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*Seminary Christmas Collection*

DECEMBER 24 – 25, 2016

“In Christ, priesthood is linked with his Sacrifice, his self-giving to the Father.”

– St. John Paul II, *Redemptor Hominis*



KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. - John 1:5

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 24th**

4:00 PM + Shirley Rancilio

**Sunday, December 25th**

9:00 AM + Marie Kubik

**Monday, December 26th**

7:45 AM + Gerry Harrington

**Tuesday, December 27th**

7:45 AM + Clyde & + Evelyn Jolly

**Wednesday, December 28th**

7:45 AM + John Rothweil

**Thursday, December 29th**

7:45 AM The Finney Family

**Friday, December 30th**

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

**Saturday, December 31st**

7:45 AM Holy Family Novena

4:00 PM + Members of our Parish Family Who Were Called Home by the Lord This Past Year

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Emmanuel Aziz, Chris Bardo, Sue Barnowski, Norma Berry, Jerry Bielicke, Tom Bolen, Patricia Carr, Richard Carr, Jr., Dennis Curtis, Margie Sosa Delgado, Chris Doerr, Darlene Doerr, Don Fielder, Jean Finn, Rosa Flores, Joshua Galaster, Lon Griffard, Dennis Holland, Jody James, Margaret Kalbac, Patricia Kennedy, Everleigh Lauber, Robbie Ludwig, Mary Helen Malle, Tom Malle, Bonnie Martin, Joyce McKiernan, Deacon George Miller, Ellen Miller, Carmelle Minton, Tom Moran, Krista Myers, Roberta Noeth, Silvia Osorio, Jim & Nancy Pender, Rosemary Pichler, Carol Plassmeyer, Ray Rancilio, Rosemary Rivituso, Bob Roelke, Katherine Rothweil, Clem Ruemker, Ariane Sery, Don Sparks, Pat Thomas, Mary Ullo, Pat Wevers, Evelyn Williams, Marsha Williams, Eric Wolf, Fr. Jim Wuerth, M.S.F., Bill Zib

## CABRINI NEWS

The faculty and staff at St. Frances Cabrini Academy wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will be on Christmas break until Monday, January 2nd. We hope you enjoy this holiday season!

**Christ Is Born! I bring good news! To you is born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!**

**WELCOME TO ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH**  
We welcome all of our guests and parishioners here celebrating the Eucharist with us on the feast of The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas).

## Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful

That we may continue our Christmas giving every day of the year - giving generously out of love and gratitude for the gift of Jesus.

## THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

## 2017 CALENDARS

Our new 2017 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church. We gratefully acknowledge and thank **Kutis Funeral Home** for providing these to our parish family.

## JESSE TREE

The Jesse (Giving) Tree will be available through Sunday, January 8th, for anyone who would still like to give a special gift to our Parish Food Pantry.

## OFFICE CLOSING

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 26th & 27th, in observance of the Christmas Holiday. It will reopen on Wednesday, December 28th.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to the **Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F., Provincial**, who will be celebrating his birthday this Monday, December 26th. Fr. Phil, may God bless you on your special day and always. Congratulations!

**DECEMBER 25th, 2016**

**GIFTS TO GOD & OUR PARISH**

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$ 1,184.75
<b>Weekly Collection Goal</b>	\$ 3,035.00
<b>Average Collection Fiscal Year</b>	\$ 1,985.67
(Fiscal Year is July 2016 thru June 2017)	
 Parish Appeal 2016	 \$ 60.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Food for the Poor SVDP	\$ 55.00

**Stewardship Reflection**

***"And the Word became flesh" - John 1:14***

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The **Seminary Christmas Collection** takes place this weekend, **December 24th & 25th**. The men of our seminary are truly a gift to the Church and to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Please be generous in your support of this Christmas Day collection, which helps pay the day-to-day expenses and maintenance of our seminary.

**FALL FESTIVAL RESULTS**

This year's Fall Festival made a profit of **\$27,727.77**, one of our most successful ever. Thank you to all our chairpersons, and to everyone who worked, supported or helped in any way. Our Sincerest Thanks and May God Bless You!

**SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
- Tuesday: St. John
- Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
- Thursday: St. Thomas Becket;  
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve;  
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**MINISTER'S SCHEDULE**

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, 12/31/16, at 4:00 PM \*\*\*\*\*

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Dave Huelsing  
Martie Aboussie
- To Choir & Disabled: Charlie Reichert
- Commentator & Lector: Don Fielder
- Server: Matt Kellner
- Cantor: Ed Koeninger
- Musician: Mary Martin

\*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, 01/01/17, at 9:00 AM \*\*\*\*\*

- Greeters/Extraordinary Ministers: Bill Kren  
Terry Dabrowski
- To Choir & Disabled: Karen Holthaus
- Commentator & Lector: Mike Ackermann
- Server: Paula Nguyen
- Cantor: Lisa Holland
- Musician: John Harper

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Young Catholic Musicians' 39th Annual Christmas Concert will be held on December 28th & 29th at Seven Holy Founders Church at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each for reserved seating and \$5.00 for General Admission. See the bulletin boards for more information. You may also call Mary Smith at 314-962-9260.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Our Trivia Night will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 18th**, in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:15 pm, and Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. Tables of up to 10 are \$20 per person. This includes drinks (beer, wine, soda and water), snacks, and paper products. Basket Raffles are also planned. To make reservations, or for more information, flyers will be available in the vestibule of the church beginning next weekend, or call Kathy Styer at 588-0770.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

**Friday, December 30th**

Novena to the Holy Family begins this day and ends on Saturday, January 7th, with the 7:45 a.m. Mass. **All Masses during the Novena will be held in the church.** Holy Family Novena pamphlets are available in the vestibule of the church. You are encouraged to come to Mass as often as possible during the Novena. You can also say the prayers at home as a family or wherever you may be.

**A Most Blessed Celebration of Christmas to Everyone and Best Wishes for a Grace-filled Year 2017!**

**Father Jim Wasser, M.S.F. and Staff**