



A Blessed and Happy Christmas from our entire Staff! May the day and the days ahead be filled with the Light of Christ, the peace of Christmas Night, and the love that abounded in the stable at Bethlehem. I am grateful for each and every one of you who comprise the Family of St. Colette. May you know the deepest meaning of His love and experience in ways not yet imagined. A very Happy and Holy Christmas! Fr. Krizner

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Being the Sign

I think the real challenge of evangelization in the modern age is the reality that pretty much everyone has already heard of Jesus Christ — or, at least, they think they have.

To our 21st-century eyes, the angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it.

Our baptism compels us to do the same — to announce the coming of Christ over and over again, always and everywhere. But our audience is not a group of illiterate shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus they often claim weariness of his name. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either "I already know about Jesus, thanks," or "I've heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who claim to follow him, I'm really not interested in hearing more."

Because in the end, our very lives are how we "announce his salvation" in the present day. We announce it in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us.

How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign: "You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Now we are the sign.

The world has heard of Christ by now. But have they all seen him? It's our job to show them. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi





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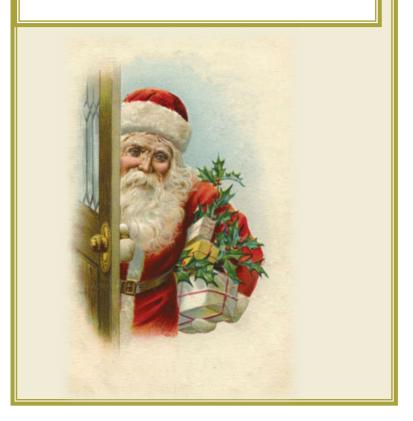
For your presence and assistance throughout Advent. Thank you for the beautiful witness of your Faith!

Thank you for the greetings and kindness which you shared with me, Gracie & Annie! You are more than kind! Thank you for sharing in the liturgies of Christmas with your parish family. May Blessings Abound!!!

Fr. Krizner

ucked into the 1994 remake of Miracle on 34th Street is a line that I have always loved and appreciated. It is Kris Kringle in a discussion with Dorey. I have always believed it to be a profound & beautiful reflection for Christmas! **Enjoy!** - Fr. K.

"Oh, but there it is. I'm not just a whimsical figure who wears a charming suit and affects a jolly demeanor. You know, I... I... I'm a symbol. I'm a symbol of the human ability to be able to suppress the selfish and hateful tendencies that rule the major part of our lives. If... You can't believe, if you can't accept anything on faith, then you're doomed for a life dominated by doubt."



IVE THE LITURGY -INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.

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St. Colette's method of proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel was not to preach but to pray. Her whole life was spent in prayer. Even when she was asked to help her brothers the Friars Minor, in their reform, and was invited into their chapter room, she did not tell them what they ought to do, she simply knelt down and prayed, and those who watched, one by one, also fell on their knees. This Chaplet combines three prayers of St Colette.

Blessed be the hour in which our Lord Jesus Christ, God and Man was born.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit by whom he was conceived. Blessed be the glorious Virgin Mary of whom the Incarnate Word was born.

May the Lord hear our prayers through the intercession of the glorious Virgin Mary and in memory of that most sacred hour in which the Incarnate Word was born, that all our desires may be accomplished for your glory and our salvation.

O good Jesus! O Jesus our Redeemer, do not abandon us as our sins deserve, but hear our humble prayer and grant what we ask through the intercession of the most blessed Virgin Mary and for the glory of your Holy name. Amen.

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As God pleases As God wills

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THE CONCERT was absolutely magnificent. Music Ministry did a supreme job of presenting the Spirit of Christmas. As asked, the cookies came in great abundance. Thank You! Following the concert the fully packed church had the opportunity to see the New Parish Center for the first time. It was a terrific evening. Thank you, Music Ministry, for sharing your talent and dedication. Thank you , Sara, for bringing the concert together to fill our hearts with holiday cheer!



WEDNESDAY 11:00 AM	December 28 - <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> +Kathleen Logan (A)
FRIDAY	December 30 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
11:00 AM	+Mike Rocheck (K)
<u>SATURDAY</u>	December 31 - St. Sylvester I, Pope New Year's Eve
4:00 PM	+Nancy Zingales (K)
<u>SUNDAY</u>	January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day
8:00 AM	-+Sr. Mary Joachim & Sr. Mary Anthony,osu
10:00 AM	+Elfreda Myers
11:45 AM	+ Wm & Jennie Krizner



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

These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer Team Anthony, Felicia Anderson, Mary Annibale, Barb Aust, Patricia Ball, Larry Bender, Carol Biggs, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Erna Birschl, Pixie Blake, Carrie Jean Bonacci, Barbara Bonza, Eric Brown, Patricia Burfield, Katie Cido, Elaine Coreno, Frank Cseh, Lee Daniels, Marilyn Dlugos, Judy Brown Dyer, Len & Gloria Demko, Stephanie Dolin-Atkinson, Ella Dumke, Robert Dumke, Sr., Mary Dumke, Gene Egnot, Dan Elber, Sharon Fisher, Amber Fitzgerald, Mary Lou Gamellia, Marlene Geho, Francis Geib, Lois Gerome, Celia Giganti, Kristen Grasson, James Gresko, Shannon, Natalie & Elijah Grimes, Don Haluska, Amy, Barb, Marilyn, Sandy, Bill, Tina Healy, Kim Helle, Paige Hendryx, Emil & Cheryl Hlucky, Rita Jamison, Kathryn Klasek, John Kole, Elaine Kopchak, Elaine Kopniske, Patricia Korbel, Kathy Mahoney, Terri Madak, Ron Meister, Ruth Ann & Frank Mucha, Mike McDonough, David Murrin, Maria Nicaise, Alice Olenchuk, Natalie P., Marcia Peltz, Sally Panek, Timothy Peterson, Phyllis Piccolomini, Donald & Beverly Phillippe, Francis Pierce, Charles Prohaska, Jesse Prybis, Ron & Pat Prybis, Elaine Rady, Darlene Riggs, Anna Sattlemaier, , Angela Schurger, Pat Schwark, Veronica Scott, Christopher Seman, David Shepley, Mary & Lloyd Chirdon, Willie Sitzenstock, Dolores Stanchina, Lisa Szymanski, Joe Tonderski, Paula Ulas, Bill & Patty Varga, Connie Vitis, Diana Weber, Carol Weiss, Marion Capra-Wesner, Anthony & Matthew Williams, Donna & James Woodyard, Debbie Woodyard, Peter Zaccari, Ruth Ziccardi.

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit in memory of Bill & Peg Feuerstein WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES Readings for the week of December 25, 2022 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 Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps Friday: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk Next Sunday: 2:16-21

Observances for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord				
Monday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr			
Tuesday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist			
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs			
Thursday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr			
Friday:	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph			
Saturday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve			
Next Sunday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Mi-			
gration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace ©LPi				

SAINT OF THE WEEK Saint John the Apostle | December 27

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death. Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion.

Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written. Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan. ©LPi

It's Christmas!

A Christmas Blessing May all the days of all the years That God has still in store, Be filled with every joy and grace To bless you more and more; May hope of heart And peace of mind Beside you ever stay, And that's the golden wish I have For you, this Christmas Day!

Franciscan Mission Associates

The Parish Office and LILY ANN GRACE GIFT

SHOP will be open on Saturday, December 24th from 9am –12Noon. Closed on Christmas Day. The hours on Monday, December 26th will be from 9am—1pm. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, December 27th.

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.



Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class will be held Sunday, January 15th <u>after the</u> 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.

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. They can be picked up in the atrium. A Special Thank You to <u>Carlson Funeral Home</u> for sponsoring the calendar again this year.

Parish Activities

Daytime Believers - Wednesday, December 28 10 am

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." – Charles Dickens

St. Colette web site http://www.stcolettecatholicchurch.com



Mr. & Mrs. James & Sue Marcy & family

Happy to have you with us

Congratulations on Your Baptism

Philomena Maria Bewley

You are a child of God who loves you so very much!

Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of Aiden Middendorf (sweet son of Brianne & David Middendorf, brother of Caleb) who was called to his Eternal reward. Please pray for him and all the faithful departed.





A Unique Forum for Catholic Thought and Inspiration.

"Post Roe V. Wade: Building a PROLIFE Culture and Helping Women in Unplanned and Crisis Pregnancies"

Date & Time: Thursday, Jan 5, 2023 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: The City Club of Cleveland | 850 Euclid Ave | Cleveland OH 44114

Register online at <u>www.FirstFridayClubCleveland.org</u> Email: Firstfridaycleveland@gmail.com



Please pray for those serving in the Military

Joseph Adams MJR Sylvester Azap SrA Aimee R. Budzinski USAF GySgt. John Burrell E5/2nd Class Jacob Camper USN S/A-Dept/State Bradley Carlson Foreign Service Officer Cynthia Carlson-Cook S/SGT Stephen Coughlan SPC Kristen Coughlan MJR Jason Cross CPL Michael C. Dadaian USMC Michael Forlini HA Margaret Gasbarri USN CPL Peter Grasso SPC David Greenfelder Jr. LCpl Michael Grzybowski USMC Major Rick Hanrahan USAF SGT Jeremy Hlavaty 1LT Zachary Hollister USMC M/SGT Melissa Hunt CPL Zack Hunter USMC AMN 1st Class Joe Isabella Capt. Julianne Jamison USAF AA Bridget Kerr USN PVT Nathan Kerr Army Lt. Kris Klaiber SGT Kevin Lessman S/SGT Sam Lupica Col. Andrew W. Mack Lt. Colonel Jeremy Matyas USAF

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Only 250 tickets to be sold Details Your chances to win are 1-250 \$50 Weekly Prize Drawing Drawing each Sunday in 2023 Drawing to start 1-8-2023 If all 250 tickets are sold Proceeds to support St. Colette expenses Cost - \$50.00 per ticket Winning number returned to barrel. Can win again Winner need not be present

Tickets to be sold only after all masses and each weekend until the 250 tickets are sold

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK Wiant Jewelers

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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 11, 2022	\$13,863.17
Capital Improvement Fund	
Children's	\$20.50
Project Endeavor	\$895.00
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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LILY ANN GRACE ~ THE PARISH GIFT SHOP

Shop Hours: Mon - Thurs 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-3pm, Saturday 12 - 5pm and Sunday 8:30am - 1pm Kathy Pellegrin-330-273-5500

Ministers for the Weekend of December 31 & January 1, 2023						
	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:45 AM		
LECTORS	C. Yako	S Campbell	J Jaskowiak	E Rogers		
SERVERS	C Frimel / M Jancar E Sanders	V & H Armstrong	M McIntire / M Murphy L Milks	L Saunders / L Liptak E Romer		
USHERS	G & T Stout / R Emerson J Greenhalgh	G Stout / J Kamenar G Richard	P Rossman / D Cricks G Maharidge / D Haluska	J Spooner / D Shell P Ferraro / G Torbinski		
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	S & B Emerson / K Murphy T Adams / P Lewandowsky	V Joy / D Echert G Gallo / A Schurger	K Baga / T Deegan / N Porter P & J Cuglewski	D Shell / S Sheets		
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