robert Schokora*  
*Gustave Schroeder*  
*Mary Schroeder*  
*Sister Judy Schroeder CSJ*  
*Earl Selbmann*

*Helen Selbmann*  
*Eleanor Sembarski*  
*Virginia Siepierski*  
*William & Victoria Slowinski*  
*Edward Smarr*  
*Anne Smarr*  
*The Smith Family*  
*Elias & Antoinette Soderman*  
*Francis Soney*  
*Flo Stieber*  
*Linda Stieber*  
*Janusz Subczynski*  
*Stella Szypa*  
*Mary Thiel*  
*Russ Velardo*  
*Lorrie & Jim Vermeersch*  
*Linda Wallace*  
*Marvin Warda*  
*Geraldine Warda*  
*Henry & Francis Warda*  
*Marty Wilhelm*  
*Marianne Williams*  
*Lottie Witeczek*  
*Walter Witeczek*  
*Jack Witeczek*  
*Mitchell Wojtpcha*  
*John Zulcosky*

## **IN HONOR**

*Bialk Family*  
*Dorosz Family*  
*Jacqueline Fox*  
*Kruk Family*  
*Elaine Naughton*  
*Roman & Stephanie Milewski*  
*Sarah R. Murray*  
*Rebecca Murray*  
*Barbara Petoskey*  
*Petoskey Family*  
*Msgr. Thomas G. Rice*  
*J. Rogers*  
*Frank Willming*

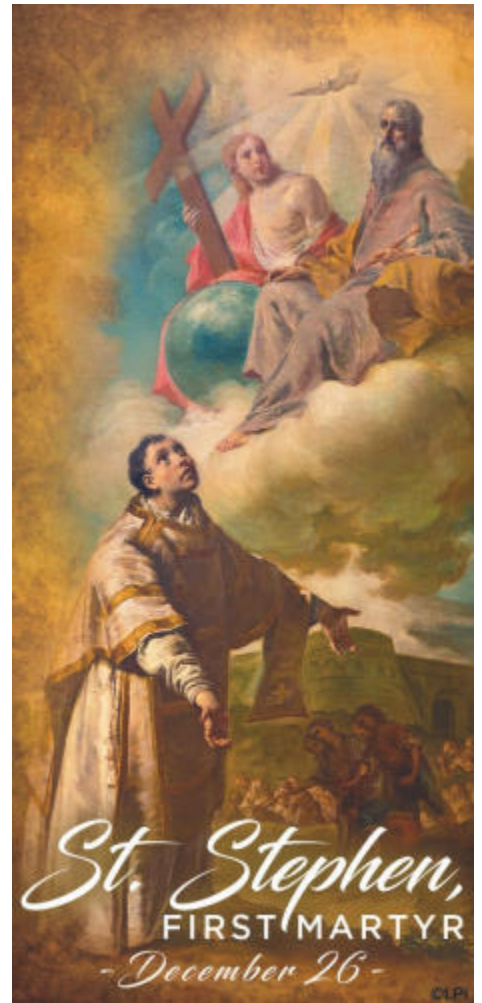
## **Blessings and Prayers at Christmas and into the New Year**





✨ FOR BEHOLD ✨  
**I BRING YOU**  
 GOOD TIDINGS OF  
*great joy*  
 WHICH WILL BE TO  
*all people*  
 I FOR THERE IS  
*honor to you*  
 THIS DAY IN THE  
**CITY OF DAVID**  
*a savior*  
 ✨ WHO IS ✨  
**CHRIST THE LORD**

LUKE 2: 10-11



*St. Stephen,*  
 FIRST MARTYR  
 -December 26-

Join our Family of Parishes at

### St. Thecla Church

20740 S. Nunneley Rd  
 Clinton Twp., MI 48035  
 586-791-3930

# CHILI COOK OFF

*Great Chili Cook Off &  
 Children's Baking Contest*

Saturday, January 15,

4 pm to 7 pm

More information to follow!



### **COULD YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO?**

We need your help Monday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. until about 3:30 at Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility on Groesbeck south of Elizabeth Rd. There is a Catholic weekly Communion Service or Mass for the residents. We need help pushing wheelchairs to and from the activity room and taking Communion to those on the floors unable to attend. It is so rewarding to help the residents receive Jesus in the Eucharist! If you can join us, please contact Celeste Triner, 586-615-1415, or [mcbt@wowway.com](mailto:mcbt@wowway.com).

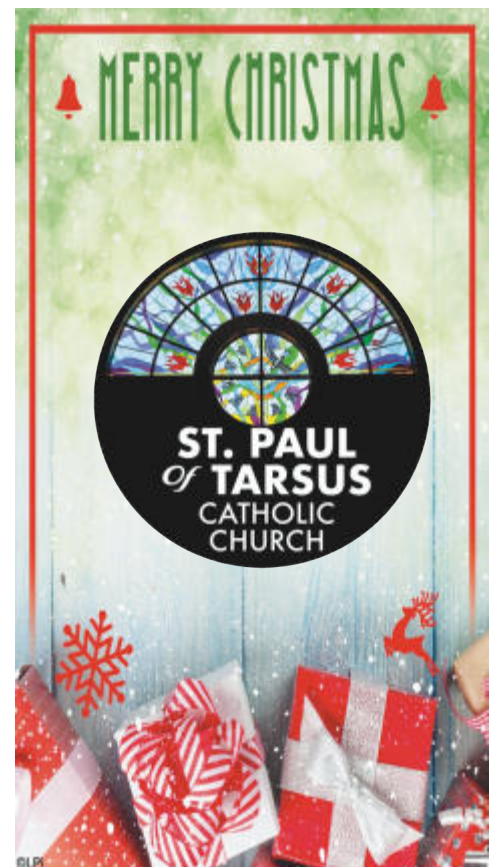
### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### ***The Nativity of the Lord***

“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.





**Tuesday, December 28 — The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, December 29 — Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

No Mass Today

**Thursday, December 30 — Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

No Mass Today

**Friday, December 31 — Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord—St. Sylvester I, Pope—New Year’s Eve**

4:00 pm Jeff Wood by Wife

**Saturday, January 1 — THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—New Year’s Day**

10:30 am Deacon John Sklada Nowski by Denise Anthony  
400 pm For the people of St. Paul of Tarsus Church

**Sunday, January 2 — THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

7:45 am Louis DeLuca by Diane DeLuca  
Thomas Buschmohle by Gary and Christine Buschmohle  
Thelma Ruggeri by Paul Ruggeri  
9:30 am Thomas Jeszke by Donna Jeszke  
Chet Pudlo by Wife  
11:30 am Anthony Sciriha by Chris and Godwin Sciriha  
Cesk Ndoja by Wife, Antonio, and Fresko  
Gustave Schroeder by Donna Schivoblen  
Mary Schroeder by Donna Schivoblen  
Sister Judy Schroeder, C.S.J. by Donna Schivoblen  
Sister Ann Gabriel Kilsdonk by Diana Marchetti

- Dee Bercel
- Lucas Carlson
- Connie Colosimo
- Ralph Colosimo
- Concetta Decaro
- Michael Denomme
- Leno Difalco
- Del Difalco
- Michalene Distlath
- Jeffrey Eichelberger
- Donald Gasko
- Angelo Garavaglia
- Sandy George
- Fran Gross
- Joe Gross
- Levi Hester
- Brandon Keskitalo
- Brittini Keskitalo
- Cyndi Kuehnel
- Pat Labadie
- Henry Leflere
- Robert Liddell
- Peter Mulhern
- Jennifer Robinette
- Loretta Suwal
- Paul Suwal
- Evelyn Rose Swanson
- Sarah Swanson
- Laura Thomson
- Jean Urbanek
- Annie Schweiger
- Juanita Vazquez
- Eileen Wade
- Denise Weier
- Dave Wisneski
- Charlene Wojtaszek
- Michael Wojtaszek

*Names are included in the Prayer List for 3 weeks. If you would like to extend that time, please call the parish office at 586-228-1210 or e-mail [parish@spotcatholic.org](mailto:parish@spotcatholic.org).*



**PARISH SUPPORT**

**November 22 to 28, 2021**



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Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$20,000.00
Offertory .....	\$10,802.00
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 26**

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

# PARISH DIRECTORY

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 7:45 am  
 9:30 am  
 11:30 am  
 Tuesday: 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday: 8:30 am  
 Thursday: 8:30 am

## RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm in church

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
 Friday: Closed  
 Saturday: 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm  
 Sunday: 7:30 am to 1:00 pm

## FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Monday: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
 Wednesday: 10:00 am to 1:45 pm  
 Thursday: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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## SCHEDULE—January 1 & 2, 2022

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	4:00 pm Mass	7:45 am Mass	9:30 am Mass	11:30 am Mass
<b>Rosary @ 3:15 pm</b>	See schedule			
<b>Welcome Host</b>	See schedule	See schedule	See schedule	See schedule
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry
<b>Altar Servers</b>	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time
<b>Lectors</b>	Young Castle	Gonko Krause	Thomas Werth	Gough Lauretti
<b>Hospitality</b>	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time	None at this time
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