



# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



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.  
- Jn 1:14

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- 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

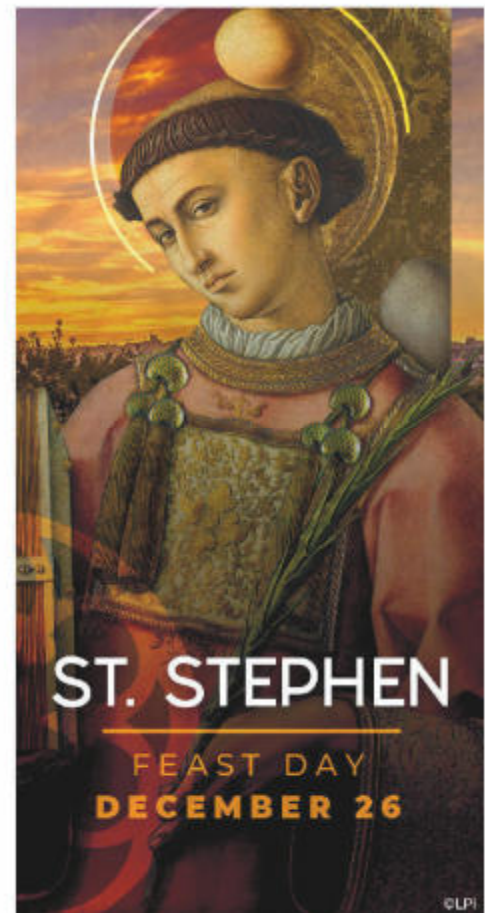
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR...

*Fr. Roy Horning*

**On behalf of St. Mary's and Holy Rosary staff and myself, I want to wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.** The Christmas proclamation is a timely and much needed message of hope and assurance in these challenging times. *The angel said to them, "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. And this will be the sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."* As we come to the end of 2021 and enter a new year that will undoubtedly have its own challenges, these are words of comfort and quiet assurance that God is with us. Bishop Gregory Mansour, (Holy Rosary Class of 1973) celebrated Mass at Holy Rosary on the first weekend of Advent. His message was one of encouragement and a reminder of God's true nature. The Son of God took flesh and became like us in all things but sin with a mission. He came to "heal the sick and brokenhearted, forgive sin, and to redeem all creation." This is something we can easily lose sight of.

**It seems that we often fall prey to the lie that God will judge and condemn us for our sinfulness.** There is truth in this lie; the truth is that God will indeed judge sin at the final judgement. Justice demands that sin be condemned, but that does not mean that sinners will collectively be condemned because in our weakness and fallen condition we have sinned. Remember, through baptism into Christ Jesus, we have become adopted Sons and Daughters of God and have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is not our sins that make us sinners, rather it is because we all bear the wound of the original sin of Adam and Eve. You and I are not the sum of our sins. We were created good and for those who love God there is forgiveness of sins through Jesus' blood. The Christmas proclamation is one of hope, restoration, and life for all people...it is Good News! Fast forward to Jesus' resurrection appearance to his apostles in the Upper Room. His first words were "*Peace be with you!*" and again he said, "*Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.*" And with that he breathed on them and said, "*Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven*" (**John 19-23**). Jesus accomplished what he came to do: to take the punishment for our sins upon himself, and to die our death in order that we might share in his life. God desires that no one perish, he is the God of mercy and salvation.

**St. Anselm gave a beautiful sermon** that was in the Office of Readings from the *Liturgy of the Hours* on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Here are his profound words: "For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to him as Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed." Likewise, St. Peter Chrysologus (c. 380- c.450) Bishop of Ravenna and Doctor of the Church wrote: "When God saw the world falling to ruin because of fear, he immediately acted to call it back to himself with love. He invited it by his grace, preserved it by his love, and embraced it with compassion." Is this not the message of Christmas? This is the work that Jesus would accomplish through his life, death and resurrection. On this Feast of the Nativity of the Lord, we should marvel and wonder at the infinite and gracious love revealed to us in the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. The Eternal Word and Son of God is the love of God incarnate, whom St. John the Evangelist tells us: *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete (1John 1-4).* Gazing at Jesus in the manger is it any wonder that as we look upon Love Incarnate that we respond with love and awesome wonder? May your Christmas Season be filled many graces and every spiritual blessing.

**Liturgical Minister Schedules**

**Saturday, January 1st**

LECTOR Lisa Wheeler  
 CANTOR Anthony Avery  
 E.M. Brad DePottey  
 Carol Clase  
 Lisa Wheeler

**Sunday, January 2nd**

LECTOR David Fairman  
 CANTOR Anthony Avery  
 E.M. Gabrielle Petrowski  
 Kathleen Binkley  
 David Fairman



**Please pray for the following people who are sick at home or in the hospital:**

Nancy Kreger-Aills, Katherine Arendt, Joe Arnes, Dave Atwell, Jane Benson, Stephanie Bosley, Joe Boris, Lila Burnash, Bob Chuchvara, Tom Coha, Elizabeth Craig, Gary Ellsworth, Daniel Eissinger, June Fechik, Brian Fent, Katherine Gibson, Rebecca Gillette, Don Gray, Mark Hagler, Joyce Hipkins, Brian Holyfield, Jim Hoover, Jaden Howard, Patsy & Roger Howard, Denny Howell, Dolores & Wesley Hunt, Cindy Jackson, Bob Jackson, Mary Jankowski, Dean Jones, Joanne Jordan, Geraldine Karl, Amy Kelly, Arkadiy Khait, Beth King, Nancy Kroetsch, Tracy Kropp, Debra, Mike and Logan LeClaire, Jamie Liddle, Sandy Martin, Sandra O'Brien, Dale Osmundson, Scott Penney, Rosemary Pieknik, Rachel Porritt Southerland, Joyce Powell, Velma Savoie, Laura & Dan Schlund, Clarence Seltz, Claire Sheets, Mary Ward, Judith Ware, Craig Zafiroff and Jerrod Zuwala.

If you, or someone you know, is ill or in the hospital, or are homebound, and would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office. The requests must come from the individual or an immediate family member.

Please call the parish office at 736-4040, as due to the privacy act, we may not be notified.

**An Offering to God—December 11th & 12th**

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Weekly Sacrificial Budget  | \$6,200.00 |
| Weekly Collection Received | \$8,982.00 |

**Fiscal Year Total**

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Budgeted            | \$181,200.00        |
| Received            | \$172,397.18        |
| <b>UNDER Budget</b> | <b>(\$8,802.82)</b> |

During November, 213 of our 510 registered families contributed to our offertory collections.

*The above figures are for Sunday Contributions only and do not reflect total Parish/School Budget.*

**Thank you so much to all who are contributing to Holy Rosary Parish.**



**MONDAY, December 27th**

*St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

**TUESDAY, December 28th**

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

8:30 a.m. Mass: Mark Chalut  
 by Thereze Karram  
 and Fr. Francis Faraci  
 by Pam Sneller

**WEDNESDAY, December 29th**

*Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions  
 6:30 p.m. Mass: Louise Leuckeman  
 by Gary and Sandy Blondin  
 and Phyllis Boris  
 by Duane and Karen Church  
 7:15 p.m. RCIA—Right of Christian Initiation Class

**THURSDAY, December 30th**

*Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

**FRIDAY, December 31st**

*Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

8:30a.m. Mass: Christine Schwind  
 by Bill & Lisa Wheeler  
 and the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, January 1st**

*The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God-New Year's Day*

8:30 a.m. Mass: First Saturday Devotions  
 and for Holy Rosary Parish  
 9-10:00 a.m. Confessions  
 6:00 p.m. Erwin and Dorothy Crist  
 and Holy Rosary Parish  
 by Ed and Marilyn Crist

**SUNDAY, January 2nd**

*Epiphany of the Lord*

9:00 a.m. Mass: Fr. Francis Faraci  
 by Holy Rosary Parish  
 and Jim & Judy Williams  
 by Paul & Jann Turchi

**WELCOME**

If you would like to join Holy Rosary Parish, have a change in address and/or telephone number, or would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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I would like to become a registered, active parishioner  
 Please change my address and/or telephone number as shown above  
 Please add to the Prayer List \_\_\_\_\_

# Holy Rosary

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Night Vigil.....6:00 PM  
Sunday.....9:00 AM  
Saturday Vigil @ St. Mary.....4:00 PM  
Sunday @ St. Mary.....7:30AM & 11AM:

## DAILY MASSES

Tues., Fri., Sat.....8:30 AM  
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 PM  
Weds., Thurs. @ St. Mary.....8:30 AM  
Tuesday Evening @ St. Mary.....6:00 PM

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday.....5:30-6:30 PM  
Saturday.....9:00-10:00 AM  
Tuesday @ St. Mary.....5:00-6:00 PM  
Saturday @ St. Mary.....3:00-3:45 PM

## MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least nine months in advance, and be a registered parishioner. Formation classes are required for the Sacrament of Marriage.

## BAPTISMS

Arrangements must be made in advance. Parents/candidates must be registered, active members of the parish for at least three months. Baptism formation class is required for the Sacrament of Baptism.

## SICK AND SHUT IN

Please contact the parish office if you, or a member in your family is ill— at home, or in the hospital, or if the Sacrament of the Sick is desired, as we may not be notified by the hospitals.

## PARISH ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Fr. Roy Horning.....*Pastor*  
Mrs. Kim Edwards.....*Administrative Assistant*  
Mrs. Pamela Sneller.....*Pastoral Associate/DRE*  
Mrs. Kimberly Murawski.....*Pastoral Associate/DRE*  
Mr. Mark Callahan.....*Principal*  
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## HOLY ROSARY COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS

Mrs. Ellen Anderson.....*Pastoral Council Chairperson*  
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Mr. Dan Trytko.....*Worship Commission Chairperson*  
To be determined .....*Education Commission Chairperson*  
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

**December 27th**

**December 28th** Abigail Bourque, Diane Hubbard

**December 29th** Joanne Jordan, Michael Sunday

**December 30th** Jason Avery, Justin Henderson

**December 31st** Meghan Desrochers, Elizabeth Gilmour, Teresa Kogut, Deborah LeClaire, Thomas Raysin

**January 1st** Mary Nordstrom-Fechik, Kevin Brackett, Katie Reese, Alison Rousseau

**January 2nd** Barbara Quinn, Tammy Bennett, Beth Boudreau-Skinner, Matt Chambers, Christopher Moorman, Scott Phelps

## Parish Prayer Chain May We Pray for You?

There are times when we all need someone to pray for us or our families and friends. Holy Rosary has had an active Prayer Chain for a number of years and would like to restart it. The Prayer Chain is a telephone-tree of volunteers who pray for the intentions of those who ask their intercession. It is helpful to know a little bit about why the person needs prayers so that prayers can be focused on the specific need, but it is not necessary. All parishioners are welcome to join this ministry of prayer. If you have a special prayer request or if you would like to join the parish prayer chain, contact the Parish Office at (810) 736-4040.

### *Holy Rosary Parish 2021 First Friday Memorials & Special Intentions for Living & Deceased Family Members*

*Bob and Bobby Gibson  
Leona & Michael Kelley  
Neminski and Grantner Families  
Stewart Pincumbe Families  
Burnett, Clapper & Palacios Families  
George & Anne Zafiroff  
Karen Zafiroff-Johanning  
Ronald Sneller  
Ronald Isaacson  
Vaughn Owens & Marzonie Families  
Gary Clase, Clase and Gadany Families  
Buick, Jedlowski & Korcyiak Families  
Alan Uren  
Margaret, Stephen, & Hyon Howard Families  
Carole Jozwick  
Harp, Hannon & Neumann Families  
Martinbianco & Newland Families  
Claude Green Families  
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Joseph Missitti  
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Jankowski & Haviland Families*

*Jim & Virginia Flood Families  
Marion & Rose Galvas Families  
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Russell & Julia Whitmeyer  
Marion & Rose Galvas Family  
Patrick Burnett  
Phyllis Trundle  
Aube & Woloszyk Families  
Karl & Lindsay Families  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Pilon, Hazel, and Weiler Families  
Kreger, Aills and Morgan Families  
Robert & Colleen Kanous  
Knoblauch, Rose, Gibault  
and Trevorrow Families  
George & Marion Welsh Family  
Francis & Mary O'Brien Family  
Irene Bennett and Joe Bennett  
Nate Welsh  
James & Dolores Smith Family  
Frank & Maureen Smejkal  
Rodriguez & Mucha Families  
Mary Marzonie Gocha*

**Remember your loved ones or special intentions at the First Friday Mass each month, and in the bulletin all year. The cost is \$75 for the year.**

***Save the Date***

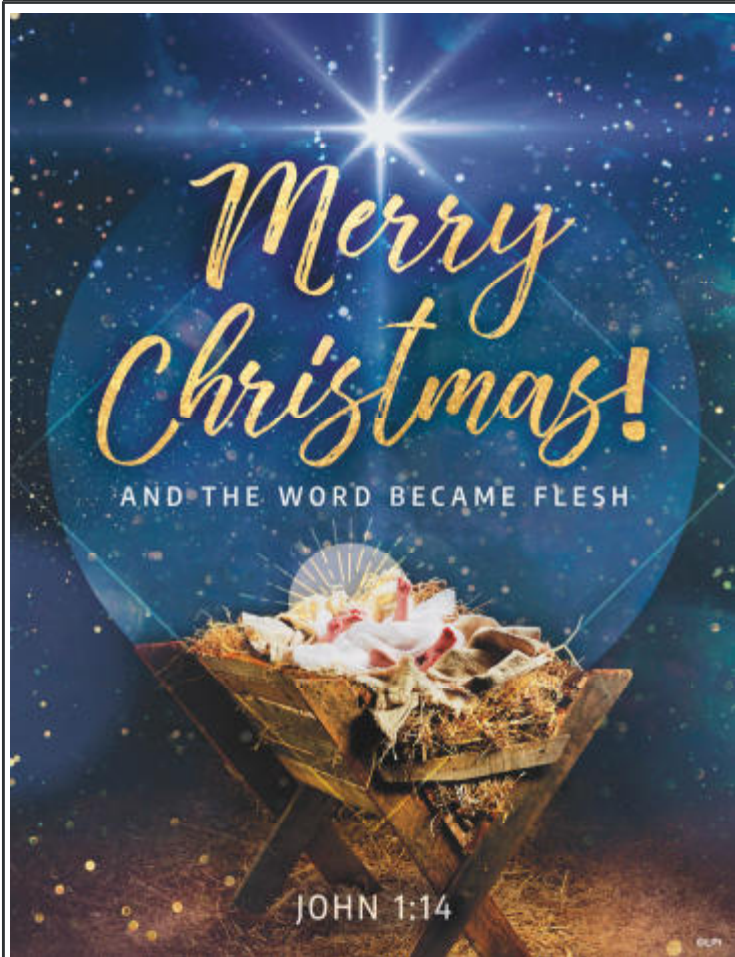
**January 3rd**-Holy Hour of Prayer 7-8PM  
**January 11th**-K of C Spaghetti Dinner 4-7PM  
**January 17th**- Holy Hour of Prayer 7-8PM  
 at St. Mary's Mt. Morris  
**January 21st**-1st Annual March for Life

**The Theological Virtues**

The human virtues are rooted in the theological virtues, which adapt man's faculties for participation in the divine nature: for the theological virtues relate directly to God. They dispose Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. They have the One and Triune God for their origin, motive, and object.

The theological virtues are the foundation of Christian moral activity; they animate it and give it its special character. They inform and give life to all the moral virtues. They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life. They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being. There are three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity.

\* From Catechism of the Catholic Church



**Parish Registry Update**

We are in the process of updating records. Many of you have changed your phone numbers or addresses  
**If you are new to the parish, WELCOME!**  
 Please introduce yourself to Fr. Roy.  
**Registration papers can be mailed to you at your request by calling 736-4040.**  
**Thank you!**

**Excerpts from God given to St. Maria Faustina (Diary, 3576)**

My daughter, love has brought Me here, and love keeps Me here.  
 My daughter, if you knew what great merit and reward is earned by one act of pure love for Me, you would die of joy.

**Tax Information Update**

**For the tax year 2021, all tithing and donations need to be in by December 31, 2021.**  
**Any checks mailed will need to be postmarked by December 31st to be included in the 2021 tax year.**  
**Please be aware if you place envelopes in any other church's collection, they may not make it to us in time to be included.**  
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