



*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the next week, I will be taking the opportunity to attend a retreat through the John Paul II Healing Center called "Holy Desire: Path to Freedom". This retreat is centered around looking at the deepest desires of the human heart. Within each of us are the desires for truth, beauty, and goodness. Because of sin, brokenness, fear, anxiety, or different spiritual and emotional wounds we experience throughout our lives, we can easily fall into the trap of turning to things to merely numb the pain rather than turn to the One who is the real source of all life and healing, Jesus. The Holy Desires retreat acknowledges that our desires are good and holy. It helps those attending to expose those desires to the love of God so that anything that is not of him can be rooted out and healed.

At this retreat, I will be joined by about 40 other priests from all around the country. I would ask that you keep me and the other priests in your prayers in a particular way throughout this week. I have the sense that there are many ways that the Lord wants to work in my heart through this retreat and I am excited to enter into it. Know of my prayers for each of you!

Peace,

Fr. Joe

PS - Please note our Seminarian, Joseph Ho's Mini Golf activity taking place in just a few weeks. We are really excited to support him in this!



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 1:00PM in the Parish Office Library. Call the Parish Office to register.



Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the souls of: **John McCourt and Mary Matava.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.*

### *Christmas Flowers*

#### *In Memory Of:*

*Kane and DeMariano Families*

*Mr. & Mrs. Steve W. & Josephine B. Lawrence*

#### **+ Intentions for the Week +**

##### **Monday, January 8, The Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 Denise Zak

##### **Tuesday, January 9, Weekday**

8:00 Pat and Dorothy D'Andrea

##### **Wednesday, January 10, Weekday**

9:00 Walter O'Donnell

##### **Thursday, January 11, Weekday**

8:00 Eileen Carson

##### **Friday, January 12, Weekday**

9:00 Lowry and Corrigan Families

##### **Saturday, January 13, Weekday**

8:00 Yvette D. Forcht

4:00 Sandra Schneider

##### **Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 Agnes Fox

11:30 Daniel B. Mack

**Please pray for:** Rose Ann Gelatka; Pam Foster; Eileen Jamieson; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Martin Morisky; Mary Temesvari; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Joe Benedetto; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Joel Tomkalski; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Jose Quienones; Ellen Burch; Barbara Waitkus; Michael Knurek; Rob Gszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Susan Lewis; Charlotte Castleberry; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Bob Becker; Joan Riccardi; Peter Weiss; Dan Perillo; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Mark Barringer; Martha Hoover; Jillian Weiss; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown; Edward Presley.

**Christ Present in Action Committee (CPA) Sandwich Making** We start our activity at 1:15PM in Dempsey Hall.  
***Our next sandwich making day is January 10th.***

**Due to an early holiday bulletin deadline, the collection amounts for Sunday, December 17th, 24th & 31st will be in an upcoming bulletin.**

**Bulletin Sponsor of the Week**  
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One Wednesday a month, from Noon until 1:30 PM, all those who are “**YOUNG AT HEART**” and over **50 (!)** are invited to attend a gathering in the Community Room. The purpose is to join with other parishioners, meet some new friends, enjoy lunch together, a short presentation of various kinds, and a time to chat together!

**Given limited spacing, reservations are necessary. Our maximum capacity is 30 – this number includes couples and individuals.**

**Join us for Young At Heart (YAH) on Wednesday, January 17th starting with lunch at Noon.**

**Topic:** It’s about time! Ever wonder why time seems to fly when you’re doing something you love and time seems like an eternity when you’re doing something you abhor? Biblical time management doesn’t provide more time but it helps us make the best use of the time we’ve been given. It looks not at chronological time but at Kairos time, God’s time. At the beginning of this new year, join us in examining ways to enhance opportunities to live life more meaningfully, purposefully with joy and hope.

**Presenter:** Rev. Daniel Schlegel,  
Pastor of St. Raphael Parish

**Please submit your registration with the lunch fee to the PARISH OFFICE.**

***Do not use the Collection Baskets at Church.***

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Box Lunch fee: \$10.00 per person;  
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**Attention Junior High Parents:** Youth Ministry will meet on Sunday, January 7th from 7:00-8:30PM in the PAC.

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*— Jackie Boehnlein*

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<b><u>Dates and Time:</u></b>	<b>Friday, February 2</b>	<b>6:15 PM to 9:00 PM</b>
	<b>Saturday, February 3</b>	<b>7:15 AM to 7:30 PM</b>
	<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	<b>8:15 AM to 7:30 PM</b>
	<b>Monday, February 5</b>	<b>6:15 PM to 9:00 PM</b>

Please know that what you will gain from attending the Light of the World Parish Retreat will far outweigh your investment in time and commitment.

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