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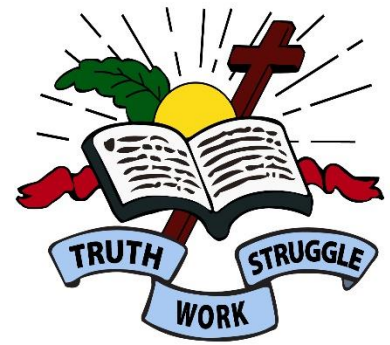
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December 25, 2018

## Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – During the Day

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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### A Festival Thought

The profound mystery of the Word made flesh causes us to celebrate with joy every aspect of our redemption. Through Christ's birth, by Christ's death and in Christ's marvelous resurrection, we find ourselves saved!

### About Today's Bible Readings:

#### ISAIAH 52:7-10

God's word of salvation for Israel meant freedom from exile, a return home, a chance to rebuild.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

#### HEBREWS 1:1-16

God's word of salvation, first spoken through the prophets, became a living reality in the person and mission of Jesus Christ.

#### JOHN 1:1-18

God's word of salvation, finally made flesh in Jesus, is the source of our light, love and peace.

### ENTRANCE RITE (Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a)

*V. A Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

**R. Sing a new song to the Lord, Who has done marvelous deeds.**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### THE GOSPEL (John 1:1-18)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**9:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**SUNDAY – Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Solemnity – Humble  
Shepherds**

**9:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

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## Church Decoration!

Many thanks to all of those who were able to help clean and decorate the church in preparation for our worship tonight. May God bless you all.

## Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please save the date. See Peggy Kowalik for tickets. We hope that all of our families and friends will be able to join us for good food and good cheer.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

On behalf of the Parish Committee, myself, My wife, Beverly and my daughter Danielle I would like to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and a most prosperous New Year!



## INTENTIONS:

**My Brothers and Sisters:** Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Ruth Pivovarnick, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Bestercei, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Garrett Aldershoff, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Tom Goff, Anni Greif, Nancy Eaton, Fred Rast, Roger Seliga and Milton Keiles For the repose of the soul of Jamie Watson. **Our Father...**

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## *Blessing of the Manger*

Priest. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response. Who Made Heaven and Earth.

P. O Lord, Hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come to You.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

P. Let us Pray.

Almighty God, Who on that wondrous night sent forth Your salvation, being manifested in the person of Your Son, Jesus Christ, look upon Your faithful people gathered in Your church this day, commemorating the Nativity of our Lord in the stable in Bethlehem. Grant, we implore You that the Savior of the World might be born again in the hearts and souls of all peoples of the world. Unto You we sing and give praise, honor and glory; and we ask You to instill in us godliness and holy love; strengthen our faith and grant us Your true peace – the peace which we can only find in You. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

P. Lord have mercy.

R. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

P. Our Father....

P. Hail Mary....

P. Glory be....

R. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

P. The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

R. Christ is born today, Glory to God in the Highest.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

P. Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, true light that enlightens everyone; O holy Christ Child, Who today will come into the hearts of all who sincerely love You; grant that we may be able to understand the message of Your enlightening word, and by following Your example and teachings in our daily lives, we may attain the Eternal Light of Heaven. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.