

SAINT JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 24-25, 2023

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“On this day of joy, we are all called to contemplate the Child Jesus, who gives hope once again to every person on the face of the earth.” -- Pope Francis

Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor
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Weekday/Weekend Mass Schedule

Tuesday 8:30 AM
Wednesday 8:30 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM

Every Wednesday

Reconciliation 9:00 - 2:30 PM
Adoration 9:00 - 3:00 PM

*“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.
Preach the gospel to all people.”*

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 24

No Religious Education
Christmas Eve Mass 5:30 PM
Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 PM

Monday, December 25

Christmas Mass 10:00 AM
Parish Offices Closed the rest of the week

Saturday, December 30

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Women's Guild selling Winterfest tickets after Mass

Sunday, December 31

No Religious Education
Mass 10:00 AM
Women's Guild selling Winterfest tickets after Mass

Monday, January 1

Parish offices closed
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass 10:00 AM

Merry Christmas!

The parish offices will close on Friday, December 22 for the Christmas & New Year holidays and remain closed until Tuesday, January 2.

There is no daily Mass on December 26, 27 or January 2nd & 3rd. There is no Reconciliation or Adoration on December 27 or January 3.

If you have a emergency during the week, please call the office and leave a message. We will respond quickly.

Happy New Year!

INCOME	Budget/week	Actual/week
Envelopes	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 2,270.60
Plate	\$ 577.00	\$ 494.00
Online gifts	\$ 1,481.00	\$ 1,730.00
Children's Fund		\$ 25.50
Total	\$ 5,308.00	\$ 4,494.60



~Tuesday Bingo~

We meet the 2nd
Tuesday of each month.

Join us!

December 24-25, 2023

The Nativity of the Lord

First Reading *Isaiah 9:1-6*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 96:1-2,2-3,11-12,13*

Second Reading *Titus 2:11-14*

Gospel Reading *Luke 2:1-14*

During the Christmas season, our liturgy invites us to consider the birth of the Lord from many vantage points. As we begin this season, it is useful to remember that the stories of Jesus' birth and childhood are found in only two of our Gospels, Matthew and Luke. Throughout this season, we will hear stories from both Gospels. Those Gospels tell different but complementary stories about Jesus' birth, highlighting items of theological importance about the Incarnation and the salvation that Jesus brings.

On this day, the Feast of Christmas, we are given the details of Christ's birth as found in the Gospel of Luke. Here we learn about the census that brings Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where Jesus is born. We also hear about the angel's announcement of this good news to the shepherds. In these details, we find two of Luke's particular concerns: (1) to locate the coming of Christ in the wider framework of salvation history as good news for all people, Gentiles and Jews, and (2) to show the Lord's favor upon the poor and lowly.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is born as one of the poor. Laid in a manger in a stable, because there was no room at the inn, he comes into the world through obscure and surprising means. Yet, as the angel proclaims this good news to the shepherds, this infant is announced as the Messiah and Lord. In the song of the angels, all are invited to give glory to God for this miraculous birth, in which God comes to share our humanity.

The angels sing that Jesus' coming brings peace. Yet there is little in the details of this Gospel that gives evidence of peace. Jesus is born as a traveler away from home, born in a stable in a crowded city under the occupation of foreigners. The appearance of the angel to the shepherds frightens them. When the angels proclaim Jesus' birth as the harbinger of "peace on earth," the evangelist Luke clearly wants us to take the long view. The shepherds are invited to claim a faith that will enable them to see this infant as a sign God's promise of a messiah. It is through such faith that one finds the peace of which the angels sing. --Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Winter Book Sale

"The Faith in Action Ministry's winter book sale is on January 27-28. If you have gently used books to donate, we'd appreciate them. Thank you very much." Peggy Ellingson



Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers

Monday, 2/25 - Mary F. and Anita A.

Saturday, 12/30 - L. Field and P. Ellingson

**Sunday, 12/31 - C. Gaunt, D. Serkowski,
S. Charleboix, M.B. Charleboix**

Women's Guild Winterfest

Join us on Sunday, January 14 @ 11:15 AM

Tickets are \$15 each. There will be bubbly beverages followed by a delicious meal.

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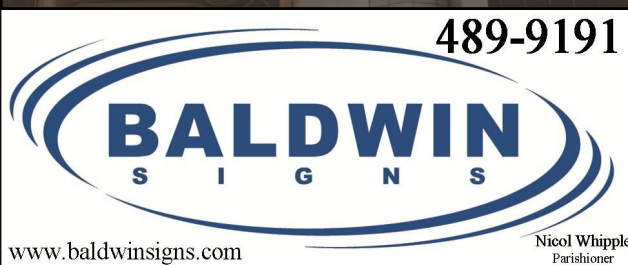
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