

# CHRISTMAS

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MERRY CHRISTMAS! MAY THE LOVE OF JESUS FILL YOUR HEARTS AS WE CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH!

*-Fr. Bob, Fr. Brown, Dcn. Reis, and the entire St. Catharine Staff*



*"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."*

# Welcome to St. Catharine

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Parish Office: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3pm • Fri 8:30am-12pm



**We're so glad to see you!** God loves you, and He has a great plan for your life! If you are new to St. Catharine, we want to thank you for coming and we look forward to worshipping God in Word and in Sacrament together today. Please remember to silence your cell phones and to observe silence in the Church. Restrooms are located in the Undercroft and the Parish Center. If you need any assistance or have any questions, just find someone with a green lanyard. We hope to see you again!

**TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN...** May we suggest...relax! God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house, but we do have a large quieting room available if you feel the need to step out during Mass. Thank you so much for making the effort to be here, and never stop bringing your family to Mass. It's worth it.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH...** The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Any noise that our little ones make during Mass is pleasing to God's ears. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

## Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



**Sunday-Friday**  
6:00am-12:00am  
**Saturday**  
6:00am-4:00pm



### Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fridays at 3:00pm

### Children's Holy Hour

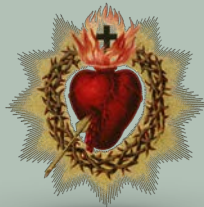
Saturdays at 3:00pm

### Committed Adorers Needed

Sunday 12pm noon • Wednesday 8pm

## Confession

Tuesday 7:30pm  
No Confessions on Dec 26 and Jan 2  
Saturday 9:00am



### By appointment

info@stcatharine.com • 614-231-4509



## ADORE Night

Every Thursday at 7:00pm

No Adore or Confessions

Thursday, December 26th or Thursday, January 2nd

# This Week

## Sunday, December 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am Holy Mass (Lynn H. Ryan)  
9:30am St. Vincent de Paul Sandwich Making  
11:00am Holy Mass (Emma Petrosky)  
5:00pm Holy Mass (People of Parish) 🕯️

## Monday, December 23rd

8:00am Holy Mass (Harold Ridenour)  
6:30pm Scouts  
7:00pm Choir Practice

## Tuesday, December 24th

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (Jimmy Corrova)  
6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass (Mary Walter Plank)  
10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (People of the Parish) 🕯️

## Wednesday, December 25th: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

11:00am Christmas Day Mass (Elizabeth Roderick Hauss)

## Thursday, December 26th: Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

8:00am Holy Mass (Samual Ahferom)

## Friday, December 27th: Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist

8:00am Holy Mass (Grace Cafarella)

## Saturday, December 28th: Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

7:00am That Man Is You!  
8:30am Holy Mass (Bud Babbitt)  
9:00am Confessions

## Sunday, December 29th: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)  
11:00am Holy Mass (Carol Beebe) 🕯️  
5:00pm Holy Mass (Robert J. Taptich)

## Offering and Attendance

Thank you for your presence and your generosity!

### Sunday, December 8th

Envelope	\$4,086.00
Loose	\$1,398.00
EFT	\$10,326.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,810.40</b>
Diocesan Tax (10%)	-\$1,581.04
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$14,229.36</b>

SCAN TO GIVE



### Sunday, December 15th

Envelope	\$4,051.00
Loose	\$739.00
EFT	\$10,326.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,116.40</b>
Diocesan Tax (10%)	-\$1,511.64
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$13,604.76</b>

### Attendance

8:30am	269
11:00am	400
5:00pm	272
<b>Total</b>	<b>941</b>

## Lord, Hear Our Prayer

*"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."*

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email [info@stcatharine.com](mailto:info@stcatharine.com) or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 3 months or until they are asked to be removed.

Tyler and Julia	Luke
Matt	Charmonique
Judy	Kamil
Christine	Bobby
Jim	Lee
Tracy Keaton	Luke
Avery	Irina
Sarah	Annette
Reese	Luke
Rachel	Gary
Suzy	Margo
Jeff	Tish
Brian	Susan & Mikha
Isabella and Jackson	Christopher
Tara	Stephanie
K's Daughter	Kaycee
Amy	AJ
Estee	Andrew
Margie	For the end to abortion

## May They Rest in Peace

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

William M. Cassidy	Harold E. Ridenour
Barbara L. Fields	Jean Babbit
Margaret M. Burkhart	Violet Mary Allwein
Charles W. Rath	John Louis Murphy
Grace Cafarella	James "Sam" Powers
Carol Beebe	Thomas Kyran Siemer
Eileen M. Kaltenecker	Joseph D. Gibboney
John R. Farley	Jean D. Ridenour
Lynn H. Ryan	Irene Rena Perrini
Josepha Vasiliauskas	Mary Ann Trapp
Michael A. Jolley	Carmella Kelley
David G. Bussard Jr.	Theresa A. Hrabley
Dorothy Huffman	James R. Wood
William G. Harvey	And all the Faithful Departed

## Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st

5:30pm

Wednesday, January 1st

9:00am

A Holy Day of Obligation

## From The Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

The Gospel reading for this Christmas Day is from the prologue of St. John's gospel. In it we hear those wonderful words:

**"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."**

What a joy it is to hear those words from the Gospel. They reassure us as we listen to the plan that God has for creation, and especially His people. John's message, spoken down through the ages to each one of us, calls us from the anxiety and conflict in our world and draws us into a sense of quiet wonder, as the glory of God's peace breaks again into our lives.



In the Christmas story, as Christ takes on human flesh for our salvation, we see a little more clearly the powerful hand of God guiding and directing human history. Seeing this, we can all be reassured, for no matter how much our world is turned upside down, God in Jesus remains faithful and true. When chaos seems to rage all around us, we are reminded that though God has called us, we have often chosen not to accept that call, chosen not to listen. As the gospel passage reminds us, we have, so often, chosen not to accept Him. And so, the world of God's design was shattered. Down through the centuries people have rejected Him and even now choose to live in a world of our own making and darkness is all around us.

But the darkness did not last. It never does. It never can. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." God has spoken His final Word. He has chosen to take human flesh so that for all eternity God's own life might bear a human face. The Spirit was sent to hover this time over a single woman, Mary, our mother, and through her over each one of us. This was the most that God could give. This was the fullness of gift, the fullness of grace. Never again can humanity completely withdraw from the presence of God. God is Incarnate. God has taken on human flesh, and in Jesus He speaks with a human tongue, touches us with human hands, and loves us with a human heart.

Never again need we be trapped in the darkness, without hope, without direction, without focus. We have been promised – God is with us. The Good News has been proclaimed, fear has been cast out, hope is offered to us – the Savior of the world has been born. God's favor rests on us, and there is the promise of peace on earth.

My prayer for you this Christmastide is that you are able to see the face of God in everyone you meet, and that the true Light that has come into the world will shine brightly from your own face too.

Wishing you a blessed and holy Christmas season!

Fr. Bob • Pastor

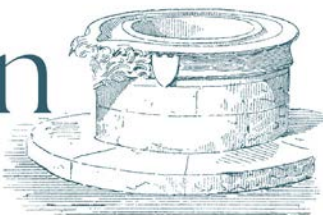
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Please leave donations at wooden boxes near Church entrances.



## St. Catharine Women

# Women at the well



1st Saturdays at 6:30am in the Parish Center



Women at the Well is for all women ages 18 and older who are looking for an opportunity to start, deepen, or renew their relationship with Jesus. We will connect with Jesus and other women in the parish through coffee,

prayer, and small groups.

Bring Jesus your heart...your tired and lonely heart, your overwhelmed heart, your full heart, and allow Jesus to fill you with His love. For Jesus says, "Whoever drinks of the water I shall give will never thirst." There is no sign up. Simply come as you are.

**Questions?** Elyse Salisbury • ehueckel@gmail.com

## THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT

Every 1st Monday of the Month at 6:30pm

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The mission of The Melchizedek Project is to help young men in 8th-12th grades hear the call of Jesus Christ and discover their true vocations.

**Questions?** frbrown@stcatharine.com



## Becoming Catholic

*Discover the salvation, beauty and spirituality of the Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ more than 2,000 years ago.*

The Becoming Catholic journey is beginning again!

If you think you are ready to begin the process of becoming Catholic, or if you have **any other questions about God and the Church**, email Fr. Brown, frbrown@stcatharine.com or scan the QR code.



## St. Catharine Men



Saturdays at 7:00am in the Parish Center



Journey from fear to fearless worship, from a lifeless corpse hanging on the cross to an empty tomb, from Apostles hiding in the upper room to proclaiming the risen Lord to the ends of the earth! Beginning with Christ to the Apostles, to the Apostolic Fathers, to the men of our day, God hasn't stopped calling us! Let us become who we were made to be and set the world on fire. May we become Apostles of the New Springtime! Join us for food, fellowship and faith. All men are welcome.

**Questions?** Paul Wills • pkawills7@gmail.com



## Knights of Columbus®

2nd Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall



Founded in 1992, Knights of Columbus Council #11354 is an integral part of the St. Catharine. As a brotherhood of Catholic men, we are committed to practicing and promoting the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Inspired by our faith, we strive to be a beacon of service, supporting our parish, our community, and our families, while creating lasting bonds with each other. Over the years, we've actively engaged in a variety of philanthropic initiatives and service projects that reflect our deep commitment to our faith and social responsibility. We welcome all Catholic men who share our values to join us in our mission of service and faith-based fellowship

**Questions?** Ed Stange • Deputy@koc11354.org

*"Christmas is the privileged occasion to highlight one of the most influential Christian values: with the birth of Jesus, in the simplicity and poverty of Bethlehem, God gave back dignity to every human being's existence. He offered to all people the possibility to participate in his same divine life. May this immeasurable gift always find hearts ready to receive it!"*

*Pope St. John Paul II*

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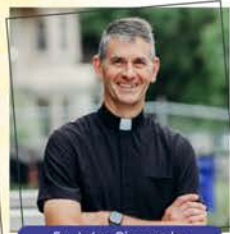
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# Christmas Flowers

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# JOIN THE FAMILY!

Are you registered at St. Catharine Church?  
What are you waiting for?



## A NOTE ON PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING REGISTERED

The word parish comes to us from the Jews and references a particular group of pilgrim people. The Church now uses it to denote a particular church community in a diocese, on pilgrimage to the Heavenly Jerusalem. This local parish community is under the care of a pastor who is under the authority of the local bishop. This provides for the mission of the Church - the care and sanctification of the faithful at the parish church and the church's outreach of evangelization and works of mercy in the local area.

By registering at a parish, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. If you have recently moved to the area or have been worshipping with us for a while, but haven't registered in the parish, please do so soon. Additionally, sometime after a young adult turns 18 and has stability in this (or another) community, he/she should register in the local parish church.

Parish Registration is not a passive process. You may be surprised to learn that if you were married here, if your child attends St. Catharine School, or if you grew up at St. Catharine, for example, you are not automatically registered once you become an adult.

Why should you register at St. Catharine or another Catholic Parish?

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community
- It is a commitment to practice your faith
- Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to better minister to you. This is especially important during a time of sacramental preparation for a child, a time of engagement toward preparing for matrimony, or a pastoral crisis of an illness or death.
- Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you with timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number!
- Accurate Census numbers can help aid local parish care and programs within the diocese.

Download the Parish Registration Form at <https://stcatharine.com/parish-registration> or click the QR Code  
Drop the completed form at the Parish Office, in the collection basket at Mass, or email to [info@stcatharine.com](mailto:info@stcatharine.com)  
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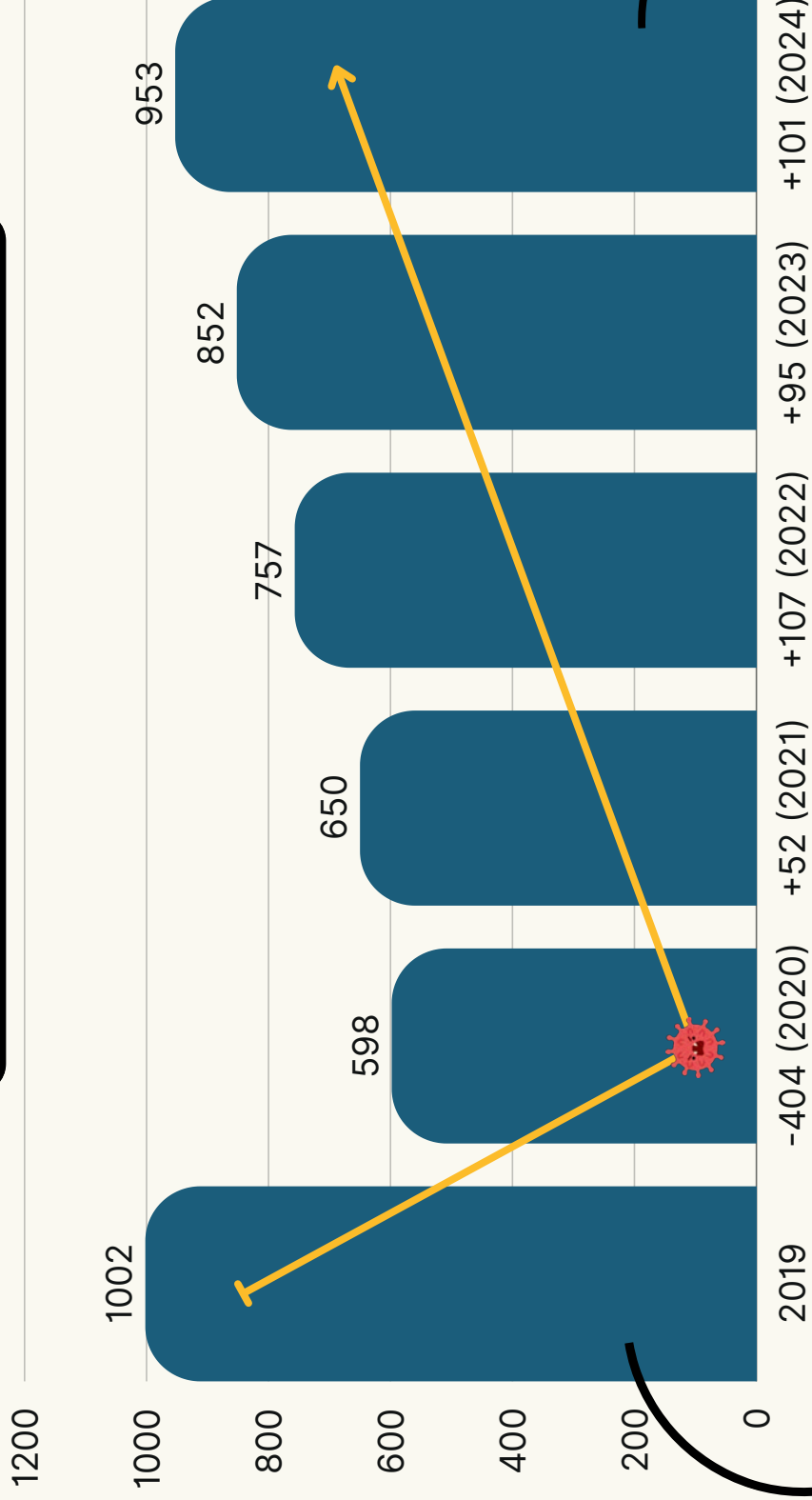




ST. CATHARINE CHURCH

# IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU!

Sunday Mass Attendance • October Average



**251**  
SUNDAY MASS AVERAGE  
FOUR LITURGIES

## MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER

Every number represents a person—someone with their own unique story, loved by God. As Pope Benedict XVI said, “...for the Church, it is never merely a matter of maintaining her membership or even of increasing or broadening her own membership...the Church is there so that God, the living God, may be made known...not for her own sake, but for mankind.”

**318**  
SUNDAY MASS AVERAGE  
THREE LITURGIES

**Invite someone to Church. It could change their life.**





# The Mass

## ***“Do This in Remembrance of Me”***

### **A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass**

Fr. Luke Spannagel

## **✦ Part 79: The Recessional ✦**

After reflecting on the dismissal and mission last time, was anyone else excited to take the fruits of the Mass out into the world?! Let's go! This time, we review some acts of reverence similar to the beginning of the Mass with which we conclude and go forth from Mass. As the Diocese of Peoria instructs, "After the blessing and closing words, 'Go forth, the Mass is ended,' the priest goes to the altar once more and reverences it with a kiss. The Mass 'ends' where it began—at the altar. For on the altar the sacrifice of Christ was made present in our midst. As the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, the altar on which this sacrifice is rendered is given this gesture of reverence and even love. A kiss is a symbol of love—the priest, 'the servant of God and minister to the Holy of Holies,' acknowledges his love for the mystery that he celebrates. As it is the source and summit of the Church, it is then necessarily the source and summit of the priest's ministry in the parish. Everything in the Church derives from and is pointed toward the Most Holy Eucharist" (A Study of the Mass, p. 20). Just as we saw in the entrance at the beginning of Mass, the altar is especially honored as the place where Jesus truly becomes present during the Mass.

### **Going Forth to Share the Good News**

The Diocese of Peoria continues, "After reverencing the altar the priest genuflects in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before exiting the sanctuary. The priest then recesses, most often following the cross and candles that led him in... The recessional may be accompanied by a hymn of praise, or even just instrumental music. The music at this point is typically majestic, as we have concluded the celebration of a most majestic event" (A Study of the Mass, p. 21). Some priests have pointed out that there is not a recessional antiphon in the Roman Missal, whereas we do have Entrance and Communion Antiphons. These antiphons unite us in praise and meditation, while the conclusion of Mass feels more open-ended. Perhaps this is fitting, in accordance with mission and sending forth; perhaps this open-ended conclusion reminds us that the fruits of the Mass continue and are carried forth with us as we depart. Within that mindset, singing together also feels appropriate, as we are now going forth together, united by Christ!

### **Carrying Christ's Love into the World**

After the celebrant follows the processional cross out of church, the Diocese of Peoria challenges us: "It is not appropriate to leave or exit the church before the priest, as the symbolism is so important. Following the cross 'into the world' is a profound thing that all of us do, even if not immediately after the priest. We carry the cross of the Lord with us as it was 'by this Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!' The Cross is the most powerful symbol of God's love for his people. 'God so loved the world that He sent His only son so that we might not die, but have eternal life!' In Catholic churches we have a corpus of Christ on our processional crucifixes and sanctuary crucifixes because the Paschal Mystery is at the center of all our celebrations. When we look upon the crucifix we see our God, who literally loves us to death! We carry this love with us into the world, as all of us are 'missionaries' given a mission to spread the 'Good News' of our Lord Jesus Christ" (A Study of the Mass, p. 21).

Let us then remember this love as we "process" out into the world. Let us take with us what we have learned about God and about ourselves; let us take the graces we have received; let us take the victory of the Cross which we have experienced and process out into the world. That is how the fruits of the victory of the Cross are extended to every heart; that is how the fruits of the Mass are extended to all people! That is how we embrace our identity as Eucharistic Missionaries!

### **For Reflection:**


1. Even as you participate fully in the singing or silence that accompanies the recessional part of the Mass, take note of the celebrant and crucifix processing out of the sanctuary. Spiritually unite yourself to Christ's Cross and renew your commitment to live the Paschal Mystery in your daily life.
2. When you are ready to leave the church building, approach your departure as a form of procession and an extension of the liturgy. If you drive to church, consider having a crucifix or other image in your car, which will remind you that you are processing from Mass into the world.

Source: [www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog)



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