

December 25 & 26, 2021 • Christmas & Holy Family



The Roman Catholic Parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas

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Through the Intercession of St. Nicholas to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



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

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Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021

- 4:00pm St. Nicholas
With carols before Mass and special children's participation
- 7:00pm Christmas Carol Music Program at Sacred Heart
- 8:00pm Sacred Heart (Bilingual)

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021

- 9:00am Sacred Heart
- 11:00am St. Nicholas
Christmas Carols will begin 30 minutes before both Masses (No 4pm or 7pm Saturday Masses)

Holy Family

Sunday, December 26, 2021

- 9:00am Sacred Heart
- 11:00am St. Nicholas

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Friday, December 31, 2021

- 4:00pm St. Nicholas
- 7:00pm Sacred Heart (Bilingual)

The Epiphany of the Lord Saturday, January 1, 2022

- 4:00pm St. Nicholas
- 7:00pm Sacred Heart (Spanish)

Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 9:00am Sacred Heart
- 11:00am St. Nicholas

Please Note: There will NOT be Wednesday and Thursday daily Masses on December 29 & 30.



THE HOLY FAMILY

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. - Lk 2:46-47

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★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

**We Wish a Very
Happy 50th Birthday
to Fr. Noel!**


**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

A Christmas Prayer

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God, you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary.

Mary is our model of faith.

May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.

Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season.

Amen.


**Joy
TO
THE
World**

Pray the Rosary

- Thursday at 8:00am, before the 8:30am Mass at St. Nicholas
- Saturday at 3:30pm, before the 4:00pm Mass at St. Nicholas
- Patriotic Rosary on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart

Gospel Meditation

December 25, 2021: 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. ©LPi

Meditación del Evangelio

25 de diciembre de 2021: La Natividad del Señor

¡Feliz Navidad a todos los hombres y mujeres del mundo, que aún creen a pesar de todo lo que han sufrido por la pandemia, Dios está presente entre nosotros! “*Juan dio testimonio de él; dijo muy fuerte: Del yo hablaba al decir: El que ha venido detrás de mí ya está delante de mí, porque era antes que yo*” (Juan 1:15). Uno de tantos regalos que la Navidad nos trae es muy peculiar: dar testimonio y ser testigos del amor de Dios en este tiempo que estamos viviendo. Otro regalo es la paz, sí, esa paz que tanto necesitamos en la familia, en la sociedad y en nuestro corazón, para poder cantar como los ángeles y los pastores: “*Gloria a Dios en lo más alto del cielo y en la tierra paz a los hombres; ésta es la hora de su gracia*” (Lucas 2:14).

Cada Navidad, Dios nos habla por medio de su Hijo, y esta no es la excepción. Felices todas las personas que de buen agrado y con el corazón abierto aceptan todas sus gracias. Felices todos los que en esta Navidad son mensajeros de la Buena Nueva de Dios, en la familia, en la escuela, en el trabajo y en la sociedad. “*Qué hermoso es ver correr sobre los montes al mensajero que anuncia la paz, al mensajero que trae la buena nueva, que pregona la salvación*” (Isaías 52:7). ¿Qué gracias y regalos recibiste en esta Navidad? ¿Qué anuncias tú, y a quién se lo anuncias? ¡Feliz Navidad y un abrazo de paz! ©LPi

Word of Life/Palabra de Vida

“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.” *Excerpts from *Patris corde*, © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2021 Respect Life Reflection

“Al igual que cualquier otra familia humana, la Sagrada Familia tuvo que hacer frente a desafíos reales y concretos. Sin embargo, ‘en cada circunstancia de su vida, José supo pronunciar su ‘fiat’” (PC 3). Su ‘sí’ al Señor significaba que independientemente de la adversidad y el sacrificio personal consigo mismo, él continuamente eligió anteponer las necesidades de María y de Jesús por encima de las suyas. La devoción de san José nos ayuda a revelarnos nuestro propio llamado a mostrar un cuidado especial por la vida de quienes Dios nos encomendó.” *Fragmentos de *Patris corde*, © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Se usa con permiso. Se reservan todos los derechos. Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB Reflexión Respetemos la Vida 2021

SACRED HEART

2022 St. Joseph Sunday Missals

Missals will be available on the table by the main entrance at Sacred Heart. A donation of \$6 each is requested.

ST. NICHOLAS

New Nativity Set

A new Nativity set has been purchased for St. Nicholas. Contributions are being accepted to help defray the \$2,500 cost. Please write "St. Nicholas Nativity Set" on your donation envelope.

Donation Envelopes

The 2022 Parishioner donation envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are on a table in the vestibule of the church. If you need envelopes please call the parish office.

In Sympathy

Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas Parishes wish to extend their condolences to the family and friends of the father of our bookkeeper, Debby Matyanowski:

†Glenn Edgerton

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

Fr. Noel Cornelio and the staff of Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas Parishes wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Little Blue Books

The *Little Blue Books* for Advent/Christmas meditation are available at both Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas parishes. We were able to purchase 100 English copies total; please take only one per family. The requested donation is \$1.25 to cover the cost of the book (90¢ each) and shipping (35¢ each).

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, December 24, 2021

(Christmas Eve)

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For †James & †Edna Shanefelt
Req. by Daughter, Holly Shanefelt

8:00pm (Bilingual) at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez

Saturday, December 25, 2021

(The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For Stella Skindall
Req. by the McComb Family
For Father Noel Emmanuel Cornelio
Happy Birthday!

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For †Don & †June McNary
Req. by Donna McNary

Sunday, December 26, 2021

(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez
For Joanne Ruddock
Req. by Ann

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For †Edward Worden &
†Carol Worden Biondo
Req. by Kathleen Worden

Monday, December 27, 2021 - No Mass

(St. John)

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 - No Mass

(The Holy Innocents)

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 - No Masses

(St. Thomas Becket)

Thursday, December 30, 2021 - No Mass

Friday, December 31, 2021

(St. Sylvester)

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For †Guido & Joanne Mattiacci
Req. by Susan Germonprez

7:00pm (Bilingual) at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez

Saturday, January 1, 2022

(Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For John Mullally
Req. by Family

7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez

Sunday, January 2, 2022

(The Epiphany of the Lord)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For †Guido Mattiacci & Family
Req. by Ron Duso

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For †Edward Worden &
†Carol Worden Biondo
Req. by Kathleen Worden

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands and our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to good health once more...

Emily Baron	Angie McCoy
Cecilia Clark	Becky McDougal
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Joel Holland	Petersen
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Lynn Kloc	Rita Stoneburgh
Joann Mattiacci	Bill Van Erp
George	Mike Wennberg
Matyanowski	Noah Whitney
Linda McBryde	Michelle Woods
Joann McBryde	Finn Woodworth

Contact the parish office to add your loved one's name to the prayer list. Please let the office know when a name needs to be removed from the list. Thank You.

Updated COVID-19 Guidelines

As of November 23, 2021, the Archdiocese of Detroit encourages Mass-goers, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face-coverings and practice social-distancing to reduce exposure to COVID-19 and its variants.

Please pray for the men and women serving in our armed forces.



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Web: imlaysacredheart.org
Email: staff@imlaysacredheart.org

Sunday Holy Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm
Vigil November - April at St. Nicholas
May - October at Sacred Heart
Saturday: 7:00pm (Spanish) - Sacred Heart
Sunday: 9:00am - Sacred Heart
11:00am - St. Nicholas
2nd Sunday: 1:00pm (Spanish) - St. Nicholas
(2nd Sunday of the Month ONLY)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00pm, 1 hour before Mass
Wednesday: 9:30am at Sacred Heart
By appointment also. Call the parish office.

Weekday Holy Mass Times

Wednesday: 10:00am - Sacred Heart
7:00pm (Spanish) - Sacred Heart
Thursday: 8:30am - St. Nicholas
First Friday: 10:00am - Sacred Heart

Baptism

By appointment; a preparation class is required.

Matrimony

By appointment; a 6 month preparation period is required.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the office.

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