



# HOLY TRINITY

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & Noon

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:45 a.m.

### DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer: Thursday at 7:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENTS

#### Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

#### Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

#### Anointing

Please call the pastor

#### Marriage

Couples who are registered members of the parish should contact the pastor 6 months in advance of the intended date.



### HOW TO REACH US

### HOLY TRINITY STAFF

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#### Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Friday.....8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

*Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.*

*The Parish Office is located near the school's Main Entrance*

## MASS INTENTIONS

HOLY TRINITY		ST. MARY
Mon. Dec. 25		
8:00 A.M.		Mary S. Browne
9:00 A.M.	Living & Deceased members of the Piazza & Glenn Families	
10:00 A.M.		Natalie McGhee Ladikos
Noon	Parishioners	No Noon Mass on 12/25
Tues. Dec. 26		
7:45 A.M.	Living/Deceased members of the HT Ladies Guild	
Wed. Dec. 27		
7:45 A.M.	Ann Salisbury	
8:30 A.M.		Joan Miller
Thurs., Dec. 28		
7:30 P.M.		Bob Urig
Fri. Dec. 29		
7:45 A.M.	Eppley Family	
8:30 A.M.		Anthony & Anita Bento
Sat. Dec.30		
4:00 P.M.		Thomas Sutter
5:00 P.M.	Deceased members of the Seikel and Nist Families	
Sun. Dec.31		
7:30 A.M.	Jeanne Schubert	
8:00 A.M.		
9:00 A.M.	Margaret Bova	
10:00 A.M.		Joanne Davies
10:30 A.M.	Living/Deceased members of the Failor & Ulery Families	
Noon	Parishioners	Gabrielle Barriero
5:00 P.M.		There will not be a 5 p.m. Mass at St. Mary
Mon. Jan. 1		
	There will not be a Mass at Holy Trinity on 1/1	
9:00 A.M.		

### Pray for the Sick at Holy Trinity:

Tina Doss Abshire | Joe Buettner | Kelly Callahan | David Carroll | Mark Fox | Matt Gould | Kelly Konya | Theresa Lattimore | Christy Lauer Janice Lee-mans | Patrick O'Toole | Paula Parker | Chad Rawlings | Regis Saltis | Tom Shaughnessy | Robert Shinko | Amanda Shultzberger | Brittany Snahnican | Jim Somers | Cyde Thom | Mary Trav-agliante-Bloss | Jennifer Varga | Marc Williams| and for all of our homebound parishioners.

### Pray for our Troops:

Patrick Bergen | Paul Bohnert | John Camp |Ethan Cutright | Cayden Fischbach | Dillon Franciscus | Grace Fryer | Emma Kennelly | Ryan Kennelly | Alex Leigh | Jacob McCann | Dominic Opron | Katie Schlather | Michelle Kennelly Sweeney| Daniel Vrabic | David Vrabic | Ethan Williams

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Allen Arendt | Fr. Lawrence Bayer | Pat Beckman | Anne Benisek | Arlene Bores|Natalie Butchko |Ryan Case|Patricia Cernac |Irene Chrulski Elaine Citro |Kerry Coleman| Elizabeth Conners| Kurt Cummings|Patrick Fahey John Matthew Gibson|Ann Gomos|Bill Grabert|Anita Grant |Gwendolyn Gurney Wendy Hallier|Brenda Hazelwood| Louis Holley |Jeffrey Hostottle, Norma James Alexa Jennings| Gerald Laco|Lamb family Kate Liauw|Brian Madia|Kathleen Mahoney|Bob Mayton|Timothy McCarthy Betty McGreal|Barbara Milota|Vicky Motes|Jessica Mueller| Carey Neal |Marcia Notarberardino|Mildred Ondrus| Sandra Pitts| Thomas Richards| Judy Richardson| Joel Rivera | Tina Roach |Joan Rodger| Arthur Rossi |Diane Urig| Gerda Vanthoor | Dylan Vega | Joan Votes | Owen Winters | Joe Zvosecz | Ann Lopez | Edward Bahr | George Szocs|Celia Zegar-ec.



**Seminararian Sean:**

My favorite Christmas movie is... ELF!

If given the choice of candy canes or Christmas cookies, which would you choose? Christmas cookies.

When it snows, do you build a snowman or make a snow angel?  
Snowman.

Share your favorite Christmas hymn... Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.

Other than Jesus, who is your favorite person from the nativity story and why?

Joseph. He does everything he can for Mary.

What is a cherished Christmas memory between the ages of 5 - 15 years old?

Seeing my cousins at Christmas and playing with our new toys.

**Director of Evangelization, Desi Gould:**

My favorite Christmas movie is... Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

If given the choice of candy canes or Christmas cookies, which would you choose?

All the cookies.



When it snows, do you build a snowman or make a snow angel?

Neither. A snowball fight!

Share your favorite Christmas hymn... Breath of Heaven (Mary's song).

Other than Jesus, who is your favorite person from the nativity story and why?

Joseph. One of my favorite Catholic Art images is of Mary sleeping while Joseph is holding Jesus. A noble carpenter who is now responsible for parenting the Messiah. I often look to my own husband as our faith leader, and we struggle each day with the demands of parenting. Will our children know and love Jesus? Joseph had to parent Jesus, the King of Kings.

What is a cherished Christmas memory between the ages of 5 - 15 years old?

Growing up my Aunt Lizzie would take me and my cousins on the RTA. We would head to Tower City, meet the Nutcrackers, see the Christmas Parade downtown, check out lights, drink hot chocolate... it was the best!





**Director of Religious Education, Kevin Kaufhold:**

My favorite Christmas movie is... Home Alone.

If given the choice of candy canes or Christmas cookies, which would you choose? Christmas Cookies.

When it snows, do you build a snowman or make a snow angel? Snowman.

Share your favorite Christmas hymn... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Other than Jesus, who is your favorite person from the nativity story and why?

Mary because even though there was so much unknown, she just had to trust her faith in God and I think that sends a powerful message to all of us about faith and trusting in God's plan for us.

What is a cherished Christmas memory between the ages of 5 - 15 years old?

I always enjoyed the tradition of my family going to the Christmas Vigil Mass and then going to my grandparents to celebrate with extended family. My grandparents had a really bright Christmas tree and a light up Christmas village I would love to look at.



**Care & Consolation Minister, Tammie Frank:**

My favorite Christmas movie is... Miracle on 34th Street.

If given the choice of candy canes or Christmas cookies, which would you choose? Christmas Cookies.

When it snows, do you build a snowman or make a snow angel? Angel.

Share your favorite Christmas hymn... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Other than Jesus, who is your favorite person from the nativity story and why? Shepherds. Although they were afraid, they still traveled to see Jesus.

What is a cherished Christmas memory between the ages of 5 - 15 years old? Delivering gifts to those in need during the holidays.

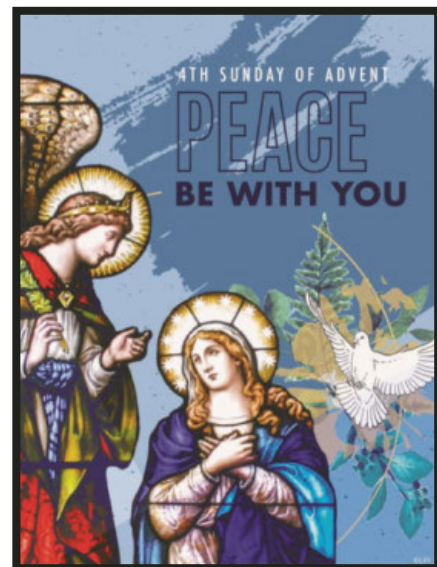
## Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones.

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "**But she was greatly troubled at what was said.**" An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her *precisely when she is troubled*. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "**Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God.**"

— Father John Muir



## Gospel Reflection for the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day

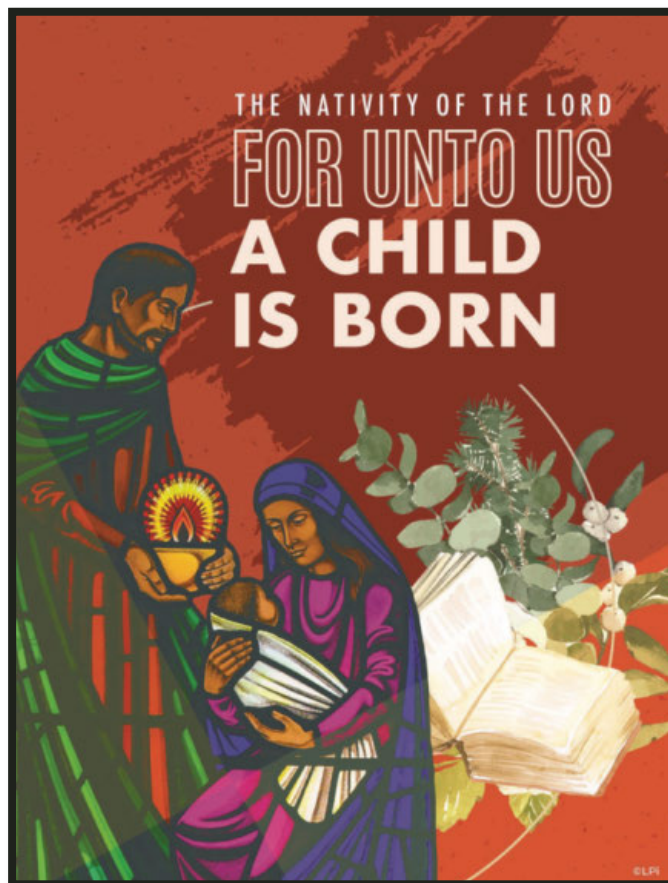
"**She gave birth to her firstborn son.**" The pain of childbirth is something that boggles my mind. I'm sure I couldn't handle it. I can't even watch scenes in movies in which a woman gives birth. I understand it's a beautiful part of nature, but there's still something awful about it and the attendant suffering.

Which is why it's worth pondering an often neglected and currently unpopular part of the Church's theology around the birth of Christ, his was miraculous because it caused no pain to his mother. Even her physical virginity remains intact. Of course, we modern scientific people scoff at such an idea.

Without obsessing over the obstetrical details, we discover a glorious illumination in the symbolic meaning of this birth that we moderns find so embarrassing. *God comes into the world in an utterly non-violent way.* He himself will suffer his own bloodshed but will never shed that of others. He is so peaceful and non-violent that he will even rise from the dead without breaking the seal of the tomb. All of humanity, in the Church, will give birth to him in the Church free from the terrible pain due to original sin. How badly we need the truth of this miraculous birth today!

Let's delight in this great mystery and miracle of Jesus's birth. He is the Prince of Peace and always nonviolent. We need not fear him, ever.

— Father John Muir



**The 8-Week Grief Recovery Program will begin: January 10 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Office at Holy Trinity.**

Your feelings are normal and natural. The problem is that we have been socialized to believe that these feelings are abnormal and unnatural.

Whether your loss is from:

- |                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| -Death                            | -Loss of faith  |
| -Divorce or end of a relationship | -Loss of safety |
| -Loss of a career                 | -Loss of health |
| -Loss of trust                    |                 |



People say you have to let go and move on in your life, but they don't tell you what you need to do to accomplish that. The Grief Recovery Method Outreach Program not only makes that possible, but provides partnerships and guidance to ensure that it happens.

For further information call: 440-937-5363 X223 Tammiemarie Frank, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist.  
RSVP Space is limited.



### Mass Times for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas

**Sunday, December 24**  
celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent

Holy Trinity	Saint Mary
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM - Noon	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Noon

**Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

Holy Trinity	Saint Mary
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	4:00 PM - Midnight

**Monday, December 25 Christmas Day**

Holy Trinity	Saint Mary
9:00 AM - Noon	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM







Dear Holy Trinity Parish Families,

Last year, Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF) donations amounted to \$130,000 which was used to help reduce the tuition for 92 students at Holy Trinity School (HTS). The ASF allows you to direct a portion of your Ohio state income taxes towards supporting HTS.

**It's crucial to highlight that this isn't just a deduction – it's a tax credit.** When you donate to this fund, every dollar you give serves as a credit on your taxes up to \$750 per single filer or \$1,500 per married couple filing jointly.

Timing is of the essence with respect to this initiative. While contributions made by April 15, 2024 will apply to the 2023 tax year, only donations made by January 31, 2024 can be used for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year. Donations after January 31, 2024 will apply to the 2025/2026 school year.

It is essential to recognize the significance of the ASF even in light of the existence of Ed Choice funding. While Ed Choice provides substantial assistance, certain families may not qualify for significant support. The ASF serves as a crucial supplemental resource, particularly for those families facing financial constraints in the context of escalating educational costs.

In the past year, we proudly ranked among the top five parishes with the highest amount of donations. With your continued support this will lighten the parish subsidy toward the school and grow the offerings for our parish community. In essence it is a win-win-win. We thank you for your continued support toward Catholic education.

**To donate to the ASF visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel) and select Holy Trinity - Avon - #54.**

Thank you in advance for your consideration to support this important initiative!

For more information about ASF, please consult with your tax advisor, contact Colleen Stalla, CPA for Holy Trinity Parish at 440-937-6420 or [finance@htsavon.org](mailto:finance@htsavon.org). You can also visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel) or call 216-902-1312.

Be an angel today,

*Vince Hawk*  
Pastor Vince Hawk



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

“Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;  
your throne shall stand firm forever.” (2 Sm 28:16)

### Psalms:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

### Second Reading:

The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages  
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,  
according to the command of the eternal God,  
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

### Gospel:

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus.” (Lk 1:31)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say “Yes, Lord” — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours.

## Observances for the week of December 24, 2023

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve  
**Monday:** The Nativity of the Lord  
**Tuesday:** St. Stephen, First Martyr  
**Wednesday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist  
**Thursday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
**Friday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr  
**Next Sunday:** The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

## Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

### Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

### Monday:

*Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
*Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/  
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps  
97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is  
52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn  
1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

### Tuesday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and  
8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Thursday:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/  
Mt 2:13-18

### Friday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/  
Lk 2:22-35

### Saturday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

### Next Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps  
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,  
17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

## TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

THE REMAINING COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER WILL BE REPORTED AFTER 12/31 DUE TO HOLIDAY PRINTING DEADLINES. THANK YOU.





## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Christmas • Luke 2:1-14



## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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engaged  
traveled

fields  
sheep  
angel

Savior  
heaven  
peace

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## MISSION

If you celebrate Christmas away from home, be thankful for the place where you sleep.

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