

"**F**or today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 24 (Vigil of Christmas)

- 4:00 p.m. Theodore Acquard–Wife & Family
- 6:00 p.m. Roland & Mary Ann Kraus–Barbara Kraus
- 12:00 mid. Priest Intention

Sunday, December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)

- 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Earsing & McCormick Families–Earsing Family
- 9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
- 11:00 a.m. Mercedes Yoder–Family

Monday, December 26

- 8:30 a.m. Richard Szrama–Family

Tuesday, December 27

- 8:30 a.m. Harold Penasack–Timothy & Vicky Hutt

Wednesday, December 28

- 8:30 a.m. Robert Hamilton–Family

Thursday, December 29

- 8:30 a.m. Richard Nuwer–Lenny & Kathy Wagner

Friday, December 30

- 8:30 a.m. Rose Osborn–Donald & Susan Muench

Saturday, December 31 (Vigil Mass)

- 4:00 p.m. The Kosakowski Family–Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

- 8:00 a.m. Erna Koch–Koch & Marle Families
- 9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
- 11:00 a.m. Agnes Burzynski–Alice Monin

Weekend of 12/18/11

Sunday Collection (Total).....	\$12,818.00
Envelopes.....	\$12,048.00
Loose.....	\$770.00
Fiscal Year to Date (9/1/11-8/31/12).....	\$196,257.33

Next **Sunday, January 1**, Fr. Jim will have a special **homily for children** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. (The parish socials that follow the Children’s Mass will resume in February.)

A **word of gratitude** to our school children for their beautiful **Christmas program** on Thursday, December 15, and to the teachers and staff who worked very hard with the children to put this wonderful event together.

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the Living Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration on the eve of the Immaculate Conception. It was a nice turnout, and blessings will abound due to your spiritual help. Thanks so much!

Please note, the rectory office will be **closed** Monday, December 26, Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2, in observance of the Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

Bulletin Announcements: For the Sunday, January 8 bulletin, items will be due Tuesday, December 27 at 4:00 p.m.



The message of Christmas is timeless; it is just as relevant to our lives today as it has been to those who have lived over the past two thousand years. As Saint (Pope) Leo the Great proclaimed in a sermon which we find in the Office of Readings for the Liturgy of the Hours on Christmas Day:

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life...

Indeed, let the birth of Jesus, our Emmanuel, be a constant reminder that “God is with us” to lead us to salvation. May our Newborn Savior always bring us hope and “new life,” even in the midst of difficulties, doubt, and fear.

On behalf of Deacon Richard Mahaney, Sister Ellen McCarthy, our School Principal Ms. Marilyn Camp, the Religious Education/Youth Ministerial Leaders, and the entire Parish, School, and Rectory Staff, I extend to you and your families our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas! God’s blessings to all!

--Fr. Jim

The second collection this weekend will be for the Christmas Holy Day. Next week’s second collection will be for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Masses for the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation)** are on **Saturday, December 31** (New Year’s Eve) at 4:00 p.m. and on **Sunday, January 1** (New Year’s Day) at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Please pray for all who are sick and for those who care for them: Kali Wagner, Marie Slubecky, Janis Logan, Ernie Faltyn, Robert Kowalewski, Peter Weisenburger, Francis (Bud) Pierce, Anne Marie McCarthy-Allport, Linda Purucker, Marilyn Diegelman, Mary Louise Boller, Nancy Stumm, David Stumm, Alan Sivecz, Marie Blaszak, Nancy Ciulla, Clementine Creighton, Rose Pych, Marlene Smith, Thomas Conrad, Helen Kalczynski, Jerry Butler, Perry Newton, Sharon Pfeiffer, Marilyn Camp, Jonathan Wery, Loretta Roll, Carole Nicoloff, Pat Roswell, Eileen Barron, Celia Wojciechowski, Barbara Frey, Susan Hoiden, Florence Kowalewski, Sarah Tooley, Alice Miller, Elizabeth Russo, Paul Waggoner, Holly Clyatt, and All Special Intentions.



The beautiful poinsettia plants that are gracing our altars and church this Christmas season were donated in memory of:

Beverly Anstett * Deceased Members of the Robert Bahl & Russell Heslin Families * Jerome Bartosik * Jerome & Rose Bartosik * Susan R. Bartosik * Frank & Edna Becker * Gerald Bergum, Sr. * Christopher Blair * James Blair * Walter & Genevieve Brauza * Carol Guidie Buczak * Deceased Members of the Bukowski Family * Agnes Burzynski * Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Busciani * Deceased Members of the Chalupka Family * Deceased Members of the Ciszak Family * Edward & Lorraine Ciupek * Mr. & Mrs. James Clonan * Dr. Charles P. Creighton * Deceased Members of the Charles & Laura Creighton Family * Henry & MaryAnn Czarniak * Matthew Czechowski * Mr. & Mrs. Walter Czechowski, Sr. * Howard Dahl * Ralph & Pearl Dahl * Norma, Mark, & Diane (David) Damian * Harry & Helen Dean * Robert M. Dersam * Mr. & Mrs. Phillip DeVita * Deceased Members of the MaryAnn & Charles Dollard Family * Edward Domanowski * Frank J. Earsing * Deceased Members of the Earsing & McCormick Families * Harvey Erny * Nancy & Edwin Feuerstein * Deacon Al Fox * Frank & Florence Fox Family * Warren Fox * Deceased Members of the Frys Family * Deceased Members of the Gilbert & Hojnicky Families * Patricia Greis * David Guidie * William L. Guidie * Ronald F. Gust * John & Rita Hannon * Howard Hartloff * Msgr. Joseph Hasler * Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Heimerl * John & Dolly Heist * Deceased Members of the Heist Family * Norbert Hopcia * Rose Hugel * Victor Hugel * Deceased Members of the John Jietrzycki Family * Leo, Teckla, Stanley, & Mary Kadzik * Raymond Kalczyński * Stanley Kicinski * John & Anna Kieffer * Stanley Kirszenstein * Mr. & Mrs. Casimer Kliszak * Deceased Members of the Koronowski Family * Deceased Members of the Kosakowski Family * Daniel Koszuta * Walter & Martha Kotlowski * Grace & William Kron & William Kron, Jr. * Raymond Kron * Mr. & Mrs. Max Kwiatkowski * Ray & Helen Kwiatkowski * George & Estelle Lavocat * Patricia Lehman * Deceased Members of the Edmund Lesinski Family * Margaret & Harrison Longstreet * Helen & Stanley Maciejewski * Len Maciejewski * Baby Bobby Mays III * Richard, Dennis, & Thomas Medbury * Deceased Members of the Mekarski Family * Andrew Miller * Kaitlyn Rose Miller * Mary Miller * Corey Moe * Charles Monkelbaan * Deceased Members of the Frank & Mary Montel Family * Walter & Dorothy Muggle * Anthony Neff * Clarence Neff * David Neff * Charles & Virginia Nelson * Andrew Newman * Walter & Virginia Nowicki * Lester & Mary Nuwer * Victor & Teresa Nuwer * Maureen O'Grady * Deceased Members of the O'Grady Family * Joseph N. Osucha, Sr. * Deceased Members of the Parker Family * Richard &

Isabel Pautler * Paul A. Penke * Edward Petschke * Eleanor Petschke * Mason Petschke * Dr. Casimir F. Pietraszek * Joseph A. Plant * Edward & Mary Poppenberg * Richard Pych * Deceased Members of the Pych-Kamrowski Families * Edward Renkas * Joshua Renkas * Charles Rogers * Otto & Matilda Roll * Adam & Estelle Rozek * Elizabeth Rupert * Joseph Ruzeski * Fred & Trudy Schauf * Deceased Members of the Schlabach Family * Gerald Scott * Margaret Scott * Erma & Chauncey Sharpe * Mary B. Shields * Nick Simon * Matthew & Anneliese Sindrewicz * Raymond & Andrew Sindrewicz * Robert O. Smith * Gregory Starzynski * Sara, David, William, & Michelle Steffens * Francis & Anna Stephens * Jerry & MaryAnn Synrod * Anthony & Angeline Szarpa * Jerome Szarpa * August, Theresa, Ray, Gene, Pauline, & Millie Blas Szczecinski * Deceased Members of the Szmania Family * Joseph Szustakowski * Deceased Members of the Tychulski Family * Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Uebelhoer * Alexander Vilagy * Mike Walter * Norman Walter * Mary Kadzik Wandel * John & Judith Ward * Ed, Aletta, & Carol Wargin * Irene Weber * Dick & Violet Wery * Steve & Julie Wesolowski * Martha & Merle White * Linda M. (Plant) Wilton * Elmer Winegar * Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Wisniewski * Deceased Members of the Wisniewski Family * Ken & Odelia Woods * Marie Woods * Isabelle Wozniczak * Francis & Stella Wrest * Anthony & Otilia Zalemski * Laura & Joseph Zoratti * Janice Zymowski * Leonard Zymowski



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

The faculty, staff, students, and I would like to wish EVERY-ONE a blessed and joyous Christmas!

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for your support of St. John's School. A Catholic School is a gift to its parish and the community. In addition to you, our parishioners, as I reflect on all I am grateful for in this parish, I need only to look at the Alumni of our school. We are blessed to have a well-established Alumni Association that supports our school in so many ways by their prayers and gifts of time and talent, as well as financially through our Annual Giving Campaign. Really, no other Catholic Elementary School is blessed to have such an active Alumni Association! The school holds an important place in the hearts of our Alumni...it is so very evident! Last but not least, a special thank you to Father Jim for his endless support of our school. That is a real gift to us! Father supports us in **every way** especially through his prayers and example of living a Christ-centered life! I simply wanted to say **THANK YOU!** Know you are remembered in our school prayers each day and in my prayers as well.

May God bless you and your families with the joy and peace only He can give!

**YOU ARE SIMPLY THE VERY BEST!!!
GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU IN HIS LOVING CARE!**

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Marilyn Camp