



Soon....

LAMPSTAND— Christmas Memories

The other day my sister, Maria, along with her son, and my boys and I went over my dad's house for lunch and to help him set-up his Christmas tree. While it's been a few years since both Maria and I decorated Dad's house, we fell right into our old jobs: I did everything and Maria held things, ha (though it's not her fault, I tend to take over...). We laughed, we danced, we sang, and dozens of childhood memories at Dad's came flooding back to me. My dad always did his best to make Christmas a magical time for us as kids doing the various holiday traditions, but Christmas morning was always the best. Our Christmas tree wasn't the biggest, but I'll bet every penny it was the brightest. Something about it always "glowed" to me in a special way more so than any other tree, and still does. After opening the beautifully wrapped presents of just what we wanted, there was always a "Wait, girls, what's that in the tree?!"—a letter from Santa that would take us on a scavenger hunt throughout the house until we'd find that extra special gift of Christmas. It was always something unexpected and always a big surprise. Dad's favorite gift of Christmas--the time we spent together on those precious days.... And on these previous days. As the afternoon concluded and Dad was about to wrangle the boys for one final picture of all of them wearing their Santa hats, he said, "This is what I wanted for Christmas, right here." I can't help but sit back in gratitude for the gift of my dad and the Christmas memories my sister and I shared with him... and that we continue to share with our children. Merry Christmas!
Sara Kronholz

When our children were young, we spent many Christmases at our vacation home in the Adirondack Mountains in New York. Without our children's knowledge, (of course they still believed in Santa Claus) we would pack up their gifts in large black bags and place them under the back bench seat of the van. Christmas morning was magical. It had snowed the night before. We were literally snowed in. A nice fire was burning in the fireplace. The children were so excited. Santa came!!! Presents under the tree, (which we had cut down a few days prior from our woods.)

After all the presents were opened, our daughter Kristin was in the bedroom crying. What could be wrong? "I didn't get any toys this year!" What? "Of course you....." Oh my! We had forgotten one of the large black bags at home in Brunswick. Think fast!! My parents were coming a couple days later.

I made a quick call. They went to our house and picked up the large black bag with the rest of the gifts. I assured my daughter that Santa must have left some gifts at "Oma" and "Opa's" house by mistake.

Once they arrived we had another wonderful gift opening, with Kristin's toys among the gifts.

What a wonderful Christmas it turned out to be.

Renate Elber

"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it."

— Pope Francis



ANNIE'S Sweater reads:
**"I AM ON THE NAUGHTY LIST
AND I REGRET NOTHING."**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.



Annie can be a bit bashful around people and somewhat shy. On the other hand she has quickly made friends with the office staff and maintenance—and of course, Glen who takes her around before the 4pm Mass on Saturdays. So I wondered if we would be able to get a picture with Santa at the Christmas Village or would she run away from him! It turned out that she LOVED Santa *and* his wife. In fact, she sat on his lap for the picture. I wonder how that happened... Santa with that bright red suit and black boots and that long white beard.....but Annie is a Bearded Collie! I wonder the connection!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Las Posadas

Question:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of “Las Posadas”?

Answer:

“Posada” is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. “Las Posadas” refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our “posada.” As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

The Little Christmas Village 2022





WEDNESDAY December 21 - *St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church*
11:00 AM +Walter Kalatenbach (K)

FRIDAY December 23 - *St. John of Kanty, Priest*
11:00 AM +Louis J. Koenig, Sr. (A)

SATURDAY **December 24 - Christmas Eve**
4:00 PM Intentions of the Parish (K)
6:30 PM Intentions of the Parish (K)
10:00 PM Intentions of the Parish (K)

SUNDAY **December 25**
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS
11:00 AM Intentions of the Parish (K)



Our friends and relatives who are ill. May God grant them Healing and strength.

These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer Team

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The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit for the intentions of the

Biggs & Healy families



WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Next Sunday: 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/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 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Observances for the week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:
Friday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Saturday: Christmas Eve
Next Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord ©LPi

SAINT OF THE WEEK FAITH

Saint John of Kanty | December 23

Saint John, sometimes called John Cantius, was born in the Polish town of Kanty in 1390. Not much is recorded about his early life, however, he was a bright young man who did well in his studies at the university in Krakow. He earned his doctorate in philosophy and went on to be ordained and earn a doctorate in theology as well.

He began teaching at the university immediately following the conferring of his doctorate in philosophy. Unfortunately, his popularity worked against him, and he was dismissed from his post on false charges. Saint John was reassigned to a post as a parish priest in the town of Olkusz, Bohemia. His parishioners did not receive him with open arms, and he was unsettled in his new position. But John did not give up, his honest care for the people of his parish eventually endeared him to them.

After a time, he was invited back to the university and he returned to teaching, filling leadership roles in the philosophy and theological areas until the end of his long life. Saint John deeply cared for the poor, giving everything but only what he needed to survive away. He lived an aesthetic life but was such an engaging man that he often dined with nobility.

Saint John of Kanty died on December 24, 1473. He was canonized in 1767, by Pope Clement XIII. In 1998, a new religious community chose the saint for their patron and the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius, was formed in Chicago, Illinois.

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Soon! Very soon!

Baptism Class



The next Baptism Class will be held **Sunday, January 15th after the 11:45am mass at St. Colette.**

Diocesan policy requires attendance at a Baptism class for parents who are planning to present their first child for the Sacrament of Baptism.

To register, call the Parish Office at (330) 273-5500.

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion". God bless you for donating to last week's collection.

Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

The next **Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend** is scheduled for January 13 - 15, 2023 The Retrouvaille program is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help you rediscover each other again. RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$450.00 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810, go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

The 2023 Holy Calendars are now available. The can be picked up in the atrium. A Special Thank You to **Carlson Funeral Home** for sponsoring the calendar again this year.

PSCF NEWS

No Classes Monday, Dec. 26 & Tuesday, Dec. 27
No Classes Monday, Jan. 2 & Tuesday, Jan. 3
Classes resume on Monday, Jan. 9 &
Tuesday Jan. 10, 2023

Pre-School

No Class Sunday, December 25 and Sunday, January 1, 2023. Classes resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Parish Activities

Daytime Believers - Wednesday, December 21
10am
OLPH - Thursday, December 22, 7pm

OPLATKI

Oplatki are shared on Christmas Eve with the head of the table saying a prayer, **thanking God for the family's blessings and asking forgiveness of anyone he or she has injured.** A piece of the oplatek (singular form of oplatki) is broken off and shared, then the oplatek is passed to the next person and the ritual repeats itself.

Oplatki are available in the Atrium.

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

The true gift of Christmas is the joy and presence of Jesus in one another— that's what this Christmas Village weekend has demonstrated to me! THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Village by attending and to the MANY volunteers (from Dasher's Diner to Gingerbread Land, to Santa's Shoppe, to Raffle baskets, to Crafts and more)—your names too talented and countless to mention. I hope you know how much you are appreciated and loved. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.... And I hope Santa is extra kind to you this Christmas!

God bless you always!~ Sara

A warm Welcome to our Parish!

Mr. Jason White
Ms. Tracey Szczesniak

Happy to have you with us

Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of Edward Pipik (husband of Margaret) who was called to his Eternal reward. Please pray for him and all the faithful departed.

Live in Light & Peace!



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN USE THE GIFT OF PRAYER?

Ladies from St. Colette's have made beautiful prayer shawls/blankets for anyone needing some extra prayer. The shawl/blanket is created prayerfully with much love and is a way to wrap yourself the love and mercy of our God.

If you know of someone who could use a little extra prayer please come to the parish office and we will let you select a prayer shawl.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort

2 Corinthians 1:3



Please pray for those serving in the Military



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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00-10:00- and 11:45
Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00pm
Holy Day: NOON and 7:00pm

SACRAMENTS
Baptism - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.
Matrimony –Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.
Sacrament of the Sick - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.
Reconciliation - Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT
THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, December 4, 2022.....\$18,283.20
 Capital Improvement Fund.....\$5,570.55
 Children’s.....\$21.00
 Project Endeavor..... \$1,170.00
We sincerely & always appreciate your kindness & generosity!

To help start and build an endowment fund, please remember St. Colette in your will. We also have a Memorial Scholarship /Education Fund.

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