

SUNDAY-DECEMBER 4, 2011

Mass Intention:

Wednesday, December 7-

6:00 p.m.-(Vigil Mass of the Immaculate
Conception) Joe & Olga Targac

Sunday, December 11-

9:15 a.m.-(Third Sunday of Advent)-Alfons &
Anastazie Janak & William
Chovanetz

Sunday, December 18-

9:15 a.m.-(Fourth Sunday of Advent)-
Leon Sitka

Sunday, December 25-

12:00 a.m.-(Midnight Mass)-August Fikac

Sunday, December 25-

9:15 a.m.-(The Nativity of the Lord-Christmas
Day)-Living & Deceased Members
of the Theo Hermes Family

Sunday, January 1-

9:15 a.m.-Joe & Olga Targac

First Friday, January 6-

6:00 p.m.-Ed & Frances Ulcak
Leo & Henry Ulcak

Sunday, January 8-

9:15 a.m.-Herman Sciba

Rosary Leaders:

Dec. 7-CCD

Dec. 11-Emily Schimcek

Dec. 18-Ruth Rouse

Dec. 25-(Midnight) Richard Rouse

Dec. 25-Lucille Klekar

Jan. 1-Sandy Konvicka

Jan. 8-Pat Mladenka

Lectors:

Dec. 7-CCD

Dec. 11-Dorothy Schneider

Dec. 18-Garrett Henke

Dec. 25-(Midnight) Maria Hermes

Dec. 25-Anthony Matula

Jan. 1-Daniel Matula

Jan. 8-Dedie Dobbs

Cantors:

Dec. 7-CCD

Dec. 11-Ruth Rouse

Dec. 18-Laurence Bludau

Dec. 25-(Midnight) Richard Rouse

Dec. 25-Emily Schimcek

Jan. 1-Lucille Klekar

Jan. 8-Pat Mladenka

Extraordinary Ministers:

Dec. 7-Vivian Mozisek & Janice Rother

Dec. 11-Evelyn Konvicka, Scott & Trina
Sommerlatte

Dec. 18-Pat Pesek, Billy & Bev Hrnecir

Dec. 25-(Midnight) Mary Urbish, Leon &
Nancy Etzler

Dec. 25-Vivian Mozisek, Edward & Sandra
Pustka

Jan. 1-Richard Sommerlatte, Tony & Joyce
Bludau

Jan. 8-Janice Rother, Vivian Mozisek &
Evelyn Konvicka

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Dec. 7-CCD

Dec. 11-M/M Billy Perdziak & Sons

Dec. 18-M/M Pat Pesek

Dec. 25-(Midnight) M/M Sam Pruett & Family

Dec. 25-M/M Edward Pustka

Jan. 1-M/M Robert Pustka

Jan. 8-The Joyce Rainosek Family

Ushers:

Dec. 7-CCD

Dec. 11-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

Dec. 18-Alois Bujnoch, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Dec. 25-(Midnight) Roman Henke, Robert
Pustka, Charles Grafe & Gilbert Urbish

Dec. 25-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Frances
Klekar & Sidney Jasek

Jan. 1-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

Jan. 8-Alois Bujnoch, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch



From the Desk of Fr. John

This Tuesday, December 6, is the Feast of St. Nicholas. He lived in the fourth century and was a model pastor noted for charity. He became popularized as Santa Claus and is patron of children.

This Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Under her title of the Immaculate Conception, she is the patroness of the United States of America. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast celebrates the conception of Mary by her mother, St. Anne.

We will celebrate our Parish Feast Day, the Immaculate Conception, with a Mass on **Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.**, the vigil of the Feast. The Mass this day will be for the Holy Day of Obligation. After Mass, we will have soup and sandwiches in the parish hall. You may bring a snack food or dessert if you wish. Everyone is invited to come and help us celebrate.

Our Gift to God:

<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
Nov. 6-\$255.00	\$633.00
Nov. 13-\$336.00	\$318.00
Nov. 20-\$223.00	\$657.00
Nov. 27-\$323.00	\$666.00
Children's Collection:	\$82.00
Building Repair Fund:	\$500.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In Memory of Gilbert Butschek

Philip & Evelyn Bujnoch.....	\$10.00
Leon & Margaret Steffek.....	\$10.00
Margaret Smolik.....	\$10.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Church

In Memory of Gilbert Butschek

Richard & Ruth Rouse.....	\$20.00
Phil & Pat Schlageter.....	\$10.00
Anita & Leroy Etzler.....	\$20.00
Ludwig & Diane Janak.....	\$25.00

Altar Servers:

- Dec. 7-CCD
- Dec. 11-Erin Svetlik, Clay Rother, Michael Perdziak & Kaitlyn Rother
- Dec. 18-Jacob Janak, Adam & Ryan Hermes & Luke Scherer
- Dec. 25-(Midnight) Eric Klekar, Josh Bludau & Kasey Hairell
- Dec. 25-John & Derek Konvicka & Alexius Mizera
- Jan. 1-Jacob Janak, Samuel & Simon Machicek
- Jan. 8-Erin Svetlik, Clay Rother, Michael Perdziak & Kaitlyn Rother

Church Cleaners:

- Dec. 3-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother & Sue Cinadr
- Dec. 10-Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik & Ruth Rouse
- Dec. 17-Barbara Matula, Monica Matula & Susan Bujnoch
- Dec. 24-Vivian Mozisek, Joyce Bludau & Rita Migl
- Dec. 31-Katherine & Vic Kahanek & Sharon Janak
- Jan. 7-Betty Bujnoch, Lucille Bujnoch & Susan Janak

MESSAGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KJT Wied Society #43 will have a Mass for Living & Deceased Members on Sunday, January 15, 2012 @ 9:15 a.m. with a meeting to follow at the parish hall.



Anyone wishing to donate money towards the purchase of poinsettia flowers for the Christmas Season can do so by placing an envelope with their donation in the collection basket. Please include your name, amount and if the donation is in memory of a loved one.

Christmas Flower Donations –

In memory of Alfred & Mary Technik, Melvin & Sybil Janak by Melvin & Joyce Janak-\$20.00; In memory of M/M Alex F. Janak by Dolores & Glenn Dobbs-\$15.00; In memory of deceased members of the Guntram & Annie Janak Family by Victor & Katherine Kahanek-\$25.00.



CCD News

Dec. 7th-Vigil Mass

Immaculate Conception@

6 PM (Student Participation Mass)

Parish meal to follow

Dec. 14th, 21st & 28th-No CCD Christmas

Holidays

CCD Classes resume on January 4th of 2012

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." — Lk 1:41b-42

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass #2951, 17th, 1978 CCD

December 6

Feast Day of

St. Nicholas

(patron of children)



FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2011

Income:

Sunday Collections	\$ 3,586.00
Holy Day Collections	180.00
Children's Collections	82.00
Parish Hall Rental	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 5,048.00</u>

Expenses:

Utilities	\$ 1,097.00
Check Print Charges	38.00
Church Expense	251.00
Maintenance	250.00
Parish Hall Expenses	320.00
Priest's Pension	349.00
Health Insurance	<u>211.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,516.00</u>

Balance Forward	\$13,681.51
November Income	5,048.00
November Expenses	- 2,516.00
Parish Balance	<u>\$16,213.51</u>

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!



Veselé Vánoce a astu Nov Rok!

Frohe Weihnachten und Frohes
Neues Jahr!

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December 2011

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Grow in prayer

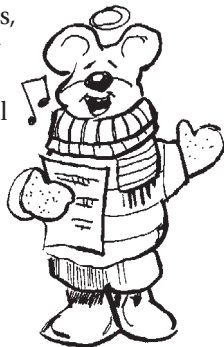
Our prayer life can mature and grow when we pray for intentions outside ourselves. For example, we can pray for victims of war, the sick who suffer in great pain, people who don't believe in God, and for those in jails and prisons whether we know them or not. The best kind of prayer is the kind that comes from the heart.

Immaculate Conception

Mary was prepared from her conception to become the mother of God. December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the day we celebrate that she was conceived in St. Ann's womb without Original Sin. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and Catholics are required to attend Mass. Praying a Rosary would be an additional way to honor the mother of our Savior.

Pray for life

Throughout your Christmas celebrations, please pray that all nations will come to respect life from conception to natural death.



Open your heart to the Christmas promise

This time of year is full of promise and the Bethlehem star reminds us of our hope for a future of peace in our own hearts and the hearts of the world. But we cannot achieve this peace on our own. We must open our hearts to the promise of Christmas.

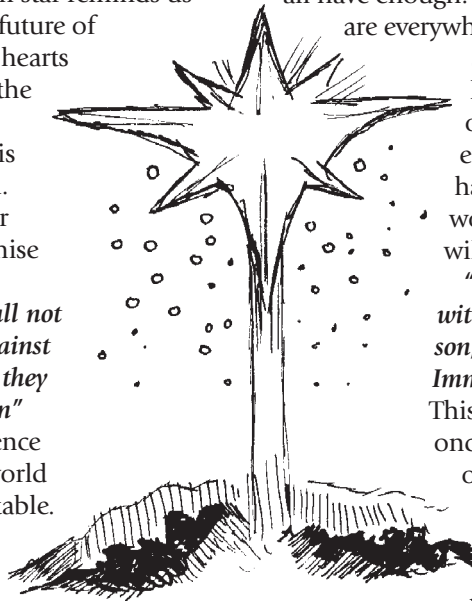
"One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again" (Isaiah 2:4). Violence flourishes if the world accepts it as inevitable. The world can change if the love of the Christmas child takes root in our hearts. Peace flows from hearts that love.

"The poor will eat their fill; those who seek the Lord will offer praise" (Psalm

22:27). Peace spreads more easily when all have enough. These days the poor are everywhere and people are struggling to hold onto hope. If we each make our holiday charitable efforts a year-round habit, perhaps the words of the psalmist will come true.

"The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). This Christmas we can once again rekindle our own sense of innocence and hope. Try to experience the new life

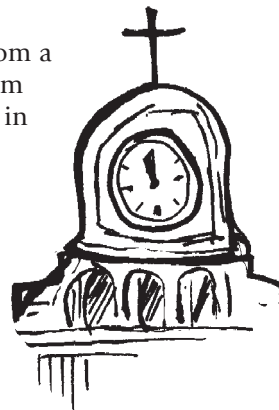
promised with the birth of the Christ child and be like the young girl long ago who believed that nothing is impossible when God is involved.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do some parishes offer Midnight Mass on Christmas?

Midnight Mass grew from a custom where people from the countryside gathered in the early monasteries on Christmas Eve to attend Confession, sing hymns, and to participate in the Eucharist. Afterwards, a feast lasted well into Christmas morning.

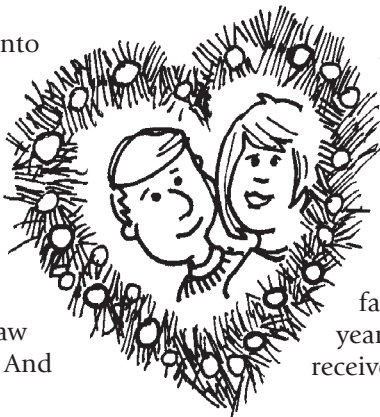


Midnight Mass, or Mass close to midnight, gathers us together to greet the newborn Christ Child. The readings for the liturgy of Midnight Mass proclaim the birth of Christ but also remind us that he came to offer salvation to all people.

Love is the reason for this season

At Christmas time, we are asked to reach into ourselves and bring out only what is kind, generous, and loving. To help, remember that an unimaginable love is the reason for this season.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). God loves us so much that he denies us nothing that will draw us to him in Heaven, not even his only son. And



Jesus' love is so great that he became one of us so we can share more fully in the Father's love.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). At Christmas, we celebrate the moment when God chose to share our experience in the world. And we are asked to reach beyond our friends and family to share God's love with the world. This year, your gift to Jesus can be a heart ready to receive and spread his love.

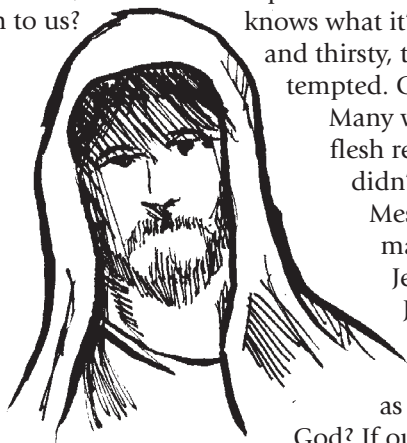
from Scripture

John 1:1-18, Who Is Jesus?

On December 25 we celebrate the birth of Jesus. But just who is Jesus and what does he mean to us?

This question has been asked for thousands of years.

John tells us in this Gospel. Jesus is the Word, the Second Person of the Trinity. He is the source of life. He enlightens us about God and his nature. Grace and truth come to us through Christ. To know Jesus is to know God.



At the same time Jesus took on our

humanity. He lived as we live. He experienced what we experience. He knows what it's like to be hungry and thirsty, to be tired, to be tempted. God understands us.

Many who saw Jesus in the flesh rejected him. They didn't recognize him as the Messiah. We each have to make a choice about Jesus. Do we choose Jesus as our personal Messiah, our savior?

Do we live our lives as if we are children of God? If our answers are "yes," then Jesus is the one to whom we turn for enlightenment and grace.

Q & A Is it okay to miss Mass on Sunday if I am busy?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass" (CCC, 2180).



"Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin" (CCC, 2181). This excludes those who cannot attend for unavoidable reasons such as illnesses or infirmity, for example.

Life can get so busy that when Sunday comes around each week, it becomes just another day to run errands or catch up on chores. Yet, God intended the Sabbath (Sunday for Catholics) to be a holy day of rest for us when we reconnect with him. That's one of the reasons he gave us the Third Commandment.

Attending Mass each week is not just something we have to do, it is something we get to do. At Mass, each faithful Catholic is fed with abundant graces. We know that our Lord is truly present in the Eucharist, and we receive his body and blood in this Sacrament. The Mass is a precious gift to us. Try not to miss even one.

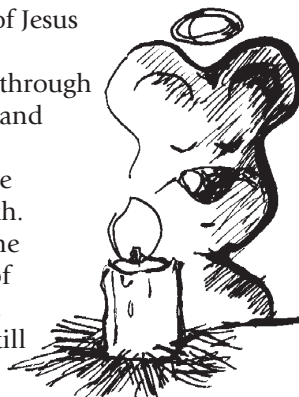
Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548). A simple, humble Native American who became a faithful Christian, Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Virgin. She asked him to petition the bishop of Mexico for a chapel in her honor, and gave him roses for the bishop as a sign. When the roses were emptied from Juan's tilma (cape) before the bishop, it retained the beautiful image of the Blessed Mother.

Dec. 14 – St. John of the Cross (1591). As a Carmelite, St. John led a reform in the Order to encourage more prayer and simplicity. Because of a

misunderstanding, he was jailed for nine months, but some of his beautiful spiritual writing came from this experience. His mystical-poetical reflections showed his love of prayer.

Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius (1597). Born in Holland, he was ordained into the Society of Jesus and worked strenuously through his writings and teachings to safeguard the Catholic faith. His work, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, is still used today.



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