



## December 29, 2019 Feast of the Holy Family

Now that we have entered into the Christmas season, we can officially say “Merry Christmas” to one another.

Over the past few years, it has unsettled me more and more when people say “Merry Christmas” during Advent. To be clear, I am not losing any sleep over it, but I have noticed how foreign it sounds during the Advent season of preparation. To me, it is sort of like saying the word “Alleluia” during Lent.

Thankfully, I can set that concern aside until next year since we are now in full swing with the Christmas season. But I find that I am confronted with another unsettling experience. During the Christmas Season (which extends this year January 12 – the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord) when we share the greeting of “Merry Christmas”, many people find that it sounds odd. After all, after Christmas Day, much of our society has moved on and forgotten (or ignored) that Christmas is more than just a day, it is also a season.

To be sure, there is not a lot that we can do to counteract this trend in the larger society. But that does not mean that we give up altogether. No, I think this offers us a great opportunity on the family level to reclaim the true meaning of how the Church celebrates Christmas. The family is known as the domestic Church and it should be a place where we live our Catholic faith on a daily basis. We come to our church to worship God, to pray together, and to learn about our faith *so that* it can be nourished and strengthened in our homes. If we leave the church property and think that we are done with “church” for the week, we are missing out on something extremely important.

So, remember the words I have been using throughout Advent? *Nunc coepi* – begin again! We can begin again in our efforts to keep our families and homes as those domestic churches. As the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family today, recalling that “Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1655), we are invited to make our families places where each one of us “learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous - even repeated - forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one’s life.” (CCC, 1657)

Before it is too late, resist taking down those Christmas trees and Nativity scenes! Let them serve as a place where your family will gather together for prayer, celebrating the joy of this beautiful season and the gift of living the treasure of our Catholic faith each and every day. Merry Christmas!

- Fr. Alford

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020		
	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (76)	\$ 6,417.00	\$ 141,950.69
Electronic Funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,078.60
Bldg. Dev. Fund (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 7,097.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,798.00
Poor Fund	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,318.23
Children’s Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 43.60
Christmas Offerings(4)	\$ 195.00	\$ 555.00
Children’s Home (2)	\$ 35.00	\$ 292.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
<b><u>Saturday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.</u></b>	
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Fr. Alford, Scheufele, Tomashavich, White
<b>Lectors:</b>	Bertrand, Day
<b>Servers:</b>	Torres, Trello, Zack
<b>Hospitality:</b>	H & M Bruno, Egizio, Foster
<b><u>Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.</u></b>	
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Fr. Alford, Dowding, Vogt
<b>Lectors:</b>	Blumhorst, Deen
<b>Servers:</b>	Brown, Deen, Lauwerens
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Dahlkamp, McWard, R & B Yong
<b><u>Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.</u></b>	
<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	Fr. Alford, Clare, Crusen, Kohlrus
<b>Lectors:</b>	K & A Livengood
<b>Servers:</b>	Henry, M & A Livengood
<b>Minister of Care:</b>	Rendok
<b>Hospitality:</b>	S & D Decker, V Powell
<b>CLOW:</b>	Powell, B Toliver

**Volunteers for this week: Dec. 30-Jan. 5:**  
**Church Duster:** Dianne Felts  
**Jan. Recycling Volunteer:** Gleason Family  
**Jan. Food Volunteer:** Carlo Catalano  
**Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>:**  
 Joe & Sarah Deen

### Anointing of the Sick

If you are going to the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

#### Prayer List:

**Barb Sinkus**, parishioner  
**Steven Long**, parishioner  
**Gary Dumonceaux**, parishioner  
**Jillian Kohlrus**, parishioner  
**Shirley Crawford**, parishioner  
**Rene Runions**, parishioner  
**Ray Roland**, parishioner  
**Lynn F. Leach**, parishioner  
**JoAnn Camille**, parishioner  
**Betty Rowden**, parishioner  
**JoAnn Barber**, parishioner  
**Glen Butcher**, parishioner  
**Yvonne Butcher**, mother of Barrie Blough  
**Katherine Torricelli**, mother of Jeff Torricelli  
**Aloysious Staff**, brother of Sylvia Thull  
**Ken Cardoni**, cousin of Frances Tomashavich  
**John Rentschler**, son of Ginger Rentschler  
**Glen Limper**, son of Al & Betty Limper  
**Hope Power**, daughter of Yvonne Brandis  
**Donna Meyers**, mother of Kellie Brewer  
**Jim Felts**, husband of Dianne Felts  
**Jerry McCormick**, brother of Tom Walker  
**Margie Lammert**, mother of Sarah Clare  
**Steven Butts**, brother of Michelle Bullock  
**Reba Cloyd**, mother of Anita Schwab  
**Jennifer Harbeck**, cousin of Brad Zack  
**Joanna Laabs**, wife of Deacon Al Laabs  
**John Vercautern**, cousin of Laurie White  
**Bob Etherton**, friend of Mary Bruno  
**Cherie Peterson**, niece of Peggy Parnell  
**David Brogdon**, friend of Don & Roberta Vanover  
**Judy Conway**, friend of Maggie Patterson  
**Carolyn Carmichael**, mother of Leanne Collings  
**Stephanie Zimmerman**, friend of Sarah Clare  
**Button Pemberton**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Teresa Cieciora**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Ziggie Cieciora**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Aliana Marecki**, friend of Guerrettaz family



### HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

#### Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

##### Confessions

3:30 p  
4:30 p

#### Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a  
8:00 a  
9:30 a  
9:45 a  
9:45 a  
10:00 a  
10:30 a

##### Confessions

Mass (Int: Susan E. Denton†)

Wyndcrest: Nelson

##### Confessions

Choir Rehearsal

Rosary

Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Williams Baptism

#### Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a  
7:30 a  
8:00 a  
9:00 a

Morning Prayer

Mass (Int: Madison Mollohan)

Scriptural Rosary

Counting Team #1

#### Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

7:00 a  
7:30 a  
8:00 a  
5:30 p

Morning Prayer

Mass (Int: All Souls†)

Scriptural Rosary

Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling families)

#### Wed., January 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a

Mass (Int: For the Parish)

#### Thurs., January 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 a  
7:30 a  
8:00 a

Morning Prayer

Mass (Int: All Souls†)

Scriptural Rosary

#### Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 a  
7:30 a  
8:00 a

Morning Prayer

Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)

Rosary & First Friday Devotions

#### Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a  
9:00 a

##### Confessions

Mass (Int: Kathy Smith†)

9:30 a-4:15 p

##### Eucharistic Adoration

##### Confessions

3:30 p  
4:30 p

Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)

#### Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a  
8:00 a  
9:30 a  
9:45 a  
9:45 a  
10:00 a  
10:30 a

##### Confessions

Mass (Int: In thanksgiving)

Wyndcrest:

Confessions

Choir Rehearsal

Rosary

Mass (Int: For the Parish)

**PLEASE NOTE:** For 2019 Financial Contributions to the parish, envelopes must be turned in by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 30, 2019.

The Parish Office will be closed  
Noon December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Liturgical Ministers for New Year's Masses

#### Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Scheufele,  
**Lectors:** B Connolly, DeGroot  
**Servers:**  
**Hospitality:** Rendok

#### Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Egizio, J Calvert  
**Lectors:** Dowding, Blumhorst  
**Servers:** C & D Sommer  
**Hospitality:**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – Jan 5<sup>th</sup> :**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>SIR 3:2-6, 12-14</b>	<b>COL 3:12-21</b>
		<b>MT 2:13-15, 19-23</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>1JN 2:12-17</b>	<b>LK 2:36-40</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1JN 2:18-21</b>	<b>JN 1:1-18</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>NM 6:22-27</b>	<b>GAL 4:4-7</b>
		<b>LK 2:16-21</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>1JN 2:22-28</b>	<b>JN 1:19-28</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>1JN 2:29-3:6</b>	<b>JN 1:29-34</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>1JN 3:7-10</b>	<b>JN 1:35-42</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>IS 60:1-6</b>	<b>EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6</b>
		<b>MT 2:1-12</b>

### **→PSR NEWS←**

**The PSR classes will continue their Annual Monthly Food Drive to benefit the Food Pantry. The January food item is Cereal. Thank you in advance for your continued support.**

### Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

Dec. 31 noon-Jan. 3, 2020 Parish Office Closed  
Jan. 9,16,23,30 – 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group  
Jan. 6 – 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting  
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 – 7:00 p.m. RCIA  
Jan. 8 - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco  
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 – 6:30 p.m. PSR  
Jan. 8, 22 – 7:00 p.m. – Youth Group  
Jan. 11 – 1:00 p.m. Sew-n-sews  
Jan. 14 – 6:30 p.m. – PGC Session  
Jan. 21 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting

### St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

**Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.**  
**Saturday – 3:30-4:15 p.m.**  
**Sunday – 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.**

### PASTORAL COUNCIL POSITIONS

Each year three to four persons are selected to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for a three-year term. The qualifications are: an actively participating and registered member of St. Jude Church and a willingness to commit to monthly meetings generally on the first Monday of each month. The Pastoral Council offers counsel and/or recommendations to the Pastor regarding the pastoral activity of the parish.

If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone to serve on the Pastoral Council, please use the form below, contact Mark Schudel, chairman, or the parish office by Friday, January 6, 2020. The First meeting of the new Council will be February 3, 2020.

### Recommendation for Pastoral Council

I would like to be considered to serve a three-year term on the St. Jude Pastoral Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to nominate the following person to serve on the St. Jude Pastoral Council:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Feeling the call to become more active within the Parish?

A **Protecting God's Children** session has been scheduled at St. Jude Parish Center, **Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.** Please contact the Parish Office (498-9197) to register for this session. Please assist the parish in providing various services for our youth and children by fulfilling the requirement for all parish volunteers. **The Protecting God's Children Adult Training Session is a requirement for anyone age 18 or older who is volunteering within the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.**

## January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Carol Foltz Brad Hardiek Josephine Hendricks Anna Lindstrom Steve & Kara Gray	<b>2</b> Wesley Ferrill Henry Patterson <i>Al &amp; Diane Urbanckas</i>	<b>3</b> Matt Cochran Carroll Heissing, Jr Christina Rollins Frankie Stefano <i>Tony &amp; Teresa Paulek</i>	<b>4</b> Kathryn Felts Jason Feraris Dennis Godar Sarah Petty <i>Donald &amp; Alyce Ferrill</i>
<b>5</b> Raymond Bruzan Zenia Garcia Ilana Grenda Jerry Lafferty Hannah Weier <i>JP &amp; Amy Kain</i>	<b>6</b> Stanley Gunter Jan Pietras Anna Staley	<b>7</b> David Ramsey Charlene Weitekamp	<b>8</b> Steve Gray Jenelle Ishmael Warren Kelly Marc Staley	<b>9</b> Carrie Ross Kathryn Ross	<b>10</b> Jillian Anderson Jenna Bales Julie Bruso Elizabeth Fjelstul Gary McBride John Perona Daniel Ryan <i>Mark &amp; Theresa Oldani</i> <i>Henry &amp; Margaret Patterson</i> <i>Brian &amp; Angy Torres</i>	<b>11</b> Daniel Eichholz Jeff Hendricks Dashiell Ostrowski
<b>12</b> Gianna O'Sullivan Paul Presney Jeannette Waters Devan Whitney Patrick Witcik Eli Woehrmann	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Jessica Schudel Jeff Vose	<b>15</b> Marc Zucco	<b>16</b> Mary Gartner	<b>17</b> Jill Beckham Raeanna Jones Jackson Siders Angy Torres	<b>18</b> Brad Clare Theresa Gegen
<b>19</b> Jim Trepanier	<b>20</b> Jasper Capriotti	<b>21</b> Evelyn Conboy Margaret Martyn Joe & Laura Dorman	<b>22</b> JoAnn Camille Emma Airheart Joshua Ferrill Olivia Heiple Paula Jones	<b>23</b> Marie Bales Robby Gillespie Molly Godar Mitch Ingold Monroe McWard Dylan Patton	<b>24</b> Aniston Farris Henry Gartner Margaret Possley Abby Riedle Michael Wrincik	<b>25</b> Cassandra Bax Pat Keen Raegan Reynolds Marlee Trame
<b>26</b> Chris Bax Gary Helling Randy Western Bob & Cathy Davis	<b>27</b> Kathi Best Tom Hagerman William Newman Kiley Torres <i>Mike &amp; Jan Sponsler</i>	<b>28</b> Jasper Capriotti Tony Colantino Scott Melton	<b>29</b> John Dietrich Jacob Duban	<b>30</b> Kathryn Long	<b>31</b> Carrie Auxier Judy Bedore Brenda Schnepf	

### Alpha Course at Cathedral – A chance to explore a relationship with Jesus

Are you someone who might enjoy learning a little more about Christianity? Have you or a friend drifted away from the faith? Why not try Alpha? Alpha is a no pressure opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an atmosphere of warm hospitality. Each Alpha session includes a meal, a talk, and conversation. No cost, no obligation. If you or someone you know is interested, the next course begins on Monday, January 13 at 6:30pm in the Cathedral school basement. Please make sure to RSVP at 522-3342 or [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or online at <https://spicathedral.org/alpha/> You are welcome!

### Bereavement Ministry

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception hosts a weekly bereavement group, Grief Share, on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 (except 12/26) in the Cathedral School Library. Grief Share offers a faith filled opportunity to grieve and heal in company with others. You are most welcome to join us at any time. No RSVP necessary. For more information contact Berni Ely at 899-6637 or [jackandberni96@yahoo.com](mailto:jackandberni96@yahoo.com)

### Carols at Noon

#### Epiphany Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral

In the continued joy of the Church's celebration of Christmas, you are invited to again join Mark Gifford and the Cathedral Choir for an evening of Scripture, music, and prayer as we reflect on the events surrounding the birth of our Savior at Christmas. Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

**Bently's Hair & Nail Co.**  
126 John Street Rochester, IL  
217-498-1081