THOUGHTS FROM FR. SCOTT

Merry Christmas and welcome home! I pray this day will bring great peace and joy to everyone. May this most Holy of days be a time of renewal and hope as we contemplate the birth of our Lord and Savior in time. This Christmas is a special one indeed. This is a blessed opportunity I have to be the Pastor of this great community of faith. Our Christmas celebration is one that will bring needed healing and unification among the faithful of God if we allow the Lord to enter our hearts. We have had a stressful, anxious and difficult year and I think we could all use a little Christmas joy at the moment. So, take advantage of this time with family and friends to relax and enjoy. Through our loved ones we can so clearly see the love of the Christ child. Hopefully, we will all receive God with great joy and be at peace this season and always. Once again, Merry Christmas to all our Laker family and friends.

I am truly blessed to be with a family of God that truly lives His will and celebrates the Sacraments with such grace and holiness, thank you so much. May this Christmas be one of great joy for all of us at Our Lady of the Lakes and throughout the world. May the Christ child bring you and your families great peace and joy this year and always; this is my Christmas wish and gift for all!

God Bless and Merry Christmas!
Fr. Scott

Thought for the week: Some lines are simply timeless so as tiny Tim observed: “God bless us, everyone!”

FR. CHRISTOPHER’S CONTEMPLATIONS

Hello and Merry Christmas!

I pray that everyone is doing well and is staying healthy as we celebrate the coming of Jesus. We are praying for those who have been able to gather with us and for those who are unable to be with us in person this Christmas. As we celebrate Christmas, let us all continue to keep each other in our prayers.

As a community of faith, we gather with great joy at the coming of the Lord. This year has been a difficult one for many of us. It has definitely not gone the way we thought it would, but nonetheless, we have come to this great moment to celebrate the incarnation of Jesus, the Christ child. Though the year did not go as we planned, God has never stopped blessing us and working through it and He continues to do so. As Isaiah tells us in the first reading, “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing.” The darkness of sin and the perceived chaos of the world can seem like an overwhelming darkness with no light in sight, but Jesus has come to be the light for us in the darkness. He has come as a small child, innocent, small, and meek, to bring us from darkness to grace and to the salvation of heaven. With the confidence of Jesus and what the incarnation means for us (that God came down from heaven to save us from sin and death) I encourage us to live as the children of light. That we might continue to remember that Christ is with us in our humanity and we might never let our abundant joy and rejoicing in Christ fade.

As we continue to celebrate the Nativity of Christ, let us renew in Jesus our trust in His plan. To remember that He is with us in all that we experience in life and is drawing us to Himself, to draw us to heaven. May this great season of Christmas that we begin today be a blessing for all of you. Once again please know of our continued prayers for all of you, our great community of faith.
KNIGHTS CORNER

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

In honor of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, we are having a special membership promotion for all men over the age of 18 interested in becoming a Knight.

For additional information please contact:
Grand Knight Chris Scheuer GK5436@mikofc.org
Deputy Grand Knight Michael Mandziuk MD5436@mikofc.org

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

CW3 Jacob Beno Army
Capt Kelsey Beno Army
† Jenna Beno died 10/15/12
AMN Stewart Blaquiere Air Force
† PFC Damian Bushart died 11/22/03
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres Marines
Eddy DeRocher Army
Jacob Dumont Army
SFC Scott Emanuel Army
2LT William Gischia Army
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr. Air Force
Dillan Johnson Army
Jackson Jones Air Force
Msgt Justin Jones Air Force
Matt Koetting Marines
Robert Maher & Crew Navy
† Sgt. Joseph Martin died 8/16/18
Francesca Meno Army
Karolyn Meno Air Force
† PFC Joseph Miracle died 7/5/07
LCP Derek Monday Marines
Gunnar Ottman Army
Amanda Paczynski Army
Capt. Adam Renkiewicz Army
Capt. Matthew Richards Army
Katie Rounds Army
Sgt. Gerald Sanchez Marines
CPTN Daniel Schasser Marines
Anthony Schmidt Air Force
Lt. Col. Nick Strelchuk Army
Cory Vaught Army
James Whitlow Navy

If your son, daughter or grandchild is serving us in troubled places, please let us know at the parish office.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK


May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.
MASSES
Saturday Evening.....5:00pm*
Sunday.....8:00, 9:30* & 11:00am, 12:30pm
Monday - Friday.....8:15am
*Livestreamed at OLLonline.org/live

BAPTISMS
Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class.
Call 623-0274 for more information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays from 3:30pm until all are heard

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION
3rd Tuesday of the month after 8:15am Mass
until Rosary and Benediction at 7:00pm

FAITH FORMATION
Ages 4/5: Sundays 9:30am
Grades 1-8: Mondays 6:15pm
Family Catechesis: 1st Sunday of each month 1:30pm
RCIC: Tuesday 7:00pm | RCIA: Tuesday 7:00pm

WEDDINGS
Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.
Couples must attend the Pre-Marriage Workshop.

REGISTRATIONS
Register online at OLLonline.org/join or stop by the office
Please notify the parish of all address, phone, email changes by
phone or online at OLLonline.org/update

FOLLOW OUR PARISH @OLLWATERFORD ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM & TWITTER
Entrance Song:
O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL
Adeste fideles
Laeti triumphantes
Venite, venite in Bethlehem
Natum videte
Regem angelorum
Venite adoremus
Venite adoremus
Venite adoremus
Dominum
Oh, come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
Oh come, ye
Oh come, ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
Christ, The Lord
Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God in the Highest;
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
Christ, The Lord
Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
Christ, The Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord.

Table Preparation Song:
ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heavenly song?
Refrain
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Refrain
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love.
Refrain
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Communion Songs:
SILENT NIGHT
Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, All is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior, is born!
Christ the Savior, is born!
Silent night, Holy night,
Son of God, Love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS
What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are
keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and
angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.
Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and donkeys are
feeding?
Good Christians, fear,
for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and
angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.
So bring him incense, gold, and
myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Artwork by Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School sixth grader
O LITTLE TOWN OF
BETHLEHEM
O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to all on earth

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still
The dear Christ enters in

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

Closing Song:
HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
Hark the herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;

With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see!
Hail the Incarnate Deity!

Please as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

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