

DECEMBER 20 - SATURDAY

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – Fr. Joe Robinson

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 21 – SUNDAY**

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Louis – Harold and Maxine
Oberjohann12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Louis**DECEMBER 22 – MONDAY**

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

DECEMBER 23 – TUESDAY

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

DECEMBER 24 – WEDNESDAY

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Vigil Readings:

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

4:00 PM – *English* – Fr. Jim6:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY**

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

12:00 Noon – *Bilingual* – Fr. Rudy*Christmas Flower Memorial***DECEMBER 26 - FRIDAY**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 27 - SATURDAY**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**DECEMBER 28 – SUNDAY**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Louis – Michael McMahon12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Louis**English Mass Ministry Schedule: December 27-28****Lectors:** 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann

11:00 AM – C. Roosa

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/T. LeSaint

11:00 AM – J. Chesher/Volunteer

Servers: 4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – M. Crosby

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Keller

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$7,136

Offerings received to-date: \$179,835

Amount needed to catch up: \$12,165

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563.

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 17 winners: Gina & Sam Moore, Ingrid Wostenberg, and Patricia Pint. Each won \$25. It's not too late to get your entry, 513-541-1563, for details.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Michael Miller (20), Kathleen Dickman (20), Jacob Bryant (20), Herb Loyd (23), Lynn Baltes (24), Carolyn Laemmle (25), Steve Hennessy (25), Ramerio Hurse (26), Sam Gelly (26).

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 151.

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION: Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the final week of our sacred preparation before the birth of Jesus. The Advent wreath now shines with all four candles, reminding us that the Light of the World is about to break through every darkness. Our hearts turn with hopeful anticipation toward Bethlehem, where the angel's promise will become flesh.

In today's Gospel from Matthew 1:18-24, we meet a man whose faith changed the course of human history, even though he never spoke a recorded word in Scripture: Saint Joseph. Joseph was a young carpenter of Nazareth, engaged to Mary, a woman he loved. Suddenly his world was shaken when he discovered she was with child. His first response was thoughtful and compassionate. He would not allow Mary to be harmed or disgraced. This shows the depth of his integrity.

Then God spoke. The angel told Joseph the child was conceived through the Holy Spirit, and that this child would save his people from their sins. Joseph was asked to believe the unbelievable. He was invited into God's mysterious plan for the redemption of the world. Without hesitation, he said yes. He took Mary into his home. He protected them. He guided them to Bethlehem. He stood watch in the darkness as shepherds and magi came to adore the newborn King. Saint Joseph became the living guardian of our joy.

Joseph shows us what true manhood and true discipleship look like. He trusted God more than his own understanding. He allowed God's plan to redirect his life. He did not seek the spotlight. He simply stayed close to Jesus and Mary, working, providing, and loving with a quiet heart.

Perhaps as we reflect on Joseph, we can reflect as well on the father figures in our lives. The men who shaped our faith, steadied our steps, and taught us how to hope. Their goodness points us toward Joseph's goodness. Their sacrifices reflect his selfless love. Their presence helped us believe that God is near.

As Christmas approaches and our Advent journey concludes, let us ask Saint Joseph to teach us how to welcome Jesus with courage, humility, and joy. May he guide us, protect us, and lead us all closer to Christ.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed December 24 - 26. We will resume normal hours on Monday, December 29.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS: A six week self-care class for family caregivers begins on Thursday, January 8, 2026, 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1553 Kinney Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45231. Join us as we support and learn from each other, discussing topics such as self-care, communicating with family, tools and resources for aging in place, and how to make tough caregiving decisions. Contact our CareLine at 513-869-4483, visit <https://www.ccswoh.org/gethelp/senior-caregiver-support-services/>, or e-mail can@ccswoh.org for more information. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SOUTHWESTERN OHIO OFFERS ESOL ENGLISH CLASSES: The next ESOL English classes start January 5, 2026. Students register by completing the form at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/mCP1VHQTrZ>. We offer morning classes on Mondays and Wednesdays and evening classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, both in-person and virtual modalities. Please refer questions to EducationServices@ccswoh.org or call 513-672-3750.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY THANKS: A sincere thank you to our friends at Millcraft Paper Company for remembering of our Northside neighbors during this holiday season. Our pantry was the lucky benefactor of the goods they collected during their food drive. A special thanks to Trisha Reverman and Haley Mullins for their thoughtfulness. Millcraft has been the supplier of paper goods to our pantry for many years. We are lucky to have them as our partner.