

Church of the Divine Child

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The Nativity of The Lord 2021

Mass Intentions



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00am People of the Divine Child Parish
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021

6:30am Ben & Charlotte Majek, by Family

8:30am Joseph Bova, by Freda and Loving Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021

6:30am Tom Garrity, by Family

8:30am Pam Duke, by DCHS Class of 1971

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

6:30am Jerry Nosal, by Jerry & Marge Nosal

8:30am Nicholas Virag, by Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021

6:30am Robert Berger & Family, by Carol La Palm

8:30am Irene Dewicki, by Dr. Joe & Linda Gondoly

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

6:30am Fr. Jack Child, by Divine Child Parish

8:30am Lyle & Mary Van Houten, by Family

1:00pm Wedding - Alexander Rybka & Natalie Salehi

5:00pm Holy Day Candlelight Vigil Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 - Mary, Mother of God

8:30am John Ninkovich, by The O'Donnell Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 - Epiphany Of The Lord

8:00am People of the Divine Child Parish



MASSES TO THE MISSIONS

Dec 26: Adelmira Monaldini, by Graziano Canini

Dec 26: Ed Hermann, by Roylene, Children & Grandchildren

Dec 26: The Blonar Family, by The Family

Dec 27: Adelmira Monaldini, by Graziano Canini

Dec 28: (Spec. Int.) Marilyn O'Brien, by Mindy

Dec 28: Adelmira Monaldini, by Graziano Canini

Dec 29: (Spec. Int.) Msgr. Todd Lajiness, by Parishioners for Priests

Dec 29: Adelmira Monaldini, by Graziano Canini

Dec 30: Souls in Purgatory, by Mindy

Dec 31: (Spec. Int.) Fr. John Kopson, by Parishioners for Priests

Jan 01: (Spec. Int.) Fr. Matt Hood, by Parishioners for Priests



Please Pray For Our Sick

Michael & Lisa Kopay

Friends of Carol LaPalm

Father of Bob Sadler

Gerald Kaniewski

Rest in Peace

Sister-in-law of Lillian Radwan

Antonio Iaquina

Father of Chris Johnson

Cousin of Joan Condon

Bob Klein, Uncle of Matt Simpson

Frederick Tupiak

Earl Szostek

Jerry Dewicki



Monthly Canned Food Collection

Please remember that next weekend,

January 1 & 2 is set aside for our monthly canned food collection for the truly poor in Detroit's inner city and St. Vincent de Paul at St. Sebastian.

Please leave your donations in the gathering space.

God bless you for your generosity!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

- **MASS SCHEDULE:** Weekdays 6:30am & 8:30am, Sat. 8:30am Saturday Vigil 4:30pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 12:30pm
- **LIVESTREAM MASS - SUNDAYS AT 8:00AM:** A recording of the 4:30pm Mass will be posted on our website every Sunday at 8:00am. Go to DivineChild.org and click on *Live Masses*.
- **RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:** Tuesday 6pm - 7pm, Saturday 2:30pm - 4:00pm and after the 4:30pm Mass.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Tuesday Exposition in the Church from 11am to 7pm. **JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU!**
- **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:** Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Church. Let us join together in prayer, asking the Blessed Virgin Mary for her intercessional aid.
- **ADORATION CHAPEL:** Please visit our Lord anytime! It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **ANointing OF THE SICK:** Every first Saturday of the month following the 4:30pm Mass.
- **PARISHIONERS FOR PRIESTS HOLY HOUR:** Every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Adoration Chapel.
- **WEEKLY HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:** Fridays at 3pm in the Church. Contact Tim at 313-363-7124 or email at tabailey@mac.com.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM:** First and third Friday of every month at 9:30am, in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Perhaps, God is calling you to join this beautiful ministry of intercession. Please prayerfully consider joining us to pray for the intentions of the parish and the needs of others.
- **OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STATUE:** Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue has been in the parish since the 1970s. If you would like to request a visit from the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, please contact Laurie Lundblad at 313-320-3127 or Llundbl@aol.com.
- **SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** Wednesdays we meet at 7pm through Skype. If you would like to join or are interested, please contact Maria Teresa Garcia at 313-229-1058.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 1

4:30pm S. Succurro, E. Yanoski

Sunday, January 2

8:00am C. Dougherty,

L. Dougherty

9:30am C. O'Donnell, S. O'Donnell

11am V. DeLand, M. DeLand

12:30pm L. Celani, P. Celani

Reader Schedule

Saturday, January 1

4:30pm K. Crombie

Sunday, January 2

8:00am E. Stratton

9:30am C. Cruz

11am B. Sadler

12:30pm J. Cairns



I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

-Luke 2:10-11



Coordinator Schedule

Saturday, January 1

4:30pm C. Salmonson, E. Ziaja, B. Dombrowski, S. Dluzynski

Sunday, January 2

8:00am J. Garrity, J. Eddy,

J. Pierce, T. Ciarelli

9:30am G. Vitale, S. Doyle,

E. Bridgnan, S. Wygonik

11:00am G. Delgado, D. Rich,

L. Szymanski, D. Mianek

12:30pm S. Lentz, M. Bergeron,

C. Bergeron, F. Gatto

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We, like all of you, cherish the memories of Christmas with our families when we were growing up, and nothing compares to going to Christmas Eve Mass and hearing the songs praising the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!! They lift our hearts and spirits, and help us to truly experience Heaven on Earth. As St. Augustine once said, we pray twice when we sing.

Here are just a few of our favorites.

Silent Night
What Child is This
Infant Holy Infant Lowly
Go, Tell it On The Mountain
We Three Kings of Orient Are
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Little Drummer Boy
Joy to the World
Ring the Bells
Oh Holy Night

God gave us His only Son, and in doing so, the greatest love story ever told, written, and lived begins.

May God continue to shower you and your entire families with His Holy Blessings this Christmas, and may you have a Happy, Safe, & Healthy New Year.

Fr. Bob, Fr. David, & Fr. John



Mary, Holy Mother of God

*Not a Holy Day of
 Obligation this year,
 but please join us for a
 few special Masses, in
 honor of our
 Blessed Mother:*

Friday, December 31
 5:00 PM Candlelight Vigil
Saturday, January 1
 9:00 AM
 (no 8:30am Mass)

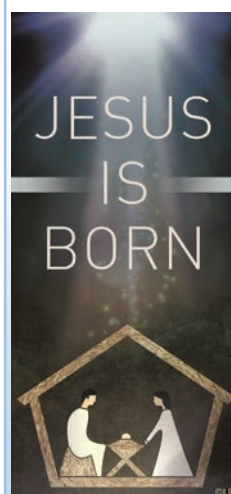


RECTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, December 27 - Closed

Tues-Thurs, December 28-30
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

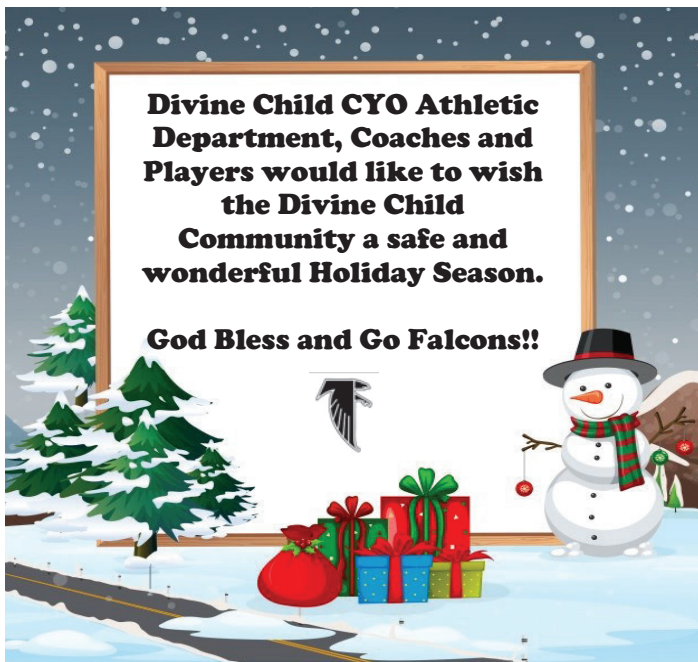
Friday, December 31 - Closed
Monday, January 3 - Closed



*Merry Christmas from the
 entire Divine Child
 Parish Staff!*

*We are delighted that you've joined us on
 this great feast, and we hope that you'll
 return to pray with us.*

*May Christ be born in your heart anew
 this day, and may His Spirit grow in you,
 throughout the New Year!*

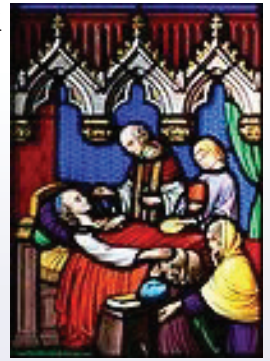


**Tuesday, December 28 is our
*Parish Day of Prayer
for Vocations to the
Priesthood and Religious Life***

Divine Child Parish designates the fourth Tuesday of every month as a day of prayer for vocations before the Blessed Sacrament.
The church is open, please stop by!

Anointing of the Sick Saturday, January 1, 2022

After the 4:30pm Mass, Divine Child will be offering the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the first Saturday of the month.



AMERICAN RED CROSS DIVINE CHILD PARISH BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

We are very happy to announce that our parish is able to host a blood drive. The need is great and the need is constant. Understandably, blood donations are down all over the metropolitan area and the Red Cross is desperate to hold as many drives as possible. Every safety precaution will be in place for your protection. Please consider helping out. If you have not donated since November 21, you are eligible. You can make an appointment online. The site is up and active. Log onto: www.redcrossblood.org and identify the sponsor code: *divine child*. You can then choose your appointment time and sign up!!!

Mark your Calendars Now!!!!!!

**Place: Divine Child High School gym
Time: 8:30 AM – 2:15 PM**



FUEL THE MISSION



**OUR GOAL
\$233,857**

**FUNDS RAISED
\$187,820**

**Funds needed
\$46,037**

**God bless all of
you who have
donated, and
donated twice!**

WAYS TO GIVE | CSA

- 1. Give online at www.givecsa.org**
Select *Divine Child Parish* as your home
- 2. Mail payment with your CSA donor card to:**
Archdiocese of Detroit
PO Box 6047
Albert Lea, MN 56007-6647
Make checks payable to: Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA
- 3. Drop off your donation to the rectory.**
Parishioners are asked to indicate "Divine Child Parish" as your home parish on your check's memo line. If you received a CSA donor card in the mail, please use it to accompany your donation.



May you be filled with hope and love as we praise God for sending His only Son so that we might have the everlasting light of salvation. In gratitude for the blessings of accompanying you and your family as you encounter Jesus, grow through the Sacraments of His Church and give witness to His transformative love. Merry Christmas!

Dawn Dwyer	Jodi Ann Micallef
Religious Education	RCIA & Worship
Director	Coordinator



*The Christ-child stood on Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down
- G.K. Chesterton*

*Merry
Christmas
to the entire
Divine Child
family!*

*Deacon Bob
Calleja &
Family*



Joy to the World!

Moonless darkness stands between.
Past, the Past, no more be seen!
But the Bethlehem-star may lead me
To the sight of Him Who freed me
From the self that I have been.
Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy;
Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly;
Now beginning, and alway:
Now begin, on Christmas day.

"Moonless darkness stands between"
by Gerard Manley Hopkins



*The Divine Child Music Ministry
prays that you have a blessed
Christmas and a joyful New Year
in 2022! God love you!*



The Operations Department
would like to wish each and everyone
a safe and peaceful Christmas.
We hold each and everyone of you in
our prayers. May you stay safe and healthy this
Christmas Season as we celebrate the
Birth of our Savior.

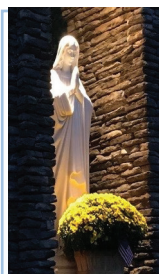
God Bless,
DC Operations Department



Celebrating the Sacraments



Congratulations, Ethan Matthew Dombrowski!
 Ethan was Baptized on Sunday, December 12
 at Church of the Divine Child. Parents are
 Matthew & Danielle (Conn) Dombrowski,
 with Godparents Christopher Conn and
 Sarah Dombrowski.
 God Bless you Ethan!



Please join us for our next
ROSARY RALLY
Saturday, Jan. 8 at 12:00pm
Divine Child Marian Shrine
 (outside in front of the high school)

Please join us as we all come together,
 while keeping socially distant, and pray the Rosary in
 public to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother. Rain or shine!

Upcoming Rosary dates: Feb. 12

If you have questions, please contact Virginia May at
 734-748-4442 or Linda Wielkopolan at 313-563-2427.



Nearly 20 people came to the December 11 Rally, to pray
 the Rosary at our Marian Shrine. We even had a few new
 people join us on this cold & windy day to give honor to
 Our Lady. Please join us on Saturday, January 8!

Expecting a baby?

Start planning now for the most significant event of your child's life – receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. You will be forever enriched by your child, yet free time and sleep are two things you go without (for a while anyways). Therefore, we encourage you to **complete the required Baptism preparation class during your pregnancy.** This class is an on-demand program from online FORMED platform.

To get a Baptism information packet and sign up for preparation class or select a Baptism date, call the Rectory Office or Jodi Ann, the parish Baptism coordinator, at 313-277-3110, ext. 222.

***"It is better to be a child of God, than
 king of the whole world."***
St. Aloysius Gonzaga



1st Corinthians 13 (A Christmas Version)



If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls,
 but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet
 meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime,
 but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity,
 but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes,
 attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ,
 I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss your spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas China and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way,
 but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return,
 but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
 Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust... But giving the
 gift of love will endure.



As we journey together through this Christmas Season, let us continue to prepare a place in our hearts for Emmanuel, God with us. With gratitude, we thank God in advance for the blessings that a new year will bring! We thank you for your investment of time, talent, and treasure in our partnership to help this generation of Falcons know, love, and serve God.

May God bless you this Christmas, and may the Divine Child Jesus keep us united in His peace!

Divine Child High School



The Divine Child Elementary School Staff, Faculty and Students wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



As we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Jesus, we thank you for sharing your children with us. We pray that Jesus' peace, love and grace bless your family this Christmas season.



Merry Christmas!

As we've continued to navigate through these different times, one constant in all the change and uncertainty has been the support of the Divine Child community. Thank you for your continued devotion to our Parish and Schools and all the ways in which you share your time, talent and treasure for the greater good. You may not meet the student, or see the programs in the classrooms, but know that your support truly touches the lives of our faculty, staff and students.

God bless you and may you have a peaceful Christmas.

The Advancement Team

Colleen Johnson, Matt Saxer, Marie Boyle, Aubri McNamara & Olivia Doyle

Celebrating a special bilingual Mass & reception in honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, on Saturday, December 11. Thank you Fr. David, Maria Garcia, and Matt Simpson for all your efforts in making this a very special event for Our Lady!





Amazing Job, DC!!

DC hosted another very successful DC Service Day on December 11-12! We collected over **ONE-THOUSAND** gifts which were distributed to seven inner-city parishes in Detroit, including Holy Redeemer, Nativity of Our Lord, St. Aloysius, Ste. Anne, St. Christine, St. Charles Lwanga, and St. Hedwig. These parishes will make the gifts available to low-income families, who can bring the gifts home to share the joy of Jesus' birth with their children this Christmas! Thank you for sharing this joy

with both these in-need parents (think of Mary and St. Joseph in the stable), and their beautiful children.

May God bless you abundantly this Christmas season, for your generosity!

Special thanks goes to all of our DC Service Day volunteers who helped to inventory and organize the collected gifts, and load them into vehicles for delivery to the Detroit parishes.



Matthew 2:11: "On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."



Divine Child Sabbath Supper Club

The Sabbath Supper Club met again in small groups in November, to break bread and break open the Gospel together! Everyone enjoyed good food, good company, and good conversation.

The Sabbath Supper Club meets in small groups several times per year, for dinner at each other's homes, and to reflect on the Sunday Gospel passage. We will end our 2021-2022 year in May with a large group potluck.

Small groups have already formed for 2021-2022, but if you would like to be added to the contact list for 2022-2023, please contact Beth Stawasz-Donovan at (734) 421-8967, or Becca Bridgnanan at (313) 995-1433.



Divine Child Elementary School Band & Choral Concert



**St. Vincent de Paul
Divine Child & Sacred Heart**



**SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM THROUGH
MEIJER IN ALLEN PARK**

Once again, it's time for our Simply Give Program at Meijer. Beginning **NOW thru January 1**, you can go to the Meijer Store on the hill in Allen Park, pick up a Simply Give donation card located at every other register and donate a minimum of **\$10.00** which Meijer will MATCH!!

We have seen quite an increase and surely could use your help. This is the holiday season and we thank you for thinking of others in need.

St. Maria Goretti's St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son..." 1 John 4:10

CHRIST – OUR GIFT!

Christ is our gift on Christmas Day!
God's Word made flesh – the Truth and the Way!
He came to stand in our place for sin -
To reconcile us to God – be united again!

Many take no heed of Heaven's perfect Gift.
The Redeemer Child seems like a misfit
Compared to presents wrapped so fine -
His Presence ignored – this Gift divine!



Christmas is Christ's Birthday on earth -
To be celebrated with thanksgiving and mirth.
Though He is eternal – past, present, and future -
Through Mary He came, and His Mother did nurture.

In Christ's Mass celebrated each day on the altar -
God's gift re-presented now till the hereafter.
For God's Son is not bound by time or space -
Infant, Crucified, Risen Savior comes to this holy place!

Jesus comes hidden in the form of Living Bread -
This Babe once laid in a humble manger bed.
For Bethlehem means "house of bread."
Feed on Him – His spirit and life to be fed!

For God's Word is made flesh till the end of time.
In the Eucharist – He comes – for your heart and mine.
Jesus says, "This is My Body! This is My Blood!"
Receive Christ – our Gift – be united in love!

Open your heart to the gift of His Presence.
With a leap of faith, see beyond earthly presents.
"For eye has not seen what He prepares" -
For those who receive Him with love and prayers!

By Mary Ann Pryce

2021 Tree of Lights Advent Project
**Sponsored by Sacred Heart-Divine Child
St. Vincent de Paul**



*100% of all monies directly help our
"needy neighbors."*

Please pray for the poor.

The Tree of Lights project is an opportunity for **parishioners from both parishes** to honor special people in your life, living or deceased. For a \$10 donation per name, lights shine on a parish evergreen throughout the holidays, beginning the 4th Sunday of Advent through the Feast of Baptism of the Lord. The Tree of Lights evergreen is located near the outdoor gathering space behind Sacred Heart Church (Military side). If requested, we will provide you with an ornament as a remembrance, or to present in honor of your \$10 donation.

All persons honored will also be listed in both churches' bulletins (Sacred Heart's Guardian and Divine Child's Infant) toward the end of the holiday season.

Enclose the bottom of this flyer, along with cash or your check written to SVdP Sacred Heart/Divine Child into an envelope marked **"Tree of Lights."** For convenience, place envelope into collection basket during Mass, or you may deliver your envelope in person to the parish office, or mail to: *Sacred Heart Parish Office, Tree of Lights, 912 S. Military, Dearborn, MI 48124*

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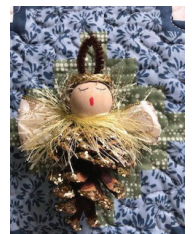
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Your Name and Phone Number

Your address

\$ _____ **My check/cash is enclosed**

Your phone number is important because Mindy Delano will call you and schedule the time of pick-up of ornament from her home at 951 North Elizabeth, Dearborn, MI 48128. See pictures of ornaments for reference. Thank you for your support and have a blessed Advent season!





Foley's Forum

Bishop Foley Council 2660
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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Foley Knights sponsored a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest in November. A special thank-you goes out to **Giovanni Vitale**, the Foley Family Director, and **Dawn Dwyer**, Director of Religious Education at Divine Child Parish, and the **Divine Child Elementary Teachers** for their outstanding effort to promote this year's event. Their efforts brought in a record number of posters. Thank you to the 150+ Divine Child Elementary School and religious education students that took time to participate in this Faith Program. Below are the 7 finalists in the 8 to 10-year-old age division. Congratulations to **Shiloh Roberts**, **Madelyn Willis**, **Zayn Kalash**, **Noah Hebert**, **Sophia Blaha**, **Natalia Mull**, **Camille Juarez**.



Consecration to the Holy Family

Please join the Foley Knights and recite the **Consecration to the Holy Family prayer during each Mass on Sunday, December 26.** The Knights traditionally celebrate the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas in conjunction with the feast of the Holy Family. The Consecration to the Holy Family will help strengthen our families and revitalize our parish. Families today face many struggles, through cultural pressure and through personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles, families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the

peace and truth found in Christ. **The Foley Knights encourage all men of the Divine Child Parish to spend extra time with your families this Christmas Season. Listen to your wives, children, and grandchildren, and give them all the love and support they need to deal with the difficult times they have endured over the last two years.** The prayer listed here was composed by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori to assist families live this joy of Christ and come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. At the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, **Pope Francis** shared this message about the importance of families, "Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. **That is why our families and homes are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith.**"

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
You proved a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

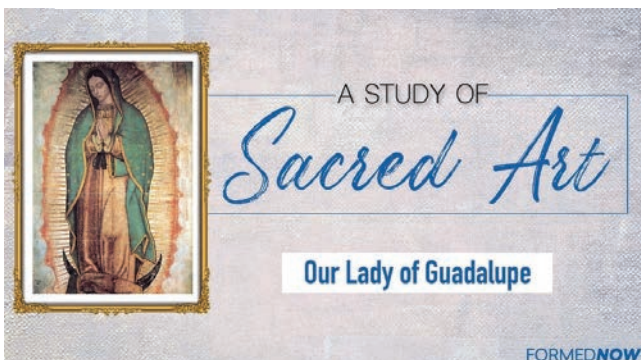
Building the Domestic Church  KofC.org/DomesticChurch

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.
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Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at one of the most inspiring, well-known, loved, and powerful Marian apparitions—Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1531, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to a poor man named Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill in what is now Mexico City. What happened on this hill almost 500 years ago changed the very fabric of the Americas and the world. Learn about this incredible story, the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego, and our Lord's love revealed through his Mother.

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*And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
(Revelation 12:1)*



Novena Prayer to the Miraculous Infant of Prague

O Jesus, Who said: "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you," through the intercession of Mary, your Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted.
(Make your request)

O Divine Jesus, Who said: "Unless you become like little children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven," grant me the simplicity and wonder, the tenderness and gentleness of a child. Fill me with innocence, hope and love.
(Make your request)

O Divine Infant, help me to know how close You are to me
and
how powerful is Your embrace. Help me to trust that You do hold the whole world in Your hand. I place my every need and care in Your hands.
(Make your request)



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



DETROIT
PRIESTLY
VOCATIONS

Discernment Day Saturday, January 29, 2022

A Discernment Day offers a single high school man (freshman – senior) from the Archdiocese of Detroit a unique opportunity to experience the seminary and learn about the priesthood. High school students will meet new friends and grow in their understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you know any men who are interested and would like more information, please contact us. Those interested must have a phone conversation with Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, before they are allowed to register.
PHONE: 313-868-7040
EMAIL: vocations@aod.org

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



The shepherds in the hills around Bethlehem were the first to find out about the birth of Jesus. They were the first to visit the new baby and his family in the stable. The shepherds of the Lord in your life are people who love God and you very much. They praise God and say wonderful things about God. They tell you how good you are. They protect you from evil and harm.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for the shepherds you sent to love and care for me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will be a good shepherd and protect my brother and sister from harm.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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WEEK AT A GLANCE Dec. 26, 2021 - Jan. 1, 2022

12/26 Sunday

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
KofC Consecration to the Holy Family**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass
9:30 AM Sunday Mass
11:00 AM Sunday Mass
12:30 PM Sunday Mass



12/27 Monday

**St. John the Apostle
Rectory Office Closed**

12/28 Tuesday

Holy Innocents

**Rectory Office Hours 9am - 12pm
HS & ES - No Classes**

11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
6:00 PM Confessions
7:00 PM Novena - Church



12/29 Wednesday

**Rectory Office Hours 9am - 12pm
HS & ES - No Classes**

6:30 PM **Parishioners for Priests Holy Hour** -Chapel

12/30 Thursday

**Rectory Office Hours 9am - 12pm
HS & ES - No Classes**

12/31 Friday

New Year's Eve

**Rectory Office Closed
HS & ES - No Classes**

5:00 PM Mary, Mother of God Candlelight Vigil Mass

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New Year's Day

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

9:00 AM Holy Day Mass (no 8:30am Mass)



*And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Detroit Area Historic Churches Pilgrimage

On Tuesday, January 4, you are welcome to join *Prayer Pilgrimages* as we are planning to visit and tour, with informative talks, the following seven churches specially decorated during the Christmas Season: Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, St. Joseph Shrine, Holy Cross Hungarian Church, St. Florian Church, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, & Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit with Noon Healing Holy Mass. Scheduled deluxe motorcoach local pickup departures & returns from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights (8 AM departure, 6:30 PM return) & Our Lady of the Woods Church in Woodhaven (7:00 AM departure, 7:30 PM return). Total cost per person is \$40 (with lunch on your own in Mexicantown). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or <https://prayerpilgrimages.com/>.

Mass for Shut-Ins on TV

Fox 2 - 4:30am Sunday

**EWTN - 5:00am Sunday
12:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday**
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**Catholic TV - 7:00pm and
11:30pm Saturday**
8:00am Sunday en Española
10:00am Sunday
CatholicTV is available on Channel 389 (Xfinity), or 73 (Wyandotte Cable).

**Maria Vision USA-
1:00pm Sunday**
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Widowed Friends

Monday, Jan. 3 at 10:00 a.m.
Breakfast at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call Tom at 586-216-1454

Thursday, Jan 6 at 1:30 p.m. Annual Secret Santa Gift Exchange at Stefan's Banquet Hall at St Michael's 26355 West Chicago, Redford Gift price approx. \$15. Lunch \$18. Call Tom 586-216-1454 to rsvp by Dec. 30

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

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Please let us know if you have a loved one who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly column. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

Please pray for this young man who is discerning God's call to the religious life.

Joseph Lennon, a DC Parishioner & 2017 St. Frances Cabrini HS graduate, is in formation for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED:**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His face to you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

~ Blessing of St. Francis

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In order to keep this list current, names will be kept on the list for one month only. Please call 313-277-3110 to keep a loved one on the list. Thank you.

Readings For This Week:

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Tue: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thur: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Sat: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Next Sun: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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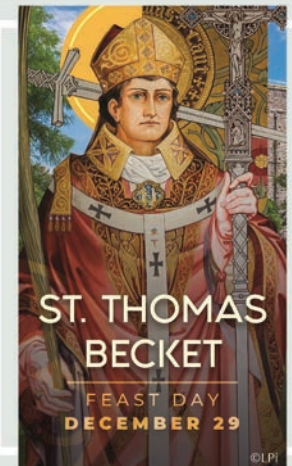
The pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute declared 2021, "the worst legislative year ever for U.S. abortion rights." This really means that 2021 was the best year for the protection of preborn children since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. At the state level, over 70 pro-life bills were passed and over 90 abortion restrictions enacted. There is much more work to be done, but this is one more important reason to feel blessed and joyous this Christmas!

**Saint of the Week**

Not many saints can be relatable to our times, but St. Thomas Becket (Dec. 21, 1118 - Dec. 29, 1170) is one of the few. King Henry II, a good friend, made him chancellor of England at the age of 36. Then, despite St. Thomas Becket warning the king that he would not blindly follow his wishes, he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162.

Soon after, King Henry insisted upon seizing Church rights. In the name of peace, St. Thomas Becket came close to a compromise, and momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court. But he later rejected this, and for his safety fled to France where he remained in exile for seven years.

Although returning to England meant almost certain death, St. Thomas Becket came back. According to historical accounts, King Henry implored, "Who will free me from this troublesome priest!" St. Thomas Becket was later murdered by four knights in his Canterbury Cathedral as he was praying. For his part in the murder, King Henry performed public penance after St. Thomas Becket's canonization.



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Bulletin articles are due by noon on Friday, or nine days before you want them to appear in the bulletin.

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The Church requires that at least one of the parents and one of the godparents/sponsors be practicing Catholics; that is, they attend Mass each weekend.

Marriages

One person of the couple must be an active, registered parishioner of Divine Child for at least 6 months. (*Exceptions are made for DC alumni.*)

The Church requires a minimum of 6 months for marriage preparation. Potential wedding date is not confirmed until couple meets with a Divine Child priest. The celebrant will be a Divine Child priest unless the couple has someone close to them who is a Catholic priest. Music for the liturgy must be coordinated with our Director of Music Ministry, Mr. Matthew Simpson.

Funerals

Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home. Eulogies must be given at the funeral home or at the funeral luncheon; no eulogies at the funeral Mass, please. *Memorial Masses* are scheduled Monday-Friday only.

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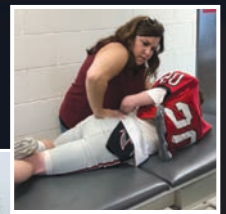
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