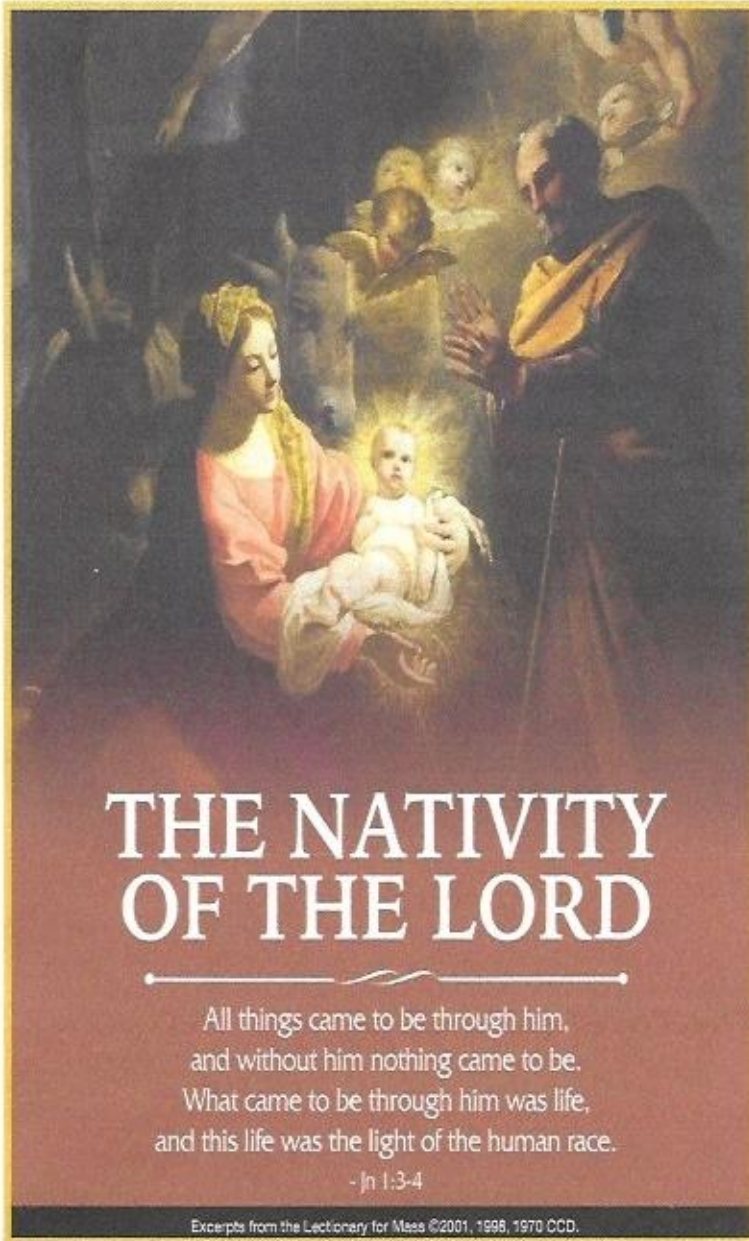


ST. JOSEPH AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

RACINE, WISCONSIN · DECEMBER 22, 2019



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.
- Jn 1:3-4

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PASTORAL STAFF

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Deacon Douglas Gundlach - SJ
Leslie Gain, Administrative Assistant - SJN
Amber Fay, Coordinator of Faith Formation - SJ and SJN
David Kirkpatrick, Director of Music - SJ and SJN
Heidi Hernandez, St. Joseph School Principal
Michael Reth, Business Manager - SJ
Deanne Koleske, Parish Secretary - SJ
Jeanmarie Diehn, St. Joseph School Secretary
Mary Lee Odders, Bulletin Editor - SJ and SJN
Russ Blaha, Maintenance - SJ
Thomas Quiroz, Maintenance - SJN

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - SJN
Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. - SJ
Saturday Mass of Anticipation, 4 p.m. - SJN
Saturday Mass of Anticipation, 5:15 p.m. - SJ
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - SJ
9:45 a.m. - SJN
10:30 a.m. - SJ

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Anytime by appointment or Saturday, 3-3:45 p.m. - SJN

TRUSTEES

Jim Tresemer - SJN John Gates - SJ
Suzanne Yde - SJN Pete Koleske - SJ

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dennis Maller, Chair

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon;

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Parish Office phone: 262-633-8284 and fax: 262-633-8285

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website: st-joes-school.org

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School Office: 1525 Eric Street; Racine, WI 53402-4830

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Registration and calendar: st-joes.org or 262-633-9005

Registration questions: 262-633-9005


Faith Formation class absences: 262-633-9005

LEGACY GIFT

Please remember St. Joseph Church or St. John Nepomuk Church in your estate planning. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF RACINE

Please call their office, 639-1071, or visit racinecemeteries.org

 Join us on Facebook at St. Joseph Parish Racine to access archived bulletins and more.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

8 a.m. **NO** Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)

Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

8 a.m. **NO** Mass

4 p.m. - **SJN** + William and Mary LaBlanc

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

4:30 p.m. - **SJ** *Prelude of music and program*

5:15 p.m. - **SJ** - The Don Scholz Families

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)/Holy Day of Obligation

*Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14*

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + David Anderson

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Pat Steimle

+ Dennis Baumgardt

10:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Doug Splittgerber

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen (F)

*Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc
and 17[6]/Mt 10:17-22*

8 a.m. - **SJ** **NO** Mass or Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 St. John (F)

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8 a.m. - **SJ** + Virginia Blessinger

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents (F)

1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

8 a.m. - **SJ** **NO** Mass or Communion Service

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

4 p.m. - **SJN** + Kevin Mauer

- Living and Deceased Members of
the Sisak Family

5:15 p.m. - **SJ** + Patricia Dickert

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 The Holy Family (F)

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Gil Miller

9:45 a.m. - **SJN** + Joseph Pribyl - 3rd Anniversary of Death

- Living and Deceased Members of
St. John Nepomuk Parish

10:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Richard John BeBow

Churches: **SJ** - St. Joseph, **SJN** - St. John Nepomuk

"THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US" (JOHN 1:14)

Christmas is a feast of love! God in human-flesh is a blinding love-light made radiant by divine Self-giving. God loves us intensely that we cannot help but respond. Long ago, St. Augustine said, "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek God is the greatest adventure; to find God is the greatest human achievement." How well St. Augustine describes the love mystery of incarnation.

Our response to God's love is to seek and find God, to encounter and embrace God's presence, to become God's love-light in our own time and place. God's love knows no bounds. Neither can ours. In this Christmas season let us become aware of the mystery of incarnation as a love encounter between God and human being. Let us become God's love-light in our own time and place.

Along with my staff, I wish you the peace and joy of Christ at Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE,

Fr. Steve



*For unto us
a child is born*

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, **SUE SISAK**.

The BREAD AND WINE were donated this week

IN MEMORY OF

HILDEGARD AND GILBERT BOWMAN.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP:

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament,
please remember in faith, **ROBERT ZERZANEK**.

As 2019 comes to a close, please consider making a **Qualified Charitable Distribution to your parish** for those 70 1/2 years, who have not met the required annual minimum withdrawal from an IRA.

Your **2019 parish support** must be received in the Dec. 28/29 collections or postmarked by Dec. 31.

Join Archbishop Listecki in praying for peace and the family on his 8 p.m. daily rosary program, 100.1-FM.

St. John Nepomuk Parish

December 7/8 collections:	\$ 2,785.00
Amount budgeted per week:	\$ 2,403.85
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 55,288.55
Year-to-date given:	\$ 51,685.58
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -3,602.97

St. Joseph Parish

Weekly collection income:	\$ 5,507.50
December 7/8 collections:	\$ 5,042.50
School:	\$ 200.00
Church Renovation:	\$ 65.00
Energy Costs:	\$ 100.00
End-of-year donations:	\$ 100.00
Weekly budget requirement:	\$ 9,100.00
Difference for the week:	\$ -3,592.50
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 218,400.00
Year-to-date given:	\$ 138,345.71
Year-to-date balance:	\$ -80,054.29
Christmas needy baskets:	\$ 490.00
St. V. de Paul Food Pantry:	\$ 20.00

Oplatek, the Christmas wafer, is available at St. Joseph's on the ushers' tables at the back of church for a free-will offering. Begun millenniums ago in Poland, Slovakia, and Lithuania, the Christmas Eve ritual continues wherever the blessed Oplatek is shared.

St. John Nepomuk's 2020 Calendar Raffle calendars are available in St. Joseph and St. John Parish Offices and after St. John's weekend Mass at the Scrip tables. Cost: \$25 cost, with 365 chances of winning, as winners' names are re-entered. Sold only until December 30, 2019! Prizes: Monday-Saturday: \$25; Sunday: \$50; New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving: \$100; and Christmas: \$500.



The Food Pantry's most needed items are canned fruit, non-condensed soup, Chef-boy-ar-dee products (no spaghetti), cereal, tuna, canned meat, dried potatoes and toilet paper.

IMPORTANT! ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH IS IN NEED OF A REPRESENTATIVE! Some computer knowledge is needed to prepare and send schedules to the SJN volunteers. SJN also needs volunteers to work ONCE A MONTH on Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:45-11 a.m. Please call Linda Meredith at 262-456-6035. Donation checks can be placed in the church collection or sent to St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine WI 53404-7004.

The **bulletin article deadline** is noon Monday, December 23, for the January 5 bulletin. Send written items to the Parish Office or info@st-joes.org. **Bulletins and inserts are archived at st-joes.org**; on Facebook at St. Joseph Parish Racine.

For the Sacrament of the Sick and Communion for the Sick when a parishioner is unable to attend church due to age, prolonged illness, or upcoming hospitalization, please call St. John Parish Office at 634-5647 or St. Joseph Parish Office at 633-8284.

If you wish to have Father visit your hospitalized loved one, please call your Parish Office with your request. The hospital does not notify us of parishioner admissions.



Visit St. Joseph School's Giving Trees in the school lobby and select a gift tag with a teachers' wish for their classroom. Please return the gift with the gift tag to the school office.

Memorialize living and deceased loved ones with a book plate stamped on the inside cover of the new hardcover *Glory & Praise* hymnals and personalized with your loved one's name. **St. John's has completed this. At St. Joseph's, book plates must be ordered by Tuesday, December 31.** Order forms are on the ushers' tables. For a cost of \$25 per book, this lasting tribute within a hymnal will be donated to your parish. Please note that this \$25 donation per name is not part of your church contributions pledge.



St. Joseph School thanks the ladies of St. Joseph Parish, who provided the school office with mittens, gloves and hats for students to use during recess. God bless you!

Mittenless kids continue to need our help during the cold weather. **The Mitten Basket** is on the ushers' table.

Prayer Shawls are given to someone in need of comfort and blessing due to illness or trying times. Fr. Steve blesses each shawl for the intention of the recipient. If someone you know needs a shawl, please call St. Joseph's Parish Office, 633-8284. Prayer Shawls are not sold but given with love and prayers.

Our advertiser dollars pay for our bulletin. Thank them when you patronize their business. Advertiser of the Week: **J&F Auto Glass**, 725 Center Street, 634-1341; power windows/side mirrors repaired; car/truck glass.



Please remember in your prayers our men and women in uniformed services, especially those serving in the Middle East. We beg your protection and guidance for them, O Lord.

WE, THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH, RACINE, WISCONSIN, believe the Church is the Living Body of Christ, in which we all share responsibility. As the unit of God's Family which fulfills this universal mission of the Church within our community, this parish unites in a spirit of stewardship to offer our time, talents and treasure to foster Catholic Education, and to care for the spiritual, intellectual, moral, and temporal needs of parish members.

Liturgical Roles for December 24, 25, 28 and 29

ACOLYTES

- Christ. Eve 5:15 p.m. Christian Cervantes (Cross),
Tony Alvarado
- Christmas 8:30 a.m. Chandler Rorek (Cross),
Harold Von De Bur
- Christmas 10:30 a.m. Nikos Brito (Cross),
Harold Von De Bur
- Saturday 5:15 p.m. Nikos Brito (Cross),
Quinn Weiss
- Sunday 8:30 a.m. Philip Weiglein (Cross),
Alyssa Buchaklian
- 10:30 a.m. Chandler Rorek (Cross),
Emiliana Santos

LECTORS

- Christ. Eve 5:15 p.m. John Sardino
- Christmas 8:30 a.m. Genie Bosch
- Christmas 10:30 a.m. Brian O'Connell
- Saturday 5:15 p.m. Nat Cycenas
- Sunday 8:30 a.m. Genie Bosch
- 10:30 a.m. Linda O'Connell

CANTORS

- Christ. Eve 5:15 p.m. Adult Choir
- Christmas 8:30 a.m. Adult Choir
- Christmas 10:30 a.m. Mona Fortier
- Saturday 5:15 p.m. Rosa Flegel
- Sunday 8:30 a.m. Kay Shalbrack
- 10:30 a.m. Michael Lofy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - CIBORIUM

- Christ. Eve 5:15 p.m. Deacon Doug Gundlach,
Diana Weiss
- Christmas 8:30 a.m. Deacon Doug Gundlach
- Christmas 10:30 a.m. Volunteer
- Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mary Lee Odders
- Sunday 8:30 a.m. Kathy Swiatek
- 10:30 a.m. John Sardino

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - CHALICE

- Christ. Eve 5:15 p.m. John Nielsen and Franca Carls
- Christmas 8:30 a.m. Genie Bosch and Wally Goebel
- Christmas 10:30 a.m. Rosa Flegel, Sandy Lindstrom
- Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mona Swan, Harold Von De Bur
- Sunday 8:30 a.m. Dave and Betsy Tarczon
- 10:30 a.m. Sandy Lindstrom, Tim Richardson



This Week in Our St. Joseph Parish Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Rosary: Church
NO Religious Education classes
 noon-6 p.m. - Basketball and Cheer practices: Gym
 7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

- NO** School Christmas vacation begins
 3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Parish Office closed

NO Rosary

NO Basketball and Cheer practices

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Parish Office closed

NO Basketball practice: Gym

NO Religious Education classes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

4:30-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

NO Adult Choir rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO Bible Study

3-7:30 p.m. - Basketball practice: Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:45-7:45 a.m. - Men's Faith/Bible Group: Parish Center

4:45 p.m. - Rosary: Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Rosary: Church

NO Religious Education classes

noon-6 p.m. - Basketball and Cheer practices: Gym

7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: MSMH

SANCTUARY LADIES: Friday, Dec. 27—Jackie Hairapetian, Mary Lee Odders, and Judy Scholz

COLLECTION TELLERS: Sunday, December 29—Bill and Sue McGrath

Please direct private prayer requests to St. Joseph Prayer Chain team. Call Lorraine Caspers, 639-1070.



Month 4 of your Spiritual Adoption program has begun. Please check the progress of the baby by reading the poster in the back of church. *Human Concerns Group*



WE, THE PARISH FAMILY OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH OF RACINE, WISCONSIN, believers in God and living members of the Body of Christ, through prayer and worship, will strive: to make good use of our gifts of time, talent and treasure and to pray for growth of our parish family and all people of God: to be open to the direction of the Holy Spirit by reaching out to all members of the community in a friendly and welcoming manner; to challenge all parishioners to become involved in the life of the parish, thus making St. John's a vibrant Christian community.

Liturgical Roles for December 24, 25, 28 and 29

ALTAR SERVERS

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Emily Kaisler
 Christmas Day 9:45 a.m. Marcelo Sosa
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Maria Sosa, Anthony Sosa
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Grace Gross

LECTORS

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Barb Zielinski
 Christmas Day 9:45 a.m. Linda Witek and Sacristan
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Marilyn Somers
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Harry Ertel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - PLATE

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Judy Sisak
 Christmas Day 9:45 a.m. James Madala
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Jackie Morrow
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Deb Schuebel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION - CUP

Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Peter Sisak and Linda Witek also Sacristan
 Christmas Day 9:45 a.m. Alisa Pichelman and Linda Witek
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Lauri Buchaklian, Jim and Julie Arens and Sacristan
 Sunday 9:45 a.m. Maureen Biarnesen also Sacristan and Barb and Ron Zielinski

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR 2019 RAFFLE WINNERS

Sunday, Dec. 1 - Pat Maller #408 \$50
 Monday, Dec. 2 - Judy and Rich Stewart #962 \$25
 Tuesday, Dec. 3 - Peter Buchaklian #61 \$25
 Wednesday, Dec. 4 - Antony Porcaro #49 \$25
 Thursday, Dec. 5 - Tom Bissonette #1 \$25
 Friday, Dec. 6 - Kenny VanAble #850 \$25
 Saturday, Dec. 7 - Mildred Erdman #253 \$25

This Week in Our St. John Nepomuk Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

8 a.m. - Bulletin article deadline: Parish Office
 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - Parish Office open

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

After 8 a.m. Mass - Mo. of Perpetual Help Devotions:
 Parish Office closed
NO Dartball

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Parish Office closed
NO Religious Education classes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - Parish Office open
 After 8 a.m. Mass - Cenacles of Life Prayer Group:
 Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO Bible Study

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

NO Religious Education classes
 7 p.m. - A.A. meeting: St. Joseph School cafeteria



Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Sue Sisak**.

Our Building and Grounds project update shows that we have received Green envelopes totaling \$53.

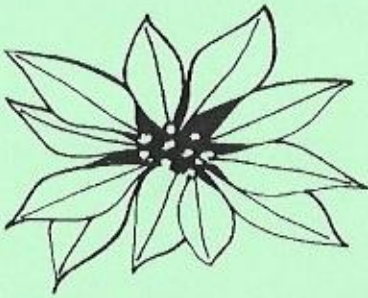


We gratefully acknowledge these Memorial Fund Gifts: \$50 in memory of Fran Meier and \$1,270 in memory of Rosemary Steimle

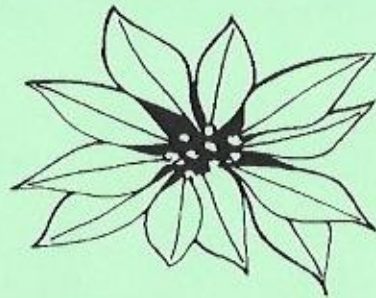


St. John's 2020 Calendar Raffles are available **until December 31** at both parish offices and after St. John's weekend Masses. The cost is \$25, with 365 chances to win, as names are re-entered. Prizes: Monday-Saturday: \$25; Sunday: \$50; New Year's Day, July 4th, and Thanksgiving: \$100; Christmas: \$500.

St. Catherine's High School Scholarships will be awarded by the St. John Nepomuk Alumni, Family and Friends Committee to qualifying parish students for the 2020-'21 school year. Applications are available at the Scrip tables and parish office. The deadline for our scholarship application is **January 16, 2020**. If you have questions, please call Paul Steimle at 639-9774.



Altar Flowers and Altar Candles



A special thank you to everyone who donated beautiful poinsettias and altar candles decorating our church for Christmas. Given in memory of these loved ones, please remember them in your prayers.

Adam A.
 Father John Aiello
 Andy Anderson
 Michael Bagdasarian
 Charlotte and Joseph Barranco
 Charles Bayer
 Catherine Beres
 James Beres
 Joseph and Hildegard Beres
 Tony and Esther Beres
 Joseph and Margaret Braun
 Ralph Braun Family
 Emma and Ferdinand Brodek
 George and Viola Buchman
 Harold Buchman Family
 Eva Mae Burdick
 Helen Burke
 George A. and Marie J. Butgereit Family
 Katie Cahill
 Christopher M. Case
 Dorothy A. Case
 William R. Case
 Larry Christensen

Jameson Couch
 Mario and Ann Covelli
 Earl, Mary and James Decker
 Louis and Mary Ann Falbo
 Leroy and Lorraine Gehrig
 Bill George (2)
 Peter and Margaret George
 Theresa Goebel
 Walter Goebel Sr.
 Bob Greco
 John Greco
 Richard P. Gundlach
 Virginia and Willard Haigh
 Elizabeth Heidorn
 Ernest William Jackel
 Gregory Michael Jackel
 Sister Dorothy Johnson
 Lawrence Johnson
 Marie Johnson
 Jonas and Sardino Families
 Lois and Jerry Kaplan and John Kropp
 Ed and Helen Kasinski
 Joe Kasinski
 Donald Kern
 Frank and Marge Kern

Bill Koleske
 Frank and Laura Koleske
 Norbert and Rosemary Kosterman
 Kaitlyn Krug
 Albert and Elsie Leuker
 Ted and Catherine Leuker
 Peter Liapis
 Catherine Lofy
 May and Triggiano Families
 John and Dorothy McGrath
 Ralph and Belva Michna
 Gene Muraski
 Steve Nyiri Family
 Oberst Family Members
 Stan Odell Family
 Cecilia Ortiz
 Joseph and Margaret Parent
 Richard and Elaine Parent
 George Penza
 Potrykus-Wilinski Family
 Jacklyn and Patti Robash
 Margaret Rybar (3)
 Eugene F. Schneider
 Constance Schrader
 William Schrader

Harold Schram
 Lucille Schram
 Norman E. Seeger
 Norman R. and Doris M. Seeger Family
 Arthur Shannon
 Sherman/Friedel Family
 George Shimkus Family
 Al and Christina Simonsen
 Natalie Kay Simonsen
 Elmer and Mary Sura
 John Sus Family
 Szalacinski Family
 Antoinette and Anthony Totero
 Robert J. Truckey
 Walter Truckey
 Von De Bur Family
 Chuck and Bernie Vosika (2)
 Theo R. Zlevor Family





Christmas 2019

*And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This verse from John's Gospel beautifully depicts the wonder, awe and joy of Christmas, for God has *made his dwelling among us*. What we celebrate is truly remarkable. Our God is not distant, removed, or even unfamiliar to us. Rather, our God is personal, interested and devoted to each one of us.

The scene at Bethlehem on that first Christmas night may appear to be quite different from the Christmas scenes you and I will celebrate with family and friends, but little has changed in 2,000 years. Our world is still marked by suffering and pain; people are still swept away from believing by doubt and despair; and the busyness and distractions of this life still offer little room for faith and devotion. Yet, God still dwells among us; we still see *his glory ... full of grace and truth*. Each Christmas, our hearts become the little manger in Bethlehem, welcoming God in the most humble of surroundings.

There is not a more worthy place for God to dwell than in a heart fully given to Him. This is the greatest "gift-exchange" imaginable: He offers us His life and we offer Him our love. During this blessed Christmas season, I pray that all of us, together, can more fully enter into this exchange. Let us approach the sacraments with new fervor and devotion. Let us reach out of our comfortable lifestyles and give to those less fortunate. Let us, united in the love of Christ, seek to share that love with those who have yet to encounter it. May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerome E. Listecki".

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee