

## **HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



The time came for her to have her child and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. - Lk 2:6b-7

## WEEKLY PRAYER

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-

25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/

Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt

10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt

2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022**

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord Monday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Tuesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

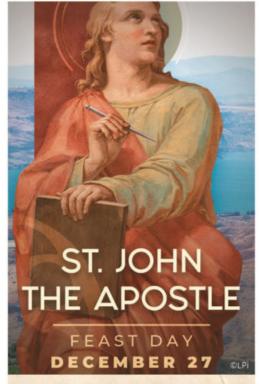
Next Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week,

New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.



#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death.

Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion.

Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written.

Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.



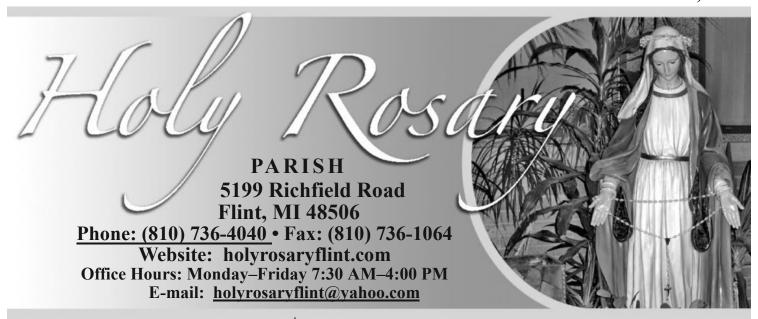
## Notes from the Pastor... Fr. Roy Horning

Merry Christmas to all on behalf of myself and the staff at Holy Rosary and St. Mary's. It was wonderful to have a full four weeks of Advent and have Christmas fall on a Sunday this year. It has given me time for reflection and reading as part of my Advent preparation for the coming of the Lord. We know that when he comes in glory and majesty at the end of time, that he will bring vindication for his people, and judgment of sin. Where we stand in relationship with God will determine how we experience his Second Coming; we will see the face of God emanating love and mercy, or we will see the face of God as divine justice. In the Christmas Season, we celebrate and ponder the glorious Nativity of the Lord who came to us in the flesh--clothed in humility and meekness. The angel's message to the shepherds conveys the joyful mystery of Jesus' birth: *Do not be afraid. I bring good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger. Then a great company of the heavenly host appeared, praising God and singing--Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.* 

In his book, *The Infancy Narratives Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict XVI reflects on the birth of our Lord as told by St. Matthew and St. Luke. He reflects on Matthew's account in which the angel tells Joseph in a dream: She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. This is the fundamental mission of Jesus. Often, I have said that he came to die our death, others have echoed St. John saying he came to bear witness to the truth. But, in reading Pope Benedict I see that both of these statements and others are captured within the framework that Matthew uses to explain where Jesus comes from and why he came. Let me share with you a little of the Holy Father's reflections. St. Luke tells Mary that her child's name is to be Jesus. The name Jesus (Jeshua) means "YHWH is salvation." YHWH is Hebrew and translated into English as Yahweh; the ancient Hebrew written word did not have vowels. The divine messenger who spoke to Joseph in the dream explains the nature of this salvation: He will save his people from their sins. Benedict writes "that only God can forgive sins, so immediately this child is associated with God because he is directly linked with God's holy and saving power. Of course, this definition of the Messiah's mission would appear rather disappointing to the expectations of 1st century Jews; who were expecting a messiah who would reestablish the Davidic kingdom and Israel's freedom and independence from Roman occupation. Naturally this would include material prosperity and peace. Benedict writes, "The promise of forgiveness of sins seems both too little and too much: too much, because it trespasses upon God's exclusive sphere; too little, because there seems to be no thought of Israel's concrete suffering or its true need for salvation."

In Benedict's mind this passage about the forgiveness of sins already anticipates the whole debate over Jesus' Messiahship. He then looks further into the gospels to show how Jesus reveals where the true priority lies: The forgiveness of sins, or the "messianic expectation for salvation nurtured by men who felt oppressed not so much by their sins as by their sufferings, their lack of freedom, in the wretched conditions of their existence." Remember the account of the four men who could not carry the paralytic man through the door because of the crowd. So, they lowered him down from the roof and laid him at Jesus' feet. The sick man's existence was an urgent plea for salvation, to which Jesus responded in a way that was quite contrary to the expectation of the four friends and the sick man himself: "My son your sins are forgiven" (Mk 2:5). The scribes were angry with Jesus' presumption that he had the authority to forgive sins, the sick man and those around him were disappointed because Jesus seemingly overlooked the man's real need. Pope Benedict sees the whole scene as being of utmost significance for it corresponds exactly with the words of the angel to Joseph. Jesus then demonstrates his ability and authority to forgive sins by ordering the sick man to take up his pallet and walk away healed.

Pope Benedict points out the most important lesson from this scene. "Man is a relational being. And if his first, fundamental relationship is disturbed—his relationship with God—then nothing else can be truly in order. This is where the priority lies in Jesus' message and ministry: before all else, he wants to point man toward the essence of his malady, and to show him—if you are not healed there (the wound of original sin), then however many good things you may find, you are not truly healed." The Savior's essential task must be the forgiveness of sins, as that is the salvation that brings true freedom. Forgiven and reconciled we are no longer enslaved and in bondage to sin and death. God comes down from heaven and incarnate is the image (and reality) of God's hand reaching down into the quicksand of sin and pulling man free from his captivity and certain death. This reality is captured in John 1st Letter: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. This is what we celebrate at Christmas; God has come to save us from our sins, to give us true life as redeemed Sons and Daughters of the living God!



#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Night Vigil	6:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
Saturday Vigil @ St. Mary	4:00 PM
Sunday @ St. Mary7:30A	

#### **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	
Tuesday @ St. Mary	
Saturday @ St. Mary	

#### **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	
Mrs. Kimberly Murawski	
Mrs. Karen West-Aiello	Principal
Mrs. Kimberly Kallas	School Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Peggy DePottey	Bookkeeper
Mr. Anthony Avery	Director of Music Ministry
Mr. Arnold Lake	Maintenance
Mrs. Megan Christensen	Janitorial

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#### HOLY ROSARY COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS

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#### **Liturgical Minister Schedules**

#### Saturday, December 31st

LECTOR Volunteer
CANTOR Anthony Avery

E.M. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet

**ALTAR SERVERS** 

#### <u>Sunday, January 1st</u>

LECTOR Volunteer CANTOR Anthony Avery

E.M. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet

**ALTAR SERVERS** 

Sign up sheets are located in the gathering space



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

Nancy Kreger-Aills, Katherine Arendt,
Dave Atwell, Kim Barker, Jane Benson,
Stephanie Bosley, Joe Boris, Judy Brady,
Hannah Burner, Elizabeth Craig, Edith Crist,
Delphon Davidson, Glenn Davidson,
Jim Desrochers, Gary Ellsworth,
Daniel Eissinger, June Fechik, Brian Fent,
Gail Fielder, Ashley Flagg, Katherine Gibson,
Rebecca Gillette, Don Gray, Mark Hagler,
Joyce Hipkins, Brian Holyfield, Jim Hoover,
Jaden Howard, Roger Howard, Denny Howell,
Dolores & Wesley Hunt, Cindy Jackson,
Bob Jackson, Mary Jankowski,
Remington Johnson, Dean Jones, Alan Karl,
Amy Kelly, Beth King, Beverly King, Nancy
Kroetsch, Tracy Kropp, Debra, Mike and Logan
LeClaire, Judy Liddle, Kourtney Lobsinger,
Gayle Marcum, Tom Maher, Mindy Manzardo,
Karen Michelson, Scott Penney, Rosemary
Pieknik, Rachel Porritt Southerland, Joyce
Powell, Laura & Dan Schlund, Claire Sheets,
David Slough, Mary Sobey, John Varner,
Mary Ward, Judith Ware, Sarah Webb,

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.

Craig Zafiroff & Jerrod Zuwala.

#### An Offering to God December 10th & 11th

Not updated due to time of print

Weekly Sacrificial Budget \$6,000.00 Weekly Collection Received \$14,502.00

Fiscal Year Total

Budgeted \$176,040.00 Received \$174,076.09 UNDER Budget (\$1,963.91)

During November, 211 of our 500 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 to all who are contributing to Holy Rosary Parish.



#### MONDAY, December 26th

St. Steven, the First Martyr

#### **TUESDAY, December 27th**

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 8:30 a.m. Mass: Adela Berda

by Paul & Keri Zuwala and family

and Mary Zuwala

by Dave & Angela Malinich

#### WEDNESDAY, December 28th

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass: Joanne Jordan by Bill & Pat Estelle

and Pam Sneller

by Terry & Kim Edwards

#### **THURSDAY, December 29th**

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and MArtyr

#### FRIDAY, December 30th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 á.m. Mass: Robert Howard

by Steven & Hyon Howard

and Hugh Welsh

by Harry & Marsha Neminski

#### SATURDAY, December 31st

St. Sylvester 1, Pope

8:30 a.m. Mass: Poor Souls in Purgatory

by Alan Karl

6:00 p.m. Mass: Erwin & Dorothy Crist

by Ed & Marilyn Crist

#### SUNDAY, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30 a.m. Rosary

9:00 a.m. Mass: Carol Jean Horning

by Donald & Theresa Pollard

and Joe Arnes and Holy Rosary Parish

by Evelyn Dick

#### 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.

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I would like to become a registered, active parishioner	
Please change my address and/or telephone number as	
hown above	

Please add to the Prayer List



### Holy Rosary Catholic School

I John 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

The book of First John is not where you would normally think to find the Christmas account. But isn't that exactly what this verse is talking about? The word "propitiation" isn't used very often anymore, in fact it wasn't even a choice on my spell check when I was writing this on my phone, but it is defined as "satisfaction for the demands of God's law." That's it! That's the love of God, and the story of Christmas, in a nutshell. We sinned. God loved us. He sent His son to pay the price. This is reiterated not only in the all familiar John 3:16, but in the verse that follows it (3:17) where it says, "God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." What a beautiful gift! And that's the gift we endeavor to share with our students everyday at the school. In a world that tells them the contrary and strives to ruin them by saying they are something they were not created to be, they need to hear the message of Christmas. Everyday.

The month of December was a busy one for our staff and students. Our volleyball team finished their season with an 18-6 record and made it all the way to the semifinals in the GCCS tournament. Our Service Squad and student body have been busy with projects to benefit Catholic Charities and St. Luke's N.E.W. Life Center. Santa's Workshop, a couple of field trips, the all school Christmas Concert and classroom celebrations were held. It was a wonderful month at Holy Rosary Catholic School and we wish all our prayer partners and supporters in the parish a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

In God's Grace, Mrs. Karen West-Aiello, Principal

## Holy Rosary Parish 2022-23 <u>First Friday Memorials & Special Intentions</u> for Living & Deceased Family Members

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Ronald Isaacson

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Alan Uren

Margaret, Stephen, & Hyon Howard Famílies

Carole Jozwick

Bishoff and Dowdall Families

Chuck Hyde

Claude Green Families

Arendt & Padulka Famílies

Walter & Ruth Blaine

LaGraff, Gray & Showalter Famílies

Kozlowskí, Musialowskí, Reska & Hadden Famílies

Martel Famílies

Jeanine Kelly

Louis Missitti Sr. & Jr.

Mary Marzonie Gocha Gary Chaplin Families

Turchi & DeVito Familie

Russell & Julia Whitmeyer Schwind & Desrocher Families

Lambertz & Dysarz Famílies

Phyllis Trundle

Aube & Woloszyk Famílies

Karl & Lindsay Families

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Dubie & Burnash Families

Rodríguez & Mucha Famílies

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

Kononchuk, Gauthier, Chazick Families

Frank & Maureen Smejkal

Pílon, Hazel and Weiler Families

Carole Jozwick

Remember your loved ones or special intentions at the First Friday Mass each month, and in the bulletin all year.

#### Save the Date

**December 31st-**K of C New Year's Eve Dance **January 2nd-**Holy Hour of Prayer 7-8PM

January 8th-REP Dinner 5:30PM

**January 9th-**St. Patrick's Guild Meeting 1PM Food Pantry Meeting –10AM (Yearly Meeting)

January 10th/11th-Bible Study begins

January 22nd-Parish Breakfast

January 28th-Scrapbooking 10AM-10PM

January 29th-Catholic School's Week

February 2nd-Seminarian Dinner

#### Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve 2022

The K of C 4th Degree will be hosting their New Year's Eve Party on Saturday, Dec. 31st
St. John's Parish Hal
Beer and some set-ups provided-BYOB
Doors open at 8PM \$40 per Person
The band "Newsmaker" starts at 9PM
Tickets: contact Gary Lehr (810) 653-5068



**December 26th** Ann Marie Simon, David George

December 27th Robert Clark

December 28th Diane Hubbard

**December 29th** Michael Sunday

December 30th James Shorkey, Doniel Shapardon, Jason Avery

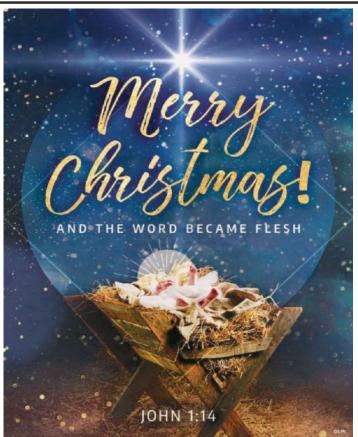
<u>December 31st</u> Elizabeth Gilmour, Thomas Raysin, Deborah LeClaire, Teresa Kogut, Derek Hazard, Megham Desrochers

<u>January 1st</u> Mary Nordstrom-Fechik, Kevin Brackett, Katie Reese, Alioson Rousseau



#### **Homebound Ministry**

If you, or someone you know would like receive the Holy Eucharist at home, please call us at (810) 736-4040. We have Extraordinary Ministers who will bring Jesus and prayer to those who are unable to attend Mass, or would just like a visit.



#### Winter 2023 Bible Study Coming Soon!



Classes begin week of January 10th -February 15th

**Bishop Robert Barron's The Eucharist** 

- \* Tuesday Evening 6:30-8:30PM
- Wednesday Morning 10:00am-12:00pm
- \* Sign up in the gathering space in church

\* Cost is \$20

#### Parish Registration and Updating Information

Welcome! If you are new to the parish, please call the office at (810) 736-4040 for a parish registration form. We will be happy to get your registration information to you.

We know quite a few phone numbers have been changed, please call the office to update your address or phone numbers. Thank you!



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