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The Nativity of the Lord

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Prayers for the Sick

Please help us keep the list of the sick updated. If you would like to be on the email prayer chain or want to submit a prayer request of any kind please email joanconlon59@yahoo.com:

Blake Kuntz
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Gail Walls
LuAnn Woeste
Ashley Braem
David Berger
Ardie Krueger
Heather Woroneicki
Mitch Moszer
Antonio (baby from St. Gianna's)
Ardelle Tibor

Mass Intentions

Dec 24 th	9:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
Dec 25 th	10:30 AM	Servant of God + Michelle Duppong
Dec 26 th	9:00 AM	+Anh Gietzen
Dec 27 th	6:30 PM	+ Francis Tibor by Lance & Anisa Gartner
Dec 28 th	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
Dec 30 th	9:00 AM	+ Steve Schneider by Emil & Sally Vogle
Jan 1 st	10:30 AM	++Georgia Ann & Michael Sardelli by Dave & Kathy Sardelli
Jan 3 rd	6:30 PM	Special Intentions for the Youth of St. Ann's
Jan 4 th	8:30 AM	+ Alma Conlon by Rusell Gietzen

Ministers

December 24th -Christmas Eve- Wednesday- 9:30 PM:

Lector: David Wanner
Ushers: David & Cheryl Wanner
Servers: Volunteer
Rosary: Volunteer

December 25th- Christmas Day- Thursday- 10:30 AM:

Lector: Nicole Vogle
Ushers: Lee & Sara Reinbold
Servers: Jovie & Levi
Rosary: Volunteer

December 26th- Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM;
Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

December 27th- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Nicole Vogle
Ushers: Kerry & Brenda Richardson
Servers: Scarlet, Felix & Hattie
Rosary: Volunteer

December 28th- Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Ken Duppont
Ushers: Don & Deb Wanner
Servers: Easton & Linus
Rosary: Ken Duppont

December 30th- Tuesday- Mass at 9:00 AM

January 1st – Thursday- The Solemnity of Mary-10:30 AM

Lector: Kathy Sardelli
Ushers: David & Kathy Sardelli
Servers: Simon & Ambrose
Rosary: Volunteer

January 3rd - Saturday- 6:30 PM

Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant

January 4th- Sunday- 8:30 AM

Lector: Kirk Peterson
Ushers: Lee & Sara Reinbold
Servers: Jovie & Levi
Rosary: David Johnson

** Confessions 30 minutes before Mass**

First, third and fifth Wednesdays
there will be Eucharistic Adoration
from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
followed by Mass

Mass Schedule – Central Time

Masses at St. Ann's

Saturday 6:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Tuesday 9:00 AM
Friday 9:00 AM

Masses at Sacred Heart:

Saturday 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:30 AM
Thursday 9:00 AM

Parish Office Hours are 10 AM TO 1PM

Tuesdays and Fridays

The Church is open from
7:30 AM TO 7:30 PM Everyday

ST. ANNS IS AN EMERGENCY STORM SHELTER
FOR THOSE IN NEED DOORS WILL REMAIN OPEN
DURING STORMS

Stewardship of Treasure:

Adult: \$1405
Loose: \$205

Thank you for your donations!

Upcoming Events

*Bible Study- Monday nights at 7:00 PM

*Giving Tree- Thank you to everyone
that donated to the Giving Tree. We
will be able to help out families in our
community during the Christmas
Season!

*St. Gianna's Baby shower- Will be
January 11th after the morning Mass!
Please put donated items into the play
pen in the gathering space- list of
items needed are on the playpen!

*Children's Advent and Christmas
items available in the St. Ann's
bookstore!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

4:00 PM at Sacred Heart.
6:30 PM at St. Joseph's
9:30 PM at St. Ann's
Midnight at Sacred Heart

Christmas Day:
10:30 AM at St. Ann's
2:00 PM at Marian Manor

New Years Eve Mass
Sacred Heart at 4:30 PM

New Years Day Mass
St. Ann's at 10:30 AM

Knights of Columbus- will be judging
outdoor Nativity Scenes in Glen Ullin
and Hebron, winners will receive a \$50
gift card. Contact Don Wanner for
judging in the rural areas!

Knights of Columbus Free Throw
Contest- For boys and girls ages 9 to 14
will be at the Glen Ullin School on
January 11th, forms can be picked up at
either church or at the schools. Thank
you!

"Herod is going to search for the child to destroy Him." King Herod the Great was a man with a violent temper, ruthlessly putting to death anyone who was a perceived rival to his throne, including members of his own family. When he heard that there was a newborn king in Bethlehem, as told to him by the Three Magi, his violent temper and thirst for power led him to seek to kill Jesus Christ. Therefore, we read in today's Gospel that Joseph, warned in a dream, had to flee to Egypt so that Jesus' life would be spared. But sadly, the other young boys, about the same age of Jesus who lived in Bethlehem, were massacred by King Herod's soldiers. In the person of King Herod, we can see the great harm that results when people's tempers and emotions get the best of them. Well not at the magnitude of King Herod, our anger and desire for power and attention can also inflict great harm upon a marriage and family. On this feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we need to look inward and ask God to cast aside from our hearts anything that destroys the beauty of love in marriage and family life. Without the foundation of a deep and abiding charity, marriages and families cannot stand.

Difficult Scripture Passages

"Jesus cried out in a loud voice and gave up His spirit. And behold the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom" (Matthew 27: 50-51).

In the Book of Exodus 26:31-36, we are offered a description of the two veils in the Jewish Temple. The outer veil hung before the entrance of the Holy Place and the inner one before the Holy of Holies, where the Ark of the Covenant was reserved. Only the High Priest could enter through the veil of the Holy of Holies and only on the Day of Atonement. On this day, the High Priest applied the sacrificial blood of a lamb to the Ark of the Covenant, seeking God's mercy for the sins of the People of Israel. The veil to the Holy of Holies was torn in two when Jesus died upon the Cross, according to the Gospel accounts of Saint Matthew and Saint Mark. Saint Jerome speaks not of a veil, but of cleavage in the masonry of the Temple porch (due to the Good Friday earthquake), which might have left the Holy of Holies open to view. But, regardless of these two traditions, this passage in Saint Matthew's Gospel seems to indicate a symbolic meaning. The meaning of this passage is that because of the death of Jesus Christ, all people now have access to the presence of God... not just the High Priest. There exists no more veil separating us from the love and mercy of God. Jesus' sacrificial death has torn down all "veils" between God and man, namely the veil of original sin, which had closed the entrance to God's dwelling place, which is Heaven. In the words of the author of the Letter of the Hebrews, "He entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and bulls, but with His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption" (9:12).

The Greatest Story Ever Told: Please join us next weekend for the Christmas pageants to be performed by the young people in the CCD programs of our parishes. At **Saint Ann's**, the Christmas pageant will take place on **Saturday, January 3rd , after the 6:30 PM Mass** and at **Sacred Heart**, the Christmas pageant will take place on **Sunday, January 4th, after the 10:30 AM Mass**. Please know that you are welcome to join in the meal that will follow each Christmas pageant. May God bless our young people for this beautiful Christmas tradition of the Christmas pageant, because before our very eyes, the great story of Jesus' holy birth, His Incarnation, is offered to us as the devotional and spiritual exercise. I was asked if I could join in the Christmas pageants, with the role of the donkey in the stable. It must be because of my great love for animals!

O Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord: Parishioners from our parishes are welcome to join the in Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart Church on New Year's Eve, from 11:00 PM until midnight. What a beautiful way to ring in the New Year with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, asking God for the graces we desire in 2026.

Welcome to God's Family: We offer our prayers and congratulations to Ty & Desiree Wehri, upon the baptism of their daughter, *Ava Jane Wehri*. Having become a child of God in the holy waters of Baptism, may Ava Jane always treasure the embrace of God's love, granting her a life filled with joy and faith. God bless you Ava Jane and be assured of our prayers for you and your family.

Preparing for Our Parish Dinner: With the Saint Ann's Knoephla Soup & Sausage Dinner of the past two years, our midwinter fundraiser has been comprised of the meal and a raffle. This year we hope to add a third element: a Chinese Auction. If you want to offer a Chinese Auction basket, we need to know by **January 12th**, so that we can seek the necessary permit from the City of Hebron. At this time, we just need to know the value of your basket, but the contents

can be determined right up to the day of our parish dinner. If you want to offer a basket, please contact the parish office sometime within the next two weeks. Thank you and God bless you.

On the Lighter Side, *Christmas Humor*:

Question: Why does the Grinch enjoy gardening?

Answer: He has a green thumb.

A Christian Point to Ponder: *My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is quite simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that? [Bob Hope]*

Daily Readings

Dec 24 *Second Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16*
Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Luke 1:67-79

Dec 25 *Isaiah 52:7-10*
Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
John 1:1-18
Hebrews 1:1-6

Dec 26 *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59*
Psalms 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21
Matthew 10:17-22

Dec 27 *First John 1:1-4*
Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
John 20:2-8

Dec 28 *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Colossians 3:12-21

Dec 29 *First John 2:3-11*
Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
Luke 2:22-35

Dec 30 *First John 2:12-17*
Psalms 96:7-8, 8-9, 10
Luke 2:36-40

Dec 31 *First John 2:18-21*
Psalms 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
John 1:1-18

Jan 1 *Acts 10:34, 37-43*
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
John 12:20-33
Galatians 4:4-7

Jan 2 *John 2:22-28*
Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
John 1:19-28

Jan 3 *John 2:29-3:6*
Psalms 98:1, 3-4, 5-6
John 1:29-34