

**Monday, December 24~Advent Mass**

6:30 a.m. Scott Bradshaw

Monday, December 24~Christmas Mass

4:00 p.m. See Intentions

6:00 p.m. See Intentions

10:00 p.m. See Intentions

Tuesday, December 25~The Nativity of the Lord ~Christmas

8:00 a.m. See Intentions

10:00 a.m. See Intentions

Wednesday, December 26~St. Stephen, Martyr

6:30 a.m. Bill Lockett

10:00 a.m. Bill Buckman at Bluegrass

Thursday, December 27~St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30 a.m. John Newcomb

Friday, December 28~The Holy Innocents6:30 a.m. Living & Deceased member of the
Dugan and Clayton Families**Saturday, December 29**

4:00 p.m. Bert Lee, Cecilia, Steve & Alan Newton

Sunday, December 30~The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00 a.m. Joseph "Neb" Hall

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. John Preston Lockett

Our Ill: Billy Ray Greenwell, Caroline Boone, Heather Stump
and Shirley Elmore**This Weekend: 2018 Collection for Catholic Charities****Saturday, December 22**

2:30 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, December 23

11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, December 24~ Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed

4:00 p.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. Mass (Parish Hall)

6:00 p.m. Mass

10:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 25~ Christmas Day

Parish Office Closed

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 26

5:00 p.m. Perpetual Novena to St. Jude

Thursday, December 27**Friday, December 28**

6:00 a.m. The Rosary is prayed for Promotion of Life

Next Weekend: The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**Saturday, December 29**

2:30 p.m. Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. Downs/Davis Wedding

Sunday, December 30

11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word



"First He says, 'Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in.' ...He takes away the first (covenant) to establish the second." Hebrews 10:8-9

The first covenant emphasized giving as a duty or obligation under the law. The new covenant emphasizes thanksgiving, gratitude, and cheerfulness—the qualities of a Christian steward.

*A gift was made to Bereavement
In Memory of Wanda Blandford*



Merry Christmas

May God bless you and your family on this joyous day!

Readings for the Week of December 23, 2018**Monday**Morning Mass: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79Vigil 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 — Christmas**Night Mass: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,
11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14Dawn Mass: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20Day 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****Feast of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr**Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22**Thursday****Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Friday**Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday**Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday**Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Blessed are you... Luke 1:45

Christmas excitement is in the air! We may be scrambling to buy last-minute gifts, to ice gingerbread cookies or to wash the china reserved for festive occasions. The air is electric as we anticipate visits from those we love or from those we rarely see. Today's gospel, detailing the Visitation, is filled with the same electricity of anticipation and preparation as Elizabeth and Mary meet. Elizabeth, recognizing the sanctity of Mary's unexpected visit, sings of her dignity and of her role in

salvation history. The Visitation reveals to us the sacredness of every visit by a relative, friend, neighbor or even foe. Whether planned or unexpected, short or lengthy, each is a divine encounter. Each person we receive is worthy and consecrated, a tabernacle of love that carries the Child Jesus. When we open the door to greet a familiar or unfamiliar face, let's not forget to convey, in word and indeed, the same excitement and recognition that Elizabeth had in welcoming Mary. With Elizabeth, may our hearts ring out: "Blessed are you." Sr. Bridget Haase, O.S.U.,
Living Faith, Terence Hegarty, Editor

"Built to Sing"

Epiphany Concert

*Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral
Sunday, January 6, at 3:00 pm.*

*Children's Choir
Middle School Choir
One Voice Choir
Contemporary I Choir
Basilica Choir
Handbell Choir*

We are celebrating 200 years of the completion of St. Joseph's Church. The choirs will perform individually and in combination at this special concert. They will perform Christmas selections from the past to the present. Come and enjoy!

CHRISTMAS 1957

My First Christmas as a Priest

I arrived at St. Joseph December 10, 1957. As a brand-new priest, who had been waiting since May 25, 1957 for my first real appointment, I was excited and eager to begin serving God's flock in Bardstown and at the Proto-Cathedral. The first Christmas was memorable for sure.

In those days, before the Vatican Council, all liturgies were celebrated according to the old Latin Missal. Midnight was the time for the most Solemn High Mass with Monsignor Willett as celebrant, and two Associates serving as Deacon and Sub-Deacon dressed in our best vestments.

Then, as now, the Choir set the scene singing Christmas Carols for a half-hour before Mass was to start. As the magic hour of midnight approached, the Priests were standing side by side awaiting the grand entrance. I was filled with the joy of the season and excited to celebrate Christmas for the first time in my role as a priest. Then, Monsignor elbowed me and said, "You say a few words at this Mass." In other words, I was to be the Preacher.

All the joy of the season left me. Fear replaced the wonders of the moment and my brain went into high gear thinking, "What on earth I would say for my first Christmas Sermon?" Only God knows what was said but I feel certain He accepted it joyfully.

Me? I wanted to disappear.

That night is etched in my memory forever. From that time on I always had something prepared just in case the Monsignor asked me to say a few words.

Fr. Joe Batchelder





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Deceased members of the Abejo Family

Juanita & Wesley Allender

Sarabeth Allender

Deceased members of the Altieri, Bayens, Riggs,
& Downs Families

Mark Ball

Katharina Ballard

Lois Marks Ballard

Walter & Lydia Ballard

Jack Beam

David Beam Family

George and Helen Beaven

Fred Blair

Living and Deceased members of the Blair and
Beaven Families

Living & Deceased members of Cookie &
Margaret Blair Families

Christine Blanford

Hillman Blanford

Neil Boblitt

Scott Bradshaw

Pat & Mary J. Brady

Deceased members of the Pat & Mary J. Brady
Family

Bill Buckman

David Bunch Family

James T. Cahoe

Jake Cammack

Living and Deceased members of the Cammack
and Brussell Families

Deceased members of the Cannon Family

Agnes & Gregory Cecil

J.Noel Cecil Family

Louis "Bubbie" Cecil

Louis "Bubbie" Cecil, Jr.

Teresa Cecil

Anthony Cissell

James A. Cissell

Steve Cissell

Wes Cissell

Mary and Bill Clark

Living and Deceased members of the Clayton
and Lyvers Families

Catherine Cleveland

Gary Clifton

Ernie Coomes

Bill and Julia Crepps

Charles & Helen Culver

Michael & Margaret Delord

Charles "Buddy" Dickerson

Charles and Aleene Dickerson

Sharon and Buddy Dickerson

Dennis Downs

Herbie and Helen Downs

Joseph Earl Downs

Thurman and Cecilia Downs Families

Cheryl Dragoo

Patricia Dragoo

William Dragoo

Jimmy Duncan

Jane & Billy Pike Durbin

Joseph Emmart

Josephine & Bill Emmart

Members of the Emmart Family

Domirick & Susie Esposito

Lois Ferguson

Members of the Ferise Family

Alice Filiatreau

Members of the Fogle Family

Joy M. Gaffney

Joseph L. Gaffney

Mary B. Gaffney

Meveral Greenwell

Members of Dr. R. Greenwell Family

R.K. and Esther Greenwell Family

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Greissel

Alvah & Estella Hall

Joseph "Neb" Hall

Louis Hall

Theresa Hall

Debbie Hamilton

James D (Jimmy) Hamilton

Living & Deceased members of Beverly & Olive
Hart Families

Steve Hart

Albert, Leona and Greg Haydon

Adolph & Betty Sue Hicks

Joseph Hill

Robert and Rose Hite

Robert & Rose Nelson Hite Family

George and Vi Hoffman

Jack Hoskins

Barbara Hutchins

Gary Hutchins



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Pat Lynn Hutchins | Jerry Riley |
| J.B. & Dorothy Cleophaslce | Jesse and Madeline Roberts |
| Gwen Jorgenson | Juanita Roby |
| Jeffery Scott Kramer | Living and Deceased members of the Roby Families |
| Bobby Lee, Sr. | Marvin Roby Families |
| Bill Lockett | Fabian Rogers |
| John Preston Lockett | Merrill Rogers |
| Living & Deceased members of Bert & Kate Lockett Families | Robert Rogers |
| Chuck Lush | Clarence and Aileen Ryan |
| Deceased members of the Lutes Families | Living & Deceased members of the Shaw Families |
| Francis Marvin Lyvers , Sr. | Robert & Jeanette Sheriff |
| Joey Lyvers | Gene & Elizabeth Shipp |
| Vernie & Dorothy Lyvers | James Shipp |
| Living and Deceased members of the Lyvers / Cissell Families | Carl Shofner |
| Jean and Marty Madeline | Dan Shofner |
| Living and Deceased members of the Marks Family | Nancy Simone |
| Billy Mattingly | Living and Deceased members of the Sims & Beam Families |
| Deceased members of the Mattingly & Smith Families | Living and Deceased members of Peter Smith Family |
| Eddie Miles | Mary Alice Smith |
| Living and Deceased members of the Miles and Clark Families | Rapier & Violet Smith |
| J.E. Miles | Thomas and Catherine Smith |
| John and Rose Miles Family | Souls in Purgatory |
| Sammy Miles | Margaret & Adrian and Spalding Family |
| Living and Deceased members of the Miskell and Karmazin Families | Eva and James Stansbury |
| Margaret & Al Monin | Weyman and Vella Stansbury |
| Sonny, Joey & John Scott Monin | Charles & Diane Taylor |
| Carol Mudd | Jack Tharp |
| Frank & Lena Mudd | Frank Thompson |
| John Mudd | Gene Thompson |
| Roberta Mudd | Gilbert and Mary Ellen Thompson |
| Tom Mudd | Wayne Thompson |
| Joe & Catherine Murphy | Living and Deceased members of the Thompson/Riggs Families |
| Bert & Dorothy Nalley | Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tingle |
| Frank, Margaret and Edward Nalley | Willis Ray "Bootsie" Tingle |
| Mary Ellen Napier | Cherri M. Tudor |
| Aaron Neel | Chuck Tudor |
| John Newcomb | Hallie Jean Unseld |
| Living and Deceased members of Mary & Fred Newton Family | Tillie S. Wagener |
| Rick Newton | Jimmy and Barbara Watts |
| Living and Deceased members of the Osborne and Sims Families | Thomas "Pat" Werner |
| Will F. Osborne | Buck & Gertrude Wheatley |
| Living and Deceased members of the Peake and Dragoo Families | Living and Deceased members of the Wickham Family |
| Augustine Rapier | Bill and Josephine Young |
| Living and Deceased members of the Reid & Mills Families | Al Zaboronak |
| | Patricia Zaboronak |

Parking lot renovations are coming!

Much has been done on designing the parking lot for church:

- 1) New entrance
- 2) increased parking spaces
- 3) lighting
- 4) resurfacing the current lot and new striping for lanes
- 5) additional driveway for school children pick-up, funeral procession with Hearse and family cars, and closer handicap spaces
- 6) new landscaping

The Parish Pastoral Council reviewed the proposal six months ago and supported it, and the Parish Finance Council was apprized. They have been awaiting final drawings and costs.

The Tree committee for the 200th Anniversary Year recommended the removal of the current Aristocratic Pear Trees which have nearly reached their expected life-span and replace them with native species, which will not hide the view of our church from the Fifth Street side. The Historical Review Board has approved. The Board encouraged our plan to plant 200 trees on our campus and in the cemetery. Thirty-eight have already been planted at school.

When I first arrived, Fr. Hammer relayed to me the idea for the new entrance which addresses the long-time concern of safety, as well as, ease of getting in and out of our parking lot. There were no drawings at that time. It is good that we address the increased truck traffic on Stephen Foster Avenue and dangers posed to people parking there. These improvements will give us greater safety and ease of parking.

Drawings will be coming soon, in church, and the Parish Pastoral Council wants to address your questions at Town Hall meetings on the weekend of January 12th and 13th. Lots of expertise and thought has gone into this design.

We hope you share our enthusiasm for this project.

Christmas Poinsettias

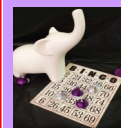
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 Reggie Greenwell
 Louis Hall
 James D (Jimmy) Hamilton
 Steve Hart
 Joseph Hill
 Gary Hutchins
 J.B. & Dorothy Ice

Laura Lemieux
 Bill Luckett
 Billy Mattingly
 Martha Family Miles
 Joseph (Jodie) Miles
 John Mudd
 Carol Mudd
 Bert & Dorothy Nalley
 Mary Ellen Napier
 Rapier & Violet Smith
 Gilbert and Mary Ellen Thompson
 Cherri M. Tudor
 Chuck Tudor
 Hallie Jean Unseld
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Attention Silver Saints
 65 years young or more!

Did Santa bring you a sweater that was too small or a book you've already read? What about a knickknack you don't want to have to dust or do you have something laying around you're tired of? Bring it to our White Elephant bingo party!



Your unwanted junk could be someone's bingo prize and maybe you will walk away with a new treasure!

January 4th 11:00 AM Parish Hall

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