



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

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December 22nd, 2019

4th Sunday of advent

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RECONCILIATION

St. Augustine's Church
 Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM
St. Mary's Church
 Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM

BAPTISMS

Pre-baptismal class required.
 Make arrangements one month prior to child's birth.

WEDDINGS

Please contact The Parish Office six months in advance. Special arrangements are required for anyone 18 or under.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18



Divine Mercy Parish Mission Statement:

Our mission is to be a living sign of God reflecting the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ.

Christmas Mass Schedule:			
Xmas eve	5:00pm	SM	Spanish
Xmas eve	5:00pm	SA	English
Xmas eve	10:00pm	SM	English*
Xmas day	10:00am	SA	Spanish
Xmas day	10:00am	SM	English
Xmas day	1:30pm	SB	Spanish
Xmas day no 5:00pm Mass			
New Year's Day			
N.Y. Eve	5:00pm	SA	English
N.Y. Eve	11pm	SA	Spanish**
NY Day	10:00am	SA	Spanish
NY Day	10:00am	SM	English
NY Day	1:30pm	SB	Spanish
Xmas day No 5:00pm Mass			
*bilingual homily if necessary			
** Mass and Benediction			

From Fr. Gerry...

Christmas wishes: May God watch over you and your families. May He protect you from danger and tragedies. May He give you an openness to His grace that you may continue your growth in sanctity.

Christmas Invitation: God's mercy is especially strong in this season. Please take the opportunity to invite some of your friends and relatives who are inactive in the faith to come to Christmas mass.

Don't give God the best, give Him the worst: Jesus comes to redeem us from our sins. What he wants most of us is our sins! The greatest Christmas present we can give Jesus is to hand over to Him our brokenness and our sinfulness. He comes to heal and forgive the darkest place in our souls! If we don't acknowledge Jesus as redeemer, then we are just celebrating the birth of a popular philosopher who died an early death. Jesus is more than that. He is our redeemer.



Fourth Week of Advent: Last chance for confessions before Christmas eve 5pm Mass: 3:30 to 4:30pm. The priest has to leave at 4:30pm to get everything ready for the 5pm Mass. Don't come at 4:20pm and expect to get into confession. We have to leave early that evening and can't hear confessions until 4:50pm.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you for your support of this important campaign.

Archbishop's Campaign	Goal	Donated	% Goal	Pledges
	\$25,120	\$16,510	65.0%	75

Tuesday, December 24th 5:00 PM (SA)
Children Mass

Altar Servers: Talon Andel & Aaron Langemeier
EMHCs: Mel Bailey, Gwen Mach & Kitty Bailey
Lector: Children
Ushers: Matt Bailey, Dave & Gwen Mach

Tuesday, December 24th 10:00 PM (SM)

Altar Servers: Andrew Harding & Elizabeth Harding
EMHCs: Kathy Yonda, Tom Healy & Jeffrey Black
Lector: Steve Bailey
Ushers: Allan Jedlicka, Mary Ann Krula & Dean Meister

Tuesday, December 25th 10:00 AM (SM)

Altar Servers: Joshua Eisenmann & Justin Eisenmann
EMHCs: Renee Blum, Doug Eisenmann & Laura Eisenmann
Lector: Sharon Doerneman
Ushers: Allan Jedlicka, Mary Ann Krula & Dean Meister

Saturday, December 28th 5:00 PM (SA)

Altar Servers: Astrid Mejia & Naomi Mejia
EMHCs: Carol Hastings, DR. Dan Hoelsing & Barb McGowan
Lector: Larry McGowan
Ushers: Matt Bailey, Mel & Kitty Bailey

Sunday, December 29th 8:00 AM (SA)

Altar Servers: Talon Andel & Caleb Bailey
EMHCs: Jeanne Jakob, Sara Bailey & Jill Ruskamp
Lector: Al Jakob
Ushers: Randy Hrouda & Steve Ziembra

Sunday, December 29th 10:00 AM (SM)

Altar Servers: Sam Krupka & Ryan Muhsman
EMHCs: Peggy Roder, Kathy Yonda & Betty Henggeler
Lector: Leroy Kracl
Ushers: Allan Jedlicka, Mary Ann Krula & Dean Meister

St. Augustine: Fr. Thomas gave me a good quotation from St. Augustine: "I entrust my past to the mercy of God, my present to His grace and my future to His loving providence. "This makes a nice little prayer when we are remorseful or worried. I am reading another biography about St. Augustine. When he was a priest, his bishop had guards stationed in Hippo so that other dioceses would not seize and kidnap him to make Him their bishop! In those days, the people chose their bishop. I also didn't realize that in northern Africa the Catholics were in a minority. The rigorous Donatists were more numerous and proclaimed themselves as the "true Catholics." Augustine was very involved infighting this heresy.



Guadalupe: It was estimated this year that 9.8 million pilgrims came to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 12....and we thought we had a big crowd of about 700 at the Middle School Gym. We had 200-300 at St. Isidore's in Columbus. May Mary continue to bless all the peoples of this continent and bless us with peace and justice.



Finances: Your generosity at Christmastime helps us replenish our budget after many repair/renovation projects this year: basement of St. Mary's church, fence around St. Augustine's and concrete repair in front of the churches. Thank you.

Need 8 foot tables for Christmas and New Year gathering? We will be replacing the wood grain tables in the Saint Mary Social Center and selling them for \$20 dollars a piece. (We have 17 to sell by 1/1/20). If interested, call the office 402-352-3540.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.



On behalf of Fr. Gerald, Fr. Jairo, Fr. Joseph, Deacon Danny, Deacon Paul and the parish staff we wish you all a very Merry Christmas



FOCUS Missionary

I am Bethany Black a parishioner from Divine Mercy Parish and a student at Wayne State University. Would you like to be part of my mission support team? You can send your donation to me at my home address 321 West 10th St. Schuyler, NE 68661, made payable to FOCUS, my ID number is 78829, or donate by credit card at <http://www.focusonline.org/site/Donation>.

Family Communications

Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust of one another.

Spend some time talking as a family about the importance of trust in your family life, including the ways in which the children trust the adults in the family as well as the ways in which the adults trust the children. Then read today's Gospel. Talk about Joseph's trust of God and reflect together on how your family trusts in God.

Pray together that your family life will be built on trust, as was the family life of Joseph and Mary. Pray and sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Readings for Dec. 23rd - 28th

Monday: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-4 / Luke 1: 57-66

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Luke 1: 67-79.

Wednesday: Isaiah 9:1-6 / Titus 2: 11-14 / Luke 2: 1-14

Thursday: Acts 6: 8-10 ; 7: 54-59 / Matthew 10: 17-22

Friday: 1 John 1: 1-4 / John 20: 1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 John 1: 5-2:2 / Matthew 2: 13-18

December 29th

1st: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Sirach writes about family relationships and duties, especially that of honoring one's parents all the days of their lives. Paul instructs the Colossians on how to love one another and live for Christ. In the Gospel, Joseph follows the instructions of the angels who led him safely not, and out of, Egypt.



We pray that you all have a most Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

There will be no CFF Classes Dec. 25 & Jan. 1. Classes will resume on Jan. 8, 2020. CFF office hours during break are 8-5 Mon. – Fri. The CFF office will be closed December 24 (at noon), 25 and January 1.

Remember... Dec. 25, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) and Jan. 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God are Holy Days of Obligation so you must attend Mass on those days.

Students will be continuing assessments on the prayers and teachings for their levels when they return to classes. While they should be praying and learning with their families every day, the break will provide extra time for more intensive study. It is parents' privilege and responsibility to help their children learn the prayers and other teachings. The prayers and teaching required for each level is listed on page 1 in the Catholic Prayers and Teachings that each student received in September.

Save the date the First Communion Student & Parent Retreat will be Sunday, January 12, 2020 in St. Mary's Social Hall at 2pm. This is mandatory for students and at least one of their parents.

The movie “UNPLANNED” will be shown Sunday, January 5th at 4:00 pm in the Scotus Little Theater - 1554 18th Ave. - by Columbus Right to Life. (Any questions: 402-564-5619) The movie is the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson’s journey of transformation from being a Planned Parenthood clinic director to an ardent pro-life speaker.

4th Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



The Nebraska Walk for Life in Lincoln

Are you interested in attending the walk on Saturday, January 18th but don't want to drive? Columbus Right to Life and Norfolk Right to Life will be renting a bus to take interested individuals to this huge, pro-life event. The cost is only \$10 per person. We would be leaving Columbus at 7:30 AM and returning about 3:30 PM. If interested, or for more information, call 402-276-0965 by January 3rd to reserve a seat on the bus.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 23

6:30pm Jec SM Hall Posada / Novena 9

7:00 pm Jec Holy Hour SB - **Cancel**

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

10pm SM Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

NO CFF Classes

10:00am SM Christmas Mass

7:30- 9pm SM CEC (Christians Encounter Christ) Prayer Group

Thursday, December 26

7:00am SM: GG - No Mass

6:00pm SMCHB Charismatics

6:00pm SMHB 4 & 5 Jec Legion de Maria

7:00pm SMHB 1 & 2 R. C. Ministerio de predicacion

Friday, December 27

4:30 Jec SM Church Intercession Prayer charismatics

6:00pm SA Church and SA Hall JPC Prayer group Jec

Saturday, December 28

8:00am Men's Prayer Group Saint Mary's basement

Sunday, December 29

6:00am SM Hall JPC meeting

4:00pm SM Hall Charismatics

December 21st - December 29th

Saturday, December 21st. :

(A) 5:00 PM † Fern Brandl, Fred Krenk, Jeff & Mariah Cummings.

(M) 5:00 PM (Sp) † Juan Roberto de la Cruz.

Sunday, December 22nd:

(A) 8:00 AM † Silvester Nepper, James & Blazena Hladky.

(A) 9:30 AM (Sp) † Esperanza Ortiz, Maria Reyes, Pablo Rafael & Frumencio Sanchez.

(M) 10:00AM † Leonard Palensky.

(A) 11:00 AM (Sp) † Guadalupe Gonzalez, Elmer & Pedro de Leon / S.I. Virgen of Guadalupe.

(SB) 1:30 PM (St. Bon's - Spanish)

(M) 5:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, December 23rd:

(A) 7:00 AM † Larry Ladwig

(M) 8:00 AM (Sp) S.I. Uriel Rene, Humberto, Eric & Marco Antonio Lopez

Tuesday, December 24th:

(A) 7:00 AM † Terrie Wigington

(A) 5:00 PM † Raymond Moore, Sylvester Nepper

(M) 5:00 PM (Sp) † Elmer de Leon, Josafat Nava & Felicita Santo / S.I. Maria Alonzo.

"Midnight Mass" (M) 10:00 PM Living & Decease of Fred Krenk & Hejhal Family.

Wednesday, December 25th:

(M) 10:00 AM † Leon Schutte, Frank & Adela Yonda

(A) 10:00 AM (Sp) † Elmer de Leon, Mario Encarnacion & Leopoldina Fuentes.

Thursday, December 26th:

(M) 7:00 AM **NO MASS**

(M) 8:00 AM (Sp) **NO MASS**

Friday, December 27th:

(M) 7:00 AM † Mayme Viglicky

(M) 8:15 AM (Sp) † Eutiquio Chavez & Frumencia Lopez

Saturday, December 28th:

(A) 5:00 PM † Clara Meister

(M) 5:00 PM (Sp) † Jose Roberto Vigil & Francisca Sanchez Lopez / S.I. Arroyo Ayala Family & Leslie Adame Raya.

Sunday, December 29th:

(A) 8:00 AM † Dennis & Dorothy Gall

(A) 9:30AM (Sp) † Emigdio Mosso Juarez, Maria Reyes, Pablo Rafael & Frumencio Sanchez.

(M)10:00 AM † Irene Medinger / S.I. Anniversary

(A)11:00 AM (Sp) † Maria Antonio, Nicolas Miguel, Catarina Juan, Elmer & Pedro de Leon / S.I. Niño Dimita Santo Domingo

(SB) 1:30 PM (St. Bon's - Spanish)

(M) 5:00 PM People of the Parish

December 14th & 15th Mass Contributions

Our weekly budget:	\$ 7,425.00
Received this weekend:	\$ 9,025.03
Envelopes:	\$ 4,372.00
Loose Money:	\$ 2,488.03
Electronic Contribution:	\$ 2,165.00



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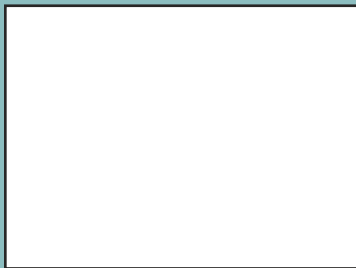
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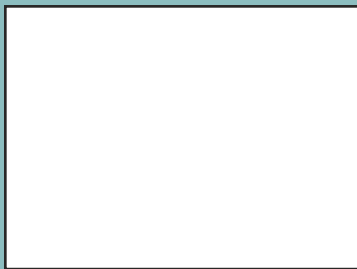
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