

# Christ is Born

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:5*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, December 26th**

**11:00 a.m. Mass in the Church**

†**Jim Gallagher (13th Anniv) /Wife, Kay**  
 †**Ruth Tilmann/Friends and Family**  
**For the Intentions of Brenda & Christine Nawrocki/Family**

**5:00 p.m. Mass in the Church**

†**Algie Prato (Birthday)/Wife & Family**  
 †**Dave Longton/ Doug & Julie Cryderman**

**Monday, December 27th**

**12:00 p.m. Mass in the Chapel**

†**Algie Prato/ Wife & Family**

**Tuesday, December 28th**

**8:30 a.m. Scripture Service**

**w/Communion in the Chapel**  
**Leona Scott**

**Wednesday, December 29th**

**8:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel**

**The People of the Parish**

**Thursday, December 30th**

**8:30 a.m. Scripture Service**

**w/Communion in the Chapel**  
**Leona Scott**

**Friday, December 31st**

**New Year's Eve**

**4:30 p.m. Vigil at St. Joseph, Trenton**

**Saturday, January 1st**

**New Year's Day**

**11:00 a.m. Mass in the Church**

†**Maria Caballero/ Stan & Elena Bozynski**

**Sunday, January 2nd**

**11:00 a.m. Mass in the Church**

†**Leadonna Plaza (Mother of Judy Kaiser)/Ken & Pat Juip**  
 †**Kathleen Heitz/SH Rosary Makers**  
 †**Tony Picciuto/Stan & Pat Kulasjewski**

**5:00 p.m. Mass in the Church**

**The Sick and Homebound of the Parish**

**Parish Calendar**

**Sunday, December 26th**

- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian/Fr. Gary
- **No Religious Ed Classes**
- 11:00 AM Mass /Fr.Marc/Church
- 5:00 PM Mass in the Church /Fr. Marc

**Monday, December 27th**

- 6:45 AM Communion Svs/Chapel
- **Parish Office Closed**
- **No Mat Makers today**
- 12:00 PM Mass/Fr. Marc/St. Anne Chapel with Adoration to follow
- **No Religious Ed Classes**
- **No Boy Scouts/Parish Hall**

**Tuesday, December 28th**

- 6:45 AM Communion Svs/Chapel
- 8:30 AM Scripture Service w/ Communion/St. Anne Chapel
- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian Parish
- **Parish Office Closed**
- 6:30 PM "Pray the Rosary"/Rosary Walk

**Wednesday, December 29th**

- 6:45 AM Communion Svs/Chapel
- 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel/Fr. Marc
- **Parish Office Closed**

**Thursday, December 30th**

- 6:45 Communion Svs in the Chapel
- 8:30 AM Communion Svs in the Chapel
- **Parish Office Closed**
- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian Parish

**New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st**

- 6:45 AM Communion Svs/Chapel
- **Parish Office Closed**
- 4:30 PM Mass at St. Joe's, Trenton

**New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1st**

- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian Parish
- 5:00 PM Mass at St. Cyprian

**Sunday, January 2nd**

- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian
- **No Religious Ed Classes**
- 11:00 AM Mass /Fr.Marc/Church
- 5:00 PM Mass in the Church /Fr. Marc



**Sunday, January 2nd**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**



Is 60:1-6  
 Eph 3:2-2, 5-6  
 Mt 2:1-12

**This past week's collection**

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| December 12th Collection   | \$7,292.00  |
| Electronic Contributions   | \$3,053.00  |
| Charities of SE Michigan   | \$50.00     |
| Flowers                    | \$180.00    |
| Religious Retirement       | \$420.00    |
| New Year's Day             | \$15.00     |
| Christmas                  | \$3,520.00  |
| Total Sunday Collection    | \$14,530.00 |
| Required \$ to meet Budget | \$11,817.00 |

Visit: [osvonlinegiving.com](http://osvonlinegiving.com)

**Keep those in need of prayers**

Annie Rodgers, Robert Phelps, Dr. David Beaudrie, Ray Chontos, Karen Schneider, Allen Darin, Mark, Sharon Kemp, David, Graham E. Barton, Renee Hill, Angela Stratton, Patti Wert, John Poulos, Richard Kloc, Ray Duniea, Drew Lund, Jim Kwasiborski, Stella Demare, Bob, Paul Gregory, Joanne M., Elizabeth Marhefka, Bernie T. Richard T. Schultheis, Greg, Trish, Marty Vanrhein, Linda Thompson, Ashlynn Bowen, Joyce B., Keith Moore, Carl & Fran Bargardi, Jacob Fleming, Christy Key, Anna Demarco Sullivan, Bill Staab, Baby Dakota, John Gardner, Bob Martin, Kim, Maria P., Cory, Jeanne Howey, Carol Caruso, Sharon Lagina, Debbie, Beth Gill, Lindsay Labadie, Shawn Patrick Donald, Isabella Korczyk, Lori Ferguson, Katie Chambers, Sophie Varney, Sara Hovick, Sean Sugrue, Jimmy Brock, Rachel Danowski, Dominik Mackowski, Phyllis Esordi, Lindsey McGuire, Mehann Hill, Joe Trolly, Elaine Fenton, Joe Mitchel, Frank L., Kim Tarabula, Will Clayton, Rosemary Prato, Susan Towner, Laura Onofrio-Beals, Shirley Mataverde, Marsha Pizzo Jack & Marquerite Telnack, The Brian St. John Family, Gerald Siepierski, Maureen Budny, Gail Albin, Christine & Brenda Nawrocki, Kathleen Lederer, Mark Rauhut, Karen Thornton, Travis.



## Marcings

Today we celebrate one of the few “idea feasts” in the Church year. Most of the feasts we celebrate commemorate an event in the story of our salvation through the dying and rising of Jesus: his birth at Christmas, his resurrection at Easter, or his gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. These celebrations are a vital way we are redeemed by our participation in the prayer of the Church.

Occasionally, though we celebrate an idea which reflects the church’s rich tradition: The Feast of the Holy Trinity or *Corpus Christi* after Easter or the The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph which we celebrate today.

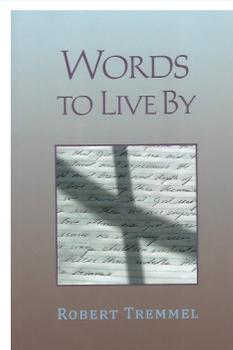
The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has a beautiful paragraph on the meaning of the family in the church: “ The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father’s work of creation. It is called to partake too the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity [CCC2205]

This paragraph focuses us on the family as a sacrament of unity. Like the larger family of the church, the domestic family strives to maintain unity (“communion”) despite any differences that may threaten to divide. Both the family and the church find the source of their unity in the union of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We celebrate and share in this strong bond of love every time we participate personally in the celebration of the mass. We can witness in union of love live streaming, but that is like watching a romantic movie! Even if we watch a mass virtually in a prayerful way, which can be challenging in itself, our only complete sharing in the union of the love of God as members of his family takes place when we share fully in the Eucharist by listening with His people to His Word, and by receiving his risen presence in his Body and Blood.

However, during this Christmas season, we are often reminded about the family members we don’t see, or whom we are separated from. For many of us this is a source of sadness and pain especially at this time of year. Even if we have done

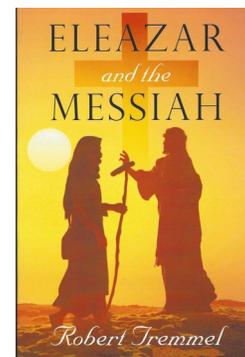
all that we can to re-connect, our best efforts can be frustrated by stubbornness: ours or theirs. Maintaining the bonds of family, and healing them when they are broken takes great love and patience, but it’s worth it. Sometimes seeking out the help of another family member or friend can help us to know how to act on our desire to heal our family relationships.

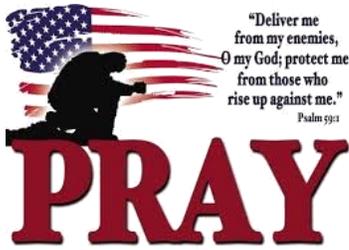
Finally the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* quoted above points out that The celebration of the Eucharist on the first day of the week strengthens families for their mission which is charity! By daily prayer, and reflection on the Sunday readings for the Sunday to come, (google “Sunday Readings” to locate these) we realize the reason for our being: which is to raise children who can share the union and love of God we encounter in the family with the whole world. We pray on this feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph “...that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.”



### Deacon Bob Has Two Books for Sale

While copies of Deacon Bob’s third book, *Eleazar and the Messiah*, are still available, several have asked for copies of his second book, *Words to Live By*. As a result, copies of this book are now available in the office. *Words to Live By* challenges conventional wisdom to bring out unique ways to understand some of the fundamental questions we ask regarding what it means to be a Christian. It’s a short book which is excellent for bedside reading. Both books would make a great Christmas gift for those interested in understanding the Gospels and what it means to be a Catholic Christian or any Christian believer. The price for *Words to Live By* is only \$10. *Eleazar and the Messiah* is still only \$15.





"Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me." Psalm 59:1

JOHN CHAMBERS,  
ERIC MADONIA,  
CASEY PEGRAM,  
RICHARDO MIRA,  
JORDAN LABADIE,  
BILLY RAY BREWER,

ADAM SHIELDS, TIMOTHY ROGERS, JOE BENZ,  
NICHOLAS KENAGA, BRIAN TELI, ADAM KOPP, EMILY  
CLEMONS BYE, JASON KOPP, BRENTON WELLER,  
DALE BREWER, CHRISTOPHER SCHEIBER, KEVIN  
SCHEIBER, ANDREW RAMIREZ,  
MATTHEW BRUMWELL, TANNER COOLSAET,  
JORDAN BOLTHOUSE, LUCAS KOPP,  
JOSEPH LABADIE, SEAN LESSON.



K of C General Membership Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
**Meet in the Parish Hall.**

The Officers' meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month in the K of C Room 11.



### Bottoms Up Diaper Bank

**Please keep the diapers coming!  
Close to 10,000 donated to-date.**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**

*Important facts of note:*

**800,000 diapers have been donated to this ministry**

**Sacred Heart ranks among the top 2 contributors**

**Recipients receive 2 packs of 60 diapers every 2 months** *Previously, only 1 pack of 60 diapers was able to be given*

**Unending expressions of thankfulness from Recipients** *Many stories of recipients being overwhelmed by their emotions.*

In conjunction with the **Grosse Ile Inter-Faith Council**, our participation in this ministry is part of **Sacred Heart's Knights of Columbus** community outreach.



**New Goal: \$96,198.00**

**As of 12/16/2021**

**Pledged: \$104,484.33**

(109 % of Goal)

**Paid: \$98,447.13**

(102% of Goal)

**Pledge Balance: \$6,037.20**

**2021/2022 (793 Families/181 Pledges)**

Merry Christmas!

As we come together from our respective communities to learn what it means to be a "Family of Parishes," I certainly come with the joy and expectation of the Holy Family around the events of Christmas. That same joy and expectation can also be realized as we venture into this new reality. Of course, there are a lot of questions, but I am hopeful that this will give us a chance to strengthen the pastoral ministry we are able to provide.

In my first few weeks in this new role, I have been amazed at all of the wonderful things that have been going on and the creative ways our parishes have continued to minister to families, especially during Covid. One main focus moving forward is how to serve whole families, not just children in faith formation. This includes high schoolers, parents, older adults, and everyone in between. The next few months will include plans to strengthen these programs as well as develop new ministries across the family of parishes to serve all of you!

May God bless you this Christmas and New Year!

[Sean Calvin](#)

Director of Discipleship Formation

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Catholic Community

## Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below with tiny lights like heaven's stars reflecting in the snow. The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear, for I am spending Christmas With Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here. For I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring. For it is beyond description to hear an Angel sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away, we are not really apart. So be happy for me dear ones, you know I hold you dear, And be glad I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above, I send you each a memory of my undying love. For after all "love" is a gift more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

So please love and help each other as my Father said to do for I cannot count the blessings, or love He has for you. Please have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here inside this place can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior face to face. I'll ask Him to lift your spirit as I tell him of your love. So then pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.

Please let your heart be joyful and let your spirits sing, for I am spending Christmas in Heaven and I am walking with the King.



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# RETROUVAILLE

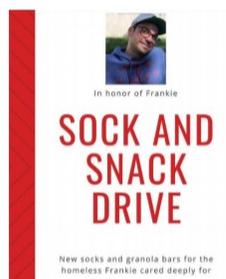
## The Best Christmas Gift Ever!!

Presents under the Christmas tree are nice, but they can't heal a hurting marriage. Retrouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, not communicating well, or those considering separation or divorce. It is also for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. Some couples attend during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. Some couples have been married for many years, while others have been married only a short time and encountered trouble. *This is the BEST Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!!*

Marriage Saving  
Weekend  
  
 Jan. 14-16, 2022  
Metro Detroit Area

Do you know someone  
whose marriage is in trouble?  
  
**WE CAN HELP**  
 HelpOurMarriage.com

For confidential info or to register  
call 800-470-2230



Many of you know that my son Frankie Maslar (G.I. 2006) passed away a month after his 32nd birthday. Frankie was the kindest of individuals who would keep a plastic grocery bag in his car with socks, a bottle of water and a granola bar. When approached on the street by someone asking for a handout, Frankie would reach over and give them the bag.

Why socks you ask? Socks are one of the most requested and least donated items on homeless shelters lists. The socks must be new and many people don't take the effort to grab extras when shopping.

To continue to honor Frank's giving spirit we are continuing the annual "Sock and Snack" drive in memory of Frankie. Each pair of socks donated will be bundled with snack bars, with a note stating, "I Care, Love Frankie". Donations will be distributed beginning in January 2022. Last year, we were able to collect over 1,000 pairs of socks, 2,000 snack bars that were distributed to over 3 homeless shelters around the Metro Detroit area. Help us help even more people this year!

Thank you, Frank Maslar

Religious Formation Pre-K thru 8th



**EDGE**  
Catholic Middle School Ministry

## 2021 A Year in Review!



*Christmas Flower Donations in Memory or in Honor of...*

Andrew & Jennie  
Badyrka

Katrina Chessrown

The Deceased Members  
of the Filipiak & Lees  
Families

The Deceased Members of  
the Baranski Family

Mr. & Mrs. John  
Coakley

Doris Fisk

Paul & Catherine Beresh

John Coakley Jr.

Carl Freckelton

The Living and  
Deceased Members of  
the Girardot Family

Ray Beresh

Robert & Rudy  
Cosgrove

Anthony & Frances  
Bielawa

Michael Costantino

Bill & Vi Grimmelsman

Gert & Bill Blanchard

Irene DaDeppo

Gary Gronda

Richard Blanzzy

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford  
Gronda

Ursula & Anthony Blanzzy

Daniel & Mary Darin

Steve Gronda

Bernard J. Bodner

Joan Darin

Keith Hall

Helen Bodner

The Davison Family

Michael & Margaret  
Hamula

Al & Jean Bonamici

The Hall Family

Kay Heitz

Brad Bronner

The Kelsey Family

Joe & Catherine Hicks

Nellie Bronner

The Klemans Family

Shirley Hileman

Edward L. Bush

The Lesniak Family

George & Regina  
Honer

Meghan Bush

The Lindberg Family

Bill Kaiser

Virginia Bush

The Perkins Family

Paul Kanode

James Carnes

Ray & Anna Kanode

John Chessrown

The Deceased Members  
of the Kareha & Hornak  
Families

*Christmas Flower Donations in Memory or in Honor of...*

|   |  |                                |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
| Theresa Klepadlo                              | Thomas P. McCaffery                                    | James Reedy                    |
| Dr. Stefan Hans Kobiljak                      | Marcia McGregor  | Gloria Rezzonica               |
| Patricia A. Kobiljak                          | Steven McGuire   | Ariel & Felicttas Rico         |
| The Deceased Members of the Kozel Family      | Nick McInchak  | Avelino E. Rico                |
| The Deceased Members of the Krassowski Family | Joe & Helen Miklovic                                   | Simeona J. Rico                |
| Raymond Kwiecien                              | Deceased Members of the Bill Miller Family             | Beverly Schmitzerle            |
| Simon & Mary Kwiecien                         | Thomas J. Misko  | William & Thelma Schusterbauer |
| Patricia Lambert                              | The Living and Deceased Members of the Monfette Family | Danielle Shepherd              |
| Salvatore & Margaret LePiccolo                | Mr. & Mrs. James Morehouse                             | Jim & Sally Smith              |
| Lottie Lewandowski                            | Robert Morehouse                                       | Ray Sohn, Sr.                  |
| Gregory Malcho                                | James Morehouse Jr.                                    | Al & Dorene Stevens            |
| Angelo & Jane Malvesto                        | Esperonza Moreno                                       | Eugene & Eva Swater            |
| Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Malvesto                    | Sabastian Moreno                                       | Iluminada Sy-Santos            |
| Mark Mayros                                   | Gail Murey Gronda                                      | Josy Sy-Santos                 |
| Barbara Mayros                                | Irene Ordus  | Geraldine Tabor                |
| Peter Mayros                                  | In Honor of Carolyn Paul                               | Steve & Jill Truchan           |
| Elizabeth McCaffery                           | Mary C. Payne  | Ed & Nancy Tuinier             |
| James P. McCaffery                            | Mary Pitcher   | Chester & Betty Tyburski       |
|   | Mr. & Mrs. William Ragen                               | Edward & Barbara Wagensomer    |
|   | In Honor of Gen Reedy                                  | Richard Wirtel                 |
|   |  | Joe & Catherine Zulewski       |

# Downriver MARCH for LIFE



## Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 23, 2022

*"We mourn the babies killed by abortion."*

Please join us at one or all of the following events. We will commemorate the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion in the entire U.S. for all nine months of pregnancy. We pray that that decision will be overturned and that life will be respected and protected from conception to natural death.

- ◆ 12:15 pm - **Rosary Procession** from Our Lady of the Scapular to Mt. Carmel Cemetery (Northline and Ninth Street, Wyandotte) with **Knights of Columbus Honor Guard**
- ◆ 1:00 pm - **Prayer Service** at Memorial Monument for the Unborn, Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Wyandotte presided by **Deacon Richard Bloomfield** from Our Lady of the Scapular
- ◆ 2:00 - 3:30 pm **OPEN HOUSE** - Right to Life of Michigan Resource Center, 2010 Eureka, Wyandotte; 734-282-6100
- ◆ **Light Luminary Candles** outdoors on the evening of **January 22** to remember the victims of abortion. Luminary Candles are available at the Right to Life of Michigan Resource Center.



The MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, DC is Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. For information about the red eye bus from Trenton, contact Joe Connors 734-735-8001 or joe@jgc-solutions.com

### Pro-Life "Signature Ad" for *Roe v. Wade* anniversary

I join with RLM Downriver affiliates to express my support for legal **protection for unborn children** in an ad in the *News Herald* and *Dearborn Press and Guide*. Name to appear in ad (individuals, family, business, school, club, church, etc.):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (will not be printed, for verification only):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, Right to Life affiliates may use my name in their upcoming pro-life ads.

No, I prefer not to have my name in the advertisement, but will support it financially.

Donation enclosed (suggested \$20.22) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Upper Downriver Right to Life

Contributions to Upper Downriver Right to Life are not tax deductible.

Mail to: UD-RTL Signature Ad, 2010 Eureka, Wyandotte, MI 48192

**Deadline: January 12, 2022**

734-282-6100 or donate at [DownriverMarchforLife2022.Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Please copy, post, and share

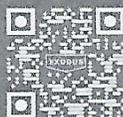
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- ▶ Take control of your life.
- ▶ **Become a better man.**

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This program could change your life in ways you never dreamed. It has for our Exodus 90 group and numerous others. This program will drastically improve every relationship in your life, including the most important one - your relationship with God. It will also improve your physical, mental, and spiritual health. Grab 2 to 5 other men, download the app and follow the instructions to setup a group. The program begins January 17, 2022, but you will want to review the field guide in the app and get familiar with it at least a week beforehand. If you would like to discuss the program or have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Cappellino at (734) 775-9500 or Luke Krauss at (313) 358-6349. If you are on the fence, just say yes! We promise you will never regret it!