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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)–December 25th, 2022

Merry Christmas

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A Blessed Christmas to All!

Why all the fuss over Christmas? I would put forward, because it is the singularly most unique and defining act of all history. This is shown by the fact that we have decided to mark time itself by the life of this Person, Jesus Christ. On this day we need to reflect in awe that God has truly become one of us, a baby no less, in order to save us! This birth is singularly unique, there is no other religion which makes such a claim. Let us contemplate that. The Ancient Roman martyrology on The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ begins with creation and goes through the great events of salvation history leading to Christ's birth. But it is anchored in history as it reads,

> *"in the one-hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty two since the foundation of the city of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavius Augustus..."*

This is real and the other singularly unique fact is this is the only person in the history of the world who was ever pre-announced. Let me recommend the first chapter of Bishop Fulton Sheen's, "Life of Christ." There you will find not just the Hebrew prophecies but prophecies from the Greeks, Romans, Persians and even the Chinese all pointing to the understanding of a Savior being born at this time and place. So, what's the fuss? For each one of us it is a decision we make each day— Do I bend my knee and worship and adore the God made man Jesus, this baby in Bethlehem Who is crucified at Calvary and risen from the dead to save me? Do I decide this day to conform my life to His way and teachings given to us by the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church? Lets say "YES" together and receive His peace and joy. Blessed Christmas Season.

**Thank you for your Christmas cards, gifts and prayers. It is a blessing to be the Pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.*

~Fr. Mason

MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 26TH— JANUARY 1ST

Monday	8:00am -	**Carol Srstka** †
Tuesday	8:00am—	**Christopher Motz Family**
Wednesday	8:00am -	**Connie Jarding** †
Thursday	8:00am —	**Jeff Cronk** †
Friday	8:00am –	**Dale Hinrichs** †
Saturday	5:00pm –	**Narcy Recker**
		The Solemnity of Mary
Sunday	7:30am –	**Holy Spirit Parishioners**
	9:00am –	**Lyle Wolf** †
	11:00am -	**Mark Shlanta** †
	5:00pm -	**Dennis Dingman** †

Happenings the Week of December 26th

Monday, Dec. 26th- Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 27th- Feast Day-St. John, Apostle/ Evangelist

Wednesday, Dec. 28th - Confessions 7:15am | Discovering Christ Core Group meeting 6:30pm

Thursday Dec. 29th - Confessions 5:15pm

Friday, Dec. 30th - Confessions 7:15am | Parish Office Closed 12:00 Noon.

Saturday, Dec. 31st — Confessions 3:00pm

Sunday, Jan. 1st – The Solemnity of Mary

Baptisms

Welcome into the family of God, **Griffin Michael Chambers,** parents Brandon and Laura.

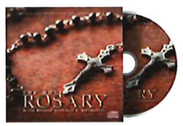
Candles in the Adoration Chapel are requested for **Rita and Steve Cain**.

If you have questions about the "Set Ablaze" process or are still feeling unsure about it, please check out our table in the foyer area of the church. We have some information booklets available to read.

Grief Bible Study-A Season of Hope

This Bible study will run for 6 weeks starting Tuesday, January 17, 2023 from 9:00am-10:30am (20 available spots). Please call 605-988-3775 to register.

The Holy Rosary



Pray the Holy Rosary with Bishop Donald DeGrood.
Available for streaming or download. Search for Diocese of Sioux Falls .

Christmas Cookie Sale Thank you!

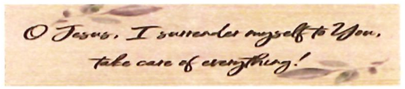
This year's cookie sale is in the books. Thanks to all our parishioners, especially, Rod and Cheri Limoges, Carol Reznicek, Eileen Donley, Barry Kolbeck and all the very talented cookie decorator/artists. Every single cookie was sold with proceeds of 5,499.69. Thanks again to everyone who baked and bought cookies. Merry Christmas!

There will be NO RCIA December 29th.

SCAM ALERT

Please note that if you receive texts or emails claiming to be from Fr. Mason or Fr. Schaefbauer asking for money, this is a scam. Recently we have been made aware of this activity. The parish will not contact you asking for donations in this manner. Delete these communications.

Please check out the **"The Surrender Novena"** on the Holy Spirit website.



Experience the beauty of the Christmas season with the Annie Moses Band as the acclaimed classical crossover ensemble performs stunning arrangements of holiday favorites.

The rosary is prayed before every week-end Mass with the exception of Sunday at 7:30am. To be considerate of the parishioners who are there to pray the rosary, we close the glass doors coming into the church. When the doors are closed there is much less outside noise inside the prayer area. We appreciate your consideration towards the rosary recitation.

Christmas Flowers

Thank you to those who made donations toward the Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of their loved ones. Please remember these people in your prayers.

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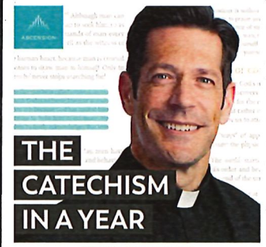
I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful Christmas break. Classes will resume at Holy Spirit Elementary and all of the Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools on Wednesday, January 4th. Mr. M.

Coming Jan. 1, 2023!



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Merry Christmas! On behalf of our Priests and Parish Staff, we sincerely hope that the remembrance of Christ's birth brings you much peace and hope. As we celebrate Christmas, just as the shepherds were led to a humble stable in Bethlehem to worship the infant Jesus, so have we been led to be together at this time and in this place to sing with the angels: *Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth!* I hope that God's Presence will be made known to you not only today but every day.

"Blessed be the Lord for He has come to His people and set them free. He promised to show mercy and to remember His holy covenant....to set us free to worship Him without fear!" These words from the Gospel of the early morning Mass of Christmas Eve bring us great expectant hope as we prepare our hearts to receive Him on Christmas Day.