



ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

DECEMBER 21, 2025 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

There's a reason we call Jesus
the Light of the World.
We long for that Light.
We wait for that Dawn.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Lorraine Rescan by Alex & Barbara Zlady
- 10:00 am Wayne Rueckert by Family
- 12:00 pm Margaret Waters by Carol & Jack Waters

MONDAY, December 22

- 6:30 am Intention of Deacon David & Kathy Kapala
by St. Thomas More Family
- 8:30 am Carolina Alvarado (Anniv.) by Garcia Family

TUESDAY, December 23

- 6:30 am William Beneventi by Mary Shanks & Family
- 8:30 am Stella Ilickovich by Children

WEDNESDAY, December 24

- 6:30 am Donald Bork by Barbara, Dave & Joyce Boblink
- 8:30 am Ed Hreha by Children
- 5:30 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

THURSDAY, December 25—

Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

- 12:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 6:30 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 10:00 am For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased
- 12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

FRIDAY, December 26—St. Stephen

- 6:30 am Nancy Bossi (Anniv.) by Jim & Jackie Pietraszak
- 8:30 am Stephen Bartkus by Family

SATURDAY, December 27—St. John

- 8:30 am Glenn Hannigan by Mike & Gloria Cunningham
- 5:30 pm Catherine & Julian Oblon by Bob & Virginia Gauger

SUNDAY, December 28—

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- 6:30 am Mariane Magro by Elaine Fechalos
- 8:00 am Virgil P. Slivka & Susan Burke by Family
- 10:00 am Donald Bryant by Wife & Son
- 12:00 pm For Our Parish Family Living & Deceased

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Mission Statement:

The Roman Catholic Saint Thomas More Parish Family welcomes and invites every person to join us on our journey in faith and celebration. With the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through Sacred Scripture and Tradition, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, especially in loving service to those in need.

As part of the Universal Church, we affirm the dignity of every person. All this we do to give glory and honor to God.

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OUR RADIANT GOD

“Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don’t give up.” ~ Anne Lamott

Hope can be a fickle thing. As humans, we put a lot of stock in hope. We hope for good grades, we hope for good friends, we hope for good jobs, we hope for good futures. We do a lot of hoping.

That is one of the things about being human. The other thing about being human is that, many times, our hopes are dashed. We find that what we have put our hope in has disappointed us. There comes a point in everyone’s life where it becomes incredibly difficult to hope.

That was definitely the position of the Israelites circa the time of Isaiah. They had been a people who hoped for the coming of the Messiah. They hoped for deliverance from their enemies. They hoped for a land that they could call their own. They hoped for a future filled with peace and prosperity. And they were coming close to the end of their hope. They had had enough.

Isaiah spoke about many reasons to hope. Today, we consider one of the “O Antiphons” — “O Radiant Dawn”.

How many times have poets used the image of the coming dawn? Dawn gives us the impression that the night is coming to an end, that light will defeat the dark. In the light, we will be able to see all things clearly. There will be no reason to be confused. We will be bathed in the light.

There’s a reason we call Jesus the Light of the World. We long for that Light. We wait for that Dawn. We await the glory of God. Do your best to hold firm this day and to nourish your hope. Let not despair defeat you. Wait for the coming Dawn, the Light who is coming into the world!

FAITH ACTION: Pray for all those who, for one reason or another, have given up hope, that they may find it again in the Lord.

In. Mike



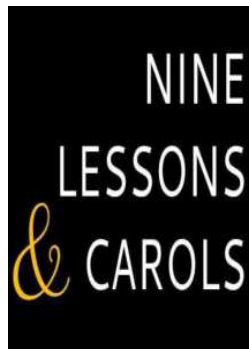
PLEASE REMEMBER THEM

Please pray for the priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Gary so faithfully and whose anniversaries of death are this week:

December 21:	Msgr. Albert Van Nevel (2000)
December 22:	Rev. Conrad Stoll (1956)
December 24:	Rev. John Bargielski (2002) Rev. Alfred Dettmer (2013)
December 25:	Rev. Michael C. Gadacz (1971) Deacon John P. Beda (1972)
December 26:	Msgr. Francis J. Jansen, (1967) Rev. John P. Zubak (1976)
December 27:	Msgr. Francis X. Guerre (1956)

THIS EVENING

Next Sunday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m., you are invited to a special service, Lessons & Carols. Lessons & Carols is a wonderful song, scripture, and prayer service to prepare for Christmas. It traces and celebrates God’s love for us by sending us a savior. This service is slightly over an hour but, in my opinion and the opinion of many who attend each year, every minute spent listening, singing, and praying is well worth it!



Masses for Christmas are as follows:

Wednesday, December 24

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas

Thursday, December 25

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass of Christmas

Christmas Caroling will begin at 11:15 p.m.

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 Noon

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Ho Ho Ho

- Q. What’s the best Christmas present?
A. A broken drum; you just can’t beat it!
- Q. What did the third Wise Man say after the first two gave their gifts of gold and frankincense?
A. “Wait, there’s myrrh!”
- Q. What reindeer game do reindeer play at sleepovers?
A. Truth or deer
- Q. What is Santa’s dog’s name?
A. Santa Paws
- Q. What’s Santa Claus’s favorite type of potato chip?
A. Crisp Pringles



Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to this list and our Circle of Prayer Group, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/42tadtyl>, use the QR code or call the Parish Office at (219) 836-8610.



Antonio Belmonte
Diane Bochnowski
Linda Braun
Jack Brunetti
Diane Butler
Ursula Cichy
Kevin Clark
Loretta Clott
Charlotte Conn
Valerie Czapkiewicz
Janice Devries
David Dull
Antonia Espitia
Gabriela Gallegos
Gary Gardner
Joan Glinski
Howard Gralewski
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Jeffrey Gunning
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Georgianne Suto
Michele Thomas
Rosemary Thomas
Russ Thomas
David Trotman
James Wachel
Kathy Wachel

Gospel Reflection Matthew 1:18-24

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20)**. When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

- Father John Muir
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SAVE



"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

MATTHEW 1:21

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Readings Week of December 21

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24
Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday:
Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Lk 1:67-79
Thursday:
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17,
22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Weis Center • Parish Ministry Center

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Ministry Schedule

Monday, December 22

5:30 pm Parent Bible Study—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Emotions Anonymous—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus—Weis Center Room 102
7:00 pm Holy Name Society—Weis Center Main Hall

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 pm Mental Health Ministry—Weis Center Room 101
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 542—Weis Center Main Hall

Merry Christmas!

Add these dates to your calendar:

Sunday 12/21

6:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols—STM Church

Wednesday 12/24

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass—STM Church

Thursday 12/25

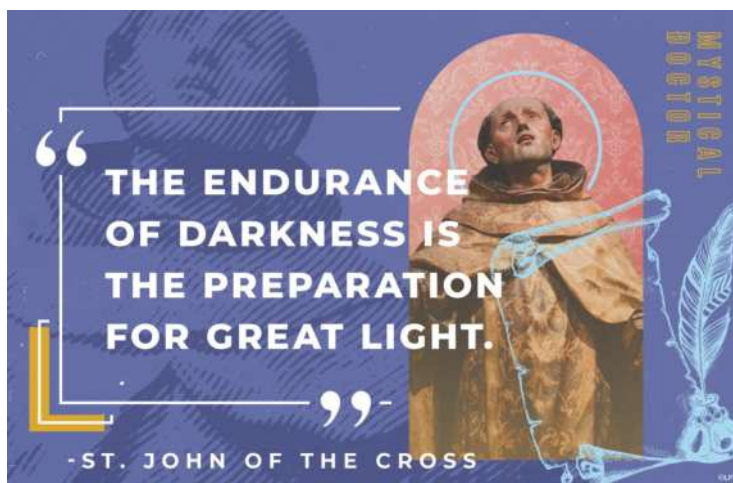
12 Midnight Christmas Eve Midnight Mass—STM Church
6:30 a.m. Christmas Mass—STM Church
8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass—STM Church
10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass—STM Church
12 Noon Christmas Mass—STM Church

Wednesday 12/31

5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Vigil Mass—STM Church

Thursday 1/1/2026

6:30 a.m. Mass—STM Church
8:00 a.m. Mass—STM Church
10:00 a.m. Mass—STM Church
12 Noon Mass—STM Church



Celebrants

Saturday, December 27

5:30 p.m. Fr. Mike Yadron

Sunday, December 28

6:30 a.m. Carmelite Father
8:00 a.m. Carmelite Father
10:00 a.m. Fr. Mike Yadron
12:00 Noon Fr. Mike Yadron



Altar Servers

Saturday, December 27

5:30 p.m. MC—Nick, AS—G. Knight & X. Mendoza

Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. MC—Abi, AS—B., E. & J. Rueth
10:00 a.m. MC—Sophia, AS—B. & T. Ogunyoye & C. Dagholor
12:00 Noon MC—Jack, AS—J. Dye



Greeters Schedule for the Week

Saturday, December 27

5:30 p.m. Mass

Main: Chris Retseck

Chapel: —

Choir: Kimberly Eurlay

Sunday, December 28

6:30 a.m. Mass

Main: Julie Loza

8:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Sue & Dick Wilson

Chapel: Mike Cardone

10:00 a.m. Mass

Main: Paula Serrano

Chapel: —

Choir: Louisa Jurich

12:00 Noon Mass

Greeters Needed! Consider signing up!

If you would like to be a Greeter, please contact
Lisa Mendoza
718mendoza@gmail.com



Stewardship REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

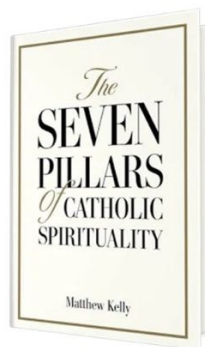
Christmas Gift from Fr. Mike

Pick up your copy of

*"The Seven Pillars of Catholic
Spirituality"*

by Matthew Kelly

**After all Christmas Eve/
Christmas Day Masses**



We are planning to make very good use of this fine book being gifted to you by Father Mike.

SAVE THE DATE:

Lenten Parish Study and Sharing Series
beginning on **February 25th**

Lent is a wonderful time during which to draw closer to the Lord. Let's try to grow our faith, and open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, by reading, reflecting upon, and discussing this book, together, as a faith community.

More details are coming soon on how to sign up
for this Lenten series.

Welcoming the Stranger

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels
without knowing it."* - Hebrews 13:2

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will likely be much busier than the usual Sundays.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

1. Arrive early

Arriving at least 20 minutes early can help ease the stress of parking, finding a seat and getting settled before Mass).

Pro Tip: *There is often beautiful prelude music you might miss if you don't come early!*

2. Scoot to the middle of the pew

People who are unfamiliar with the parking lot, the entrances and the seating may feel intimidated to step over you. Scooting to the middle of the pew allows for others to flow into the sanctuary.

3. Be prepared to give up "your seat"... just this once

At Christmas, people often visit from out of town, or attend different Mass times than usual for the holiday. We Catholics like to keep our "assigned" seats, but don't be afraid to sit out of your comfort zone.

Thank you Munster High School Choirs!

All who filled the church on Sunday December 7th will agree, it was a night to remember. Thank you to Munster High School Choirs and their director, Luke McGinnis.



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JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS MASS

DECEMBER 24TH

5:30 P.M. VIGIL MASS

DECEMBER 25TH

12:00 AM - MIDNIGHT MASS

6:30 AM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 NOON

Thank you to all of our Presiders, Deacons,
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist,
Musicians, Lectors, Greeters and Ushers
who help to make this Christmas
special and welcoming.

Lessons & CAROLS

**Sunday, December 21st
6:00 p.m.—STM Church**

An evening of beautiful music and scripture that is sure to place your mind and heart in the right place to welcome our Lord Jesus. You won't want to miss this event presented by Angie VanManen and the STM Schola Cantorum.

This is a FREE event and welcome to the whole family!



Holy Name Society

**Monday, December 22nd
7:00 p.m.—Weis Center (Room 107)**

The STM Holy Name Society is excited to welcome St. Thomas More Seminarian for the Diocese of Gary, Patrick Cullars!



Come and support Patrick, learn about his experience in the seminary and share in some fellowship before Christmas.

Holiness is not perfection.

Daniel Maul, Director of Discipleship

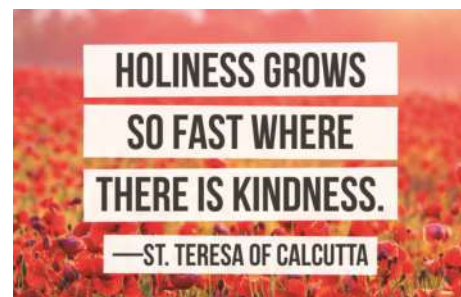


Are we, Christians, expected to be perfect? If you just read the words of Scripture, baldly, without much recognition of style, historical context, literary genre, or traditional interpretation, it can seem like it, yes. For, in fact, Jesus says, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). However, in Luke's parallel passage (Luke 6:36), the word used is "merciful," not "perfect." Yet, elsewhere, Jesus says that we aren't even good! He says, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone" (Mark 10:18). If we're not even *good*, how on earth can we possibly be *holy*? Well, it's through the power and grace of God alone.

"Holy" means "set apart," "different," and "outstanding" – meaning to stand out to people, because of the love that we share. We are not better than other people, and we're not supposed to think that we are, but we are supposed to be *different*. People are supposed to be able to *recognize* us as Christians by how *different* we are from the average person. Can they? Are we? People are supposed to be able to see our kindness, patience, and generosity. For example, they're supposed to say, about us, such things as, "Boy, he'd give you the shirt off his back, if you needed it." Or, "Wow. I've never heard her say a mean word about anyone." Or, "Even when people are insulting to her, she never loses her cool or returns their anger in kind. She's so peaceful and humble."

The Christian way of life amounts to this: trying to be loving, though you know you'll fail. Just try, anyway. There is a paradox in regard to sin. Here it is: we can avoid each and every individual sin, but we won't, in this life, be able to avoid sinning, altogether. Huh? What kind of sense does that make? For the Christian, holiness is *trying* always to be loving, though we know we can't. It's never giving up on love, on forgiveness, on reconciliation, on a renewed respect, on hope. Love is patient. Love is kind. Whenever we're not patient or kind, we're wrong. Holiness is admitting it, sincerely apologizing for it, and starting over, trying to live a life of love, yet again.

Only God is good, and when we're living a holy life, it's really the goodness of God shining through us – certainly not our own goodness. We can't make ourselves good, perfect, or holy; only God can. What we have to do is *ask* God to make us holy and *believe* that He will. This faith and trust in God are the perfection to which we are called: holiness.





December 21, 2025

St. Thomas More School



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If you are looking for a great investment opportunity before year's end, look no further than contributing to the St. Thomas More School

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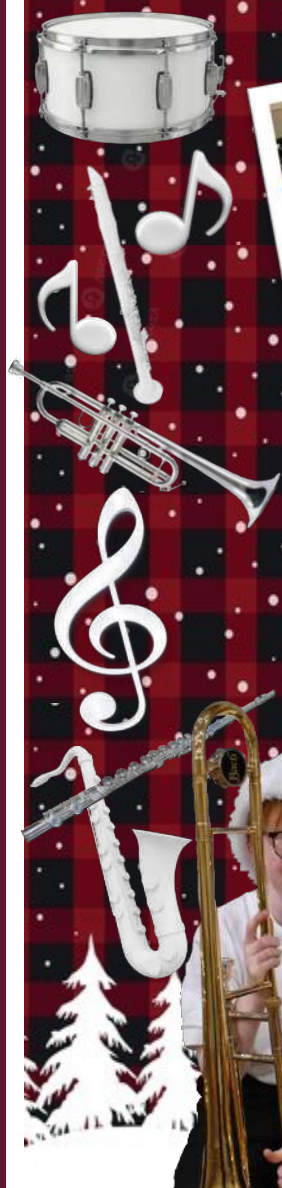
Each year, STMS must raise additional funds, beyond tuition, to continue improving programs & facilities at our Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School. Funds from this year's Legacy Fund Drive will be used wisely, benefiting every student, with the addition of a new security door between the church & school for added student safety, additional equipment for our Maker's Space Tech Lab to keep students current with new tech & applications and much, much more.

If you've already made an investment in St. Thomas More School by contributing to the Legacy Fund, thank you! If you're still looking for a great



Another Fabulous Christmas Band Concert

Ring in the joyous sounds of the season, our St. Thomas More School Band performed two wonderful Christmas concerts to the delight of students, families & friends. Well done, talented STMS students!





St. Vincent DePaul Pantry Needs:

Peanut Butter	Or Hash Browns, etc.
Jelly	Rice
Pasta Sauce	Hamburger Helper
Canned Pasta	Pork & Beans
Canned Vegetables	Frosting
Canned Meats	
(Chicken, Beef Stew, Spam & Tuna)	Shampoo
Canned Fruit	Toothpaste
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Dish Soap

We appreciate your contributions to help us carry out our mission.
 Note: Parishioners wishing to make a monetary donation should use their "green envelope" (make checks payable to: St. Thomas More/SVDP)
 Thank you for helping our neighbors in need. God bless you!

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Angel Tree gift collection for Catholic Charities. St. Thomas More collected over 205 gifts this year! In addition, we had over \$5,000 in donations for the 39 unhoused homeless high school students. We were able to purchase tablets & cases for those students along with gift cards & other essentials.



Your generosity is truly unparalleled and greatly appreciated!



Seniors of STM

Join our fun group of active Seniors!
 You **do not** need to be a St. Thomas More parishioner ...everyone 55+ is welcome!

All Meetings are at the Weis Center at 1:00 p.m.

Thank you all who attended the Christmas Luncheon at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts on Dec. 9th.

We had a wonderful time in fellowship preparing for the holidays!

Don't miss our first meeting of the new year!

**Wednesday, January 21st
 1:00 p.m.—Weis Center Main Hall**



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Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and their helpers! This was a snowy year for Christmas trees and wreaths!

St. Thomas More Religious Education

1st -8th Grade • Classes: Wednesday or Thursday 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Mon, Tues & Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. • Wed & Thurs 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Director: Emily Hackett; Ext. 2232 • ehackett@stm-church.com

December Schedule

December 24/25 **No Class—Merry Christmas!**

Dec. 31/Jan. 1 **No Class—Happy New Year!**

January Schedule

January 7/8 Class

January 14/15 Class

January 16th— CONFIRMATION RETREAT

January 21/22 Class

January 28/29 Class

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Advent • Matthew 1:18-24

Alternative Christmas Content

Of course, the “Rudolph” and the “Peanuts Christmas” are classic things to watch this time of year. But if you are looking for something with deeper meaning rooted in our Catholic faith, check out these alternative specials and series on FORMED.ORG

KID’S CONTENT



The Story of Christmas with Benjamin Cello, original music score, a creative story told with puppets



Marcam is a series on **Formed** for kid’s content. There are several episodes for the season, including an Advent and Christmas special!

FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

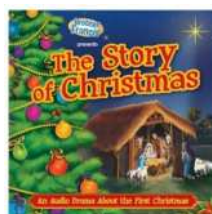
Join Dr. Michael Patrick Barber for this extra-ordinary look at the true meaning of Christmas. Dr. Barber is a professor at the Augustine Institute, and renowned author.



Follow two Dominican friars on their harrowing journey to celebrate Mass in three small villages in remote Alaska with no assigned priests.



FOR LONG CAR RIDES



The Story of Christmas will keep you and the kids entertained on a long car ride. And the *King is Born* Christmas collection is a nice break from the usual holiday radio songs.

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Sacramental Information

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

First Friday: Half hour
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Marriage

Must be a registered, practicing member
of the parish at least six months before
beginning the six month program.

Communion Calls

Visits to Hospitals & Homes:

Call the Parish Office to schedule
Sacraments for those in the hospital or
homebound.

Baptisms

First & Third Sundays immediately
following the noon Mass. Parents
must be registered parishioners &
regularly attending at least six
months before the Baptism.
At least one of the godparents
must be a practicing Catholic.

Pre-Baptism Class

2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Parents must call the
Parish Office to schedule class
and/or Baptism.

New Parishioner Registration

New parishioners may register at any time in the Parish Office.

You may also visit the Information Table in the Narthex
before or after Mass on weekends.

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