



The angel Gabriel was sent from
God to a town of Galilee called
Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed
to a man named Joseph...and the
virgin's name was Mary.

LUKE 1:26-27

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Wondering Why

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The old axiom goes: if you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans. All too often the vision God has for us takes us in quite varying directions. The stories of King David and of Mary echo such realities. David, who wanted to build a temple for the Ark of the Covenant so God would not need to live in a tent, had his plans nixed, only to be reminded that it is *God* who does the building in life and not David. And Mary, who found herself confused over how she might conceive, was asked to simply trust and place her life in the hands of God. Both said “yes.”

There are always times when the unfolding path of God for us may unsettle us: the complexities of immigrants at our doorstep, the changing demographics of our cities, the need to close or merge parishes, the upheavals of our personal lives. We find ourselves asking why without receiving any answers. Each time there is no answer, consider it an invitation to trust in a power greater than ourselves.

Not all rhythms of life are necessarily caused by the hand of God, but then one can never be sure. Who is to say where and how and through whom God works? Christmas comes as a reminder that God’s love and presence still unfolds in varied and new ways, always giving birth again and again to the divine made flesh in our lives. The mystery of the Incarnation points to this truth: God is present in all of life. ●

Reflect

Have you ever had your plans unsettled in a way that turned out, in the end, to be a gift from God?



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Parish Giving

General Fund	\$5502.00
Loose	\$22.00
Christmas	\$400.00
Votive Stand	\$40.00
Flowers	\$50.00

TOTAL \$6,014.00

46 General Offering envelopes collected,
including children.

Seminary Collection \$500.00

Thanksgiving Day Dinner 2023 Results

Proceeds were \$23,666.04.

Raffle Winners

1st Place \$750—Alexis & Madison Couch
2nd Place \$500—Tom & Luanne Hellebusch
3rd Place \$250—Joan Bobbit

Mass Schedule

St Ignatius ~ St Vincent Immaculate Conception

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00pm SI
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00am IC
	10:30am SV
<u>Monday</u>	8:00am IC
<u>Tuesday</u>	8:00am SI
<u>Wednesday</u>	8:00am SV
<u>Thursday</u>	8:00am SI
<u>Friday</u>	8:00am SV
<u>First Saturday</u>	8:00am IC

Holy Days—Please check the
bulletin and/or website for
Holy Day schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm SI
Sunday 10:00am SV, before
Sunday Mass
First Saturday of the Month
8:30am IC (following 8am
Mass) Any other time by
appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 8:30am-7pm

Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotions Tuesdays after
Morning Mass at SI

Special Warning Announcement

*Please make sure your
vehicles are locked and you
do not leave any valuable
items in your car.*

*There are Calendars from
Martin Funeral Home in the
back of Church! Please help
yourself!*

Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

12/21-12/31 NO School Christmas Break
12/24 Diermann X-mas Party 1 pm-10 pm
(Lobby/Cafeteria)
12/25 Parish Office & School Closed-Xmas
12/26 Church Cleaning Team 10-Lisa
Glosemeyer
12/26 Rosary & Litany after Mass
12/27 Finance Council Mtg. 6 pm
12/31 Shooting Match

St Ig Club Winners for December

Bob & Kitty Heberle

St Ann's Ladies Society Christmas Party POSTPONED

12/6/23

New date 1/10/24—6:30 pm

Please bring a snack or dessert, and a
non-perishable item for the food
pantry. We will have a gift exchange
game (rob your neighbor) if you want
to participate, bring a \$10 gift wrapped.

All ladies are welcome!

Special Announcement

During the cold and flu season, please refrain
from receiving the Precious Blood at Mass if
you have a cough, cold or any flu symptoms.

Please pick up dishes used from the
Thanksgiving Day Dinner in the Cafeteria.

Please remember to turn in your St Ig Club
Membership forms. The goal is 85 this year
and we only have about 62 turned in.

Thank you—Home & School

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 23, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor

Jenna Huddleston, Doug Pisarek, Larry Sander,
Mary Glosemeyer

Lector: Donna Blahut

Ushers: Jacob Lierman, Sharon Pruessner

Servers: Christine Marquart, Claire/Gracie
Koch

Sunday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Jacob Lierman

Christopher Engemann, Jenna Huddleston,
Mary Glosemeyer

Lector: Donna Blahut

Ushers: Lisa Glosemeyer, Jeff Glosemeyer

Servers: Jared Meyer, Jack Glosemeyer, Grant
Korman

Monday, December 25, 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Syd Fees

Amanda Schwoeppe, Alice Kluesner, Ellen Fees,
Deb Hawkins

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Bob Koch, Patty Koch

Servers: Lane/Lilly Kluesner, Drew Schwoeppe

Saturday, December 30, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor

Jenna Huddleston, Doug Pisarek, Larry Sander,
Mary Glosemeyer

Lector: Jayne Glosemeyer

Ushers: Debb Hawkins, Rick Hawkins

Servers: Hunter Barnhart, George Stanfill, Jack
Glosemeyer

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23 & Sunday December 24

5:00 p.m. Parishioner 4:00 p.m. Parishioner

Monday December 25 Lester & Hilda Hennecke &
10:30 a.m. Taylor Kuenzel

Tuesday, December 26 St Ignatius Parish
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 28 Larry Meyer
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 30 Eugene P. Van Cleave
5:00 p.m.

We would like to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers for our Mom, Joey Heggemann. Thank you, Father Doyle, for your kindness and support, the ladies of the parish who helped with the luncheon, the men who parked cars, and everyone who brought a dish for the luncheon. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

The Joey Heggemann Family

One of the things I look forward to during the Christmas season is the singing of traditional Christmas hymns and carols. One of my favorite hymns is "O Come, All Ye Faithful." The refrain: "O come, let us adore him," repeated three times is an invitation to worship the infant Christ, who came into the world as a little baby so that we would not be afraid to approach Him.

Jesus invites us to adore him throughout the year, not just at Christmas. He is waiting for us to visit him in the Blessed Sacrament. Just as the Son of God concealed his divinity, power, and majesty in the body of the tiny baby born of Mary, so Christ conceals himself under the humble appearance of bread in the Holy Eucharist.

It is significant that our Savior chose to be born in Bethlehem. Bethlehem literally means "house of bread." During his public ministry, Jesus would identify himself as "the bread of life." Jesus Christ is the living bread that came down from heaven and gives life to the world. He nourishes us when we receive him in Holy Communion. He also strengthens our faith and listens to our prayers when we spend time with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

As we look at the situation in the world today or perhaps even in our own life, there are many reasons to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The world needs peace and justice. Many souls are searching for the truth. Many people seek physical or spiritual healing. When we place our burdens and our needs before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, he will give us what we need. Even if we don't receive an immediate answer to our prayer, Jesus will strengthen our faith and give us his peace.

I am grateful that in each of the parishes where I am pastor there is some time for Eucharistic Adoration each month: At St. Ignatius on Thursdays from 8:30 am until 7:00 pm; at St. Vincent de Paul on Wednesdays from 8:30 am until 12:00 noon; and at Immaculate Conception on the second Thursday of the month from 5:30 until 7:00 pm. Let us adore Christ the Lord – not only in the manger of Bethlehem – but frequently in the Blessed Sacrament!

May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas season.
Fr. Doyle

Christmas Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception-Augusta

December 24-9:00 p.m.

December 25-8:00 a.m.

St Ignatius of Loyola in Concord Hill

December 24—4:00 p.m.

December 25—10:30 a.m.

St Vincent de Paul in Dutzwog

December 24—5:00 p.m.

December 24—10:00 p.m.

Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Connie Buenemann

Jerome Heggemann

Andrew Hellebusch

Betty Hellebusch

Carl Jacquin

Carol Jacquin

Judith Liermann

Jeffrey Lierman

Connie Struckhoff

Joan Meyer

Theodore Meyer

Tom Meyer

Richard Preis

Jim Smith

Matt Struckhoff

Natalie Ulett

Audrey Wagener

Marc Wagener

Leanne Davis

Jacqueline Heggemann

Jean Jaeger

Marilyn Heady

Terry Sullentrup

Fr. Finbarr Dowling

Rick Thiel

Amy Brakemeyer

12.01.20 Donny Kopmann

12.02.01 Lucille Hellebusch

12.04.14 Catherine Marquart

12.05.03 Mark Voss

12.05.10 Merlin Kopmann

12.06.09 Bill Carr

12.07.78 Frances Nieder

12.08.14 Evelyn Peters

12.10.76 John Engemann

12.10.92 Alfred Lierman

12.11.12 Bonnie Engemann

12.12.95 Lawrence Glosemeyer

12.12.85 Herman Kopmann

Anniversaries of Our Dearly

Departed

12.02.22 Ralph Glosemeyer

12.16.81 Amelia Engemann

12.17.07 Eldina Heggemann

12.18.12 Dorothy Liermann

12.19.03 Mary Rose Hellebusch

12.25.11 Don Heggemann

12.26.96 Donald Garbs

12.26.04 Bernard Heggemann

12.27.97 Elizabeth Tillmann

12.28.94 Lester Hennecke

12.28.08 Orville Gildehaus Jr.

12.29.86 Antonia Mebruer

Dear Padre,

The Bible talks about Jesus' brothers and sisters. Is there scriptural proof that Jesus was Mary's only child?

The Catholic Church's position is that Mary had only one child; her son called Jesus. Yet there are at least ten scriptural references to "the brothers of Jesus" or to his "sisters" (see Matthew 13:55–56, Mark 6:3, and Luke 8:19–21).

The difficulty is that the meaning of the term "brothers" (translated from the Greek *adelphos*) isn't restricted to the sharing of a parent. On the contrary, it may not only refer to other relatives, including cousins, but also to close relationships, such as disciples. This is not unlike how we might refer to "brothers in arms" as those who fought in a war together, or a religious order of brothers or sisters.

Recall, too, that Jesus and his disciples spoke Aramaic, and there is no equivalent for the meaning of "cousins" as we know it in that language. Instead, the word for brother or sister was used when referring to cousins. Thus, when St. Jerome (*circa* 340–420) translated the Bible from Hebrew into Church Latin, he considered "the brothers of Jesus" as cousins, not siblings. After all, it would have been the rightful responsibility of these male relatives of Jesus to take care of Mary when Jesus died. Yet Jesus entrusts his mother to the care of his beloved disciple John (John 19:26). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 25 <i>Nativity of the Lord</i> Is 52:7–10 Heb 1:1–6 Jn 1:1–18 or 1:1–5, 9–14	December 26 <i>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</i> Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59 Mt 10:17–22	December 27 <i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 1 Jn 1:1–4 Jn 20:1a, 2–8	December 28 <i>Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> 1 Jn 1:5–2:2 Mt 2:13–18	December 29 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:3–11 Lk 2:22–35	December 30 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:12–17 Lk 2:36–40	December 31 <i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i> Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17 Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask our Lady for a grace...that she kindle our enthusiasm for the ideal of holiness which is not a matter of holy cards and images, but is about living what happens each day, humbly and joyfully...with our eyes fixed on God and the neighbor we meet.

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