



*May we remember the meaning of Christmas
and say a prayer for the greatest gift of all.*

Peace On Earth

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**We at Holy Family Church
would like to wish you all
Peace, Joy & a
Very Merry Christmas!**



*This Christmas as we celebrate the miraculous
gift of Jesus, may we share with others
the joy that knowing Him brings!*

Father Raj

Deacon Bob Birkenfeld, Deacon Joe Hochstein,

**Barbara Schulte, Mary Verkamp, Stephanie DeMoss, Diane
Heitschmidt, Vanessa Welps, Allison Kleman, Theresa Birken-
feld, Monette, Karleen Hoelting, Mandy Schilling, Esmeralda
Sepada, Dolores Quintana, Doyle Kleman, Dorothy Kleman**

**Parish Council: Garrett Kleman, Gwen Schmucker, Missy
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Michael Snead.**

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Sunday, December 24, 2023

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today's Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world .

Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David . And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible.

Mary is hailed as the “daughter Jerusalem,” called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior .

The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of “the Most High”—an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history. He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God “my Father.” As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man His kingdom will have no end.

He is to rule over the house of Jacob—the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob.

Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we, too, must respond to this announcement with humble obedience—that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.

Parish Staff

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - Thursday - 5:30pm
Friday - 7:00am
Saturday - 5:30pm
Sunday - 9:15am

Confessions on Saturday 1 hour before Mass

Office Hours: M - W 10 - 4pm
Th - Fr 9 - 1pm

Liturgical Ministers

Monday, Dec 25, 2023 at 9:15am CHRISTMAS DAY

Servers: Blaise Snead, Olivia & Noah Raef,
Charlie DeMoss

Lectors: Joshua Raef, Stephanie DeMoss

Hospitality: Joel Gerber, Judy Lange

Gift Bearer: The Michael Snead Family

Ushers: Parish Council



Saturday, Dec 30, 2023 at 5:30pm

Servers: Lincoln, Cameron, Gemma Pohlmeier

Lectors: Mary Verkamp, Mary Lou Schmucker

Hospitality: Mary Verkamp & Sandra Kleman

Gift Bearer: The Stacy Schulte Family

Ushers: Parish Council

Sunday, Dec 31, 2023 at 9:15am

Servers: Jett McLarty, Kambyl McLarty, Anna Prinns

Lectors: Jim Hoelting, Joel Gerber

Hospitality: Harold & Kay Venhaus

Gift Bearer: The Taylor Schulte Family

Ushers: Parish Council

Sunday, Dec 31, 2023 at 6:00pm

New Years Eve Mass

Servers: Charly Mask, Braeli Fuller, Dayne Schulte

Lectors: JC Pohlmeier, Ronnie Hoelting

Hospitality: Rocky & Dianne Wilhlem

Gift Bearer: The Leroy Schulte Family

Ushers: Parish Council



Monday, January 1, 2024 at 9:14am

Servers: Jentri Birkenfeld, Tripp & Rhett Ethridge

Lectors: Vera Huseman, Angela Fulkerson

Hospitality: Harold & Kay Venhaus

Gift Bearer: The Tyson Schulte Family

Ushers: Parish Council

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec 25th, 2023

Christmas Day

9:15am - Jerry Wilhelm, RIP
(Nellie Wilhelm)

Tuesday Dec 26, 2023

5:30pm - **No Mass**

Wednesday - Dec 27, 2023

5:30pm - **No Mass**

Thursday - Dec 28, 2023

5:30 - **No Mass**

Friday - Dec 29, 2023

7:00am - **No Mass**

Saturday - Dec 30, 2023

5:30pm - Raymond Braddock, RIP
(Jo Braddock)

Sunday - Dec 31, 2023

9:15am - Dorothy Pohlmeier, RIP
100th Birthday (By Her Family)

STEWARDSHIP

December 16th & 17th, 2023

Identifiable Contributors - \$3,761.00

Children Collection - \$84.85

Votive Collection - \$59.00

Total Collection - \$3,904.85

***THANKS FOR YOUR SHARING
OF GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH US!***

Please Pray For . . .

All our sick and elderly

Lydia Schacher, Carol Sue Kitten,
Angie Hochstein, Georgianne McCormick,
Kirkland Sperry, Joshua Moore, Floyd Birkenfeld,
B J & Madelyn Kern & baby Jane,
Jimmy Huseman, Rita Kern, Cory Walls,

all those in Ministry, especially

Our Parish Vocations: Father Raj Samala, Father Bala,
Fr. Nick Gerber and Fr. John Dalton, Father Bhaskar;
Dcn Bob Birkenfeld, Dcn Joe Hochstein and
All Religious from Holy Family Parish

And for our deceased loved ones

This Week's Calendar

Monday, Dec 25, 2023

9:15am - Christmas Mass

Tuesday, Dec 26, 2023

5:30pm - No Mass

Wednesday, Dec 27, 2023

8am-1am - Adoration at the Chapel in the Inn

11:30am Wed Meal - **No Meal**

5:30pm - No Mass

6:30pm - No CCD

Thursday, Dec 28, 2023

5:30pm - No Mass

Friday, Dec 29, 2023

7:00am - No Mass

Saturday, Dec 30, 2023

5:30pm - Mass

Sunday, Dec 31, 2023

9:15am - Mass

6:00pm - Mass **New Years Eve****Monday, Jan 01, 2023**

9:15am - New Years Mass

Announcements

CCD is needing helpers for the next semester (January 17 - May 1st) Please consider joining this fulfilling ministry! Call Stephanie or Diane if you'd like more information. We couldn't do this without you! Thanks!!

Area Farm Auction: Date: February 3, 2024
Advertising deadline: January 3; Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus; To list items, contact Alan Birkenfeld 806-570-6328

Remember when making your 2023 donations at the end of the year; we have several options for you: The Cemetery Fund, Youth Fund, Building Fund, Holy Family Charity, Mary Untier of Knots Project, any of these will be so appreciated. Thanks in advance!

Nazareth Community Hall New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance: Sunday, December 31, 2023 in the Nazareth Community Hall. Happy Hour 5:00-6:00; Meal 6:00 – 8:30; Dance 9:00; \$150 per ticket - Includes 2 steak Dinners, drinks and a chance to win a Raffle Prize, (Must be present to win) and a Live Auction.

Religious Article Store



Come by after Mass and see what we have in our store!!!

Open after each Weekend Mass
Call Dorothy Kleman 806-945-2396
or Vera Hoelting

NAZARETH LIBRARY

OPEN MONDAY 10AM - 12PM

THURSDAY - 4PM - 6PM

Contact Bev Schulte 806-647-8217
Rita Hoelting 806-781-8888



THANK YOU NOTES:

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food and encouragement. It is very much appreciated I am blessed to live in this wonderful parish.

Edith Huseman

We would like to thank everyone for the love and support of Cecil and our family. We are especially grateful to Father Raj and Deacons Bob & Joe for their care and beautiful services in remembrance of Cecil.

The family is appreciative of the prayers, food, help, donations and Mass intentions. May God Bless you and your families this holiday season and throughout the year.

Cecil Hoelting Family