

*The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Day
December 25th, 2016*

God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.

Opportunities to Worship This Week:

Sat. 12/24, 6PM (Vigil-The Nativity of the Lord)-For the People

Sun. 12/25, 11:00am (The Nativity of the Lord)-For the People

Thurs. 12/29, 6:30PM (Weekday)-**NO MASS**

Fri. 12/30, 8:00AM (Weekday)-**NO MASS**

Sat. 12/31, 6:00PM (Vigil-Mary, Mother of God)-Patty Brunell+

Sun. 1/1, 8:30AM (Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day)-For all Mothers

Sacrament of Penance

Anytime by Appointment/

Fri. mornings after Mass

Mass Attendance

Saturday

Sunday

Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory any time when anointing of the sick is needed. In the absence of Fr. Martin-Edward, call Peg Garrison, Denise Zurliene or Jim Thompson and they will contact a deacon.

Prayer List:

Way-Fair Nursing Home – Kimberly Buchanan

Garland Keck, Lanora Neavill, Ute Ferido, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Sharon Reyling, Dan Kinsolving, Brenda Belangee, Jim & Jane Mowry, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Stacy Winkeler, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Maddox Oppenheimer, Paula Zdan, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Shirley Byars, Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Virginia Winkeler, Tom Colvin, Jim Lawler, Justin McKnight, Ryan McGehee, Teresa Williams, Andrew Mayo, Zeth Frank, Jan Mrozek, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene and all priests who are sick.

Saturday, December 31, 2016

Lector: Jay Fyie

E. Mins: Ken & Theresa Nordmann

Ushers: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Gifts: Sue Milligan, Alice Zurliene

Servers: volunteers

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Tom Konopasek

Emily Milligan, Peg Garrison

Scott Merkle, Devon Butler

Bunting Family

Will Wright, Grace Milligan

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Mt 10:17-22

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Mt 2:13-18

Lk 2:22-35

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Jn 1:1-18

Lk 2:16-21

“One Thing I ask of the Lord, and this I long, to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” (Ps.27, 4)

That should be our daily prayer

That should be our daily desire

That should be our daily wish.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – Mercy Still persists in Christmas.

When God took on our humanity in the **birth of Jesus**, he appeared in our flesh out of divine kindness, generous love, and covenantal mercy (see Titus 3:4-7, assigned to the Mass at Dawn). He literally “pitched his tent” in our midst (John 1:14, assigned to the Mass during the Day), lives where we live, likes and loves all those we like and love – plus all those we do not. Since we are saved “through the **bath of rebirth**”, that is, Christian Baptism, we are forever changed. Our behavior must always be like Christ, robustly alive in the gifted grace that comes from God alone.

~Even at Christmas, how will I be merciful?

~How will I manifest God's free gift of grace to me by giving_____?

~Who will I like and love this Christmas season?

Our Gifts to God Collection Envelopes for the 2017 year are in the hall. Please pick your box up. Please note you may have a different number for your envelope due to some of our parishioners passing and moving away. Thank-you for all of your gifts to the Church and our Parish in the past year. If you do not have a box with your name on it and would like one, please contact the church office.

COMPLIMENTS FROM FR. MARTIN-EDWARD

Our Christmas Parties were very beautiful and a moment of sharing. I write to thank all those who facilitated the occasions. I thank the PSR Team for our children who added glamor to the day with their singing and drama. I thank our parents and all of our parishioners for the time and the sharing.

It is my pleasure to with you all a Merry Christmas filled with joy and blessings of peace. May the coming New Year be prosperous and blissful for you all. God bless you all!!! Rev. Martin-Edward Ohajunwa.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIALS

*THANK-YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TOWARDS THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.
THE LIST OF MEMORIALS IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALL.*

THANK-YOU!

Thank-you to all the parishioners who helped make the church look so beautiful for this Christmas liturgies and season.

Retrouvaille of St. Louis...A Lifeline for Married Couples

YOU Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married”. For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other? Are you constantly fighting? Or so you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. **The next Program begins the weekend of FEBRUARY 3, 2017.**

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity.

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TEC WEEKEND

Next TEC Weekend is scheduled for January 14-16, 2017 at St. Mary’s in Mt. Carmel, IL. TEC is a three day experience in Christian Living. It is designed for high school Juniors through adults who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values, for God. Cost for the weekend is \$60. For an application, visit www.bellevilletec.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NO WEEKDAY MASSES: December 26th thru 30th

SAT, December 31: New Years Eve mass—St. Stephen—4pm St. Edward—6pm

SUN, January 1: New Years Day mass—St. Edward—8:30am St. Stephen—10:30am