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La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

MERRY CHRISTMASTIDE to each and every one! One of my favorite Fables of Christmas is the origin of the flower, “Baby’s Breath.” The story that I learned in Grade School in Baltimore, Maryland, from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was the following:

When the Angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields around Bethlehem to announce the birth of Our Savior, they invited the shepherds to bring gifts from the surrounding hills to the manger for the baby to see for the first time. Shepherd brought their flocks, their homespun fabrics, their food rations and other little trinkets that were used to amuse the sheep while in the fields. One little boy could find nothing special to bring. He picked up a small, withered branch from a fruit tree and carried it with him to the place where the baby lay. When the child held out the small branch towards the baby Jesus, the baby cooed—so enthralled was He by the sight of a tree (the symbol of the Tree of the Cross upon which He would win us salvation). Because of the cold night air, the babe’s breath froze upon the branches and the creation of the new flower took place.

I was fascinated by that story as a child. I thought of how ashamed the little boy must have first felt to bring a withered branch and then, how delighted he became

when the babe transformed his gift into a beautiful flower by His simple breath! As an adult it has occurred to me that the love of God takes on many forms and accepts even the smallest of gifts. Think about how Jesus commended the widow who gave all she had to survive; the simple acts of loving kindness from the Good Samaritan; the veil of Veronica thrust towards Him as He wound His way to the hill of Golgotha; the simple name of “Mary” to the Magdalene that assured her He was Risen! God comes to us as a child and invites us to remain with that innocence at least for a few moments of meditation; if not a life-long commitment to His simple means.

He invites us to hold nothing back from Him and to entrust ourselves to His abiding care. He promises to leave no pathway uncrossed in His effort to seek and find us. He assures us that whenever and wherever we turn to Him, He will welcome us with open arms and, like the babe in the manger, coo at the arrival of the beloved whom He was looked for—like the Prodigal’s own father who ran out to greet his lost son. May that child of Bethlehem remain as much a treasure for you as He once was for those unnamed shepherds who knelt and adored.

Peace be with you, Monsignor

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en el Señor:

¡FELIZ NAVIDAD a todos y cada uno! Una de mis fábulas favoritas de Navidad es el origen de la flor, "Baby's Breath". La historia que aprendí en la escuela primaria en Baltimore, Maryland, de las Hermanas del Inmaculado Corazón de María fue la siguiente:

Cuando los Ángeles se les aparecieron a los pastores en los campos alrededor de Belén para anunciar el nacimiento de Nuestro Salvador, invitaron a los pastores a traer regalos de las colinas circundantes al pesebre para que el bebé los viera por primera vez. Shepherd trajo sus rebaños, sus telas caseras, sus raciones de comida y otras pequeñas baratijas que se usaban para divertir a las ovejas mientras estaban en los campos. Un niño pequeño no pudo encontrar nada especial para traer. Cogió una pequeña rama marchita de un árbol frutal y la llevó consigo al lugar donde yacía el bebé. Cuando el niño extendió la pequeña rama hacia el niño Jesús, el bebé arrulló, tan cautivado estaba al ver un árbol (el símbolo del Árbol de la Cruz sobre el cual nos ganaría la salvación). Debido al aire frío de la noche, el aliento del bebé se congeló en las ramas y se produjo la creación de la nueva flor.

Esa historia me fascinó cuando era niño. Pensé en lo avergonzado que debió haberse sentido el niño al traer una rama marchita y luego, ¡cuán encantado se sintió cuando el bebé transformó su regalo en una hermosa flor con Su simple aliento! Como adulto, se me ha ocurrido que el amor de Dios toma muchas formas y acepta incluso los regalos más pequeños. Piensa en cómo Jesús elogió a la viuda que dio todo lo que tenía para sobrevivir; los simples actos de bondad amorosa del buen samaritano; el velo de Verónica se abatió hacia Él mientras se abría camino hacia la colina del Gólgota; ¡El simple nombre de "María" para la Magdalena que le aseguró que había resucitado! Dios viene a nosotros como un niño y nos invita a permanecer con esa inocencia al menos por unos momentos de meditación; si no un compromiso de por vida con sus medios simples.

Él nos invita a no retener nada de Él y confiarnos a Su cuidado permanente. Él promete no dejar ningún camino sin cruzar en su esfuerzo por buscarnos y encontrarnos. Nos asegura que cuando y donde sea que recurramos a Él, nos dará la bienvenida con los brazos abiertos y, como el bebé en el pesebre, arrullaría a la llegada del amado a quien buscaba, como el propio padre del pródigo que salió corriendo a saludar a su hijo perdido. Que ese hijo de Belén siga siendo tanto un tesoro para ti como lo fue para los pastores no identificados que se arrodillaron y adoraron.

La paz sea contigo, Monseñor



Parish Information

	Monday 12/30/2019	Tuesday 12/31/2019	Wednesday 1/1/2019	Thursday 1/2/2019	Friday 1/3/2019	Saturday 1/4/2019
St. Mary	NO MASS	6:00 PM Veniero Ippolito	11:30 AM (Spanish) Manuel Pacheco Padilla	8:00 AM Madelyn Glaser	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	8:00 AM Amelia Rudolf	6:00 PM Stephanie Farren Miller	9:30 AM Charles Rudolf	8:00 AM Ryan McCorklin	8:00 AM Grant Lierman	8:00 AM Joel Robbins 4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			NO MASS at St. Vincent Hospital		10:30 AM Crown Pointe Richard Glaser	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January 4th & 5th	Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary	Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose	Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary	Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose	Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary
Mass Intentions	Agnes Amrine	The E.W. Smith Family	Kurt Weisenger	Thomas & MaryAnn Chezem	Pro Populo
Reader	Mary Rhoten	Regina Albrecht	Amy Sczesny	David Bieber	Daniel Flores
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Hodson Cheryl Hodson Jan Adams Ron Adams Joetta Allison H	Keith Olson H Nancy Bollman Cathy Thompson	Dave Papai Lea Papai Lora Mueller M. F. Kincaid Tim Kincaid H	Rita Robinson H Francis Robinson H Mary Lavelle Bacilio Montes Henry Lamper Mary Lamper	F. Cazares H R. Maldonado Juana Sanjuan Mayra Sierra M. Rodriguez
Servers	Paul Porcaro Michael Smith Kayla Smith	Nick Long Alexa Carson	Joe Lambert Irv Noll	John Paul Harrold Vanessa Harrold Amaya Hensley	Jonathan Limon Y. Rodriguez Sierra Roxana

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

St. Ambrose	\$ 7,676
YTD	\$ 401,771
NTD	\$ 663,000
Roofs Matching Fund	\$ 92,321 (Remaining \$19,638)

St. Mary	\$ 31,029
YTD	\$ 497,389
NTD	\$ 918,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 253 (\$208,879 of \$330 K)

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St. Ambrose—[https:// www.osvonlinegiving.com/272](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/272)

St. Mary—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13>

Welcome To Our Faith Family:

Jesus Emanuel Lopez SanJuan, infant son of Agustin Lopez and Juana SanJuan, baptized December 20th at St. Ambrose. May God bless him and his family with years of health and happiness amongst us!

Parent Leadership Formation

We are looking for couples that are willing to guide the Parent Leadership Formation Program. Its curriculum provides parents with basic catechetical tools to effectively accompany and support their children's faith formation. This program will be offered at the same time children are attending Religious Education. If you are interested in joining the group of couples who will guide this program.

Fifth Annual Cassock Classic Basketball Game

Fellow parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette, on Friday, January 3, 2020, The Frassati Society presents the Fifth Annual Cassock Classic Basketball game where priests from our diocese will play against the seminarians from our diocese at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville. Doors open at 5:00 PM and tip off is at 6:15 PM. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the door. This is a family friendly event for everyone in our diocese to attend and have fun.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

St. Ambrose

December 31st 6:00 PM Mass

Intention: Stephanie Farran Miller

Reader: Janice Martin

Servers: Tony Martin, Jorge Lopez

EMHCs: Marvin Coryell-H, Donna Pine-H, Lynn Hensley

St. Mary

December 31st 6:00 PM Mass

Intention: Veniero Ippolito

Reader: Alan Raver

Servers: Brent and Corey Layton,

EMHCs: Maureen and Joe Lambert, Becky Hull

January 1st 9:30 AM Mass

Intention: Charles Rudolf

Reader: Rebecca Degitz

Servers: Dominic Bunch, Mariela Gonzalez
Jonathan Gonzalez

EMHCs: Stephanie Metz-H, Martin Russel,
Harriett Russel

January 1st 11:30 AM (Spanish)

Intention: Manuel Pacheco Padilla

Reader: Volunteer

Servers: Volunteers

EMHCs: Volunteers

Eucharistic Adoration: **St. Ambrose** will be Sunday January 5th. It will begin after the 9:30 AM Mass. It will close with the Rosary and Benediction at 4:00 PM.

St. Mary is on Thursdays from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.

Santa Maria la Adoración es los jueves de 2:00 a 7:00 PM.

Please Pray For ...

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or injured, especially the sick and elderly in our parishes:

The Military: Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Sgt. Brock Acra stationed in California US Marine Corp. son of Greg and Sonia Acra. First Lt. Sean Scally, 82nd Airborne, grandson of Tom Chezem, United Arab Emirates; Lt. Daniel Perrine, son of Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito and Dan Ippolito.

If you have a family member who is in the service and called to active duty and would like to add their name to a list for special prayers, please call the rectory and give us this information. Let us pray for PEACE World Wide. God Bless us all!

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Sir 3:2-6, 12-14. Col 3:12-21, Mt 2:13-15, 19-23; **Mon.** Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40; **Tues.** Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18; **Wed.** Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21; **Thurs.** Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28; **Fri.** Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34; **Sat.** Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42

OUTREACH

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all who donated for the Jesse Tree and the Giving Tree at both churches. We were able to provide food baskets, toys and supplies to multiple families, the Christian Center and the homebound.

Knights Of Columbus News:

The following is a list of events (dinners) for January:

Saturday, Jan. 4th —Hamburger steak dinner by Francis Robinson

Saturday, Jan. 11th—Chicken fry

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The Diocese cordially invites everyone to the Installation of Lectors and Acolytes on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1212 South Street, Lafayette.

Andrew Morand (the seminarian who was with us in the summer of 2018) is to be admitted to the Ministry of Lector.

This Mass satisfies the Sunday Obligation. For questions, please contact the Office for Vocations at: vocations@dol-in-org; or call 765-477-0070.





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- Donations must occur in the tax year for which donors would like to claim it. To make a last minute credit card donation visit www.i4qed.org.
- If donors mail donations (either directly to the Institute for Quality Education—IQE—or to the school), they must take it to the post office during business hours by December 31.
- Mailed donations **must be postmarked no later than December 31st**. NOTE: If it is dropped in a mail collection box on the last day of the year, it may not get postmarked until the first business day of the following year.
- If a donor drops donations off at a school or at IQE's office, be sure that staff is available to accept the donation.

Young Church

Christian Awakening Senior Retreat XXVIII

The Carmel Deanery "Christian Awakening Senior Retreat" is a powerful weekend experience that allows high school seniors to encounter the living God. This weekend provides the chance to develop an authentic Christian community, participate in the Sacraments, develop Catholic faith, and enhance or begin a friendship with Christ. Location: St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton, IN Duration: Friday, January 17, 2019, at 6:30 pm through Monday, January 20, 2020, at 6:30 PM. For more information and registration, please contact Laura Torres @ 765-644-8467 Ext 323 or ltorres@parish.dol-in.org.

Destination Jesus 2020

Is a retreat for high school students (9-12 grades) from our diocese. Registration forms and payment should be received by Jan. 17th to avoid extra fees. It will take place at St. Theodore Guerin Catholic H.S. on Feb. 14-16. Cost is \$75 by Jan. 17th; \$85 until Jan. 24th. Please contact Laura Torres for questions at (765) 644-8467 Ext. 323.

Es un retiro para estudiantes de secundaria (grados 9-12) de nuestra diócesis. Los formularios de inscripción y el pago deben recibirse antes del 17 de enero para evitar tarifas adicionales. Tendrá lugar en St. Theodore Guerin Catholic H.S. del 14 al 16 de febrero. El costo es de \$ 75 para el 17 de enero; \$ 85 para el 24 de enero. Póngase en contacto con Laura Torres para preguntas en (765) 644-8467 Ext. 323.
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