

Parish Staff

Main Office: (317) 849-9245

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Bulletin Deadline

Deadline for Bulletin Announcements is 4:00 PM on Monday.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

LORD God of hosts, restore us;
light up your face and we shall be saved.
--Psalm 80:20

Meetings and Activities for the Week

Sunday, December 23

**No Rel. Ed. Classes
No Life Teen**

3:30-5:00 pm	5:00 pm Music Group	Worship Space
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Monday, December 24

**Parish Offices Closed
No S.O.U.L. Kitchen Ministry
No Rel. Ed.**

Tuesday, December 25

**Parish Offices Closed
No S.O.U.L. Kitchen Ministry
No Rel. Ed.**

Wednesday, December 26

**Parish Offices Closed
No ReFit Fitness Class
No Adult Basketball Open Gym**

Thursday, December 27

No Shawl Ministry Meeting

5:45 pm	AA Open Meeting	Rm 15
7:00 pm	11:00 Music Group	Worship Space

Friday, December 28

No Scheduled Events

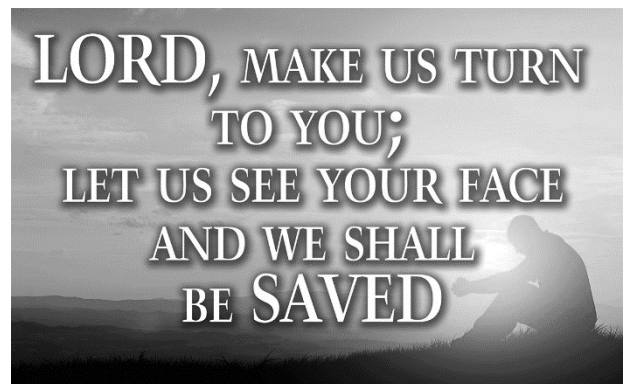
Saturday, December 29

6:30-8:00 am	Adult Basketball Open Gym	PLC Gym
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Sunday, December 30

**No Rel. Ed
No Life Teen
No Edge Jr. High Youth Group**

3:30-5:00 pm	5:00 pm Music Group	Worship Space
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From the Desk of Fr. Dan:

Thank you for your generosity over the past month, truly it has been humbling. Hundreds of families and thousands of people were touched by the Thanksgiving Basket drive with 890 baskets delivered. The Adopt a Family ministry and the churches and organizations that were supported through our Giving Tree gifts showed the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you for your generosity, it is a witness to our community and world.

Tuesday is Christmas! So have a Merry Christmas!

The first Sunday of Advent I told you that this year Advent was very short, now we know just how short it was. I hope this season finds you filled with joy as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, Our Redeemer. What a great love it is for God to have sent His Son to redeem us. During this Holy Season let us rejoice in so great a love. The parish office will be closed on December 24th through the 26th so that the staff can enjoy this season with their families. There will be 8:15 Masses celebrated on December 26th, 27th & 28th the afternoon Masses will be cancelled. Both Fr. Coady and I will be spending some time with our families and enjoying a little “down time” after this wonderful and hectic season. Thank you for understanding.

Thank you also to all those people who have worked so hard this month to make us ready to celebrate this last weekend of Advent and Christmas in just a few days. It takes a lot of people to keep all the plates spinning.

Thanks to the Holy Spirit Men’s Club who hosted such a great Breakfast with Santa just a couple of weeks ago, a great community builder and who doesn’t love a free breakfast.

Finally, a reminder that at the Christmas Masses we will have wonderful crowds of people. Let us remember that one of the primary virtues for all Christians is the virtue of Hospitality. Let us model hospitality by the way we welcome people to our parish and make room for them in our pews. Remember, we “may be welcoming saints into our midst,” let us be sure we have room for everyone. Merry Christmas!

Holy Spirit at Geist Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses:

4:00 pm (Church)
4:15 pm (PLC Gym - Children’s Mass)
5:30 pm (Church)
7:30 pm (Church)

Christmas Day:

Midnight (Church)
9:30 am (Church)

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



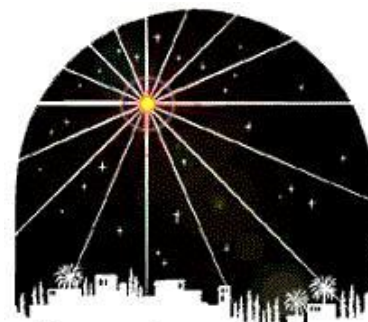
Any woman who has experienced pregnancy will tell you it is very common to feel a child moving inside the womb in the later months. So when Elizabeth informs Mary that her child “leaped” at Mary’s voice, it must have been a very extraordinary movement for her to ascribe it to the work of the Holy Spirit. She must have been quite surprised.

But if we are in relationship with God, Pope Francis says, we should be prepared to be surprised. The God of Israel is “the God of surprises... because he is a living God, a God who abides in us, a God who moves our heart.” This same God who “had the creativity to create the world, so he has the creativity to create new things every day” in our own lives (Morning Meditation, May 8, 2017).

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we finalize our preparation for the greatest surprise of all – a plan only the living God could dream up – a plan to become a fragile, helpless infant, subject God’s very self to adolescence, puberty, family dynamics, scorn, ridicule, and death. A plan to take up our fallible flesh in order to redeem it and resurrect it so that we might no longer have fear that the worst parts of our selves condemn us to a life separated from God.

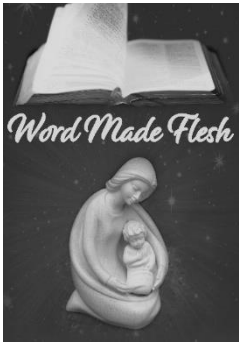
To learn how baptism or Confirmation as a Catholic Christian can bring you into God’s surprising plan, contact Shannon Schmidt about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (or RCIA). Call 317-585-1257 x 102 or shannon@hspgeist.org for more information.

NO RCIA SESSIONS from DECEMBER 23 TO JANUARY 5



The Road to Christmas

*Fr. Dan, Fr. Coady, Fr. Phil and
the Parish Staff wish all of you a
blessed and joyful Christmas!*



Advent Family Reflection

Weekly Readings: Micah 5:1-4;
Psalm 80, Hebrews 10:5-10,
Luke 1:39-45

Reflection Question: The star of Bethlehem shines over the nativity, leading the way to Jesus, the Light of the World and hope for all people. What are some things that give you hope in the world today? What do you to help others have hope?

Liturgical Ministers for Christmas and Holy Day Masses

Signup is available online for all Liturgical Ministries for our Christmas Masses as well as for our masses on December 31 and January 1 for the Mary, Mother of God holy day. **We are still in need of many volunteers!** Visit the parish website to sign up or contact Andrea with any questions.

4th Annual "Cassock Classic" Priests vs Seminarians

The Frassati Society presents the 4th Annual "Cassock Classic" Basketball Game. Priests vs Seminarians from our diocese. Thursday, December 27th at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville. Doors open at 5:30 pm, Tip-off at 6:30 pm. \$5 per person/ \$20 per family. Tickets available at the door.

THANKS

A big THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers who provide food for our funeral meals and events!

If you get a chance please stop by the Social Hall and make sure you did not leave your plate, platter, etc. behind. We will be cleaning out the kitchen and donating unclaimed items. Thank you!

Athletic Corner

Little Champs Basketball

Signup at www.hsgathletics.org for Little Champs Basketball. This is open to boys and girls in grades K-3. There is a K-1 division and a 2-3 division. If the numbers allow, we'll divide the 2-3 division into boys and girls. Other than that, teams are mixed. Format is a practice followed by a game each Saturday. Season runs from mid-February through late March. Capacity is 250 kids, so early signup is encouraged.



Upcoming Life Teen Dates:

Life Teen Resumes Jan. 13th!

Carmel Deanery Senior Retreat – Jan. 18-21st

Seniors! It's not too late to join us for a unique retreat experience just for you at the Indiana FFA Center in Trafalgar, IN, Jan. 18-21st. Final deadline for registration is Jan. 15th. Grab a form online or outside the YM offices.

Bible Study – Wednesdays @ 7pm

Yes, there is Bible Study during Christmas break! Join us at Starbucks (8958 E. 96th St.). All are welcome!

Confirmation

Fifth Confirmation Session: January 27th @ 2:45pm (Sacraments)

Next Outreach Day: Jan. 12th – St. Elizabeth/Coleman Center (RSVP online)

Holiday Office Hours

Closed Monday, December 24th

Closed Tuesday, December 25th

Closed Wednesday, December 26th

Closing at Noon Monday, December 31st

Closed Tuesday, January 1st

S.O.U.L KITCHEN

There are many ways you can get involved in our ministry, dedicated to helping the homeless:

- **Serve Monday night dinner downtown (6:00-8:00)**
 - Call Joyce McMullen to sign-up at 317-409-3191 or email: joycemcmullen44@yahoo.com.
 - Must be at least 15 years old to serve the meal.
- **Donate items/drop off in Social Hall under coat rack outside kitchen**
 - Medium weight & winter jackets and sweatshirts for men and women
 - Men's and women's clothing, especially jeans
 - Shoes
 - Sleeping bags & Blankets
 - Bath and Bed linens
 - Small toothpaste/deodorant/lotion
 - Men's underwear
 - (**Note:** We do not need household décor.)
- **Prepare food/sort clothing in PLC on Mondays (12:30-3:00)**

SOUL Kitchen Ministry will not meet Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. For more information about SOUL, contact Kathryn Witcher at 317-682-7166.

Masses for the Week**Sunday, December 23**

- 8:00 am Bill Wylam ☩
 9:30 am Rosemary Ledgerwood ☩ requested by Martha Bagot
 11:00 am Jim Kuethe ☩ requested by Mary Caito
 5:00 pm Parishioners

Monday, December 24

- 8:15 am Edward O'Connell ☩ requested by Mike & Kim O'Connell

Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord*Holy Day of Obligation***Christmas Eve Masses - Monday, December 24**

- 4:00 pm (Church) Repose of the souls of the Michael J. Timko Family requested by Family
 4:15 pm (PLC Gym) Parishioners
 5:30 pm (Church) Glenda Radkovic ☩ requested by Sandy & Chuck Cotten
 7:30 pm (Church) Patrick O'Meara ☩ requested by Mom & Dad

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25

- Midnight (Church) Michael Moran ☩ requested by Ted & Nedra
 Carl Kurcinka ☩ requested by Sandy & Chuck Cotten
 9:30 am (Church) Eve Kassen Family requested by Eve Kassen Moriarty

Wednesday, December 26

- 8:15 am Steve Scott ☩ requested by Gloria O'Keefe
 12:00 pm *No Mass*

Thursday, December 27

- 8:15 am Patrick O'Meara ☩ requested by Mom & Dad
 2:00 pm Hearth – *No Mass*

Friday, December 28

- 8:15 am Mike Green requested by Rita Donlan

Saturday, December 29

- 8:15 am Ron Kratz ☩ requested by Martha Roesch
 5:30 pm David Hunzicker ☩ requested by Mike & Patti Held

Sunday, December 23

- 8:00 am Carl Kurcinka ☩ requested by Don & Gail Blue
 9:30 am Mary Williamson ☩ requested by Bobbie & Joe Kiener
 11:00 am Parishioners
 5:00 pm Ann Mercho ☩ requested by Jane DeSanto

Stewardship

Weekly Goal = \$39,000
 December 16, 2018 = \$43,751.47

Fifty-Fifty Club

There was no winner in the 50/50 club drawing for the week of December 16 (Number 3940 was drawn). Balance in the account is \$10,386. Registered parishioners may enter the weekly drawing by putting \$5.00 in the 50/50 envelope from your monthly packet. **All proceeds from 50/50 go to fund our outreach programs.**

Stock Donations

For those parishioners who make stock donations to the parish, please be aware that we have changed brokerage houses. Contact the parish office for the new [transfer information](#). Thank you for your generosity.

Adoration

There is Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Confessions

Monday – 5:30-6:15 pm (*No Confessions 12/24*)
 Saturday – 8:45 am or by appointment

Daily Rosary

Rosary said daily after the 8:15 am Mass in the Chapel.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday** Morning Mass: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday** **Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord**
 Night Mass: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn Mass: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Day Mass: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- Wednesday** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Thursday** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
- Friday** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Saturday** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Sunday** 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 Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Prayers For Our Military Personnel

Please pray for the following military personnel who are relatives of Holy Spirit parishioners and are serving our country overseas. If you have family members to add to this list, please call the Parish Office at 849-9245.

Army PFC Christopher Gough, relative of the Konal Family
 Sgt. 1st class Anthony Munsey and Chief Warrant Officer
 Matthew Munsey, sons of Phil and Fay Munsey
 Army PFC Aaron Ferris, brother of Danielle Thomas
 Army Corp. Erich Hetke, Brother-in-Law of Michael & Beth George
 USMC Lt. Col. John Jansen, son of Colleen & Joseph Jansen
 Petty Officer 2nd Class Ben Rogers
 Army 1st Sgt David William Carr, friends of Tim & Karen Cover
 Air Force Spec. Zachary Stevens, grandson of Dale Lareau
 Army PFC John Ippolito, nephew of Mark & Marie Ippolito
 Army Spec. Kyle Gwart, nephew-of Mike Nicholas
 U.S Army Sgt. Andrew Reyling, brother of Heather & Jarrett Kahl
 Christian Maturana
 Lcpl. Brad Edgecomb, nephew of Dave & Kathy Vissing
 E4 Matthew Riddle, grandson of Chuck & Mary Ann Callahan
 CMSgt Jeffery Maier, USAF, husband of Mary Pat Moloy and
 son in law of Harry & Jackie Russell
 Lt. Eric Musial, USN, brother of Jeff & Christine Franciski
 Captain Mark Koval, USMC, brother in law of Jeff & Christine Franciski
 US Army Private Christian Renzulli, son of Steve Renzulli
 Army PFC James Spencer, son of Maria & Charles Spencer
 Sgt. James Ruth, son of Alice Ruth
 USN LCDR Chris Jones, son of David & Aileen Jones
 USMC Pvt. Adam C. Yotter
 USAR Maj. Wallace Weakley, nephew of Tony Elliott
 US Army Lt. Robert Anthony Stovall, II, nephew of Sylvia Quesenberry
 Corp. Christopher Tolmachoff, son of Mary Harris
 USAF 1st Lt. Matthew Pfarr, brother-in-law of Steve & Marie Bombei
 Sgt. J. Maxwell Kennedy, USMC son of Joseph & Beth-Ann Kennedy
 US Army Col. Thomas W. Seifert, son of Richard & Mary Seifert
 USAR Cpt. Nathan Humbert, nephew of Ann & Brian Rohrer
 USN Airman 1st Class Andrew Bray, son of Susan Wartenburg
 USAF Airman Michael J. Wartenburg, son of John & Susan Wartenburg
 Marine Pfc Joseph Myren, son of Mari & Steve Myren
 1st Lt. Steven Webster, son of Mark & Diane Webster
 2nd Lt Jack Vissing, son of David & Kathy Vissing
 Petty Officer Chad Gage, son of Bruce & Nancy Gage
 Major Martin Couch, nephew of Linda Swindell
 Major Mark Thompson, Grandson of Jane Lubbers
 USAF Master Sgt. Mark Chapman, Son of John & Eileen Stout

A Christmas Gift for Married Couples

Do you want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Future Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, April 26-28 and Nov. 1-3, 2019 and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany, Feb. 1-3 and Aug. 16-18 2019. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

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 DATE

Singles' Retreat

February 8-9, 2019

Benedict Inn Conference Center

A time of reflection for single adults of all ages

Retreat begins at 7:30 PM Friday night and concludes by 3:00 PM Saturday afternoon

For more information
 call 317-585-1257

REFIT® Fitness Experience

REFIT® is a life-changing group fitness experience that combines fun, powerful moves and music to rock your body, heart, and soul while providing community connections. It is for everybody and every BODY, no matter your fitness level. Join us Wednesdays evenings at 6:30 pm in the RE Pod (No class Dec. 26 or Jan. 2). For more information, message Kerry on Facebook at REFIT+Kerry.