

General Information

Baptism: By appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsors must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend the Traditional Latin Mass exclusively.

Confession: Before Mass on Sundays, and other times as indicated in the weekly bulletin.

Confirmation: Solemnly administered periodically in the year and may be administered privately by request. Catholics who received confirmation in the post Vatican II rite (1971) should arrange to receive confirmation conditionally in the traditional rite.

First Holy Communion: Administered each year on the Sunday after Corpus Christi. Adequate knowledge of the catechism is required.

Matrimony: If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest before you set a date. At least one of the parties must be a practicing traditional Catholic and member of this parish. Weddings are forbidden during Advent and Lent.

Communion for the Sick: Please contact the pastor or coordinator when a church member is hospitalized or too ill to attend Mass.

Extreme Unction: Do not put off making arrangements until the last moment, but contact the pastor or coordinator promptly if a church member is gravely ill or in danger of death.

Decorum in Church: Respect for God in the Blessed Sacrament requires a reverent silence. Please turn off cell phones and keep children well behaved. Both young and old should wear dignified and modest clothes in church, and women should wear a dress or skirt, and a veil or hat. Veils are available in the vestibule. Men should wear shirt and tie as well as a jacket or sweater.

Holy Communion: Only baptized practicing Catholics in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion. You must be fasting:

- Three hours from solid foods and alcoholic beverages.
- One hour from other liquids.
- Water may be taken at any time.

The communicant kneels at the communion rail, and receives the Blessed Sacrament on the tongue. The communicant does not say "Amen" after the priest says "*Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen.*"

Singing: The faithful are invited to join in singing any hymns preceding or following the Mass, but only the choir sings during the course of the Mass.

Following Sunday Mass: During High Mass season, there is a potluck brunch downstairs. Everyone is welcome.



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January 1, 2017

The Circumcision
Octave Day of Christmas
New Year's Day

✦ Announcements ✦

A special 2nd collection will be taken up this morning for one of our fellow-priests, Fr. Gerald Kasik. Father has been suffering as of late from cancer. Be charitable in your donations which will enable him to support himself during his illness.

There will be Mass this Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. The evening Holy Hour is canceled.

Friday is the great feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. It is also First Friday. The Blessing of Epiphany Chalk will take place after Mass and before Benediction. There will be no First Friday evening Exposition and adoration.

You are kindly requested not to leave any sort of literature, holy cards or images, articles, or books in the vestibule or in our downstairs borrowing library. If you do wish to leave something you must first receive express permission from either Fr. McGuire or Fr. McKenna. Any item which shows up without approval will be removed and disposed of. This step is being made so as to insure that anything that is put out for the faithful is of sound Catholic principles. How important our Catholic Faith and our Catholic devotions are! Thank you for your cooperation!

📖Set Your Missal: The Holy Family with commemorations of the Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany and of the Feast of the Epiphany. Preface and Proper Communicantes of the Epiphany.

⚡ The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the following intention:
Karen Hanson (Sandberg Family)

Last Week's Totals:

Collection: \$3,765

Number of Parishioners: (Midnight) 52; (10 a.m.) 36

Serber Schedule for the week of January 2, 2017– January 8, 2017

Thursday, 1/5: AC: Bob Poggel

Friday, 1/6: ACs: David & Timothy Sandberg, **Benediction:** Andrew Sandberg, Tony Friel

Saturday, 1/7: ACs: Michael & Peter Mueller

Sunday, 1/8: MC: Michael Mueller, TH: Peter Mueller, ACs: David Sandberg, Tony Friel, CB: Timothy Sandberg, TBs: Jude & Benedict McGinnis,

Usher: Dale Sandberg

This Week's Schedule

Mon	1/2/17	The Holy Name of Jesus Octave Day of St. Stephen Infant of Prague
Tue	1/3/17	Octave Day of St. John St. Genevieve
Wed	1/4/17	Octave Day of the Holy Innocents
Thu	1/5/17	Vigil of the Epiphany St. Telesphorus
	9:00 AM	Low Mass <i>Vincent J. Modrzyk (Barbara J. Modrzyk)</i>
Fri	1/6/17	The Epiphany of Our Lord First Friday
	5:30 PM	Confessions, Rosary
	6:00 PM	Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i>
	6:40 PM	Blessing of Epiphany Chalk Holy Face Novena, Benediction
Sat	1/7/17	Within the Octave First Saturday
	7:30 AM	Confessions, Rosary
	8:00 AM	Low Mass <i>Betty Cowen (H. Kalian)</i> 1 st Saturday Devotions, Benediction
Sun	1/8/17	The Holy Family Sunday w/in the Octave of Epiphany
	8:15 AM	Confessions, Rosary
	9:00 AM	High Mass <i>Marguerite Benedetto (Benedetto Family)</i>

The Night Before Christmas

A more spiritual version of the famous Christmas story

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the town,
St. Joseph was searching, walking up roads and down;
Our Lady was waiting, so meek and so mild,
While Joseph was seeking a place for the Child;

The children were nestled, each snug in their beds,
The grown-ups wouldn't bother, there's no room they said;
When even the innkeeper sent them away,
Joseph was wondering, where they would stay;

He thought of the caves in the side of the hills,
Let's go there said Mary, it's silent and still;
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Made pathways of light for their tired feet to go;

And there in a cave, in a cradle of hay,
Our Savior was born on that first Christmas Day!
The Father was watching in heaven above,
He sent for His angels, His couriers of love;

More rapid than eagles God's bright angels came;
Rejoicing and eager as each heard his name;
Come Power, Come Cherubs, Come Virtues, Come Raphael,
Come Thrones and Dominions, come Michael and Gabriel;

Now fly to the Earth, where My poor people live,
Announce the glad tiding My Son comes to give;
The Shepherds were watching their flocks on this night,
And saw in the heavens an unearthly light;

The Angels assured them, they'd nothing to fear,
It's Christmas they said, the Savior is here!
They hastened to find Him, and stood at the door,
Till Mary invited them in to adore;

He was swaddled in bands from His head to His feet,
Never did the Shepherds see a baby so sweet!
He spoke not a word, but the shepherds all knew,
He was telling them secrets and blessing them too;

Then softly they left Him, the Babe in the hay,
And rejoiced with great joy on that first Christmas Day;
Mary heard them exclaim as they walked up the hill,
Glory to God in the Highest, Peace to men of good will!

-Sister St. Thomas, B.N.D. de N.

Change Ourselves, Not Our Settings

Another mistaken idea which many people have is that happiness can be found through change. Dissatisfied with their lot in life, they have the feeling that, if somehow they could manage to get into something else or to move somewhere else, they would find happiness. Life can become monotonous. We are all aware of that. The daily grind can get us down. But the change that most of us need is a change of mind and heart. Happiness comes to the men and women who buckle down and make the best of their job and circumstances. The great St. Paul once wrote: "I have learned in whatsoever state I am in, therein to be content" (Phil. iv: 11). Contentment did not come to St. Paul overnight. It was a lesson he learned as he lived and it is highly valuable for all of us to learn.

Now is it not reasonable to believe that God, who gave us such an intense desire for happiness, must have told us how to satisfy that desire? Is it not also reasonable to believe that the place to find that information is in the Church which Jesus Christ, Himself, established to teach all nations? The Church starts us off as small children with the penny Catechism. There, in one of the first pages, we find God's own practical and concrete plan. There we learn the purpose of life: "to know, love and serve God in this world in order that we may be happy with Him forever in the next." If we follow that plan carefully and make it our rule of life, we will unquestionably find happiness here, and we have the promise of Christ to assure us of eternal happiness hereafter. It means, of course, that we must go through this life keeping our souls free of serious sin. If we are so unfortunate as to fall into sin, we must go to confession and be rid of it at once. It means, also, that we must fight against the entangling and corrosive influences of the world because the world's plan for happiness runs directly opposite to God's plan. The world's plan runs something like this: "Eat, drink and be merry: tomorrow you die."

Note from Father

The world goes all out for the here and now. It urges its followers to live their life up to the hilt and to take from life every crumb of immediate happiness and passing enjoyment that can be had. People who are following the world's plan are not happy. You know them and I know them. They are seeking happiness where it cannot be found. They know no peace of mind, heart, or soul. They are restless and bored. They cannot abide silence. They delight in noise and love confusion. Their plan of life is all wrong and the end of their life is a blank.

Epiphany Thoughts

“To offer gold is to proclaim Christ's kingship, to offer incense is to adore His Godhead, and to offer myrrh is to acknowledge His mortality” (*Saint Odilo of Cluny*). Creation responds as well: “When the King of Heaven was born, the Heavens knew that He was God because they immediately sent forth a star.” The sea knew Him because it allowed Him to walk upon it; the earth knew Him because it trembled when He died; the sun knows Him because it hid the rays of its light” (*Saint Gregory the Great*). The manifestation of the Son of God to the world begs belief from us by which we will be led home by another way.

The Holy Name of Jesus

There is no “other name under Heaven given to men by which we are to be saved” (Acts 4:12). This feast day provides us the chance to live with special attentiveness before the Holy Name. “If you think the name ‘Jesus’ continually, it purges your sin and kindles your heart; it clarifies your soul, it removes anger and does away with slowness. It wounds in love and fulfills charity. It chases the devil and puts out dread. It opens Heaven, and makes you a contemplative. It puts all vices and phantoms out from the lover.”

-Richard Rolle

Dear Faithful,

Another New Year starts today. May God's blessings be granted to you and all that you do during the next 12 months!

As we reflect upon the last year of our lives we should call to mind especially the spiritual favors given us. How many devout communions, good confessions, Masses heard with devotion, etc. If you were to try to count them up, I bet you would be surprised. How have *you* used the graces received? Beg Our Lady to help to make reparation for the misuse of grace (she will always obtain mercy for us!) and ask her confidently for help to be more faithful in the New Year. Stay with Our Lady...you will never go wrong if you do!

Fr. Lehtoranta did not have much news to give about this last week, but I think it was because he was kept busy with a few sick calls and other ceremonies. I am looking forward to hearing more about the Christmas Octave.

I will arrive at St. Hugh's a bit earlier than scheduled this week. There is plenty of catch-up work to do, and I want to visit a couple of our sick who live at a distance from the church. We will have a Thursday morning Mass. I hope you take advantage of another extra Mass if you can.

I will see you soon. May Our Infant King and His blessed Mother guide and guard you this New Year!

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr. McGuire

The Heart of the Matter

If we let the liturgy mold us, forming our days and weeks and years, not dragging it into the turmoil of our superficial emotions, but letting it, gently and firmly, draw us into its own rhythm, then we will find in it a true school of Christian living, a source of wisdom and inspiration, and more and more we shall find that it is not just an interruption of the day, but its very heart.