



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Mi 5:1–4a

Heb 10:5–10

Lk 1:39–45

## True Love Means Sacrifice

God is often present in the little, hidden things of life. Take for example the small town of Bethlehem. This place barely appeared on the maps of the time. Yet in this dull town, overlooked by all, God wished to be born. God isn't into bling.

Look at the ray of light in the painting that shines from the upper left window directly down onto Mary's womb. She carries in her the Light of the World, but it happened in a way unknown to anyone. He is the Light of the World, shining to catch our attention, but he does so in silence, humility, and intimacy.

There is a second aspect of the Incarnation to learn here. Christmas was about a real sacrifice. Mary and Jesus offered their very selves. Hebrews says it wasn't an animal or a wheat offering but Jesus' very body and blood. The same for Mary, as it was her life, her virginity, her very intimacy, that she was opening to God when she agreed to be the mother of the Lord. It's easy to be generous when it doesn't touch too close to home.

So try not to look for glitz and externals this Christmas but for God's hidden presence. And imitate Jesus and Mary by giving of your very self. It's not about a fast, a donation, or extra prayers—as good as

those Advent practices are. But all of this prepares us to give our very selves to him in trust through the hidden acts of love of every day.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Annunciation*, 1427  
Artist: Gentile da Fabriano  
Location: Vatican Museums



### *For Reflection*

*What hidden acts of love can you offer during this upcoming Christmas?*

*Are there ways you can point out to your children God's presence in the little things?*

*We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

*Hebrews 10:10*





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<p><b>Pastor</b> Father Steve Robeson (636)932-4445 <a href="mailto:pastor@saintig.com">pastor@saintig.com</a></p> <p><b>Deacon</b> Deacon Paul Hecktor (636) 932-4805 <a href="mailto:sphecktor@gmail.com">sphecktor@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Parish Office Manager</b> Anne Lober (636) 932-4445 Fax (636) 932-4032 <a href="mailto:anne.lober@saintig.com">anne.lober@saintig.com</a></p> <p><b>Parish Council Members</b> Fr. Steve Robeson Deacon Paul Hecktor Norb Engemann Alison Hoglan Kitty Heberle. Mike Kalish-Finance Council Temp.Rep. Patty Koch-School Board Rep. Dan Mayer-Consultors Rep.</p> <p><b>School Principal</b> Dr. Arlesa Leopold 636.932.4444 <a href="mailto:lleopold@saintig.com">lleopold@saintig.com</a></p> <p><b>School Secretary</b> Sandy Walls 636.932.4444 <a href="mailto:sandy.walls@saintig.com">sandy.walls@saintig.com</a></p>	<p><b>Weekend Masses</b> Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Weekday Masses</b> 8:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday Tuesday 7:30 p.m. and PH Devotions Thursday 6:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Confessions</b> Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment</p> <p><b>Baptisms and Marriages</b> By arrangement with Fr. Steve Robeson</p>	<p>12/23 RCIA meeting 11am-12:15pm 12/23 Private Event in Cafeteria 12/24-12/26 Parish Office Closed 12/24 5pm Christmas Mass 12/25 Midnight Christmas Mass 12/25 10am Christmas Mass 12/26 Rosary &amp; Litany after Mass 12/31 Church Cleaning this week for Team 9 (Leader-Ava Diermann) 12/31 5pm Mass 01/01 10am Mass 01/01 Parish Office Closed 01/02-01/03 No Coffee &amp; Scriptures 01/03 Classes Resume 01/03 Home Economics 8am-3pm in Community Center 01/04 11:30 Dismissal – Faculty Meeting 01/04 Basketball games 6-9pm 01/06 RCIA meeting 11am-12:15pm 01/09 Men’s Coffee &amp; Scriptures from 6:30- 7:30am at Ulett’s Coffee Shed 01/13 RCIA meeting 11am-12:15pm 01/16 Men’s Coffee &amp; Scriptures from 6:30- 7:30am at Ulett’s Coffee Shed 01/16 Town Hall Meeting 7pm in Community Center</p>																
<p><b>Sunday Offerings</b></p> <table><tr><td>General Fund</td><td>\$8,663.00</td><td>Tuition</td><td>\$844.50</td></tr><tr><td>General Child Fund</td><td>\$0.77</td><td>Lunch Money</td><td>\$267.50</td></tr><tr><td>Loose</td><td>\$10.00</td><td>Votive Stand</td><td>\$34.40</td></tr><tr><td>Hall Rental</td><td>\$100.00</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p><b>Total Received</b> <b>\$9,920.17</b> 71 general offering envelopes collected, including children.</p> <p><i>Please remember</i> <i>St. Ignatius Parish &amp; School in your will</i></p>	General Fund	\$8,663.00	Tuition	\$844.50	General Child Fund	\$0.77	Lunch Money	\$267.50	Loose	\$10.00	Votive Stand	\$34.40	Hall Rental	\$100.00			<p><b>Parish Office Holiday Schedule:</b> Closed: Mon., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>- Wed., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> Open: Thurs., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; Fri., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> Fr. Steve will be available Mon., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tues., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> morning Away from Parish Tues., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> afternoon – Fri., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup></p> <p>★★★★★★★★</p> <p><b>Christmas Mass Schedule</b> Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Lector ~Jodie Glosemeyer Server ~ Austin Cooper Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00 am Lector ~ Larry Sander 10:00 am Lector ~ Vincent Leopold Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm ~ Alice Kluesner Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am ~ Shelia Shortt *volunteers needed for Eucharist Ministers, ushers and servers</p>	<p><b>Please come join us at 11:30 pm before the Midnight Mass on Christmas to listen to the Christmas Story and Carols sung by our choir.</b></p> <p>★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★</p> <p><b>Places to go around town.....</b> 1/06 St. Vincent Breakfast 8-11:30am 1/12 St. Vincent School Society Trivia Night \$15 per person (8-10) per table 1/19 St. Joseph Neier Church Cajun Trivia Night Fundraiser \$200 per table reserve 314.808.3364 2/02 Catholic men for Christ-Touhill Performing Arts Center, UMSL Campus 9am- 5pm <a href="http://catholicmenforchrist.org">catholicmenforchrist.org</a> 3/09 Catholic women for Christ-Touhill Performing Arts Center, UMSL Campus 9am- 5pm <a href="http://catholicwomenforchrist.org">catholicwomenforchrist.org</a></p>
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<p><b>Offertory envelopes will be mailed to you monthly. If you do not receive your envelopes, please notify the Parish office. 636.932.4445</b></p>	<p><b>Come, Lord Jesus</b></p>																	



# MASS SCHEDULE

## Saturday, December 22

**5:00 p.m.** † Mary Mebruer Kellogg

Eucharistic Ministers: Ralph Glosemeyer

Jayne & Maurice Glosemeyer |

Dianne & Tom Meyer

Lector: Jayne Glosemeyer

Ushers: Ken & Diane Lierman

Servers: Carter & Izabella Glosemeyer

## Sunday, December 23

**8:00 a.m.** † People of St. Ignatius

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Jeanette Marquart | Debbie Engemann |

Jodi Glosemeyer

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Gary & Chris Meyer

Servers: Ryan & Luke Kloeppel

**10:00 a.m.** † Sandra Fees

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Freese

Tricia Kemper | Teresa Volkerding | Becky

Schoppenhorst | Audrey Hellebusch

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Vincent & Lesa Leopold

Servers: Sam Chambers & Carley Kopmann

## Monday, December 24

8:00 a.m. † Elaine Voss

5:00 p.m. † People of St. Ignatius

## Tuesday, December 25

12:00 p.m. † Lester & Hilda Hennecke

10:00 a.m. † For the Priests & Seminarians

## Wednesday, December 26

8:00 a.m. † Communion Service

## Thursday, December 27

6:00 a.m. † Communion Service

## Friday, December 28

NO SERVICES

## Saturday, December 29

**5:00 p.m.** † Fred & Odelia Gildehaus

Eucharistic Ministers: Ronald Glosemeyer

Jayne & Maurice Glosemeyer | Jeanne Dothage |

Lori Huenefeld

Lector: Alice Kluesner

Ushers: Ralph & Vicki Glosemeyer

Servers: Macey & Estiven Levin

## Sunday, December 30

**8:00 a.m.** † Eugene & Mathilda Glosemeyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor or Jeanette Dothage

Joan Meyer | Joan & Norbert Engemann | Larry Sanders

Lector: Jeanette Marquart

Ushers: Leon & Michelle Hellebusch

Servers: Alex Huddleston & Kaylee Schwoeppe

**10:00 a.m.** † For the People of St. Ignatius

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Brewe

Ellen & Syd Fees | Teresa Volkerding | Carl Brewe

Lector: Ellen Fees

Ushers: John & Shari Kopmann

Servers: Adam Kopmann & Jacob Gildehaus

In August 2018, the pastors of ten Catholic parishes in and around Washington announced that a Steering Committee composed of representatives from each of the parishes had made a recommendation regarding the future of the six Catholic elementary schools in the area. This Steering Committee was charged in February 2018 to study past and present educational realities in the six parish elementary schools serving the families in the Washington area and to develop a recommendation as to how the parishes might continue to provide for the evangelization, formational, and educational needs of families.

Over the last several months, members of the Office of Catholic Education and Formation have been meeting with the elementary school principals and evaluating all the programs offered at each school and developing an educational system that will continue to benefit our families into the future. The pastors have been provided options that meet the recommendation of the Steering Committee for "a regional Catholic school system be created that would provide quality faith-based Catholic education in a financially responsible, affordable, and sustainable manner for the parishes and families in the Washington and Southern Warren County area."

Town Hall meetings have been scheduled at the parishes to discuss the options for a regional school system as follows:

1.5.19 – St. Gertrude Krakow (1PM)

1.10.19 – St. John the Baptist

1.8.19 – St. Francis Borgia Parish

1.14.19 – Our Lady of Lourdes

1.9.19 – St. Vincent

1.16.19 – St. Ignatius

All meetings will begin at 7PM unless otherwise noted and the same presentation will be given at each parish. Please plan on attending to learn more about the proposed enhancements to Catholic education.

**All please note the date on that list for the Saint Ignatius Town Hall, January 16th 7 p.m. in our Community Center.**

**All who love our Saint Ignatius School, please come and participate.**

For those of you who had questions about the school, I wanted you to have some lead time to get our town hall on your calendar, so that is why you see that kind of content in the Pastor's letter right before Christmas. But please know I am thinking of all of you in this gentle week when God comes to us even smaller than the children we hold so dear--yes in our parish school--and all the precious children of our parish. Please know that God's coming as one of us means the Father holds every one of you as precious as his own Son! Many Christmas joys to you all!

Father Steve

## Please Pray for the Sick/Ailing/Recovering

Doug Grafrath  
Irene Buenemann

Duck Brinker  
Karen Brinkmann

Pillman Family

Kim Smith  
Tabitha Kersey

Judy Brouk  
Stephanie Lindemann

Tom Meyer  
Cindy Faust

Betty Hellebusch  
Evelyn Tucker

Shelbee Mauldin  
Jim Grafrath

Andrew Hellebusch

Carol Jacquin  
Brad Segar

Ralph Glosemeyer  
Fred Borges

Richard Preiss  
Pete Reitz

Frank Dowling

Judi Liermann  
Ethel Thomas

Fr. Finbarr Dowling  
Dawn Borgmann

Natalie Ulett

Audrey Wagener  
Kay Wagner

Betty Schulte  
Marc Wagener

Laura Tellmann  
Tom Glosemeyer

Olivia Jasper

## Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

12.02.01 Lucille Hellebusch

12.04.14 Catherine Marquart

12.05.03 Mark Voss

12.05.10 Merlin Kopmann

12.06.19 Bill Carr

12.08.14 Evelyn Peters

12.11.12 Bonnie Engemann

12.12.95 Lawrence Glosemeyer

12.17.07 Eldina Heggemann

12.18.12 Dorothy Liermann

12.19.03 Mary Rose Hellebusch

12.25.11 Don Heggemann

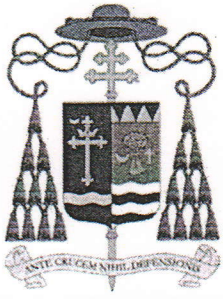
12.26.96 Donald Garbs

12.26.04 Bernard Heggemann

12.27.97 Elizabeth Tillmann

12.28.94 Lester Hennecke

12.28.08 Orville Gildehaus Jr.



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Christmas 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!

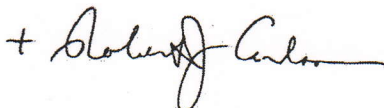
We rejoice in our Savior's birth—remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

Each year, the people of our archdiocese have been asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The men of our seminary, who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him, are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It is these men who will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2000 years ago to future generations here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

I ask you, once again, to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas Day collection, which helps pay the day-to-day expenses and maintenance of our seminary.

Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas. May the Lord of life come into your hearts and homes in a special way during this holy time of year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis



## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 24  
Advent Weekday  
2 Sm 7:1-5,  
8b-12, 14a, 16  
Lk 1:67-79

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 25  
Christmas  
Is 52:7-10  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18 or  
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 26  
St. Stephen,  
The First Martyr  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Mt 10:17-22

### Thursday

DECEMBER 27  
St. John, Apostle  
and Evangelist  
1 Jn 1:1-4  
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

### Friday

DECEMBER 28  
The Holy Innocents,  
Martyrs  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2  
Mt 2:13-18

### Saturday

DECEMBER 29  
Fifth Day in the  
Octave of Christmas  
1 Jn 2:3-11  
Lk 2:22-35

### Sunday

DECEMBER 30  
The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or  
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28  
Col 3:12-21 or  
Col 3:12-17 or  
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
Lk 2:41-52

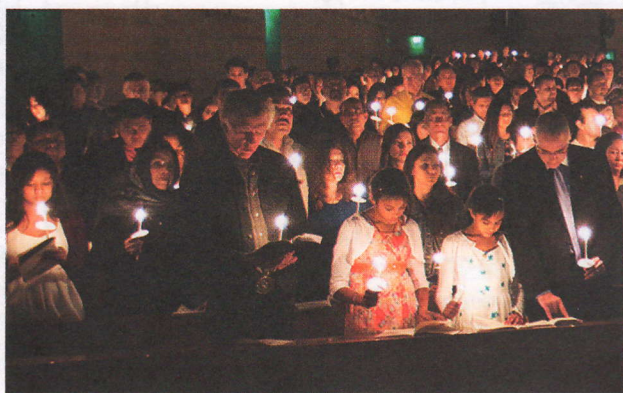
# Dear Padre,

**Our parish is big into nighttime services. We have the Advent vespers and, of course, Midnight Mass. Is there a reason for doing these services at night?**

Both Advent vespers and Midnight Mass center on our expectation of Jesus coming into our midst as the Light of the World. The vespers prayer is usually celebrated at dusk, as day is turning into night. The service proclaims that the darkness of night will not conquer the Light of Jesus. Christian tradition holds that the ecclesiastical day begins at sunset, in accord with Genesis 1:5: "Evening came, and morning followed—the first day." Vespers, or the Office of Evening, is the first hour of the new Church day.

Both the vespers and the Mass at midnight call us to embrace a new beginning, which is Jesus the Light. This imagery is especially appropriate considering the arrival of the winter solstice. In the beginning of Advent, the nights grow progressively longer. Then, right before Christmas, the winter solstice marks the light's reclaiming of the world.

In the early centuries of Christianity, people from the countryside would gather on Christmas Eve in the warmth of the great monastery church. They would go to confession, be forgiven, sing of the newborn Savior, and participate in the Eucharist. After Eucharist, they would join in a great feast that lasted until sunrise. When you celebrate at Midnight Mass this year, recall that you are proclaiming that Jesus the Light has conquered the darkness again—this year and forever.



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—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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## A Word From Pope Francis

*Jesus keeps knocking on our doors, the doors of our lives. He doesn't do this by magic, with special effects, with flashing lights and fireworks. Jesus keeps knocking on our door in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the faces of our neighbors, in the faces of those at our side.*

—Meeting the homeless, Washington, DC, September 24, 2015