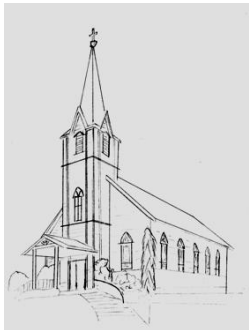


# **SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Thursday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Office is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday's**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:00 – 4:15 pm

**Masses:** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11:00 am

Saturday, 4:30 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

## **Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

**Padre's Portion....** "Peace" has been in our prayers, our music and conversations and Scriptures a lot these past few weeks. So important. Prayers make an impact and can bring us a stop to violence. I asked one of my groups to write a personal prayer for peace. Here's two:

"Blessed are you, Lord. I wonder, what were we thinking? It doesn't matter. I have hope in You, with understanding that you are in charge, and this is our opportunity to learn. I can look ahead with hope. Confident that your will be done. My duty is to praise you and do good." Amen. ---Rita

"Almighty God, please help us to always reflect Jesus in our everyday lives. Holy Spirit, remind and guide us to show kindness and love to all people, especially those of different races, religious, cultures or nationalities. Help us to realize that others' needs are more important than ourselves. Help us to convey that all people are important and needed. Push away our pride and self-righteousness, remind us that peace is more important than "our way." --- Mary

If you attended "Quiet Joy" last Friday, their theme was "Peace", and we will revisit it in the coming weeks. Such wisdom and piercing logic to get us to think. Thanks to all those involved. It was sensational. Remember the hymn, "Day of Peace" exhorts us at the end of each stanza, let us work and pray for peace. As we enter Christmas let us have that desire burning in us.

God Bless

When we tell and retell the most important stories of our life, we often find that every time we tell it, there are a few details that we can't leave out of the story. Whether it's the name of the hotel where you stayed on a honeymoon, or the hospital where your children were born, or what the course looked like on the day you got that hole in one. There is some detail about every important story of your life that may seem insignificant, but that you can't leave out.

The story of the nativity, the birth of Christ, is no different.

We know this story: Mary, Joseph, Bethlehem, the three wise men. We know about how there was no room at the inn. And we know about how there was a manger.

It would be an important story without any of those things, because this is the heart of it: "God loved us so much that God became one of us, so that we all might love God and one another."

But that's not the way the Gospel tells it. The Gospel tells us about a baby, born to an unmarried couple, under extraordinary circumstances. And they tell us where it happened. And where it didn't. It wasn't enough for the Gospels to just say "he was born" or even "he was born in Bethlehem." They tell us he was born in a manger, because there was no room in the inn.

A manger isn't much. It was a sort of container for the hay that the animals ate. It wasn't a crib, or a bed, or anything like that. It was perhaps the most unexpected resting place for a newly born Messiah. For God, on God's first night as one of us.

But as much as we remember that manger, we also remember why Jesus was there. We remember that when Mary and Joseph got to the inn, they were told there was no room for them there.

Have you ever wondered whether that was really true? Have you ever wondered if maybe there was room at the inn? Maybe the innkeeper had a couple rooms left, but he saw this unmarried couple with this woman who was obviously pregnant, and decided maybe he didn't want to rent them a room? Or maybe, even if there weren't any rooms left, they could have found some place for a woman who was nine months pregnant and about to give birth?

But they didn't. And so Jesus wasn't born in the inn.

God Bless

**Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas, we look forward to celebrating with you on Christmas Eve at our children's Mass at 4:30pm or our Christmas Morning Mass at 10:00am.**

**Mass Intentions for Dec 21<sup>st</sup> – Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

Sat, Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun, Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am	+Peggy English – Raschio Family
Tue, Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	For all of our Children
Wed, Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	For the Peace of our Kingdom
Thur, Dec 26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	+Daryl Phillipi – Parish Office Staff
Fri, Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	+Joyce Curruthers – Dewey & Karen Giddings
Sat, Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun, Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	+JoAnne Battilega – The Battilega Family

**The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**  
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 (17C)  
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2:41-52

**This week at Sacred Heart**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Eve Mass 4:30pm. Office Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Christmas Morning Mass at 10:00am. Office Closed</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mass at 11:00am</b> , Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mass at 11:00am</b> , Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am. <b>CIR Mtg@6pm</b> in the Rectory basement
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday Mass at 4:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday Mass at 10:00am.</b> Coffee and Donuts after Mass



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**La Salle Info Night** - Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 PM. Heading to high school? 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families are invited to learn about financial aid, academics, athletics, and more! Discover the Lasallian difference. Students welcome! RSVP recommended. [lsprep.org/InfoNight](http://lsprep.org/InfoNight)

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:**

Tony Adler, Melissa Anderson, Raemarie Arrigotti, Gloria Bigej, Kim Crittelli, Ron Etzel (Bev Parscale's brother), Paul Feltz, Nancy Fiorante, Mike Hanslits, Sue Unfred Hays (Helen Unfred's daughter), Michele Heckenberger, Joe Hennesey, Joe and Jake Hoffart, Pam Hren, RuthAnn Kessler, Harold LeBlanc(Friend of the Middendorff's), Jen Lanning(Lynne & Ron's DIL), Bill McCuin, Pam (friend of Lisa Hodge), Susan Neidenbach, Steven O'Neal, Julie Oster (Jeanne Thomas' sister), Paul Rager, Bill & Alice Rose, Conor Ryan, Angela Schmitz(Friend of the Millers), Todd Small (Bev Parscale's cousin), Debbie Smeraglio, Dave Standley (Shalee Stacey's Father), Michael Tanda(Judy Caruso's relative), Michelle Whiteaker, Jim Wieland, Ron Zaraza, Kory Zimmerman

**Ministry Schedule for the weekend of Dec 28<sup>th</sup> & Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Greeters</b>	Rob Kappa & Carol Miner	<b>2 Needed</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	Sondra Ruckwardt	Frank Battilega
<b>Cups</b>	Laura Mae McCuin & <b>1 Needed</b>	Joyce LaBarre & Shelley Henkle
<b>Altar Server</b>	Anthony Rivelli	Mark Pavlakovich
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>2 Needed</b>	Ezra Tracy & Scott Tracy
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b>	<b>NA</b>	Dale & Lisa Hodge
<b>Sacristan</b>	Meg Amberg	John Limb

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