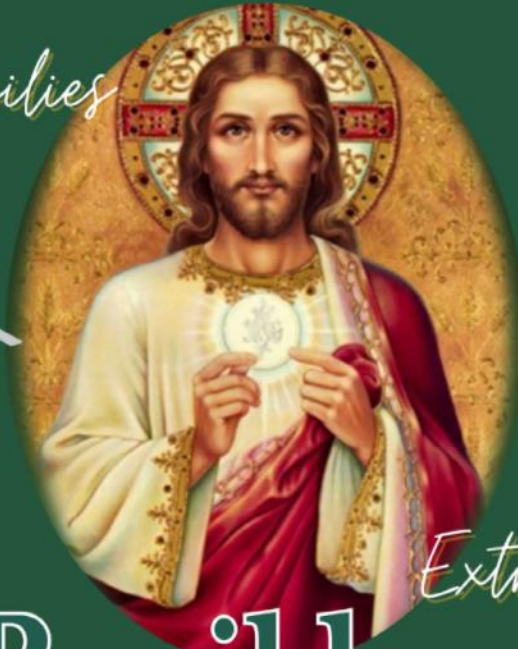


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**BAPTISMS**  
First and Third Sundays of the  
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**MATRIMONY**  
Please contact a priest/deacon 8  
months prior to your wedding.

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Arrangements may be made at the  
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### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil ... 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ... 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
& 4:00 p.m.  
Mon., Wed., Fri. ... 7:00 a.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday... 5:30 p.m.

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

See Inside the Bulletin  
for Schedule

### CONFESSION

Saturday ... 3:00—3:45 p.m.  
Tuesday ... 5:00—5:25 p.m.  
Thursday ... 5:00—5:25 p.m.  
and by appointment at the Parish  
Office

### DEVOTIONS

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help Following 5:30 p.m.  
Mass on Tuesday

### NEWCOMERS

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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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### DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 a.m. Monday till 10:00 p.m. Friday

## Ministers of the Liturgy & Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 21, 2024**  
**4:00 p.m.**

*Intentions:* Carl A. Guidroz, Jr.,  
Honor of St. Jude, Merle & Charles Dittmer,  
Patrick C. McKinney, Flora Maria Be,  
Shane LaMartina, Hubert LaBorde,  
Robert Phelps, Mary Ann Grau,  
Maria LeBlanc, Michael Brelet, Marion Seeber,  
Dennis Doredant, Belle & Dennis LaBorde, Sr.,  
Margie Bucher, Fr. David Dufour (L)  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

*Intentions:* Eileen Drawe  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

**11:00 a.m.**

*Intentions:* Paul Hymel, Jr.,  
Dennis Deichmann, Fr. Matthew Johnston (L),  
Charles Hymel, Josephine Schmit,  
Mark Alan Capretto, Karen Fairchild (L),  
Lawrence Chighizola, Michael & Diane Barry,  
Fr. Johannes Stegmaier  
*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

**4:00 p.m.**

*Intentions:* Milton Retif  
*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair  
*Organist:* Kristin Alvarado

**Monday, Dec. 23** 7:00 a.m. Tony Dimuzio

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**  
**4:00 p.m.**

*Intentions:* Patti Curry (L), Evelyn Madeline  
Boyle Bodine, Brennan Hansen (L),  
Cyrus Hansen (L), Lillian Segari,  
Robert Phelps, Roy Phelps, Sr.

**6:00 p.m.**

*Intentions:* St. Benilde Parishioners  
*Song Leader:* Girls Choir

## This Week at St. Benilde

<b>Monday, Dec. 23</b>	<p>7:00 a.m. <b>Mass</b></p> <p><b>Decorating the Church for Christmas</b> 7:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Divine Mercy Cenacle Group</b> 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office</p>
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<p><b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> 4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Christmas Candlelit Vigil Mass</b> 6:00 p.m.</p>
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<p><b>Christmas Day Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Christmas Day Mass</b> 11:00 a.m.</p>
<b>Thursday, Dec. 26</b> <b>Feast of St. Stephen, first martyr</b>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b> 5-5:25 p.m. in the Church</p> <p>5:30 p.m. <b>Daily Mass</b></p> <p><b>Tiger Den Scout Mtg.</b> 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Center</p>
<b>Friday, Dec. 27</b> <b>Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</b>	<p>7:00 a.m. <b>Daily Mass</b></p>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 28</b> <b>Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs</b>	<p><b>Reconciliation</b> 3:00-3:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>Vigil Mass</b> 4:00 p.m.</p>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 29</b> <b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	<p><b>Traditional Choir Practice</b> 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Office</p> <p>9:00 a.m. <b>Mass</b></p> <p>11:00 a.m. <b>Mass</b></p> <p>4:00 p.m. <b>Mass</b></p>



## Ministers of the Liturgy & Mass Intentions Cont.

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25**  
**9:00 a.m.**

*Intentions:* St. Benilde Parishioners  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

**11:00 a.m.**

*Intentions:* Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Heigle, Louis Servary,  
Jack Maignaud, Catherine DiMaggio,  
George Spaulding, Laurie Waltzer,  
Celeste M. Howard, Paul Hymel, Jr.,  
Hymel Family Living & Deceased, Shane La Martina  
*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

**Dec. 26-27**

**Thursday** 5:30 p.m. Marion Seeber  
**Friday** 7:00 a.m. Noella Schnexnyder

## Stewardship of Treasure

**December 14 & 15, 2024**

First Collection Envelopes.....	\$1,869.00
First Collection Loose.....	\$2,303.00
Second Collection (Repairs & Maintenance).....	\$514.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,017.00
Candles.....	\$78.00
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**O GOD, RESTORE US;  
LIGHT UP YOUR FACE  
AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.**

*Psalm 80:4*

## Prayer Intentions:

**The Church Sanctuary  
Lamp burns for  
Margie Bucher**



**Adoration Chapel Sanctuary  
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Stuart & Gloria Fourroux**

**The Altar Flowers** In memory of all  
deceased parishioners



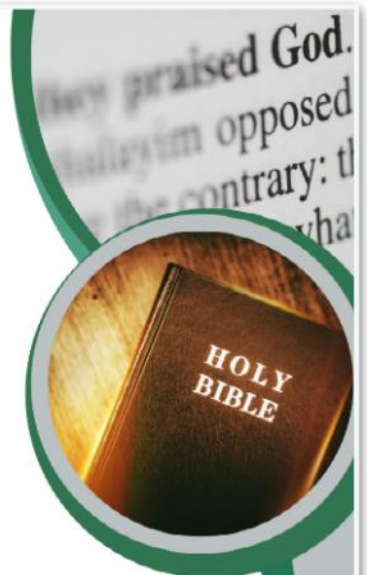
**Altar Volunteers**  
**Week of December 22**  
Anita Delaup

**December Linens**  
**Large** - Connie Casente  
**Small** - Evelyn Beyer

## LECTORS NEEDED

Do you have a love for  
Sacred Scripture? Our  
Saturday and Sunday  
4:00 PM Masses are  
currently in need of  
additional lectors.

**Contact**  
Audrey Huck at  
ahuck@arch-no.org for  
more information.



## Christmas Schedule

December 24th, Christmas Eve

- 4:00 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Candlelit Mass

December 25th, Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:00 AM Mass

*Make room in  
your heart this  
Advent Season  
with the  
sacrament of  
Reconciliation*



*Confession offered*

- Tuesdays 5-5:25 PM
- Thursdays 5-5:25 PM
- Saturdays 3-3:45 PM



## ADORATION CHAPEL

### UPDATE

JESUS WILL BE REPOSED IN THE TABERNACLE FROM DECEMBER 20TH UNTIL THE MORNING OF JANUARY 2ND. HE WILL REMAIN IN THE TABERNACLE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO USE THE ADORATION CHAPEL TO PRAY.



## Help Wanted!

On Monday, December 23 parishioners will be decorating and setting up the altar for Christmas beginning at 7:30 AM (immediately following Mass) in the Church. There is a funeral scheduled at 10:00 AM, so the work needs to be completed quickly. All help is welcome as we prepare our sanctuary for this Liturgical celebration.

*Blessed are you among women, and*  
**BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB.**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



## Fr. Matthew's Christmas Message

I know that some of my fondest memories involved getting together as a family for Christmas. We would go to my grandmother's house in Dallas and have a nice dinner on Christmas eve. We would then spend the next few hours doing puzzles and playing other board games until 11pm when we would walk to the local Catholic Church for carols until 12:00 a.m. when midnight Mass started. There may have been several times when I dozed off during the carols, but I would always strive to stay awake for the whole of the Mass.

Those memories have laid an important foundation for my love of the celebration of Christmas. Even though I may not have had the seminary formation I now do to be able to have a theological understanding of the hypostatic union (Jesus being fully man and fully divine), my parents instilled in me an excitement to want to come and celebrate Jesus' birthday. It is one that I still have today. I get excited every year to celebrate this wonderful and truly incredible feast.

My brothers and sisters, I would imagine that most if not all of us have certain ways that we have celebrated Christmas with our loved ones. I would hope that the excitement that those traditions once instilled in us continues to inspire us to properly enter into the great mystery of the Incarnation (Jesus taking on our human nature). We should smile. We should get butterflies. We should be able to share in some of that same enthusiasm that as a child made us count down the days until Christmas every year.

December 25<sup>th</sup> over 2000 years ago forever changed humanity. God reminded us of the love that He has for humanity when the Father sent His Son into the world all the while knowing the path that He must walk. I encourage all of us as we enter into this season to remember the "why" of it. It is because God loves us, period! I pray that even if we are not able to have the excitement we did as a child that we can take the time to let the truth of the day wash over us. Let us never forget what we celebrate, and just what it means for each and every one of us. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Matthew Johnston, *Pastor*







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## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass will be offered

Tuesday, Dec. 31st at 4:00 PM and  
Wednesday, January 1st at 10:00 AM

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