

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

When the angel Gabriel encountered Mary, perhaps during her evening walk, he told her of God's plan to birth the "Son of the Most High" into life through her body. It was an incomprehensible request of preposterous proportion. Mary could have said "No," but instead, she said, "May it be done to me according to your word." Three months later, Mary's cousin Elizabeth said to her: "Blessed are you who believe that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

In our lives God speaks to us as we know what he asks of us. May our response be the same as Mary's so that the purpose of our lives could also be fulfilled.

May the Infant Jesus, born on this Christmas Day bring peace to your souls and abundant blessings into the home of every parishioner. May every heart be open to the Infant Prince of Peace by a fervent reception of the sacrament of his love. Know that all parishioners will be remembered at all Masses on Christmas Day and Christmas Day.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

MASS INTENTIONS CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24

4 p.m. - PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN'S

(Preludes 3:30 pm)

6 p.m. - PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN'S

(Children's Mass)

10 p.m. - PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN'S

(Carols 9:30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday - December 25

10 a.m. - PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN'S

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Wednesday - December 26 - 9:00 a.m.

ANNA KURTEK (Dave & Darlene Fogarty)

Thursday - December 27 - 9:00 a.m.

JAMES & EMMA BURNS (Joe & Ann Burns)

Friday, December 28 - 9:00 a.m.

GERALDINE MEHLING (Mary Beth Harvey)

Saturday, December 29 - 5:00 p.m.

JOHN & MARGARET KASINECZ (Daughters)

Sunday, December 30 - 8:15 a.m.

FRANCIS BERCHER (Maccarone Family)

Sunday, December 30 - 10:30 a.m.

GRETA DERBES (Mary & Charles Tamburelli)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 15/16: \$ 4,542.00; Imp.&Rep.: \$1,756.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.

SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. - Monday - December 24th

Reader: Patty O'Neill

Euch.Min.: Carol Lasco, Debbie Guers, Mary Modesto, Joe Rehnert, Carol Forster, Sharon Snyder, Phil Markovich

Servers: Aiden Cassidy, Logan, Joseph, Brooke Palko

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

6:00 p.m. Monday - December 24th

Reader: Jennifer Daubert

Euch.Min.: George Forney, Dominic Chipionia

Servers: Hayden & Jackson Daubert, Gabriella Quinn, Samantha Heenan

Cantor: Ensemble

10:00 p.m. Monday - December 24th

Reader: Tyler Cooper

Euch.Min.: Hermine Murphy, Bob Bechtel

Servers: Josh Cooper, Ryan & Emma Seiger, Evelyn Datte,

Cantor: Tina Seiger

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Tuesday - December 25th

Reader: Heidi Gorski

Euch.Min.: Bobbi Murray

Servers: Ava Orlosky, Stanley & Aleksander Gorski

Cantor: Dave Derbes

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

5 p.m. - Saturday - December 29th

Reader: Christine Disabella

Euch.Min.: Molly Zwiebel, Bill Schweikert

Servers: Mark Disabella, Lauren & Kelly Goodman

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. - Sunday - December 30th

Reader: Tyler Cooper

Euch.Min.: Ray Petrilla, Nicholas Quinn

Servers: Vincent & Michael Prestileo, Kaitlin Painter

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. - Sunday - December 30th

Reader: Bill Gianfagna

Euch.Min.: Justina Majestic, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Joshua Steffan, Madison Ryan, Riley Doyle

Cantor: Dave Derbes

PRAY FOR OUR SICK / DECEASED

We remember in prayer those who are ill. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

Sick: Angela Pfeil Hamm, Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Tom Jefferson, Paul Connors, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick Hossler.

Deceased: Cecelia Hock



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Monday, December 24
4 p.m. + (6 p.m. Children's Mass) + 10 p.m.
(Preludes & Carols at 9:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Tuesday, December 25 -- 10:00 a.m. only

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY MASSES

Saturday, December 29 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 30 – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASSES

Monday, December 31 – 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1 – 10:00 a.m. only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday	December 23	7:45 to 8:00 a.m.
Sunday	December 23	10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

FAMILY GUILD GIFT CARD CALENDAR

The Family Guild will be sponsoring the Gift Card Calendar Raffle for March 2019. The members of the Guild would like to extend the opportunity to all parishioners to sponsor any type of Gift Card or make a monetary donation to purchase a gift card. If you are interested, please call the Rectory 622-5470.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

The Christmas envelope again this year can be found in your recent envelope packet for December and January. There will be no special mailing of the Christmas envelope. If you do not receive regular envelopes or did not receive a Christmas envelope in the mail, they are available on the tables in the rear of church.

Once again, we ask for your generous support in the Christmas collection. May we suggest a **\$35.00** Christmas donation to the parish. If you can afford to give more, it is greatly appreciated. Once again, thank you for your continued generosity.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How will Jesus be part of your Christmas visits?

Next Week's Readings

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

(December 29/30)

Reading I: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Reading II: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

CHILDREN'S BOX ENVELOPES

If your child(ren) would like to receive a box of weekly contribution envelopes for 2019, please contact the rectory during the week at ... 622-5470 ext.3.



2019 CALENDARS: Church calendars for the New Year are available at the church exits. Please feel free to take one, but please make sure they are not wasted. We wish to thank the **James E. Humphrey Funeral Home** for taking care of this expense.

Thank You to St. John's CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION



A special thank you to our Catholic Women's Union here at St. John's for their generous gift this year of **\$4,000**. This donation is the result of all their hard work and efforts over this past year.

RECTORY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

All are welcome to stop by the Rectory during office hours on weekdays to see the beautiful Christmas tree and decorations.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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