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The Nativity of the Lord



## The Grapevine

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 p.m.

..... 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sundays ..... 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday .. 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday ..... 6:00 pm followed by

Novena/Benediction

Holy Days..... As announced

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday ..... 5:30-5:50 p.m.

Friday ..... 8:00-8:20 a.m.

Saturday..... 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Other times as announced or by appointment.

**BAPTISMS:** Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

**PRAYER LINE:** (confidential ministry)  
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 225.664.1097.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** Emergency calls are answered immediately. Home visitation is for the sick and shut-in. Hospital visits are weekly and upon request.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL:** Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

To sign-up, please contact Allison Renfrow at 225.978.1892.

**FORMED:** Go to <http://icc-msh.formed.org>, enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

Information for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

*"For today in the city of David  
a Savior has been born for you who is  
Christ and Lord.*

*And this will be a sign for you:  
you will find an infant wrapped in  
swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."*

*Luke 2:11-12*

December 24, 2021

Christmas Night

## The Nativity of the Lord

### Reading I Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

### Reading II Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel Mt. 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the

father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ. Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.*

which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

## Christmas Day

### The Nativity of the Lord

**Reading I**

Is 62:11-12

See, the LORD proclaims to the ends of the earth: say to daughter Zion, your savior comes! Here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. They shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of the LORD, and you shall be called "Frequented," a city that is not forsaken.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

**Reading II**

Ti 3:4-7

Beloved:

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

Lk 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

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*Merry Christmas  
from the staff of  
Immaculate Conception  
and the  
Mission of  
the Sacred Heart*



## O Come All Ye Faithful

### Verse 1

O come all ye faithful  
 Joyful and triumphant  
 O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
 Come and behold Him  
 Born the King of angels

### Chorus 1

O come let us adore Him  
 O come let us adore Him  
 O come let us adore Him  
 Christ the Lord

### Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels  
 Sing in exultation  
 O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above  
 Glory to God  
 All glory in the highest

### Verse 3

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
 Born this happy morning  
 Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
 Word of the Father  
 Now in flesh appearing

## The First Nowell

### Verse 1

The first Nowell the angel did say  
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
 In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep

### Chorus

Nowell Nowell Nowell Nowell  
 Born is the King of Israel

### Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star  
 Shining in the east beyond them far  
 And to the earth it gave great light  
 And so it continued both day and night

### Verse 3

And by the light of that same star  
 Three wise men came from country far  
 To seek for a king was their intent  
 And to follow the star wherever it went

## It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

### Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear  
 That glorious song of old  
 From angels bending near the earth  
 To touch their harps of gold  
 Peace on the earth good will to men  
 From heaven's all gracious King  
 The world in solemn stillness lay  
 To hear the angels sing

### Verse 2

Still thro' the cloven skies they come  
 With peaceful wings unfurled  
 And still their heavenly music floats

O'er all the weary world  
 Above its sad and lowly plains  
 They bend on hovering wing  
 And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
 The blessed angels sing

### Verse 3

And ye beneath life's crushing load  
 Whose forms are bending low  
 Who toil along the climbing way  
 With painful steps and slow  
 Look now for glad and golden hours  
 Come swiftly on the wing  
 O rest beside the weary road  
 And hear the angels sing

### Verse 4

For lo the days are hastening on  
 By prophet bards foretold  
 When with the ever-circling years  
 Comes round the age of gold  
 When peace shall over all the earth  
 Its ancient splendors fling  
 And the whole world give back the song  
 Which now the angels sing

## O Little Town Of Bethlehem

### Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem  
 How still we see thee lie  
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
 The silent stars go by  
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
 The everlasting Light  
 The hopes and fears of all the years  
 Are met in thee tonight

### Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary  
 And gathered all above  
 While mortals sleep  
 The angels keep their watch of wondering love  
 O morning stars together  
 Proclaim the holy birth  
 And praises sing to God the King  
 And peace to men on earth

### Verse 3

How silently how silently  
 The wondrous gift is given  
 So God imparts to human hearts  
 The blessings of His heaven  
 No ear may hear His coming  
 But in this world of sin  
 Where meek souls will receive Him still  
 The dear Christ enters in

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## Silent Night

Verse 1

Silent night holy night  
All is calm all is bright  
'Round yon virgin mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Oh sleep in heavenly peace

Verse 2

Silent night holy night  
Shepherds quake oh at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

Verse 3

Silent night holy night  
Son of God love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

## Joy To The World

Chorus

Joy to the world  
Joy to the world  
Joy to the world  
Joy to the world

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Verse 2

Joy to the world the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

## Bread of Life

Chorus

Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother;  
Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

Verse 1

Be with your people, Lord, send us your saving Word:  
Jesus Christ, light of gladness, come among us now.

Verse 2

Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear: Jesus  
Christ, hope of ages, come to save us now.

Verse 3

A child is born for us, a son is giv'n to us, In our midst,  
Christ, our Lord and God comes as one who serves.

Verse 4

With our own eyes we see, with our own ears we hear  
The salvation of all the world, God's incarnate Word.

## Away In A Manger

Verse 1

Away in a manger no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes  
I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

Verse 3

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay close  
by me forever and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

## What Child Is This

Verse 1

What Child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding  
Good Christian fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading

This this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary

Verse 3

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

This this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and  
angels sing Haste haste to bring Him laud The Babe the  
Son of Mary



**RCIA**  
**Rite of Christian**  
**Initiation of**  
**Adults/Children**

G. K. Chesterton once wrote, “The difficulty in explaining ‘why I am Catholic’ is that there are ten thousand reasons all amounting to one reason: that Catholicism is true.”

Do you know someone who is thirsting for what it means to be a Catholic Christian or someone who is seeking a closer relationship with Jesus?

**WHO IS RCIA FOR?**

- Adults and school age children who have never been baptized
- Any Christian baptized in another faith
- Catholics who were baptized but have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like a refresher

For more information, contact Tammy Jackson at 225.665.9631 or [tjackson@icc-msh.org](mailto:tjackson@icc-msh.org).

*“We teach that which has been taught everywhere in the Church, held by all in the Church, from the very origin of the Church in the teaching of Jesus’ apostles.”*

—St. Vincent of Lerins, 4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop

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**Adult Confirmation Classes**  
**Begin in February 2022**  
**at Immaculate Conception**

These classes are for those who were baptized Catholic and have received First Communion but have not been confirmed. Confirmation at St. Joseph Cathedral will be held in May 2022. For more information, contact Terri Badeaux at 933-4925.

Oh, come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.



**Adoration Chapel Hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

- Monday - 8:00 a.m. (continuing all night)
- Tuesday - until 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We are getting so close to Perpetual Adoration! We only need 11 more hours to fill. What a beautiful gift to give our Lord Jesus this Christmas Season . . . Just one hour to be still and adore. Below are the hours still needed:

**Midnight - 5 a.m.**

- Sunday: 4 a.m.
- Monday: 2 a.m.
- Wednesday: Mid., 1 a.m.
- Thursday: 1 a.m.
- Friday: 1 a.m. (every other week)

**Noon - 5 p.m.**

- Sunday: Noon
- 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
- Friday: 11 p.m.
- Saturday: 11 p.m.

**6 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

- Sunday: 7 a.m., 9 a.m.

To sign-up to spend an hour with Jesus, call or text; Allison Renfrow at 225.978.1892 or Colleen Montgomery at 225.281.5275.



**Mission of the Sacred Heart Adoration**

January 7 - 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Litany of the Sacred Heart at 5:45 p.m. followed by Benediction

**Annual Day of Prayer for Our Parish Families**

On the Feast of the Holy Innocents,  
Tuesday, December 28, 2021

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

(Prayers will be paused during the 6 p.m. Mass)

Once again, our families need your prayers. Therefore, we invite you to join us any time during this day, to pray for families in our parish. You can spend as much or as little time as you like praying. We are confident that these prayers will instill comfort, change hearts, and stir enthusiasm for Christ and His flock.

If you would like to commit, please contact Pam Cowart  
pcowart@me.com or 225-907-8909.

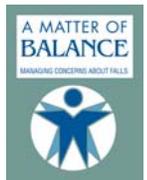
**Outreach programs coming soon**



**Starting January 18**  
Tuesdays; 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Main Hall

Grief is hard and can often be lonely. We are happy to be offering a 13 - week support group called **GriefShare**. This program offers the care you need and information you can trust. It is Christian based. The sessions will consist of videos, small group discussions and workbook activities. **GriefShare** support groups are in 15,000+ churches worldwide. Anyone struggling from grief is welcome to sign-up. If you would like to attend, please RSVP at the parish office 225.665.5359 so that we have adequate materials. If you have any questions, please call the parish nurse, Stephanie Gaudin for more details.

**Starting January 19**  
Wednesdays; 9:15-10:30 a.m.  
Small Hall



The **Matter of Balance** class has been very successful in the past and is coming back! The class meets weekly for eight weeks. This class is for those in their late 50's on up who may worry about falling or just want to get information for the future. Space is limited. Sign-up by calling the church office at 225.665.5359.



**Christmas Mass Schedule  
at Immaculate Conception Parish**

**The Octave Days of Christmas**

**The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
Friday, December 31st at 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, January 1 at 8:30 a.m.

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**  
Saturday, January 1 - Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, January 2 (regular Mass schedule)

**The Christmas Season ends**  
Sunday, January 9  
**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**



**Young Adults Gathering**  
(ages 18-24)  
**Sundays**  
(every 2nd of the month)  
**12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

Have you ever had to defend your Catholic faith? Join us for good conversation, lunch, and fellowship after the 11 a.m. Mass in room 212 of the Faith Formation Building! Our next gathering will be on Sunday, January 9.

Contact Mary David at [mdavid@icc-msh.org](mailto:mdavid@icc-msh.org) or Amanda Milton at [amilton@icc-msh.org](mailto:amilton@icc-msh.org) for further questions or information.



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE  
Lord**

During the weekend of January 1/2, there will be bags available at the entrance of the church containing an Epiphany Blessing book and a piece of blessed chalk. Each **family** is encouraged to take one and to bless their home for the new year. In 2022, Epiphany will be celebrated by the church on January 2. The actual date of Epiphany is January 6. Sometime around those dates, take the Epiphany Blessing book with the chalk and at your door follow the prayer service that is included in the book. It is a short blessing in which children and adults can participate. This is something to be done every year and helps end the Christmas season and gets us ready for the coming year.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

- January 1 ..... Mass of the Solemnity of Mary @ 8:30 a.m.
- January 9 ..... Young Adults Meeting; 12-2 p.m.
- January 9-May 15 ..... RCIA/RCIC Sessions @ 9 a.m.
- January 12 ..... Confirmation Practice; 7 p.m.
- January 14 ..... Confirmation @ 7 p.m.
- January 17 ..... New Liturgical Ministers Training; 7-9 p.m.
- January 18 ..... Grief Share Support Group; 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- January 19 ..... Balance Class; 9:15-10:30 a.m.
- January 24 & 26 ..... PSR grades 6-10 classes resume
- January 31 & Feb. 2 ..... PSR grades 1-5 classes resume
- February 5 ..... First Saturday Mass @ 8 a.m.
- February 7 ..... PSR 7th Grade Church Tour; 6-8 p.m.
- February 9 ..... PSR 7th Grade Church Tour; 6-8 p.m.
- February 13 ..... Parish Blood Drive; 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- February 13 ..... Young Adults Meeting; 12-2 p.m.
- February 18 ..... ELC Prayer Service; 9:45-10 a.m.
- February 19 ..... Health Fair; 9 a.m.-12
- March 2 ..... Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:30 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7 p.m. Service at MSH
- March 4 (Fridays during Lent) ..... Stations of the Cross
- March 4 ..... Lenten Supper: KC's; 5-7:30 p.m.
- March 5 ..... First Saturday Mass @ 8 a.m.
- March 5 ..... RCIA/RCIC Lenten Retreat; 8 a.m.-noon
- March 6 ..... Rite of Sending; 9 a.m. Mass
- March 6 ..... Rite of Election @ St. Joseph TBA
- March 3 ..... Lenten Masses @ 6 p.m. Monday, Thursday, ..... Friday during Lent
- March 8 ..... Lenten Mass on Tuesdays @ 12 p.m. ..... During Lent
- March 11 ..... Lenten Supper: Men's Club; 5-7:30 p.m.
- March 13 ..... Young Adults Meeting; 12-2 p.m.

**WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED**

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-  • **Sunday Eucharist** is live streamed at 4pm every Saturday on Facebook and our YouTube channel.
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