



**Fourth Sunday Of Advent
and The Feast of the Holy Family**
24 & 31 December 2017
**El cuarto domingo de Adviento y la
Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia**
24 y 31 de diciembre



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

One of my favorite hymns for church is “You are Mine” by David Haas. It is based upon the first verse in chapter Forty-three of the prophet Isaiah. The words from that book of Scripture are fulfilled in the Coming of the Messiah. They should be guideposts for our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord and the Feasts that surround it.

Have you ever wondered why December 26 is the Feast of the Martyrdom of the Deacon Stephen? Or, the following day the Martyrdom of the Holy Innocents? Why does Holy Mother Church place two celebrations of death next to the birth of Jesus? Could it be that she wants us to think about the fact that the coming of the Messiah was to lead others to the Kingdom of the Father? In reminding us of the ultimate goal of our life—salvation in the Kingdom of Christ—the Church centers upon the hope of our hearts. The first hope of faith is the birth of Christ among and within us, the second the rebirth of our spirit in the eternity of Salvation. All of that should remind us that God tells us: Do not be afraid, I am with you; I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home—I love you and you are Mine!

Those words are the refrain of the song by David Haas. Those words are the inspiration by which we are called to live. Those words are the source of joy that should be THE reason for the Season—Christ among us, Emmanuel; God is with us!

We all know that the Babe in the manger didn’t come to exalt Himself. His Mission was to be lifted up on the Cross so that He would become the Gateway to the Kingdom that was lost by our first parents. Each time a priest vests himself for the celebration of the Eucharist, he has prayers that he is to say as he places the clothes of his office upon him. One of the vestments is the stole (the long cloth that goes across his shoulders) and the prayer he says as he places it is: Restore to me the Rose of Salvation, lost by the transgression of my first parents. For, though I am not worthy to approach these sacred mysteries, grant that I may obtain them through Christ Our Lord.

When we remind ourselves who we are in relationship to Jesus, we understand why it is that we are called to a joyful humility of spirit. When we reflect upon the Gift of Christmas—the Word made Flesh, we remember Who it is that feeds us and calls us to be His Own. When we choose to maintain a spirit of service to and with one another, we are united in the Way of the Lord and prepare for His coming again in Glory. Perhaps the next time you sing “You are Mine” or hear it in a church celebration, your heart will be renewed and the “joyful noise” of this blessed time of year will restore your spirit. Peace be with you, Monsignor

Parish Information

	Sunday 12/24/17	Monday 12/25/2017	Tuesday 12/26/2017	Wednesday 12/27/2017	Thursday 12/28/2017	Friday 12/29/2017	Saturday 12/30/2017
St. Mary	Midnight Russell- Bradley Families	8:00 AM Pro Populo 11:30 AM Poor Souls	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:00 AM Michael & Clarice Weis	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	6:00 PM Amelia Rudolf Midnight Zachary Novak	9:30 AM Otloski & Graybill Families	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:00 AM Ryan McCrocklin	8:00 AM Sarah Smythe	4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations				St. Vincent Hospital NO MASS		Patricia Cox 10:30 AM Keystone Woods	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Christmas Mass Schedule -

St. Ambrose-Dec. 24th 6:00 PM-Reader-Carol Fite; **EM-**Marvin Coryell, Janice Martin, Mary Lavelle, **Host-**Barb and Gerald Pittsford; **Servers-** Alan and Tony Martin; **Midnight—Reader-**Angie Pitts; **EM-** Roger Kemp, Harriett Russel, Quinton Bell, Bacilio Montes; **Host-**Nate and Weston Bell; **Servers-**Martin Russel, Simon Bell; **Dec. 25th 9:30 AM– Reader-**Ron Bollman; **EM-**Pat Backous, Rosie Graybill, Lynn Hensley, Stephanie Metz; **Host-**Mary and Henry Lamper; **Servers-**Karina and Mariela Gonzalez

St. Mary-Dec. 24th— Midnight - Reader-Maurene Sparks; **EM-**Cheryl Hodson, Lea and David Papai, Volunteers; **Dec. 25th 8:00 AM– Reader-**Amy Sczesny; **EM-**Irv Noll, Becky Hull, Volunteers; **11:30 AM-**All Volunteers

Dec. 30th & 31st	Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary	Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose	Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary	Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose	Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary
Mass Intentions	Mary Ann Nivens	Nataliya Menestrina	Margaret Bradley	Pro Populo	Donald Sokol
Reader	Mary Rhoten	Mark Loose	Maurene Sparks	Greg Acra	Rosa Maldonado
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Sauter Joyce Stoner Joetta Allison Sister Eileen C. Cukrowicz H	Janice Martin H Nancy Bollman Gloria Carson Abby Loose Keith Olson	Lea Papai Dave Papai Irv Noll Carol Buckner Betty Bush H	Stephanie Metz H Roger Kemp H Pat Backous Hannah Brownell Steve Culp Rosie Graybill	Mayra Sierra Yolanda St. Clair D. Valenzuela Francisco Cazares Moises Cazares H
Servers	Jacob Allison Jeffrey Krieg Corey Layton	Tony Martin Volunteer	Ella Murphy Carolyn Pitts	Karina Gonzalez Mariela Gonzalez	Juan Bautista Daisy Cazares F. Cazares

Parish Information

	Monday 1/1/2018	Tuesday 1/2/2018	Wednesday 1/3/2018	Thursday 1/4/2018	Friday 1/5/2018	Saturday 1/6/2018
St. Mary	8:00 AM David "Max" Hannon	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:10 AM Gerald Fredericks	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	9:30 AM Rita Huntzinger	11:00 AM Gladys Frossard	8:00 AM Ronald & Rita Huntzinger	8:00 AM Eugene Zagorski	8:10 AM Maryann Chezem	8:00 AM Martha Barker 4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			St. Vincent Hospital 11:30 Jonathan Norris		10:30 AM Fred Cameron Countryside	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Jan. 6th & 7th	Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary	Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose	Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary	Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose	Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary
Mass Intentions	Joseph & Carol Miller	Charles Graybill	Theresa Noll	Harold Joy	Pro Populo
Reader	Betty Ann Myer	Dan Novak	Amy Sczesny	Greg Kaliz	Marcos Rodriguez
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Hodson Cheryl Hodson Ron Adams Jan Adams Pam Wickens H	Marvin Coryell H Regina Albrecht Donna Pine Renae Scheckelhoff Cathy Thompson	Joe Lambert H Irv Noll Volunteers	Mary Lavelle H Lynn Hensley H Rebecca Degitz Chris Harrold V. Hernandez Bacilio Montes	Juana Cervantes Nancy Flores Rosa Rodriguez Miguel Cazares Leonel Sierra H
Servers	Volunteers	Alexa Carson Nick Long	Volunteers	Vanessa Harrold Simon Bell	Volunteers

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



<u>Stewardship</u>	
St. Ambrose	\$ 7,385
YTD	\$ 451,192
NTD	\$ 663,000
ST. Mary	\$ 13,155
YTD	\$ 522,960
NTD	\$ 918,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 71,906 of 1st \$330,000

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On Line Giving— visit us at the following:

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St. Mary—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13>

Job Opportunity

Anyone interested in a part-time secretarial job at St. Mary Rectory M-F 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, bi-lingual preferred. Please call Harriett Russel at 644-5956 or 644-8467.

ENL: The English Now and Later Class meets from 9:30-11:30 AM, every Tuesday, in the Holy Cross North school annex. If you have questions, please contact Mary Rhoten @ 765-387-0138.

Institute for Quality Education—Tax Credit

The Institute for Quality Education is a 501(c)3 charity which provides tuition assistance to low-income students. Please pick up an application at either St. Ambrose or St. Mary rectories if you are able to assist with this program. Complete the application for your year end INDIANA TAX CREDIT or go on line to www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors. Please select Holy Cross School—Anderson as the recipient.

Year End Contributions: We will accept contributions at both St. Ambrose and St. Mary until January 8th. All checks **MUST** be dated December 31st, 2017.

Monsignor Sell and Father Shine extend a prayerful thanksgiving to all of you who shared Christmas and New Year's greetings and gifts. The kindness of your generosity is greatly appreciated. May God bless each one of you with His Love.

God's Blessings for a Happy New Year !

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Ambrose Adoration will be Sunday, January 7th. It will begin after the 9:30 AM Mass. It will close with the Rosary and Benediction at 4:00 PM.

St. Mary Adoration is on Thursdays from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Santa Maria Adoracion es el jueves de 14:00-19:00 PM

Mother Seton Ladies

Will meet for the 11:00 AM Mass on January 2nd, followed by lunch at Pizza Hut on 53rd St.

Weekly Scriptures for December 24th:

Sun. Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-22, Mt 1:1-25; **Mon.** Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18; **Tues.** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22; **Wed.** 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8; **Thurs.** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18; **Fri.** 1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35; **Sat.** 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40

Weekly Scriptures for December 31st:

Sun. Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:22-40; **Mon.** Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21; **Tues.** Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28; **Wed.** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34; **Thurs.** 1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42; **Fri.** 1 Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51; **Sat.** 1 Jn 5:5-13, Mk 1:7-11

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Spaces are still available to travel with Fr. Shine to the Holy Land. Please contact Mr. Alfred Salsa the tour coordinator by phone at (810)-874-1771 or email alfredasalsa@yahoo.com for any questions. You can also visit goodshepherdtravel.com for further information about the company. Don't miss this trip of a lifetime.

OUTREACH

Cleaning of St. Ambrose and St. Mary

We would like to thank all those that helped clean both churches for the Christmas Season.

Guerin Catholic High School News

Girls Soccer Camp For Grades 5-8

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26 and 27

Grades 5 and 6 -9:30 AM-11:30 AM, Grades 7 and 8 -12 PM - 2 PM, cost is \$25 (includes t-shirt)

Join Guerin Catholic Girls Soccer coach Jonathan McClure and players from the 2017 Class 3A State Tournament team for a two-day skill development camp at Guerin Catholic High School.

Baseball Camp For Grades 1-8 at St. Maria Goretti (17104 Spring Mill Rd. Westfield)

Wednesday and Thursday, December 27th and 28th

Grades 1-4—Noon –1:30 PM, cost is \$50 (includes t-shirt), grades 5-8 - 1:30-3:30 PM, cost is \$60 (includes t-shirt)

Guerin Catholic Baseball and Head Coach Rich Andriole invite boys currently enrolled in grades 1-8 to attend a two-day winter baseball camp. Camp will focus on individual and team skills. Offensive and defensive drills and position breakdown tools.



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2825 Lincoln St.
765-642-8428

North Campus
Grades 2 thru 8
325 E. 11th St.
765-642-1848

SGO donations are still being accepted. Please visit www.i4qed.org/donate to make a donation.

Christmas Vacation is December 21st, 2017 — January 3rd, 2018

Sunday Religious Education
Clases de catecismo dominical

SRE is January 7 from 10:35 – 11:25 AM for Kindergarten to 12th grade children

La Clase de SRE es el domingo, 7 de enero 10:35-11:25 estudiantes

Parent meeting in the cafeteria on January 7th – 10:40 – 11:20

Reunión de padres en la cafetería el 7 de enero – 10:40 – 11:20

Young Church

Youth Group meets on Sunday, January 7th at 6PM at St Mary, Holy Cross North school annex. Come for a meal, games and surprise **guest speaker** in the annex and school gym.

All high school youth are invited. Our meeting will end at 8:00PM

High school retreat opportunities:

Senior Christian Awakening Retreat – January 12 – 15 High School Seniors only

Destination Jesus – February 16 – 18 all high school youth invited to attend

Contact Janice for registration information at stmarys.minister@catholicweb.com

High School **SERVICE** Opportunities

Help unload product for Community Care Day: Jan 13th, time to be announced

10 service hours required for Confirmation next year! Get an early start now.

Indiana March for Life and Rally
Monday, January 22, 2018

All are invited to join in the First Annual Indiana March for Life. The events include:

12:10pm - Mass, St. John the Evangelist with Archbishop Thompson and Bishop Doherty.

1:30pm - March from the Indiana Convention Center to the State House

2:30pm - Rally at the State House steps

4:00pm - Memorial for the Unborn Rose Service, Indiana State House, with keynote by Abby Johnson, author and founder of And Then There Were None

6:30pm - Youth Rally and Holy Hour, St. John the Evangelist, featuring Abby Johnson

Feel free to join in all or part of the day's activities. But most importantly, join us as we testify to the dignity of life and the beauty of each human person. For more information check out www.rtlindy.org/upcoming-events/Indiana-march-for-life or contact Susan Hofer, Diocesan Respect Life Coordinator, shoefers@dol-in.org / 765-421-1998. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, and Right to Life of Indianapolis.

This would be an excused absence for school or feel free to attend only the evening session.

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas Hermanas y Hermanos en el Señor:

Uno de mis himnos favoritos para la iglesia es "You are Mine" de David Haas. Se basa en el primer versículo del capítulo Cuarenta y tres del profeta Isaías. Las palabras de ese libro de la Escritura se cumplen en la Venida del Mesías. Deben ser una guía para nuestra celebración de la Natividad del Señor y las Fiestas que la rodean.

¿Te has preguntado alguna vez por qué el 26 de diciembre es la Fiesta del Martirio del Diácono Esteban? ¿O, al día siguiente, el Martirio de los Santos Inocentes? ¿Por qué la Santa Madre Iglesia coloca dos celebraciones de la muerte junto al nacimiento de Jesús? ¿Podría ser que ella quiere que pensemos en el hecho de que la venida del Mesías iba a conducir a otros al Reino del Padre? Al recordarnos el objetivo final de nuestra vida, la salvación en el Reino de Cristo, la Iglesia se centra en la esperanza de nuestros corazones. La primera esperanza de la fe es el nacimiento de Cristo entre nosotros y dentro de nosotros; el segundo, el renacimiento de nuestro espíritu en la eternidad de la salvación. Todo eso debería recordarnos que Dios nos dice: No tengas miedo, estoy contigo; Los he llamado a todos por su nombre. Ven y síguelme, te llevaré a casa. ¡Te amo y tú eres Mía!

Esas palabras son el estribillo de la canción de David Haas. Esas palabras son la inspiración por la cual estamos llamados a vivir. Esas palabras son la fuente de alegría que debería ser LA razón de la Temporada: Cristo entre nosotros, Emmanuel; ¡Dios esta con nosotros!

Todos sabemos que el bebé en el pesebre no vino a exaltarse a sí mismo. Su Misión debía ser levantada en la Cruz para que Él se convirtiera en la Entrada al Reino que nuestros primeros padres perdieron. Cada vez que un sacerdote se dedica a la celebración de la Eucaristía, tiene oraciones que debe decir al colocar la ropa de su cargo sobre él. Una de las vestiduras es la estola (la larga tela que le cubre los hombros) y la oración que dice mientras la coloca es: Restáurame la Rosa de la Salvación, perdida por la transgresión de mis primeros padres. Porque, aunque no soy digno de acercarme a estos sagrados misterios, concédeme obtenerlos por medio de Cristo Nuestro Señor.

Cuando nos recordamos quiénes somos en relación con Jesús, entendemos por qué somos llamados a una humildad gozosa de espíritu. Cuando reflexionamos sobre el Don de la Navidad, la Palabra hecha Carne, recordamos Quién es el que nos alimenta y nos llama a ser Suyos. Cuando elegimos mantener un espíritu de servicio hacia y entre nosotros, estamos unidos en el Camino del Señor y nos preparamos para Su venida nuevamente en la Gloria. Quizás la próxima vez que cante "Tú eres mío" o lo escuches en una celebración de la iglesia, tu corazón se renovará y el "ruido gozoso" de esta bendita época del año restaurará tu espíritu.

La paz sea contigo, Monseñor

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