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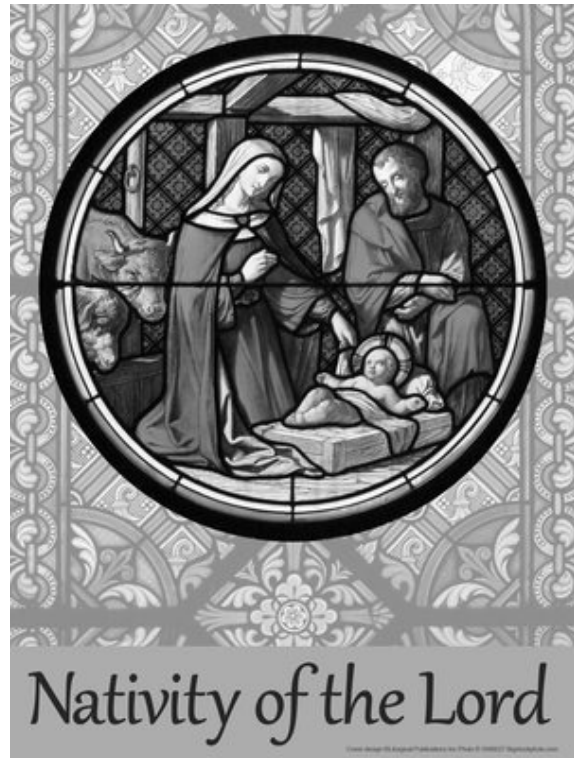
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic faith community of St. Teresa of Avila parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to proclaim and follow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Basing our lives on faith, hope and love, we seek to meet our needs and the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. It is our humble prayer that our lives will be visible signs of His presence in the world as we celebrate Christ in His Word and Sacraments.



DECEMBER 25, 2011 • THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Liturgies 8:00 AM, 10:15 AM

Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM

Weekday Liturgies

Daily..... 8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM

Saturday.....9:00 AM

Vigil of Holy Days.....4:30 PM

Holy Days..... 8:00 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

Vigil of Holy Days 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

or anytime by request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

As preparation for Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made at the Rectory 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at the Rectory as soon as you move within the parish.

Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who have been registered for 6 months, attend Mass regularly, have been confirmed, if married, have done so in conformity with the Church laws, and children attend Religious Education.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, December 26 - St. Stephen
8:00 Michael and Florence Zola *by estate*
- Tuesday, December 27 - St. John
8:00 Agnes Kirsch *by friends at Aakron Rule*
- Wednesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents
5:30 Rose Cvitanovich *by Doris Seymour*
- Thursday, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket
8:00 James Haley *by Sister Ruth*
- Friday, December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:00 Nellie Malone - Birthday Remembrance *by Gary and Ann Lyon*
- Saturday, December 31 - St. Sylvester I
9:00 Dorothy Bartels *by Tidd Families*
4:30 Deceased family and friends of parishioners of 2011
- Sunday, January 1 - The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary
8:00 Irene Swift *by Bernadette Connolly*
10:15 Lawrence Prinzbach *by Penn Family*



Scripture Readings for the Week

- Monday** - Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10, 7:54-59;
Matthew 10:17-22
- Tuesday** - 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a. 2-8
- Wednesday** - 1 John 1:5-2:2;
Matthew 2:13-18
- Thursday** - 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
- Friday** - Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3;
Luke 2:22-40
- Saturday** - 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
- Next Sunday** - Numbers 6:22-27;
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

PASTORAL SHARINGS

The announcement of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord from the Roman Martyrology draws upon Sacred Scripture to declare in a formal way the birth of Christ. It begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history. The particular events to situate the birth of Jesus in the context of salvation history:

The Twenty-fifth day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in His own likeness;

when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set His bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace;

in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophet Daniel;

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 Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace,

Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by His most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since His conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: For the renewal of family life: that the love of Mary and Joseph for their newborn will rekindle love and caring in the families of our parish; we pray to the Lord...

In your prayers... Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Emma Coffta, Stan Victor, Rita Matynka, Mary Karl, Julie Carlo, Jason Krear, David Miller and Jenny Hilton. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.



Thank you to our parishioners who purchased tickets for the Christmas Raffle. The beautiful jewelry box made and donated by Tom Schumacher was won by Larry Geary. All proceeds from the raffle helped to benefit a family that we adopted for the holidays from the Akron/Newstead area.

Let Christmas last all year - Attend Mass on Sundays, Holy Day of Obligation and Weekdays when possible.

The Saturday, December 31st Vigil Mass will be offered for parishioners and family members who were called to the Lord in late 2010 and 2011.

God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Michael Walker	Joseph Fawls	Joseph Heim
Alexis Bruno	Julie Conschaffer	Nancy Ciurzynski
Albert Hay	Helen Stawarz	James Place
Luella Bailey	Ralph Handley	William Minton
Norman Heidenreich	Robert Ciurzynski	Dorothy Bartels
Dominic Delre	Rose Cvitanovich	Angeline Chuita
Shirley Rasp	Jean Lotz	Joyce Mariani
Agnes VanBuren	Mary Ransing	Thomas Wysocki
Betty Leavitt	Helen Dolatowski	Anthony Fumerelle
Robert Bogart	James Macre	Anthony Torrelli
Henry Revekant	Jack Silvernail	Frances Dahill
Lucy Kedzierski	Alfred Bednarek	Mary Heidenreich
Virginia Janssen	Catherine Rodgers	Elizabeth Mandolene
Lawrence Prinzbach	Walter Summers	Camille Caufield
Glen Stuhlmiller	Dorothy Lambourne	Monica Terwilliger

Deceased Clergy and Religious of the Diocese

The Simplicity of the Sign

“God’s sign is the baby in need of help and in poverty. Exactly the same sign has been give to us . . . God’s sign is simplicity...God’s sign is that He makes Himself small for us. This is how He reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby—defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with His strength. He takes away our fear of His greatness. He asks for our love: so He makes Himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to enter into His feelings, His thoughts, and His will - we learn to live with Him and to practice with Him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of love. God made Himself small so that we could understand Him, welcome Him, and love Him. . . Christmas has become the Feast of gifts in imitation of God who has given Himself to us. Let us allow our heart, our soul, and our mind to be touched by this fact!”

Pope Benedict XVI

☺ Santa and Jesus

Santa lives at the North Pole; Jesus is everywhere.
 Santa rides in a sleigh; Jesus rides on the wind and walks on the water.
 Santa comes but once a year; Jesus is an ever present.
 Santa comes down your chimney uninvited; Jesus stands at your door and knocks.
 Santa makes you stand in line to see him; Jesus is as close as the mention of His name.
 Santa lets you sit on his lap; Jesus lets you rest in His arms.
 Santa asks, “Little boy, little girl, what is your name?” Jesus knew our names before we did.
 Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly; Jesus has a heart full of love.
 Santa offers “Ho, ho, ho”; Jesus offers health, help and hope.
 Santa puts gifts under your tree; Jesus became our gift and died on the tree.
 There’s really no comparison. Jesus is the reason for the season.



- Sunday, December 25 - No Religious Education classes - Enjoy Christmas!
- Wednesday, December 28 - No Religious Education Classes - Enjoy the time off!
- Sunday, January 1 - No Religious Education classes - Happy New Year!

Prayer For Priests and Religious



Lord Jesus, Son of Mary, You called the apostles to become “fishers of men.” We pray that many faith-filled and courageous young men and women will follow Your call to religious life. Inspire them to dedicate their lives to building up Your kingdom on earth. Lord, we pray as well for all priests and religious. Help them to be joyful in service to Your people, and eager to bear witness to the power of Your love in the world.

Lord, help them to remain steadfast in their commitment to You and Your people. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, and reward them with lasting peace and joy. Grant that they may work without ceasing in obedience to Your will and Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

Altar Servers for January

4:30 pm - Emily Wulf and Brian Wulf; 8:00 am - Anthony Brandl, Cassandra Brandl and Sarah Hoefler; 10:15 am - Jena Kolo, Kaitlyn Stachowiak and Elizabeth Kaufman

BOTTOM LINE:

He humbled Himself to share in our humanity.