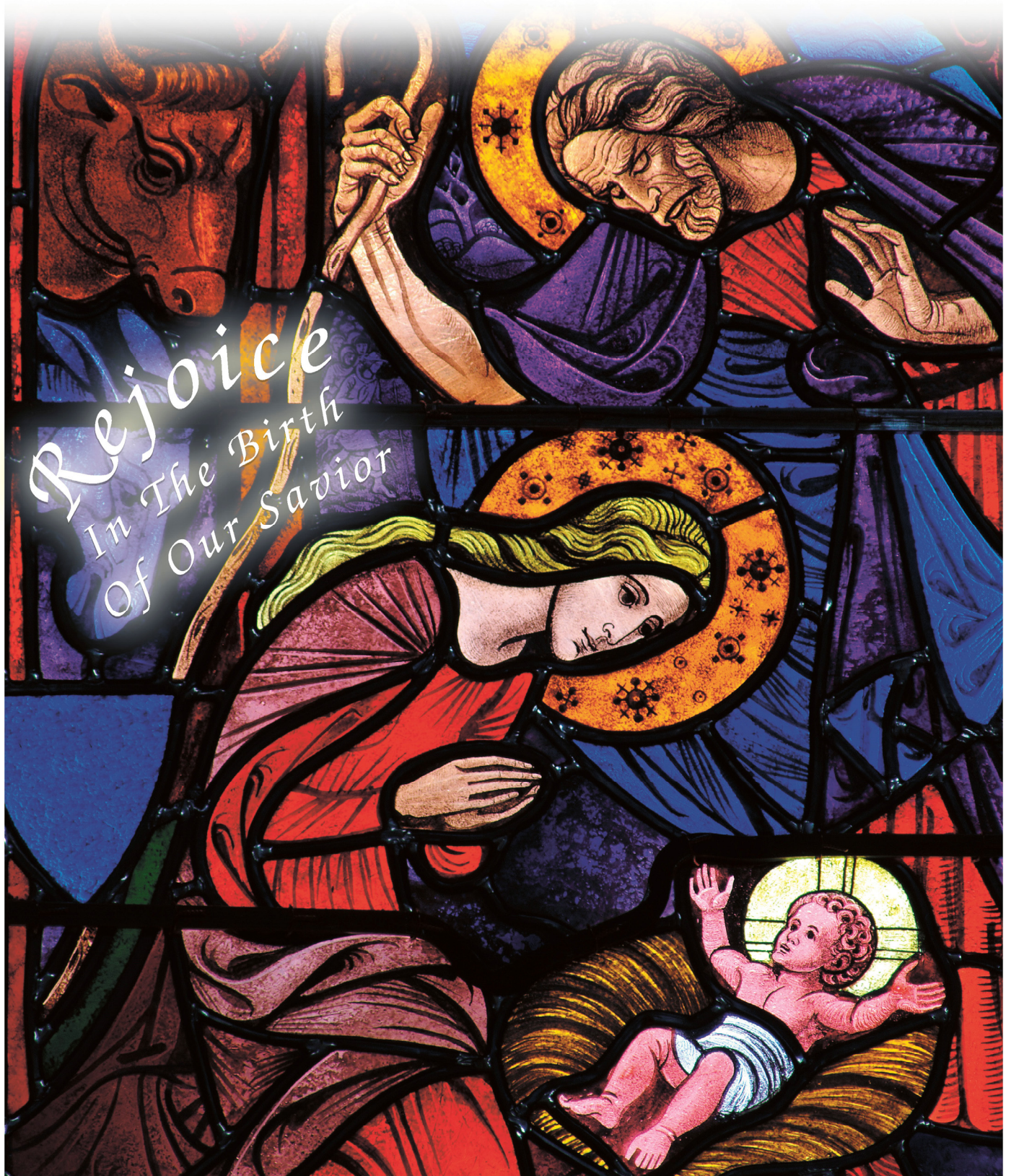


# St. Frederic Catholic Church

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**MASS INTENTIONS (\$10.00)**

December 26– December 31

Tuesday	12/26	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	12/27	8:30 a.m.
Thursday	12/28	8:30 a.m.
Friday	12/29	8:30 a.m.
Saturday	12/30	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	12/31	8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. For the Parish

**From July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 the weekly need is \$3,885. This does not include Religious Education, Youth Ministry personnel, which could account for \$16,000 or more, nor does it include the Capital Campaign.**

**Weekly Need: \$ 3,885.00****Collection: December 16/17 \$ 2,765.00****-\$1,120.00****Retirement Fund \$350.00****Flowers \$60.00****Immaculate Conception \$205.00 (additional)****Attendance**

<b>December 16</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>50</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>100</b>

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

James Brown, Patricia Lightner, Barbra Cowlin, Pam Curnutt, Sandy Byers, Pauline Thompson, Chris Arnis, Bernard Offley, Debbie Medeiros, Leon Frappier, Ronald Schaumberg, Leo Carina, Bill Jaaron, Marie Anderson, Joey Bates, Patty Lowe, Karen Nabehet, Lloyd Ebert, JoAnn Evans, Rodney Mann, Jim Fery, Craig Chabala, Martin Scheer Sr., Nancy Picco, Marcy Wright, Mary Douthwaite, Dominique Earl, Gail Wieber-Singh, Pat Heino, Raymond Errante, Dean Ebert, Gail Norwood Young, Bill Thompson, Patsy Ness, Tom Solomon, Geri Berg, Kathy Painter, Inge Miller, Manuel Painter, and Margaret Marandu.

**Donations!**

When writing checks for your donations, please use separate checks for your weekly donations, maintenance collection and capital campaign. Your bookkeeper would appreciate it. Thank you!

**Free Trade Chocolates**

Free Trade chocolate will be sold after 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 23 and 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on December 24.

**Children's Christmas Program**

The Children's Christmas Program will be at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24, right before the Family Mass at 5:00 p.m. Children and Youth (kindergarten through 12th grade) will be in the program. They need to be in Room 5 by 4:00 p.m. to get ready.

**Readings for the week of December 24, 2017****Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38**Monday: Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14) Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8**Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40**Next Sunday:** Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Jn 1:1-18**Holy Days of Obligation**

There have been some questions with regard to the obligations of the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day this year. The Archdiocese has determined that each obligation must be met by attendance at one of the Masses of the Sunday and one of the Holyday. That is, a Christmas Mass on the evening of Sunday 24 December (Vigil or Night) will not satisfy the obligation for 4th Sunday of Advent. There are two distinct obligations: that of 4th Sunday of Advent which can be met by attendance at Masses on Saturday, December 23rd or the morning Masses of Sunday, December 24; and that of Christmas which can be met by attendance at Masses on Christmas Eve (Vigil or Night) and those on Christmas Day. <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/canon-law/complementary-norms/canon-1246.cfm>

## Report

### St. Frederic Catholic Church, November 2017—November 2020 Capital Campaign

Week 6 (The office was unable to update this week's report, due to the early bulletin deadline.)

No. Pledges	Average Pledge	Total Pledged	Total Received	Goal	Over/Under	% Goal
64	\$3,175.05	\$203,203.00	\$29,331.42	\$300,000.00	\$96,797.00	67.73%

Hail, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. (Luke 1:28)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas, take some time in silence and thank him for so many gifts God has given you, especially the gift of faith. Share the love and the gifts God has given you with your brothers and sisters. The Capital Campaign of our church is one way of doing that.

I would like to wish all of you a beautiful Christmas and God's blessings for the coming New Year.

Fr. Nicolaus Marandu (Pastor)

#### December 24, 2017—4th Sunday of Advent

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." With those words our Blessed Mother Mary places her total trust in God. We are called to do the same, and this final Sunday of Advent is the time for us to do that, if we have not previously. Mary's response to God is the same response we need to offer the Lord. It is most appropriate that we hear this message at this time and on this day.

This took much more trust in the Lord than we might imagine. Mary agreed to receive a pregnancy that would be seen as suspect in a culture which had a potential death penalty for adultery. Spiritually speaking, there are similarities between the Lord's work in Mary and His work in all of us. Jesus lives within each of us spiritually. He lived in Mary not only spiritually but also physically.

Jesus was made visible to the world through Mary physically, but He should be made visible to the world through us as well. Who we are and how we relate to and treat others is a sign to the world of Who Jesus is and what a Christian is and should be. Are we showing the world what it means to be His disciple? Is there a better time than this to do so?

The entertainer and comedian Bob Hope once said, "My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

#### St. Frederic Pastoral Plan

**Do you have yours yet? If not, contact the Office.  
Please just take one per family! Now available in  
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#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is in full swing, but it is not too late to join us. All are welcome. We meet in Room 5 at 7:00 p.m.

December 24/31—No class.

January 7—If the first commandment forbids us from making images of things in heaven, why do we make statues of Jesus?

January 14—Where in the Bible is purgatory mentioned?

January 21—Is homosexuality a sin?

#### Religious Education Classes

Kindergarten through 5th Grade:

December 24/31—No Class

January 7—Class

January 14—Class in Room 5 until 11:55 a.m.

Classes meet in the Parish Center following 10:00 a.m.

Mass until 12:30 p.m. unless noted.

Youth Group

December 24/31—No Meeting

January 7—Meeting

January 14—Meeting

Meets in the Parish Center from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

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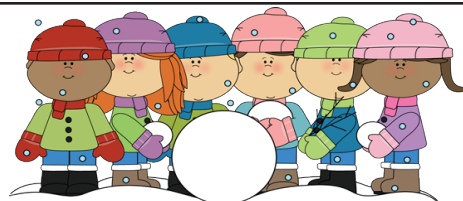
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