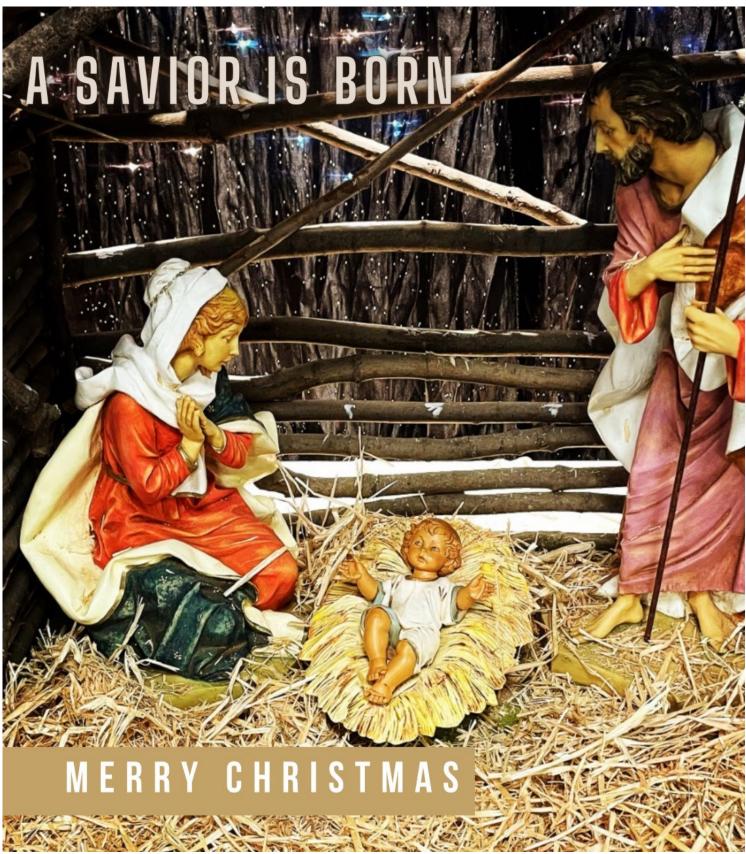


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DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm 9:00am & 11:30am Sunday

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

NON-HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—8:00pm

Tuesday

2:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm—5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 26, 2022 No Events-Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 No Events-Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 No Events-Office Closed

Thursday, December 29, 2022 No Events-Office Closed

Friday, December 30, 2022 No Events-Office Closed

Saturday, December 31, 2022

4:00pm Mass

4:45 pm Divine Mercy Prayers

Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass



Laurie Hall Pastoral Associate LHall@sjfparish.org Ext. 104

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful.

Isaiah 9:5-6

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Our time of preparation for Christ's second coming at the end of time and the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas day culminates in our celebrations today. Our waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus have led us to this great celebration today – we are so glad you are here! As members of the one family of God, we are grateful for your presence and rejoice in celebrating together the great gift of Jesus to our whole family. My prayer is that the season brings peace and joy to you and yours.

As we go forth from Mass today, may we be filled with gratitude for the great gift of Jesus and jubilantly spread the joy of the Gospel throughout our world!

Did you know? (Adapted from the USCCB)

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9, 2023). During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him.

Have you ever blessed your Christmas Tree?

It is always good to combat the commercialism of Christmas by remembering why we have a Christmas tree or why we exchange presents. The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world. The Christmas Tree blessing on page 5 can be used to remind us that the Christmas Tree is part of our Christian celebration of the coming of Christ. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends as a way to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

2023 LENTEN FISH FRYS



We will once again be hosting our Fish Frys on six Fridays in Lent. Proceeds from each Fish Fry will benefit a different ministry effort in our parish. 2-piece or 3-piece fish dinners will be available as well as a la carte items. We will have dine-in and carry-out options. Mark your calendars for the following dates: February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.

More details will be in future bulletins and on the parish website. If you are interested in volunteering at a Fish Fry event, please contact Linda Smith at: LSmith@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext. 101.

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OF SERVICE

"May the blessings of Christmas be yours today and throughout the New Year". That is a sentiment that I received inside of my first

Christmas card this season. It reminded me of the amazing spirit that belongs at the forefront of all of our hearts and minds during the very busy Advent season.

As you can imagine, the Advent and Christmas Season is a very busy time for all of our church's ministry roles. It is through an amazing and supportive staff, incredible volunteers, and the generosity of the St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish community, that makes this a place that I now call home. My gratitude to all of you is immeasurable!

The Lord has blessed me and continues to guide me as many of the paused ministries have resumed and are being reinstated with many new and enthusiastic volunteers. Returning has included: Knights of Columbus pancake breakfasts, Coffee House, Grief Support Group, Red Cross Blood Drives, Mercy in Action, Seniors, and an initiation of several new Society of St. Vincent de Paul chapter members.

As we all serve for the glory of His Kingdom, I want to share a segment of the prayer that we recite at the closing of every St. Vincent de Paul meeting:

May we never claim that the fruitfulness of our apostolate springs from ourselves alone. United in prayer and action, may we become a visible sign of Christ and may we give witness to His boundless love, which reaches out to all and draws them to love one another in Him.

We thank you, Lord, for the many blessings which we receive from those whom we visit. Help us to love and respect them, to understand their deeper needs, and to share their burdens and joys as true friends in Christ.

I say AMEN to That!

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 CSA

Thank you to all those who contributed to CSA! We have reached our goal. Just a reminder if you made a pledge please honor it. Any monies received over the goal of \$91,938.00 stay in the parish.

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF December 25, 2022

Sunday

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6;

Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14;

Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 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, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday

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

Friday

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 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

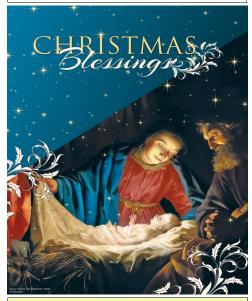
Sunday

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21;

OFFERTORY INFORMATION December 11, 2022

Registered Families: 1,365 **Envelopes Returned:** 188 \$7,853.00 **Amount Offered:** \$1,107.00 **Loose Offering: Online Contributors:** 109 \$4,151.00 **Online Contributions Total Offerings:** \$13,111.00 **Budgeted Offertory:** \$11,786.00 Difference: \$1,325.00



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BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Our Family Breakfast with St. Nicholas was a delicious and delightful event! Thank you to the generous Knights of Columbus members who prepared and served breakfast, to the Stewardship commission members who prepared the gifts for the children, welcomed everyone, and read the story of St. Nicholas, and to Dave Maguran, who portrayed St. Nicholas wonderfully! It was a pleasure to see so many parish members engaged in ministry and many families enjoying hospitality and sharing our faith traditions.















All are invited to celebrate our family of parishes, the Family of the Good Shepherd, at the Family Commissioning Mass at SS. Cyril & Methodius on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at noon. Bishop Fischer will preside, joined by all the priests of the family. A reception follows. All are welcome!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

	Tuesday Dec. 27, 2022	Wednesday Dec. 28, 2022	Thursday Dec. 29, 2022	Saturday Dec. 31, 2022	Sunday Jan. 1, 2023	
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8am/6pm Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Sacristan	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	Janet Sepanik	Ray Knapp	Bob Rys
Lector	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	John Martin Not Filled	Chris Bajercius Not Filled	Robert Skwara Not Filled

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BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the light of the world.

According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung.

The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

"Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever."

All reply "Amen."

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

"My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders, Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light."

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example:

"Listen to the words of the Letter of St. Paul to Titus (3:4-7):

But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life."

Or Ezekiel 17:22-24:

"I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel."

Reader: "The Word of the Lord."

All reply "Thanks be to God."

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

"Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord."

All reply "Lord, give light to our hearts."



ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

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Nicholas Brosowski, Army

Chris Burley, Navy

Shaun Chaplin, Air Force

Michael DeVito, Army Reserve

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Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy Anthony Trotta, Navy Kyle Wiegand, Army Steven Zurek, Navy

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Karen Belloli

Mary Ann DeDonatis

Virginia Edge

Tom Kendro

Christine LePoudre

Joseph LePoudre

Leonardo Lugartos

Karen Mosher

Daniel Reghi

James Rohling

Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, January 8, 2022, the Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive by appointment only. Appointments are available from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Register online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: stjane or call Sam at (586) 884-3410.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26, 2022

No Mass
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No Mass
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No Mass
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No Mass
Friday, December 30, 2022

No Mass

Saturday, December 31, 2022

4:00pm Dec. Matthew Robert Yasso (Areej Tack)

Dec. Sammy P. Castelli (Family)
Dec. Linda Brisse (Susan Putrycus)
Dec. Nua Vacaj (Maria Vacaj)

Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:00am First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members

Dec. Elizabeth Koczon (Judy Taylor)
Dec. Lorraine Weglarz (Dorothy Weglarz)
Dec. Maureen Blair (Dorothy Weglarz)
Liv. Valentin Vacaj (Maria Vacaj)

11:30am Dec. Matthew Robert Yasso (Areej Tack)

Dec. Steve & Cele Campbell (Tom & Phyllis Harris)





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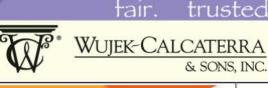
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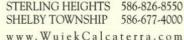


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