





The entire Staff of our Parish wishes you all a very Merry Christmas— packed to the brim with blessings, overflowing with happiness, pressed together with peacefulness and wrapped in the mercy and love of Jesus, the long-awaited Savior.

We can offer no finer or more precious gift than the experience we share together at Christmas Mass. It is at Mass that the Lord comes to each and every one of us offering a most personal and sincere, ‘Merry & HOLY Christmas’! The gift-giver is Himself, the Gift!

God’s peace,

Fr. Krizner, the Staff, Gracie, Annie & Cotton & the rest of us!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 19, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Last year I was given this SLOVAK BLESSING with Oplatki. Allow me to share it with you.

SLOVAK MATERNAL BLESSING

Before serving the meal the mother sprinkles holy water on the table & the house, that blessings of God might rest upon them. The Father (head of family) serves Oplatka with a kiss to his wife asking forgiveness for any faults that he may have caused. The Father then takes a dab of honey and makes a small cross on the foreheads of all present. This is to remind them to Keep Christ in our thought and to live and work in harmony. A wish that we will live in pleasant fellowship and our lives be sweetened,

"We wish you on this glorious holy day of the birth of Christ the Lord that God give you happiness, health, and abundance of grace, blessings and, one day, life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Praise the Lord Jesus!

Vesele Vianoce!

Most every nationality has unique blessings for Christmas Eve. Adapt this blessing to suit your own

family...



Merry Christmas from the Lily Ann Grace Gift Shop! Thank you for your patronage! We will be open this coming week: Mon.-Thurs 9-5 Friday 9-Noon Closed Christmas Monday 9-3 Normal hours Tuesday



Annie watched with great curiosity. One by one he placed figures in the Stable. First came Mary, then Joseph, then Shepherds and finally three Kings. As beautiful as they were none but Mary and Joseph made it into the stable. All the rest were placed outside. Annie turned to Gracie and asked ‘Why can no one go into the manger?’ Gracie smiled. “You’ll see in just a moment that there is no room for them.” Annie looked intently ‘but there’s *all kind of room*’ she thought. Then came the angel. Annie observed the angels placement carefully. She was set on top of the stable looking down at all of the other statues. “Certainly an angel could go inside,” Annie thought aloud. Gracie simply repeated her words, “Just watch!”

After all this was all new to Annie. She had never celebrated a Christmas and with each passing day of Advent she became more and more excited as to what could come next! But this made no sense to her at all. There was plenty of room in the stable—at least one of the little shepherd boys could get in there. Gracie nudged Annie and said, “Just Watch and wait!”

First a cow was placed in the stable, then a donkey, and then sheep—lots of them huddled around the manger bed. Then came a dog that looked much like Annie herself!

Gracie smiled a wide smile as she explained to Annie - “You see the shepherd and kings weren’t there when the Baby Jesus was born. The angels were busy spreading Good News to all the people. But you know who was there?”

Annie shook her head *no*.

Gracie stood on all four—”We were! The animals were first to welcome the Child. After all,” she continued, “When the Inn-keepers told Mary & Joseph there was no room for them in the inns, the animals welcomed the couple into their home—they shared their straw, warmed the night air, and offered to that holy family all the company they needed on that first Holy Night!

Annie smiled wide, “ Gee Gracie, I’m so glad that I’M a puppy!”

Merry Christmas to your pets! The animals were there before we were—they were there to keep company to the Lamb of God!





WEDNESDAY December 22 - Advent Weekday
11:00 AM +Adeline Dija (K)

FRIDAY 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)

SATURDAY December 25 - **Christmas Day**
11:00 AM Intentions of the Parish (K)

SUNDAY December 26
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
8:00 AM +Ida Rose Eleck (A)
10:00 AM +Tina Dorsey (K)
11:45 AM Living & Deceased of Rubeck & Dowling Families (K)



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

These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer

Mary Annibale, Ken B., Mary Alice Baker, Fr. Larry Bayer, Carol Biggs, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Birschl family, Justin Boguki, Carrie Jean Bonacci, Barbara Bonza, Bill Briese & family, Patricia Burfield, David Cinerra, Fr. Ralph Coletta, Terry Connolly, Elaine Coreno, Rosemary Cross, Arlene DeFazio, Barb Deimling, Barb DelVecchio, Gloria & Len Demko, Chris Dipippa, Robert Dumke, Sr., Mary Dumke, Gene Egnot, Patricia Ferencik, Delores Fiffick, Sharon Fisher, Celia Giganti, James Gresko, Jeannine Grimm, Carolyn H., Amy, Barb, Marilyn, Sandy Healy, Bill & Tina Healy, Brian & Kim Helle, Nancy Hopkins, Rita Jamison, John Kole, John & Elaine Kopniske, Patricia Korbel, Frank Kupetz, Gail Lipinski, Lincoln Lester, Molly McLaughlin, Mark Magda, Mary Mahony, Ron Meister, Mary Celine O'Leary, Siobhen O'Leary-Drlik, Paisley Palmer, Sally Panek, Ralph Parente, Lourdes Pascual, Kathy Petretti, Tom Petruzzi, Beverly Phillippe, Ronald Powell, Jesse Prybis, Ron & Pat Prybis, Elaine Rady, Pat Richie, Kelly Rico, Darlene Riggs, Tanya Ronsko Kasperek, Angie Schurger, Mary Ann Schveder, Greg Shandor, David Shepley, John Siba, Joan Snyder, Diane Soboslay, Reynaldo Solis, Carol Spooner, Dolores Stanchina, Gerald Steinbrick, Norma Sutter, Lisa Szymanski, Bill & Carol Thompson, Joseph Tonderski, Tom & Marge Trobl, Ariana Trobl-Solis, Paula Ulas, Elijah Velez & family, Becca Vickery, Derek Vitas, Mike W., Carol Weiss, Anthony & Matthew Williams, Donna & James Woodyard, Marion Capra-Wesner, Jr., Debbie Woodyard, Sam Zummo, Fran Zvara & family

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c
and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
[cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10
and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: *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
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf.
1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-
10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Observances for the week of December 19, 2021

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

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Marley's ghost to Scrooge:
**"No space of regret can make amends
for one life's opportunity misused."**

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit in loving
memory of

Kathleen Logan



Son of God! Son of Mary!



Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union is proud to announce that St Colette will receive \$250.00 as part of our Giving Back Auto Loan program. Unity started this program in 2014; and are so glad that members are saving money when they purchase or refinance a car. Even better is that Catholic Schools and Churches are benefiting from this Catholic partnership. Gratitude!

FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE

Do you long to be free from bad habits? From repetitive sin? From attitudes that hurt you and your relationships, such as unforgiveness? Here is an opportunity to attain the freedom Christ won for you and *wants for you!* Join in for a Healing Mass Fri, Jan 21, 7:00 pm, St. Hilary Church, Fairlawn. Fr. Jacob Bearer will be the main celebrant. Free-will offering will be taken.



Daughters of St. Colette

As you celebrate the miracle of this special season, may your heart be filled with joy and peace.



"Come as a stranger, leave as a friend."



**Brothers in FAITH!
Every Saturday at 8 a.m. in the Atrium. Come pray with us and enjoy the good fellowship of men devoted to the Lord and His Church!**

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE 2021



A warm Welcome to our Parish!

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Happy to have you with us

Remembering with Love....


Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of Paul Zickes (father of Mary Ann Dziedzicki) who was called to his Eternal reward. Please pray for him and all the faithful departed.

Live in Light & Peace!

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Peace On Earth



May God fill our hearts
and minds with
peace and tranquility
through this most
blessed and holy season

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MASSES For Christmas EVE and Day!

**Christmas
Eve:
4pm
6:30pm
10pm**

**Christmas
Day:
11am**

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me." - Scrooge



Please pray for those serving in the
Military



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Please email updates to kplumb@stcoletteparish.com



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter Canisius | Feast Day December 21
Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus. St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.
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MASS SCHEDULE:

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 5, 2021.....\$16,145.00
 Capital Improvement Fund.....\$4,639.00
 Children's.....\$15.25
 Project Endeavor..... \$3,775.00
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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