



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

- 12-26 Mon 9:00 AM Joe Geisler
By Sheryl Geisler
- 12-27 Tues 9:00 AM Cliff "Chip" Marsh
By Carole Jensen
- 12-28 Wed 9:00 AM Mark Granan
By Rosary Society
- 12-29 Thurs 9:00 AM Edward Abbot Jr.
By Dan, Ginni &
Andy Brandt
- 12-30 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
New Year's Eve
- 12-21 Sat 5:30 PM James Householder
By Mom & Victoria
New Year's Day
- 1-1 Sun 8:30 AM Jim Suriano
By the family
- Sun 10:30 AM Mark Granan
By Ada Rice

There has been a delay in the delivery of church envelopes. Cathedral is working to process our order as quickly as possible. They are sending temporary envelopes for our use. They will be available in the vestibule when they arrive.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 26th, 2022 in observance of the Christmas holiday. We wish you blessings of good health and peace to you and your family at Christmas and in the New Year.



The Nativity of Our Lord

Each Christmas opens the eyes of our minds to the beauty of God's immeasurable love for us. God gave us his greatest gift that first Christmas. He became one of us through the birth of his son Jesus Christ. God took on human flesh in order to show his solidarity with us sinners and to bring us the gift of salvation. This is the great mystery that we gather to celebrate this Christmas.

Filled with Christmas joy, I welcome all of you who have joined us today to celebrate this great mystery of our faith. I pray and hope that you will all have a holy and a blessed Christmas.

The shepherds were the first people to receive the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ. God chose these simple people to bear witness to the mystery of his incarnation. The shepherds were out on the fields keeping watch over their flock by night. God's angel appeared to them and shone his glory around them. The shepherds were struck with great fear by this supernatural brightness. The Angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you news of great joy that will be for all people. For today, in the town of Bethlehem a Saviour has been born for you, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Then suddenly, the multitude of heavenly hosts appeared and sang God's praises by saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill to humankind" (Luke 2:10-14).

The shepherds responded to the great news. They went in haste to Bethlehem and found the new born child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manger with his mother, Mary and Joseph, his foster father. The shepherds had the eyes of faith. Their spiritual insight brought them to recognize the new born baby as the promised Messiah. The shepherds went on their knees and worshipped the Saviour of the world. They also related what the angels told them about the new born child. And all who heard them were astonished at what they said. We are told that Mary kept everything in her heart and pondered on them.

Having encountered the Christ Child and his parents, the shepherds returned to their town glorifying and praising God for what they had seen and heard.

You and I are here because of our living faith. It is this special gift which has brought us to worship God who lovingly sustains us along every step of our earthly journey. We come to adore the Lord in his Word and the Eucharist. We open wide the doors of our hearts to God in appreciation for his presence with us as we look at the Christmas crèche. And like the shepherds, we seek to be bathed in the radiance of God's light and go back to our homes with gratitude and praise to bring God's presence to others by the example of our love and care.

Let us in today's mass remember to pray for one another, our families, our communities, our nation and our world that the light which surrounded the shepherds will drive away every darkness from our lives. Let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace and the strength to live as his true sons and daughters and bring each one of us to experience the joy and the peace that come with Christ's birth.

Merry Christmas!

God bless,
Fr. Ben



Weekend of December 31st, 2022 & January 1st, 2023

First Reading-Numbers 6:22-27

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Pat Elbrecht

Eucharistic Ministers Jane Artis

Altar Servers Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

Second Reading-Galatians 4:4-7

Sunday 8:30 PM

Fr. Ben

Carole Ostrander

Pat Tartaglia

Anderson & Garret Callender

Solemnity of Mary

Gospel-Luke 2:16-21

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Nancy Kahane

Lorraine Keckeisen

Brock & Easton Porter

Offerings of December 17th & 18th, 2022 Regular, \$2,581.00; Fuel, \$20.00; Building Maintenance, \$25.00; Immaculate Conception, \$20.00; Christmas Flowers, \$140.00; Christmas, \$210.00;



December 25th & January 1st No Classes

The weekend of December 17th & 18th, 2022 the regular collection, Christmas and Immaculate Conception amounted to \$2,811.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$155.00 below our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$61,529.00, which is \$7,236.00 below budget.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our special fuel/insurance collection. We collected \$14,670.00 !



Sacred Heart is truly a generous beyond measure family! Donations can continue to be made to the special fuel and insurance collection by placing your donation in an envelope marked "Fuel/Insurance".



Upcoming December Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

Jan 7- First Saturday Rosary 4:00 PM in the church

Jan 12 Finance Council 6:30 PM

Jan 16 Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30 PM

Jan 19 Pastoral Council 6:30 PM

Jan 26- Share the Bounty 4:00-6:30 PM



Our assessment for 2022-2023 is \$14,944.00. To date \$13,797.00 in pledges and donations have been received by the Diocese. We are just \$1,147.00 away from reaching our assessment! Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Appeal.

Substitute Organist

Occasionally we need an organist for Masses when either Sarah or Jim is not available. If you or someone you know is interested in being a substitute please contact the Parish Office at 607-563-1591.



December Bulletin Quotes

"The infant Christ 'came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph' (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... 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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Christmas Flowers

Donations were given in memory or in honor of the following: James Householder, Sterchak & Sherosick's families, Pat Materazzo, Congetta Materazzo, Caterian Coluni, Peppino Coluni,

Jim Ives, Doris Dean, McGarry family, Zahn family, Mary Shields, Robert Damian, John Swenson, Joseph Selvin, Zaczek family, Muller family, Hillman family, Helena Dirig, Fred & Anna Schuck, Joseph Schuck, Michael & Frances Gregory, Judy Cardoni, Helen & Steve Tiska, Bernadine & Fred Boardman, David Tiska, Soddy & Carmie Mirabito, Betsinger family, Eckert family, Callender family, Reagan family, McGunnigle family, Glory to Lord God, Deceased members of Knapp family, Deceased members of Robinson family, Saludo & Gormley families, Joe Trask, Artis & Pahl families, Ciborowski, Komornik and Damato families, Ed Hogan, Clare & Ed Hogan, Jerome & Phyllis Mertz, Alfred Mertz, Ellen & Joseph Mertz, Fred & Joseph Mertz Jr., Loretta Frank, Eugene & Teresa Crane, Charles, Leslie, & Gertrude Crane, Robert & Nellie Holmes, James McKilligan, Hannah McKilligan, Edwin VanHensbergen, Marion Van Hensbergen, and our grandparents, Maruszewski family, Brown family, for an increase to vocations, Mary Tartaglia, Herman Tartaglia, Anna Wagner, Raymond Wagner, Kruszka family, C. Robert Strom, Munetz family, Helfrich family, Laurel Alksnis, Emily March, Eleanor Gilbride, James Miller, Angie & John Grande, Thelma & Tony Stase, Veronica Shupperd, Charles Shupperd, Shupperd family, Zieno family, Spadora family, Martha Smith, deceased members of the Smith, Barry, & Dwyer families, Tony Bartiromo Sr., Anne & Bud Walsh, Angie & Antonio Bartiromo, members of the Blincoe family, Henry, Mavica, Sam, David & Jud

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Avery Maggio, Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Terry Dermody, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre' Lundstrom, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Elaine Ferretti, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Jake Delay, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Dan Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Basket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Jeremy Matviak, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Jane Artis, Kathryn Wickham, Frannie Robinson, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terry Cristofaro, Joan Kaiser, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Liliana, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Marian Heeps, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Tammy Byrnes, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Sandy Grooms, Agatha Trikourr, Maureen Joy, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Rose LaCasci, Timothy Bell, Jamie Mathewson, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Jim Mylotte, Natalia Ciborowski, Dixy Pflug, Maryann Cottrell, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, John Alksnis, Sarah Pressler, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, Tina Klein, Leon Matthews, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Amanda Maggio, Alfredine Duguay, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & family, Steve Barber, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Regina Mathewson, Vicki Czapnik, Paul McCarthy, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Tasha, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Sean Granan, Charlie Washburn, Father Gordon, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Mary Cittadino, Fran Goshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Bonnie Tabone, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, Jenne Barber, Marty Weishan, Tony Barber, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Gabriel Rivera, Marilyn Cotter

Please Note: All names will remain on our list and all will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.

