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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

Most Rev. Charles J. McGuire, *Pastor* • Rev. Stephen McKenna, *Assistant Pastor*

Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, *Chaplain to Oblates & School*

Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann

The Nativity of Our Lord



DECEMBER 25, 2022



❖ CHRISTMAS DAY

Merry Christmas! Vespers are at 5:45 PM today.



❖ ST. JOHN'S DAY

On **Tuesday** the blessing of wine and other beverages follows the 5:45 PM High Mass. You are welcome to place any beverage to be blessed at St. John's shrine. Afterwards, come to Helfta Hall "to drink the health of St. John," some blessed wine or juice which carries his powerful protection.

❖ CHILDERMAS

On **Wednesday** bring the children to Holy Innocents' Mass at 11:25 AM. There is a blessing and a little gift for each child after Mass, and then a little party with a story and a poem or two.



❖ THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

Our annual novena of Nine Fridays in honor of the Divine Infant opens this **Friday** evening at 5:30 PM. Come with confidence to honor our loving little King. Mass and Benediction follow at 5:45 PM.

❖ NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:10 AM: Confessions
7:30 AM: Low Mass
8:10 AM: Alma & Sermon
8:20 AM: High Mass



❖ NEXT SUNDAY: NEW YEAR'S DAY

Next Sunday, the Feast of the Circumcision, is a *holy day of obligation*. The Masses are at **7:30, 9:00** and **11:30 AM**. *There are no Vespers or evening Mass*. The second collection for the support of our Oblates will be taken up. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion rail after all Masses. There will be no Sunday Classes.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** The Feast of the Circumcision. Preface & Communicantes of the Nativity.

THE NATIVITY

Among the oxen (like an ox I'm slow)
 I see a glory in the stable grow
 Which, with an ox's dullness might at length
 Give me an ox's strength.

Among the asses (stubborn I as they)
 I see my Savior where I looked for hay;
 So may my beastlike folly learn at least
 The patience of a beast.

Among the sheep (I like a sheep have strayed)
 I watch the manger where my Lord is laid;
 Oh that my baa-ing would win thence
 Some woolly innocence.

– C.S. Lewis



*Be sure to mark your calendar
 for Twelfth Night,
**The Epiphany,
 Friday, January 6th.***

*After the 5:30 PM Solemn
 Mass, you are invited to our
 parish Christmas party,
 which honors all of our
 church workers and
 volunteers. So many hours
 presented this past year like
 precious myrrh or fragrant
 frankincense. God reward the
 gold of your devotion!*

Poinsettia Memorials

*Angelo & Mildred Zunich
 Frank & Gizella Kobza
 Richard & Eleanor Kobza
 David J. Kobza*

*My best & dearest cherished friend
 Gloria Z.*

*Mike Briggs – My Godfather
 Grandparents
 Leanne*

*Loved ones that have passed away of
 the Constantino & Trinidad families
 Dan & Ann Constantino*

*Bayer, Curcio, Alongi, Vernile Family
 Kathy & Joe Bayer*



Congratulations
 to Alex & Whitney
 Ball on the baptism
 of their son, Alexander Guadalupe, on
 Sunday, December 18, 2022.

Collection Report
 Sunday, December 18th.....\$7,469.00



SUNDAY SEVEN:
 SEVEN LESSONS PECULIAR TO
 BETHLEHEM

1. *That Divinity is perfectly at home with Mary.*
2. *That God will gladly live in a cave if men will love Him.*
3. *That Bethlehem never knew what it might have been, had it received Him.*
4. *That God loves poverty and seeks His home with the poor.*
5. *That material wealth, honors and power are nothing before God.*
6. *That St. Joseph was the most noble man upon earth.*
7. *That the animal kingdom was filled with joy in attendance upon the Infant God.*

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

The Fathers and I wish you all a very blessed Christmas! What a divine mystery we celebrate this day! St. John Chrysostom puts it beautifully: "This day He Who Is, is born; and He Who Is becomes what He was not." And Pope St. Leo the Great encourages mankind thus: "Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all." Take a few moments today and reflect on these words and what they mean.



Our church is appropriately decorated for Our Lord's birth. I think the nicest thing about it though, is the enthusiasm of those who did all the planning and the labor—truly one of love. This is the first Christmas with so many of the younger crowd taking the reins. Bishop Dolan, we firmly hope, is celebrating this feast in the kingdom of Heaven; Miss Janet has handed over the sacristy to our Oblates; and we have two young men, celebrating their first Christmas as priests of God. There have been many changes, as well as many new things to learn. I am most edified by the zeal for Our Lord that they have all shown, and am full of gratitude for your support, both spiritual and temporal.

Fr. Lehtoranta has been in Milwaukee since earlier this week. He is known by the parishioners there as the "Christmas priest." **Fr. McKenna** left very early this morning to bring Christmas Mass to the faithful in North Dakota. Let's hope the TSA doesn't cause him any trouble for carrying the Infant in his luggage this time. One year, they searched his bags because they thought the statue of the Christ Child was a real baby.

Well, I'll send this note assuring you of my prayers at God's altar and imploring Him to grant the peace and joy that this great feast day should bring us.

– Bishop McGuire



THE BELLS OF THE LORD

Bells are meant to remind us that God alone is good, that we belong to Him, that we are not living for this world.

They break in upon our cares in order to remind us that all things pass away and that our preoccupations are not important.

They speak to us of our freedom, which responsibilities and transient cares make us forget.

They are the voice of our alliance with the God of heaven.

They tell us that we are His true temple. They call us to peace with Him and within ourselves.

The bells say: business does not matter. Rest in God and rejoice, for this world is only the figure and promise of a world to come, and only those who are detached from transient things can possess the substance of eternal promise.

The bells say: we have spoken for centuries from the towers of the great churches. We have spoken to the saints, your fathers, in their land. We called them, as we call you, to sanctity.

– Thomas Merton

Ashers

NEW YEARS DAY 1/1

7:30 AM: S. Pepiot, P. McConnell, J. Brueggemann, P. Brueggemann

9:00 AM: P. Arlinghaus, J. Seyfried, S. Weigand, M. Lotarski

11:30 AM: B. Uhlenbrock, P. Puglielli



- MON 12/26/22 ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR**
 5:45 PM **High Mass** Christmas Novena II
- TUE 12/27/22 ST. JOHN, APEV**
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Repose of the soul of †Bishop Dolan
 (Elaine Andreski)
 5:45 PM **High Mass** Christmas Novena III
Blessing of Beverages
“The Health of St. John” in Helfta Hall
- WED 12/28/22 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MM**
 11:25 AM **High Mass** Christmas Novena IV
Blessing of Children, Holy Innocents Party
 5:00 PM **Low Mass** The dear priests & laypeople of SGG
 parish (Elaine Andreski)
- THU 12/29/22 ST. THOMAS À BECKET, BPM**
 7:00 AM **Low Mass** Special Intention (Susan M.)
 8:00 AM **High Mass** Christmas Novena V
- FRI 12/30/22 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
 8:00 AM **Low Mass** Dominic McConnell – Merry Christmas
 (Old Friend)
 11:05 AM **Confessions**
 11:25 AM **Low Mass** My family – Merry Christmas (Sr. Ulrica)
 5:15 PM **Confessions & Rosary**
 5:30 PM **Opening of the Infant of Prague Novena**
 5:45 PM **High Mass** Christmas Novena VI
 6:30 PM **Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction**
- SAT 12/31/22 NEW YEAR’S EVE • ST. SYLVESTER I, PC**
 WITHIN THE OCTAVE
 7:10 AM **Confessions**
 7:30 AM **Low Mass** Ed & Mary Louise Richesson (Mr. &
 Mrs. Scott Richesson)
 8:10 AM **Alma, Sermon**
 8:20 AM **High Mass** Christmas Novena VII
- SUN 1/1/22 THE CIRCUMCISION HOLY DAY**
 NEW YEAR’S DAY • OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
 7:05 AM **Rosary**
 7:30 AM **Low Mass** †Louise Hirsch Cunningham (Mary
 McGuire)
 9:00 AM **Solemn High Mass** Christmas Novena VIII
 11:30 AM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
Benediction
No evening Mass



MORNING OFFERING TO THE INFANT JESUS

O Most gracious Infant Jesus, I behold Thee born in a stable, lying upon a bed of straw in poverty for my salvation. I, though a most unworthy sinner, choose Thee this day in the presence of Thy Blessed Virgin Mother Mary and St. Joseph as my King and my Lord. I love and venerate Thee, in the mysteries of Thy Holy Infancy, and I firmly purpose to love and serve Thee always. I give Thee thanks that Thou hast become a child for the love of me and in return I give and consecrate myself entirely to the love of Thee.

O Sweet Infant Jesus, I desire to love and adore Thee as did the Magi who came so far to pay Thee homage. I offer Thee all my treasures and will keep nothing back that Thou hast given me. I offer Thee the gold of my love, the incense of my prayers, and the myrrh of my pain and suffering. With them all, I offer Thee that which Thou desirest more than all the rest—my heart—which is and ever shall be Thine for all eternity.

Let my humble heart be Thy crib and Thy resting place. I desire to purify it from all stain of sin and imperfection, and to furnish it—though ever so poor—with charity, humility and pious desires. Make my heart serve as Thy crib not only during the holy Christmas season but let it be Thy perpetual resting place.

O most loving Babe of Bethlehem, bless this my most humble and respectful offering. Mindful of Thy most Precious Blood and of Thy Five Sacred Wounds, I beg of Thee to grant me now and throughout my life the virtues of Thy Holy Childhood. Give me, dear Jesus, the treasure of Thy humility, the sweetness of Thy Charity, Thy gentle patience, meekness and simplicity.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, my Mother, and all the Angels and Saints in Heaven intercede for us with the Infant Jesus, and do thou, gracious Mother, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be.)

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Servers

- MON 12/26** 5:45 PM HIGH: MC: P. Omlor TH: M. Simpson ACS: D. Simpson, Volunteer
- TUE 12/27** 5:45 PM HIGH: MC: T. Lawrence TH: P. Omlor ACS: D. & M. Simpson
- WED 12/28** 11:25 AM HIGH: MC: M. Simpson TH: D. Simpson ACS: J. & N. Kolenich
- THU 12/29** 8:00 AM HIGH: MC: Seminarian ACS: B. & T. Capetillo
- FRI 12/30** 5:45 PM HIGH: Simpsons
- SAT 12/31** 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
 8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, Kolenichs
- SUN 1/1** 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM SOL. HIGH: MCS: N. McClorey, C. Richesson CROSS: T. England TH: D. Simpson ACS: C. Arlinghaus, D. Hudson
 TORCH: B. Constantino, L. Rabjohns, N. & J. Hudson, J. Stewart, T. England
 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

ALEX JOSEPH KEITH
CHILDE STINSON WELLS
Brent Keith

MARIE ISABELLE LOBO
HORACIO LOBO
REV. FR. ANTHONY CEKADA
EZECHIEL RODRICKS
PRUDENCIA RODRICKS
ANNE D'SOUZA
TOMÉ ANTONIO LOBO
SOULS OF THE HIERARCHY,
CLERGY & RELIGIOUS
HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP
DANIEL DOLAN
ABANDONED SOULS IN
PURGATORY
The Lobo Family

MICHAEL & GRACE
SANTACROCE
CHARLOTTE KIERNAN
Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan

ADAM & EVE & ALL THEIR
DESCENDANTS
Patrick James Curry

MARCOS GONZALEZ
GEORGE & VELMA KOEPPPEL
WILLIAM & ANGELINE
ANDREOTTA
JOSEPH MICHAEL ANDREOTTA
Nathalie Andreotta

GEORGE & RICHARD VANDE RYT
Angela Schmidt

JULIA GORTON & LOIS
PETRONIO
Quentin & Jane Gorton

ALEX FULTON
MARGARET SOLI
Mary Lacy

GUS & PATRICK KURTZ
S. Kurtz

†BISHOP DANIEL DOLAN
†FR. ANTHONY CEKADA
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski

PATRICIA M. BENDER
PAUL H. BENDER
Patricia Bender

SHIRLEY REAGAN & RYAN DAIT
Michelle Mikesell

STANLEY & WILMA
SCHAPPACCHER
John Brueggemann

ALL CLERGY IN THANKSGIVING
JOHN METZ & AUNT ANNIE
Judy

MARGARET L. SOLI
Jim Soli

JOHN M. & ELIZABETH REIS
Kathy Verity

STAN & ALEDA MINNICK
Marlene R. Corbin

DECEASED SGG CHOIR
MEMBERS
A.M. Briggs

OUR PARENTS
STANLEY & WILMA
SCHAPPACHER
RICHARD & MARTHA
BRUEGGEMANN
Dan & Mary

RONALD E. KITCHEN
Marge

CHARLENE A. HOPKINS
Tim Hopkins

JACK & RUTH MILILLO
Stasia Stout

DONALD & GERALDINE GILKER
Deborah & Gary Hubbard

RICHARD & ELIZABETH SMITH
MELVIN & RITA PRELL
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell & Family

RICHARD VANDE RYT
PARENTS OF VICTOR &
DOLORIS RITZE
Mr. & Mrs. Victor J. Ritze

OWEN ZVER
Joachim & Lisa Zver & Family

MY GRANDPARENTS
Cecilia Brueggemann

JOAN LANDRY
Angie Cecere

NELLIE & DAYMON SUTTON
Margaret Sutton

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
SIMPSON & PETER FAMILIES
DECEASED MEMBERS OF SGG
C. Simpson Family

VINCENT & RACHEL
LEMORROCCO
Joyce Disher

DIANE
William

DECEASED MEMBERS OF
WALSH, GRAY, SCHAEFER &
HARNEY FAMILIES
Eugene W. Walsh, Jr.

THE HOLY SOULS
ANY & ALL FRIENDS
THE MOSES FAMILY MEMBERS
LITTLE LUCY & LITTLE
MICHAEL
MARIA & GRANDPARENTS
AUGUSTINE & ETHEL
Anon.

THE PESCHI FAMILY

Edward C. Peschi

PETER GILMARTIN

MARY ROSE GILMARTIN

Thomas Gilmartin

MICHAEL & HELEN OLEYAR

JAMES & RUTH HANNA

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar

RICHARD BORRELLO, SR.

ROGER BORRELLO, SR.

Richard Borrello

PAUL O'CONNOR

Barbara O'Connor

BARRY S.

**ALL THE HOLY SOULS IN
PURGATORY, ESPECIALLY THE**

MOST ABANDONED

BISHOP DANIEL DOLAN

CHARLES BARRETT

JAMES & MARIE G. MACKEY

DIANA & CHARLES MCEVOY

James Mackey

**OUR BELOVED, DEPARTED
FATHERS, BENEDICTO, SR. &**

ARMANDO FRANCISCO

Ben & Lu Trinidad

THOMAS & MARY LEMONDA

Thomas & Lois Lemonda

ABBÉ CEKADA

MONSEIGNEUR DOLAN

YVES GARDIN

Pauline & Marie Gardin

MY GRANDPARENTS MR. & MRS.

RICHARD BRUEGGEMANN

MR. & MRS. STANLEY

SCHAPPACHER

Anna Brueggemann

BISHOP DOLAN & FR. CEKADA

Cecilia Brueggemann

HENRY JAMES (JIMMY) CONNOR

FATHER CEKADA

BISHOP DOLAN

Irena Uderska

PAUL T. FAITH

Linda Faith & Family

GRANDMA ROSE, DAD, AUNT

DORTHY, GRANDPA ED,

ANNABELL & CLYDE

Sara Kitchen Hipple

KOWALCHUK FAMILY MEMBERS

Phyllis

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF
BROWNE, OTTING, MOOR &
SCHULTE FAMILIES**

MY PARENTS

Christopher Browne

LEONARD CONNOLLY

Levi Giese Family

DECEASED MILITARY

Volz

GWYN RITZE

Victor Ritze

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
MARKO & ZUCCARO FAMILIES**

DECEASED CLERGY &

PARISHIONERS OF ST.

GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Dave & MaryAnn Marko

ALL DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST.

GERTRUDE

BISHOP DOLAN & FR. CEKADA

Patsy McConnell

STANLEY & WILMA

SCHAPPACHER

Patsy

DENNIS HILLE

Jeanne Hille

OUR PARENTS

†**RICHARD & † MARTHA**

BRUEGGEMANN

†**KENNETH GILLIAM SR.**

BISHOP DOLAN, FR. CEKADA &

KATIE BISCHAK

Ken & Regina Gilliam

JOSEPH BELANSKY †

Smith Family

MY DECEASED PARENTS

Kirby Bischel

RALPH & PATRICIA PATTON

ALICE & STEPHEN CORBIN

BARBARA & RAYMOND

DESBOROUGH

MARGE BARBEE, KATE

ROLFORD, DOLLIE NEWMAN,

BONNIE LYNCH

Patton Family

JOAN FEY

Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock

WANDA & JOHN PURCELL

Anon.

CHARLES SIMON

Hudson

OUR PARENTS

Bill & Terri Young

BROCKMAN FAMILY

Jane Brockman

BISHOP DOLAN, MIKE BRIGGS,

NINA KRAWCZYK, KYLE

MCGUIRE & KENT MAKI

Anon.

SEAN MURRAY

John & Teresa Boyd