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*Christmas 2023*





## Fr. Del . . . Points to Ponder

There are many dimensions of life that are celebrated at Christmas, a reminder that in the realms of glory there is often more than one right answer.

Mary, while betrothed to Joseph, is told that she will be the mother of God's son — by an angel, no less. And even though troubled, she was so filled with grace that she could submit to the will of God, even without complete understanding.

When it is time for Jesus to be born, Joseph and Mary are both challenged with the death threats of Herod. But even his insane jealousy, he could not thwart God's plan. In a dream, Joseph is instructed to take a different route, outsmarting Herod and his deceitful plan.

We are all familiar with the "no room at the inn" part of the Christmas story, again reminding us of the inconvenience to which love often calls us. In the story of homelessness, and fear, the Holy Family is treated to signs of God's presence and love. This is the story of stars, and angels, and shepherds, and darkness, and prophets dancing in the heavens at the fulfillment of all they had longed for.

It's been a hard year in many ways. Wars in Sudan, Uganda, Ukraine, Colombia, Afghanistan, Cameroon, Iraq, Ethiopia, and the list goes on and on. We have our own wars here at home: drug wars, gun wars, political wars, culture wars, and even ideological wars within the Church we love.

No one is immune from conflict. That is why we need Christmas as much as "the people who walked in darkness" over 2,000 years ago. As we sing our carols over the next few weeks in this Christmas Season, maybe this is the season to encounter the adult Christ at Christmas this year. No longer a baby, the Risen Christ continues to walk with us to guide and challenge us as we live with the real-world issues that adults need to face and solve.

Certainly, cherish the magic and mystery of Christmas, maybe especially with children. But also, discern where God is calling you to give birth to Christ in your daily dealings with people. There is plenty wrong with the world, but the Justice of God reigns. May we carry that Justice into the world of 2023 and beyond.

Pope Francis reminds us, "God was born in a manger so that you could be reborn in the very place where you thought you had hit rock bottom. There is no evil, there is no sin, from which Jesus does not want to save you. And he can. Christmas means that God is close to us: Let confidence be reborn!"

*Fr. Del Staigers*

*Welcome to*

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*8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.*

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**Readings for**

**Sunday, Dec. 31**

**Gn. 15:1-6; 21:1-3**

**Ps. 105:1-6,8-9**

**Heb. 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

**Lk. 2:22-40**

### Presiders Schedule

To find which priest will be presiding at a particular Mass, please check the St. Andrews' Website at [www.Standrew-milford.org](http://www.Standrew-milford.org).

### Sharing God's Gifts

#### The offering for December 17, 2023

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 6,966.73
Weekly Collection EFT	\$ 4,000.00
Weekly Collection Budget	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Weekly Collection Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 4,033.27</b>

### Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25

11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew

Tuesday, December 26

7:30 a.m. In memory of the Francomb Family /  
*Francis Francomb*

Wednesday, December 27

12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, December 28

12:00 p.m. Sue Butler / *Holly & Frank McCormack*

Friday, December 29

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saturday, December 30

7:30 a.m. Frank Moser / *Bill & Beth Liette*

5:15 p.m. Ken Haner / *The Welsh Family*

Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew

Nancy Diefel / *St. Vincent DePaul*

11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew

*Mario, Roki, Jakson, Johnny, Jaku for  
health & happiness / Lijana*

### Oh, Now I Get it!

by Fr. Jeff Kemper

*Have you ever thought at Mass, "What in the world is this reading about?" Each week, you can learn some background to make sense of the Scripture for the next Sunday that may be hard to understand.*

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

**Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3** ABRAM: Abraham's name before God changed it. God speaks to Abram about the promise He made to Abram when He first called him: that his descendants would inherit the land of Canaan. Abram asks God how this can be because he has no descendants, and God responds that he would have descendants more than anyone could count. Our reading skips six chapters so that we hear how God fulfilled the promise for Sarah being the matriarch of this family founded on the promise and action of God.

**Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19** The author of this epistle employs the example of Abraham's faith as the model for Christian faith. He is steadfast in faith even when it seems God has forgotten His promise. **AS GOOD AS DEAD:** Past the time Abraham was considered to be fertile. Abraham remained faithful when it seemed God would take Isaac in sacrifice. Saved from the sword, through Isaac, God continues to fulfil the promise to Abraham.

**Lk 2:22-40 PURIFICATION:** After giving birth, a woman had to undergo ritual purification for reasons not altogether clear to us. **ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF MOSES:** The firstborn son is to be consecrated to the Lord forty days after birth through a sacrifice at the Temple. **A PAIR OF TURTLE-DOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS:** The offering of the poor. This faithful family comes to the Temple and encounters Simeon who, moved by the Holy Spirit, praises God that he has lived to see the Messiah. Following his hymn, he foretells the destiny of the child: **A SIGN TO BE CONTRADICTED:** In other words, he will face persecution and rejection. **A SWORD WILL PIERCE:** Figurative language about the pain Mary would suffer at her Son's Passion. **THE THOUGHTS OF MANY ... WILL BE REVEALED:** God will see people in light of their acceptance or rejection of Christ.

Salvation unfolds through families living in faith.





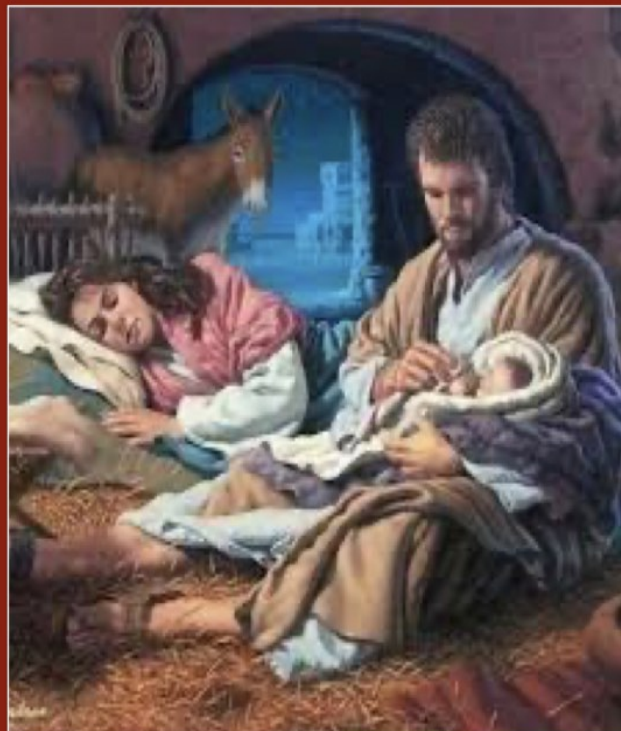
May God bless you and your family this holiday season and throughout the new year.  
St. Andrew Parish Staff



## A CHRISTMAS WELCOME

We warmly welcome all who have come today  
to celebrate this glorious feast.  
We welcome the stranger, the traveler the guest!  
We welcome our students home from college  
for a good winter's rest!  
We welcome parishioners who moved far away  
but join us today as old friends and guests!  
We welcome all who have not been active of late  
in their Catholic faith;  
and hope they will find new hope and inspiration  
this Christmas to come back again and again!  
We welcome our faithful parishioners,  
loyal and true;  
may the Lord bless you for all you do!  
Welcome to all!  
May our gathering this day  
gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds.  
We are after all one People of God -  
transformed by the Light.  
May we walk by the Light  
and live by the Light -  
together in love.

**Christmas Blessings!**





# Christmas Flower Donations

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Christmas Mass	C. Mangano	In loving memory of Doreen & Larry Ontko	Doreen & Larry Jackson
John, Bridget, Patrick Langdon	Terry & Dorothy Langdon	Liette & Germann Families	Bill & Beth Liette
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In memory of our daughter Elizabeth Nagel Jasper and the Nagel & Nieporte Families	George & Pat Nagel	In memory of Sister Judith Wessels	Pam Ward
		Merry Christmas, in loving memory of Popo, Caitlin & Kathy	The DuBois family



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Our parents & son	Mike & Kelly Kroner
Mary Alice Schutte	Gary & Tina Klaus
In memory of Don Stuhlmueeller	Mark & Kathy Haglage
Judy Elsbernd	Tom Elsbernd
In loving memory of our parents	Mark & Kathy Haglage





## Marian Moms: New Schedule!

Starts JANUARY- 2x per Month

1st Thursday  
of the Month:  
Evenings  
6:30 pm



3rd Wednesday  
of the Month:  
Mornings  
10:30 am

ANY & All Moms are WELCOME!

Location: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
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If Interested, Contact: Elizabeth Otte  
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## Anointing of the Sick



The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "The Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude." (1520)

To make the Sacrament more accessible and as a way of planning ahead when a medical procedure is planned, we will be offering the Sacrament on the fifth Saturday and Sunday of the month, following each Mass.

Upcoming Anointing of the Sick  
December 30 & 31

## Join us for Bible Study Wednesdays at 10am weekly

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength"

St. Andrew parish center  
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## St. Veronica Seniors

Invite all Seniors  
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## Guys and Dolls

February 29, 2024

Bus leaves from St Veronica at 9:30 and  
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