



## OUR MISSION

*Nourished by the Word and Eucharist, we imitate Christ, the Prince of Peace, through unconditional love and service to others.*



### WELCOME!

A warm welcome to all our guests and visitors who have joined us at today's liturgy. We hope that you feel at home here. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance while you are among us.

### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

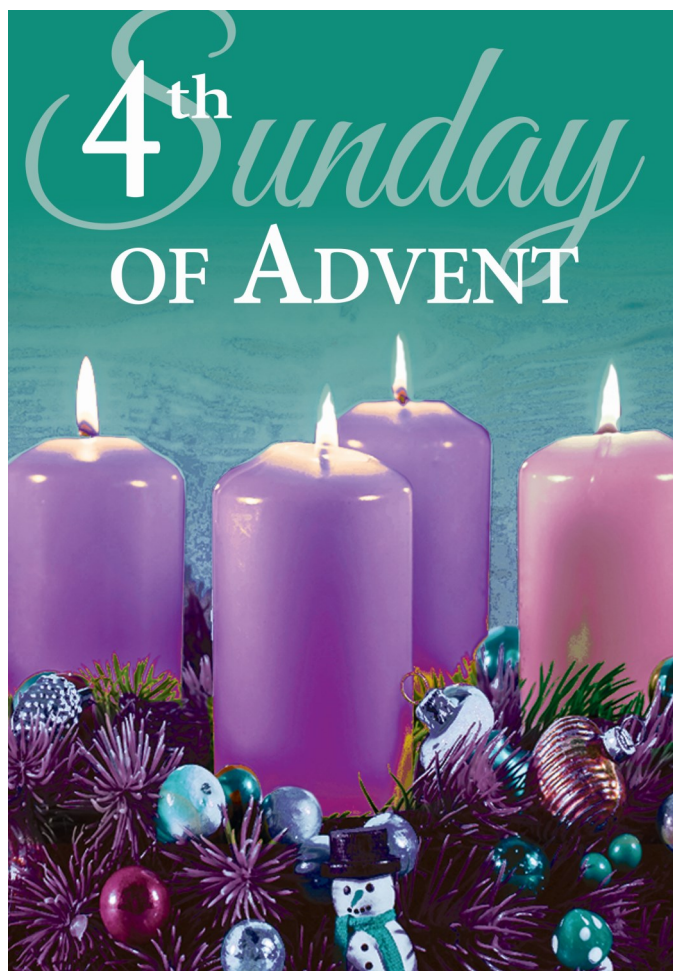
Saturday: 5:00 pm (Sunday Liturgy)  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:45 am & 11:30 am

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 8:00 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday: 6:30 am & 8:00 am



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Dear family,



*FC's 2023 Christmas card, from simplytoimpress.com:*

***“A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angels' voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born...”***

“A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices!” One of my favorite lines from “O Holy Night”, a favorite Christmas Carol of mine. How fitting for our world this year. Amidst war and strife around us, we can nonetheless rejoice with a thrill of hope because Love has come! Joy is here! Emmanuel, God with us is here! Verbum caro factum est! The Word was made flesh! Rejoice and be glad! (For more on “O Holy Night”, check this out: <https://www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2020/11/19/brief-history-o-holy-night-christmas-hymn-review>.)

Welcome home to all this Christmas, here on our patronal feast at Christ, Prince of Peace! Whether you are here every week, if it's been a while, or you are just visiting, we are so glad you are here! Thanks for coming home to CPOP for Christmas!

Today we celebrate the entry of God into human history, as He became man, approximately 2023 years ago. All of the prophecies of Isaiah and the other Old Testament prophets have been fulfilled in **this** moment. So much **promise**, so much **hope**, so much **joy** for the human race, in this little holy infant. The Prince of Peace arrives, restoring order and balance to the world. Amazing when you think about it, isn't it?

Our challenge this Christmas: **Live in the moment**. How? **1.** Savor the moment. Enjoy these moments, whatever they might be, whatever they look like for you and your family. The truth is, all the presents, all of the decorating, eating and celebrating will really all be over in the blink of an eye in the next few days. It will be over almost before it begins. Even in the Church, the Christmas season only lasts 15 days, almost the shortest time possible this year. It too will be over almost before it begins. **2.** Decide to be an instrument of peace and joy. **3.** Listen to instruments playing music, whatever type that may be. **4.** Go see the lights. **5.** Take in your favorite Christmas movie.

If you are looking to give that bigger, year-end gift to the parish or school, we invite you to please ask your employer if they participate in the Matching Gifts Program. Please note: the last day we can accept donations for the 2023 year is: **January 7, 2024**, as long as the donation is dated **NO LATER** than **December 31, 2023**.

May you experience the thrill of hope this Christmas season and always! Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

### **Upcoming Events :**

**Monday, January 1, New Year's Day- 9:00 A.M** Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (not obligatory this year)

In the name of Fr. Doyle, Deacon Pat, and Deacon Greg, Merry Christmas from all of your friends here at CPOP!!

Have a great Christmas week!

**LET'S GO BLUES!**

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Christopher J. Dunlap". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Chris Dunlap

## CHRISTMAS DAY

### PARISH PATRONAL FEAST

Christmas Day, December 25, the Feast of the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Patronal Feast Day of our parish. It was on this day that Christ, Prince of Peace came into the world to fulfill the plan of His heavenly Father. This year will mark the 53rd time that Christmas will be celebrated in our parish. We are truly grateful to Almighty God for the many blessings, both spiritual and material, which have been showered upon us in these years.



"I am the Resurrection and the life." - John 11:25

All are welcome to attend Naming & Commendation, a prayer service developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth for any reason including miscarriage, accident, abortion or still birth. Parents and families of any religious background are invited to attend, whether the loss was recent or long ago. Naming & Commendation will take place right **after the 8 a.m. Mass at Christ, Prince of Peace Parish on Saturday, January 6** (around 8:30 a.m.) The rite will give parents and families an opportunity to name the child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God. To RSVP or for more information about the January prayer service, please contact Susan Nowak, 636.394.0272, or [susananowak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susananowak@sbcglobal.net).



## Celebrate the Nativity of the Lord with Us

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., & 10:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day**  
10:00 a.m.

**New Year's Day**  
9:00 a.m.



The Book Club will start the New Year meeting on Monday, 1/23/24, at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory basement to discuss the book, "Pray. Think. Act.: Make Better Decisions With The Desert Fathers", by Saint Louis Abbey's Fr. Augustine Wetta, OSB.

Please join in any or all of the group gatherings! Contact Diane Bialis at [bialis@charter.net](mailto:bialis@charter.net) for more information.





## In Memory or Honor of

We would like to express our gratitude to those who contributed to our Christmas Flower Offering in tribute to the following:

John Ackerman  
Dennis Martin  
James Bauman  
John & Rosina Capitano  
Hederman/Biggins Families  
Elaine Ann Ebelin  
Donna Etling Lambrechts  
Charles & Josephine Etling  
Debbie & Wayne Boland  
Mary Yuan  
Paul & Mary Ellen Homan  
Dorothy & Charles Trabert  
George J. Fuchs  
Lucille & Roman Beuc  
Ladd Family  
Michael Mallon  
Jim & Nancy Mallon  
JoAnne Martin  
John & Keven O'Brien  
Jack, Esther, Nance, Mike & Pat Sale  
Sorkin/Wieck Families  
Ernest & Mildred Roehm  
Harold & Armella Stover  
Schnurr/Schreiber Family  
Nell & Robert Strake  
Joseph & Helen Tasch  
George Holway  
Gerald Gunnewig  
Ann & Angelo Zarinelli

Robert W. Allan Jr.  
Jason Bauman  
Sandy Rettle  
John P. & Elena DeLuca  
Richard A. Gnecco  
Charles Etling Jr.  
Clarence & Helen Ahrens  
James & Lydia Laurentius  
Jim Jones  
Ann Marie Cochran  
George & Mary Fuchs  
Dora & Frank Janssen  
Dolores & Fred Freiner  
Lange Family  
Walsh Family  
Joe Murphy  
Dennis Martin  
Robert Allan  
Leonard Shotwell  
Ray, Mary Ann, & Dan Stratmann  
John & Rosemary Veith  
James Trovato  
Donnie Wood  
Donald, Peggy, Alden Vanwinkle  
Mary Jo Weiss  
Sandra Ziebold  
George C. Ziebold  
Bernice Gunnewig  
Florence & Francis Shea

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**Senior Christmas Party Jan. 10, 4:30 PM–7: PM.**

We will get together at **The Hearth Room**, 265 Lamp and Lantern Village (Clayton and HW 141). Plenty of convenient parking! If you know where Ace Hardware or McDonald's is near Schnucks. (Woods Mill), you can easily find The Hearth Room. Our plated dinner will include garden salad, champagne chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, asparagus, roll/butter, red velvet bundt cake and of course your choice of a non-alcoholic beverage. Try to get there by 5:00 PM for our cash bar cocktail hour. Dinner starts around 6 PM. Music and a bit of Christmas sing-a-long begins around the same time. So, a great Christmas party, dinner and entertainment and all for \$33 (same as last year) per person! Let's party, talk, dine, celebrate and fill up the room!! Make your \$33 check payable to Christ Prince of Peace and send to Tony Knizel at 1220 Takara Ct. St. Louis, Mo. 63131. Also send me a quick email so I can mark you down as coming: dschenkjr@msn.com. See you on the 10th of January. It should be great fun!!!



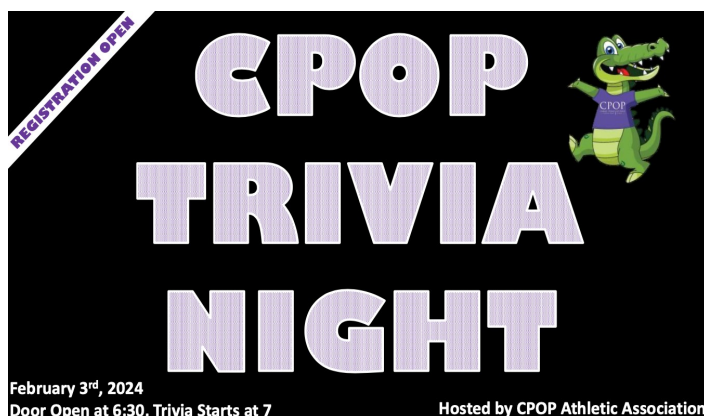
Advent Season is in full swing at Christ, Prince of Peace School! Our Kindergarteners put on their Christmas program and we ended the week with an All School Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all of our winners!



Join Christians from many communities in prayer for the greater visible unity of the Body of Christ

**Sunday, Jan 21 @ 7pm**

Location and other details will be announced as we get closer to 2024.



CPOP TRIVIA NIGHT Hosted by CPOP Athletic Association - February 3rd 2024 - Doors Open at 6:30 p.m, Trivia Starts at 7p.m.

The registration for trivia night is open, Scan the QR code below!

Please fill out this registration form - one per team. Teams should consist of eight people per table. If you are new to this - CPOP Trivia Night is ten rounds of trivia held in the CPOP Cafeteria to raise money for one of the organizations at CPOP, this year it's the CPOP Athletic Association. We provide beer, wine, water, and light snacks but encourage all to bring what they want to eat/drink to have a great night! Trivia Doors open at 6:30pm and Trivia Starts at 7pm! We should be all done by 10pm at the latest.

Each table is \$200/table, and options to buy Mulligans (10 Mulligans for \$40; one per table) and Raffle Tickets (Buy now and save before the event, will be available the night of for \$1/ticket).



## *Holy Family Hospital Giving Tree*

A Giving Tree with Angel Tags (ornaments) will be available in the gathering space from December 9th through the 31st in support of Holy Family Hospital. You can also donate through the virtual Giving Tree at [birthplaceofhope.org/angel-tree](https://birthplaceofhope.org/angel-tree).

Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem is a Catholic teaching hospital located just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Christ. It is a state-of-the-art maternity and neonatal critical care center serving poor and at-risk women, infants, and children throughout the Bethlehem region.

In this region of conflict, the hospital stands as a beacon of hope for families regardless of creed, nationality, or ability to pay, ensuring that there will always be "room at the inn".

This modern-day manger delivers nearly 5,000 babies annually and is sustained by generous donations from individuals and parishes throughout the world. **Visit [birthplaceofhope.org](https://birthplaceofhope.org) to learn more about Holy Family Hospital Foundation.**



**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Run, The Shrine Grounds and Visitors Center, January 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** Join the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows for our annual 5k run and 1.5-mile fun as you welcome in the New Year!! What better way to start the year than going through this exciting course while surrounded by 1.5 million beautiful and breathtaking Christmas lights display!

Cost: \$35.00 for Run, \$25.00 for Walk, per person starting December 17, 2023. For more information visit, <https://snows.org/olrun/> or call 618-397-6700.







	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>+/-</u>
SUNDAY OFFERING	\$ 19,666		
ONLINE	\$ 5,083		
TOTAL 12-10-23	24,749	\$ 22,050	\$2,699
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 464,945	\$ 507,150	\$ (42,205)
MAINTENANCE	\$ 203	YTD \$ 13,074	

Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve.



### **Sunday, December 24**

9:00 a.m. Mass  
4:00 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Mass  
10:00 p.m. Mass

### **Monday, December 25**

#### **Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. Mass



### **Tuesday, December 26**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Adoration  
6:30 p.m. Benediction

### **Wednesday, December 27**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
8:00 a.m. Mass

### **Thursday, December 28**

8:00 a.m. Mass

### **Friday, December 29**

8:00 a.m. Mass

### **Saturday, December 30**

#### **SVdP Collection**

8:00 a.m. Mass  
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. Mass

### **Sunday, December 31**

#### **SVdP Collection**

8:00 a.m. Mass  
9:45 a.m. Mass CLOW  
11:30 a.m. Mass  
12:30 p.m. Baptism





### •SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM•

Baptisms are celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month immediately after the 11:30 a.m. mass . Parents must be registered, practicing Catholics and attend a baptismal preparation class. Please call the rectory to schedule, 636-391-1307.

### •SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION•

Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45 pm and anytime upon request.

### •SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE•

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage are to be made by the prospective bride and groom with the priest at least nine months before the wedding.

### •DEVOTIONS•

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions are conducted every Tuesday after 6:30 and 8:00 am Masses. The Rosary is recited the first Saturday of the month for the Respect for Life Campaign before the 5:00 pm Mass and every Monday after the 8:00 am Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

### •ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT•

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration from 8:30 am - 6:30 pm every Tuesday. All are encouraged to spend an hour with our Lord.

### The Parish Prayer Line

The Parish Prayer Line consists of a group of fellow parishioners who will pray for your intentions. If you have a need of prayer or would like to join our prayer line, please email .

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Kasey Metzner at [metzners@sbcglobal.net](mailto:metzners@sbcglobal.net)



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MONDAYS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

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