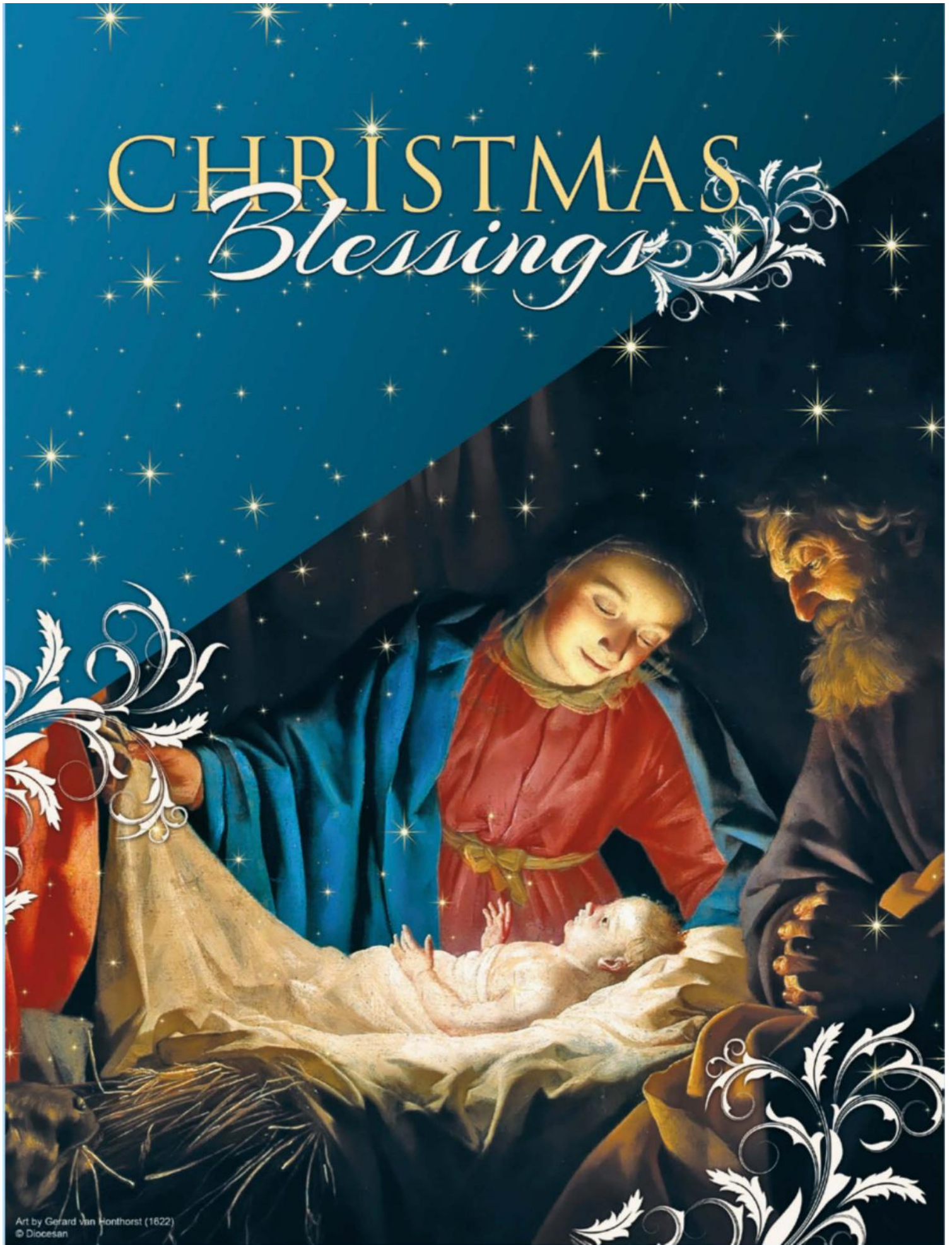


CHRISTMAS

Blessings



DAILY MASS: Monday - Thursday @ 8:30 a.m.

The church is open for prayer throughout the week day from 7:30 am—3:00 pm.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FATHER ROLANDO...

Our celebration of the Lord's Nativity according to the flesh is a good time to remind you how grateful I am to so many of you who have been able to participate in the Church's liturgy and do so at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church. Your presence among us means so much to the ministers who serve here, as a great sign of joy and hope in what our Loving Savior does for us in the Divine Liturgy.

Now we celebrate that Jesus came among us. The eternal Son of God entered the creaturely dimension of time for several reasons. The Son of God came to take away our sins which are caused by our rebelliousness to God's authority of us his creatures – sin is also not fitting to our dignity as human beings; to reveal how God loves us; and how a human being is called to holiness by grace, as Jesus is holy by His Divine nature; and to reveal that it is the Father's will that we participate in the divine nature through the work of God become man (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* §456-463). As Jesus Christ truly came among us as a human being, with a human nature and will, without compromising or diluting His Divine nature and will, we can rightly say that the Son from his Incarnation in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, through to His Ascension and through to His return in glory, is one Divine Person with distinct but united in Himself His human and divine natures (*Catechism* §465-467). As we tend to say in contemporary parlance, Jesus reveals that God gets us, and God wants us to get with him! This is such a marvelous development in history that we even number our years in terms of approximately how long it has been since His Incarnation. We call the year AD 2021, and the AD is Latin for "in the year of the Lord". Modern academics number those years as the CE or "the common era," to erase the Christian heritage from cultures around the world; but know that the "common era" is a completely new age, the Age of Christ, and so we number the years accordingly, as some people mark time by "before the Coronavirus" and "after the Coronavirus. Let us remember to celebrate this Age of Christ in which we live, and the Christ who gets us and wants us to share forever with Him.

Please remember that our celebration of the Divine Liturgy in these holy days would not be as rich as we enjoyed them were it not for the presence at the liturgies of our fellow parishioners; the graces God poured down on us through the intercession of the spiritual communions of the homebound, and the vigils of the parochial Eucharistic adorers; the generosity and dedication of ministers of music and art; the flower donors; ushers; and the ministers at the ambo, altar and sacristy, whom I now thank. Please join me in my thanks to the parish staff: Shannon, Bernadette, Fred, Judy, Theresa, Kathy & Lynn; as well as Heather and the school faculty and staff. They wondrously and graciously conducted us through Advent and these Holy Days by their hospitality, coordination of Advent works of charity, faith formation, instruction, evangelization, and attention to detail for which I am unable to thank them enough, or thank them for throughout the year applying themselves so masterfully for the greater glory of God and for our closer relationships with Christ. Let us tell them when we each have a chance: May God reward your work for the fine celebration of Jesus' birth together at St. Ignatius of Loyola church. Finally, thanks to everyone for the spiritual bouquets, cards and gifts you sent or left in church for me in commemoration of this season of our Lord's Nativity according to the flesh. In the love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

-- Father Rolando

MERRY CHRISTMAS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

*Pastoral Council will meet Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

*Finance Council will meet Monday, February 21, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

Copies of the minutes to both Pastoral and Finance Council meetings can be read/viewed on the parish website: www.stignatiusrc.org or on the bulletin board at the Third street entrance. Copies may also be obtained at the parish office. 734-2753.

School Calendar Raffle Winners:

December 13, Pat O'Conner - \$50
 December 14, William Kreft - \$50
 December 15, Bill & Karen Robin - \$50
 December 16, Donna Couture - \$50
 December 17, Melanie Gillette - \$50
 December 18, Thomas Kreft - \$50
 December 19, Ted Ponik - \$100

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Worship and Prayer

Mass Schedule

Monday, Dec 27

8:30 a.m. Mass - **+Phillip Wisniewski** (Wisniewski Family)

Tuesday, Dec 28

8:30 a.m. Mass - **+Eleanore Smith** (Smrcek Family)

Wednesday, Dec 29

8:30 a.m. Mass - **+Katie Schaedig** (Family)

Thursday, Dec 30

8:30 a.m. Mass - **+Aunt Jean & Mom** (Betsy Fleming)

1:00-8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Exposition

Saturday, Jan 1

8:00-8:15 a.m. Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. First Saturday Mass, *Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Increase for Respect of Life*

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Reconciliation

3:15-3:45 p.m. Reconciliation

4:30 p.m. Mass, Epiphany of the Lord (*Incense Used*) - **For the People**

Sunday, Jan 2

8:30-9:15 a.m. Reconciliation

9:30 a.m. Mass, Epiphany of the Lord (*Incense Used*) - **+Thomas Kramer** (Kathleen Allen)

Weekly Scripture Readings

(December 27-January 1)

Monday

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

Thursday

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

Friday

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

Saturday

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

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Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mark 2:1-12

(You are encouraged to read the Word before Mass)

COME, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!

Eucharistic Exposition is every Thursday from 1pm-8pm.



Parish Office - The parish office will be open from 9am-Noon on December 27, 28, 29. The office will be closed December 30 & 31.

Rosary Society - Meetings are held @ 6:00 p.m. in the clubroom on the third Tuesday of every month through November. No meetings after November until March 2022.

Daughters of Isabella Circle 974 - Meetings are held on the first Tuesdays of each month at the K of C Hall, Rogers City. Social hour is @ 6:00 p.m. with the business meeting @ 7:00 p.m. No meeting in January.

3rd Degree Knights of Columbus #1705 - Meetings are held @ 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the K of C Hall in Rogers City.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus #1711 - Meetings are held @ 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (May-Nov) at the K of C Hall in RC and fourth Tuesday of every month (Dec-Apr) at the K of C Hall in Posen.

DECEMBER 25 - 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 always: Now begin, on Christmas Day. ~Gerard Manley Hopkins

In Need of Prayer

Divine Mercy Prayer Chain

For healing and special intentions, you are invited to call the Divine Mercy Prayer Chain (989) 734-2546

Petitions/Praise Reports Binder

Write any petitions or praise reports you may have in the binder on the podium near the choir loft stairs.

We encourage all the parish family to pray for the petitions written in the book and share in the joy of answered prayer!

Note: A Mass is scheduled once a month for the intentions in the *Parish Book of Petitions Binder* near the choir loft stairs.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS The sign-up sheets for EMHCs, Readers & altar servers are in the Sacristy. Please help serve wherever you can.



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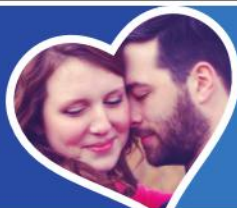
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