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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DECEMBER 28, 2014

CHRISTMAS POSTSCRIPTS:

Somewhere Between Laud and Lamentation

I am still celebrating Christmas and intend to do so merrily until the Sunday following Epiphany. And I would like to stretch beyond new Catholic correctness to the older custom of ending the Season on Candlemas (Feb. 2). The great "Holiday" rush is over, but Christmas continues. If that makes me a grumpy old man, I am in the best of company! The great Catholic curmudgeon Hilaire Belloc was known to send Christmas cards with this far from jolly iingle:



"May all my enemies go to hell, Noel, Noel!"

G. K. Chesterton who was truly jolly most of the time and loved Christmas dearly was acid-tongued about those who celebrate it prematurely. He growled:

"There is no more dangerous or disgusting habit than that of celebrating Christmas before it comes."

But of all the grumpy Christian gentlemen who lament the passing of Christmas none did it better than the great modern English poet, W. H. Auden. Auden was a complex, occasionally besotted, genius. He was a serious Anglican. In 1945 he published **For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio.** It is a brilliant study in contrast comparing the Nativity with contemporary attitudes. Christmas becomes a "stage" for the modern crisis of faith and futile attempts to love our neighbor. Toward the end of his poem, Auden's narrator gets to the "bottom" of it all.

tree, putting the decorations back into their cardboard boxes

Some have got broken - - - and carrying them up to the attic.

The holly and the mistletoe must be taken down and burnt,

And the children got ready for school.

There are enough leftovers to do, warmed up, for the rest of the week -
Not that we have much appetite,

Having drunk such a lot, Stayed up so late, attempted - - quite unsuccessfully - -

To love all our relatives and, in general grossly overestimated our powers.

More than a little depressing is Auden, but "in vino veritas"...

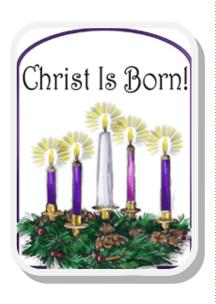
His lament comes honestly to one who celebrates Christmas not wisely, but too well. Auden and all grumpy Christian gentlemen and ladies really yearn for MORE... more true Christmas spirit, more real peace on earth, good will toward all!



The best postscript to Christmas is neither an encomium nor a dirge. It is the most hopeful phrase in poetry or prose - - TO BE CONTINUED!

-Fr. Luczak

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Bring God's graces into your marriage. Learn how on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 13-15, 2015 or April 17-19, 2015 or June 12-14, 2015, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through http:// wwme-chicagoland.org.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE REPORT

OUR CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE/RAFFLE WAS A HUGE SELLOUT SUCCESS!

NET PROFIT \$3,019 FOR COOKIE SALES AND RAFFLE! which covers one winter month of heating bills!

Thank you to **Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home** for a \$300 donation, and **Signarama of Aurora** for donating our beautiful signs!

Thank you to our **Raffle Basket** donors, **Minelli Deli** for the food basket, **Joy** (**Johansen**) **Thull** for candy and cookie basket, **The Men's Club** for wine in the baskets, and the ladies who put 5 baskets together and donated the baskets, glasses, cheese boards, and food items.

Special thanks to all parishioners, friends and family members that baked enough cookies to fill **315 one pound boxes of Christmas Cookies** in addition to multiple bags of homemade candy, cup cakes, peanut butter balls, brownies and chocolate covered pretzels.

Thanks to all parishioners and friends who supported our fundraiser with their purchases of food & raffle tickets and extra donations many of whom came back for seconds! WE SOLD OUT AFTER THE NOON MASS!!!

THANK YOU as well to those who came to setup on Friday evening and ready our tables with beautiful decorations! On Saturday, our cookie collectors, those who boxed and weighed cookies, those who tied the boxes, cookie sellers after the liturgies, and our Raffle team .

Congratulations to our basket winners: Chris Stat, Don Baron, Elizabeth Houlihan, Ed Segraves, Barb Watson, Wayne Grube and Judy.

Your generosity and support was overwhelming! God Bless you! Irene Baron and the Cookie Sale Committee



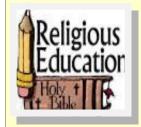


A special thanks to Irene Baron and her Cookie Committee for sponsoring, organizing, decorating and cleaning up after this fundraiser!

We hope everyone has had a chance to "get some rest after a job well done!"

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 1, at 10 a.m. and Noon. Parish offices will be closed on January 1st.



- •Kindergarten RE is not meeting today. We will look forward to welcoming the children next Sunday, January 4th. Happy New Year!
- •RE Classes will not meet on Monday, Dec. 29th. We will resume on January 5th. We pray for many blessings for all in the new year!

SAVE THE DATE...

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service on Sunday, Jan. 18, 3:00 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Park Ridge (behind Lutheran General Hospital). This is sponsored by the John 17 Fellowship of which St. Isaac Jogues Parish is a member. Father Luczak will give the homily during the service. A reception will follow. Please plan on coming and praying with fellow Christians!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Join us for prayer for the healing and guidance of our nation as a new year begins. We will meet on Friday, Jan. 2nd, 7-10 p.m., in the Holy Family Room. We will pray the Patriotic Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, the mysteries of the Rosary and conclude with Benediction. All are encouraged to come for some or all of the evening.



ATTENTION TEENS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS...

The Teen Group will visit the residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor facility in Chicago

next Saturday, Jan. 3rd. We will leave from the SIJ parking lot at 12:30 p.m. ad return about 4:15. Teens who would like to go need to call the RE Office, 847/966-1180 by December 30th, so we can plan for rides. Come share Christmas spirit with the residents as we play Christmas bingo, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy home baked cookies!

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS ONE WORD AT A TIME Nod If we speak and our listener nods her

head, we know that she has accepted what we say. We know that there is agreement.

At the heart of the story of Advent and Christmas, we know that we are called to nod to God's Word. God would not enter this world unwelcomed. God looks for our nod. And so, the Blessed Virgin Mary stands for all humanity and nods to the Lord, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Then the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

We believe that the sacraments bring us the presence of the living Christ. And we also believe that his presence is never imposed. As we receive the sacraments, the Lord looks for us to nod to him and to welcome his sacramental presence with hearts full of faith.

EPIPHANY

We are in need of people who will translate and pray a petition in another language on Epiphany Sunday, January 4 at the 10 a.m. Mass. Please sign up in the Holy Family Room today or call the RE Office, 847/966-1180, by Tuesday. Thank you!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18 Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Tuesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

of the Lord

Wednesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the

Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I;

New Year's Eve

Thursday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord;

Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace;

New Year's Day

Friday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen;

First Friday

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday

TYPHOON HAGIPUT EMERGENCY APPEAL

You make our work and our ability to quickly respond to crisis possible. Please stay informed of this response by visiting

www.ChicagoPeaceAndJustice.org/Hagupit

where one can also make a donation.

Thank you for all that you do for those in need and, please keep the Filipino people in your thoughts and prayers. Donations may be sent to:

Typhoon Hagupit Emergency Appeal Catholic Relief Services 3525 S. Lake Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60653

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: Godwith-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins

(Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or Psalm 105*.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



The 2015 season of great movies is on the horizon. A whole new year of quality movies are being planned for you every second Friday of the month. Of course, there's no charge for the

film nor the popcorn and beverages. Come join us. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

We're beginning the 2015 season with a masterpiece from director Terrence Mallick, "The
Tree of Life" starring Brad Pitt, Sean Penn and
Jessica Chastain. It will be on Friday, Jan. 9th,
at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. Doors open at 6:30
p.m. The film has been called "visual poetry" and
indeed it is. It's about a family in Texas in the
50's who go through the struggles and joys of
life as we do. What makes this film special are
the visuals and heart-rending emotions. You will
identify with the characters easily and also the
things they face. Come see this
beautiful masterpiece.



THANK YOU!

The coat drive was a huge success! 45 large bags of coats were collected and donated to Cornerstone Outreach.

The SIJ Women's Club says thank you to all who donated and to all who helped!



Wedding Banns

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Brian Daniel & Janelle Gianakopoulos January 10, 2015





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY WISH LIST

Thank you for all the food donations you have made to feed the hungry. You inspire us with your generosity. Here is our wish list for the next month:



Peanut Butter & Jelly Coffee & Tea Hot Chocolate Pasta Sauce

Please place your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Food Donation Basket, located at the entrance to the Holy Family Room.

If you are interested in joining us in our mission to help the needy, please call the rectory. A member of our group will contact you.

-Your St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

CHRISTMAS CORNER

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics worldwide to use the months ahead as a time of preparation & prayer for the World Meeting of Families to be held in Philadelphia, September, 2015. Pope Francis prayed: "Let every family be a welcoming place of goodness and peace for children and the elderly, for the sick and the lonely, for the poor and the needy." Pope Francis also asks all families to enrich and energize family life by praying the "World Meeting of Families Prayer" each day for their own family's personal intentions.

World Meeting of Families Prayer

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of Your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek Your truth and live in Your love. through Christ our Lord. Amen.

> Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



need nourishment or need to be held. We know that this is true of the newborn Jesus. The Eternal Word made flesh shares the human vulnerability of every other infant on earth. And this infant vulnerability—their need and their smallness draws us close to them.

We may grow up, but we never leave behind our fundamental vulnerability. In different ways, we continue to cry for sustenance, for mercy, for strength, for healing, and for connection and communion. In our vulnerability, God draws close to us, as Scripture says, with bands of love. When our deepest needs and vulnerabilities prompt us to cry, the Lord draws us to himself through sacramental signs and rituals. He hears our every cry, and the sacraments of the Church tell us that this is true.

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The Parish Life Commission will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. in Rm. 26. Agendas will be mailed.

LET US PRAY...

Lord, hold our troops and first responders in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen. We especially pray for these family members and friends...

United States Air Force Mason Janzen. Breanna Dexter Brian Caplin, Gale Renner

United States Army United States Marines Aisha Fernando, Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reyes United States Navy William B. Dexter, Timothy Kelly Illinois National Guard Christopher Dexter, Nathaniel Janzen



To add a name of a family member or friend who is in the military or is a police officer, firefighter or paramedic, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.



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Kindergarten RE 10:30 am - Rm. 29 Clyr(Stmos) Connect 3:00 pm - Church Reception - HFRM	Youth Choir Concert Celebration/Pizza Party 5:30 pm - HFRM Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Church, HFRM, Hall, School, Ministry Center RE Faculty Celebration 8:00 pm - HFRM	6 Baptiism Preparation - 7:00 pm Deacon Couiple's Home Women's Club Board Mtg. 7:00 pm - HFRM	7 Bible Study - 9:30 am-Rm. 6 Parish Life Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm - Room 26 The Praise Singers/Adult Choir Concert Celebration 7:00 pm - HFRM	8 Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church	Friday Night at the Movies 7:00 pm - Hall (doors open at 6:30 pm) Patriotic Rosary 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Church	Confirmation Year I Retreat 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Hall Confirmation Year I Family Mtg- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - HFRM Confirmation Year I Blessing during 5:00 pm Mass
11 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Kindergarten RE 10:30 am - Rm. 29 PARISH SHARING OF OPLATKI - 1:00 pm-HFRM	Youth Choir-5:30 pm-Church First Communion Preparation Mtg 6:45 pm - HFRM Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Church, HFRM, Hall, School, Ministry Center	13 Spiritual Life Commission Mtg. 7:30 pm - RE Office	14 Bible Study - 9:30 am-Rm. 6 The Praise Singers-6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:00 pm (both rehearsals in church) St. Joseph Table Planning Mig 7:00 pm - HFRM	15 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 am - Rm. 6 Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church	16 Patriotic Rosary 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Church	17
18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins Christian Unity Begins Kindergarten RE 10:30 am - Rm. 29 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service - 3:00 pm Messiah Lutheran Church Park Ridge	19 Youth Choir-5:30 pm-Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Church, HFRM, Hall, School, Ministry Center	20 Women's Club Quarterly Mass/Dinner 6:30 pm - Church/HFRM	Bible Study - 9:30 am-Rm. 6 The Praise Singers-6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:00 pm (both rehearsals in church) SPRED Team Mtg. 7:00 pm - Off Grounds Men's Club Dinner and Mtg. 7:00 pm - Hall	22 Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm -,Church	23 Patriotic Rosary 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Church	24
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Sunday, December 28		
8:00 a.m.	For The Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Ed Brezinski	
10:00 a.m.	Marguerite Smoczynski, Rustico Mallari, Benita Lojo	
12:00 p.m.	Irene Szlenk	
Monday, December 29		
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society	
	Stephen J. Lis	
Tuesday, December 30		
8:00 a.m.	Pete DeSario	
Wednesday, December 31		
8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions: Raymond Dominic Cobarde	
5:00 p.m.	Chris Janice Williams	
5.00 p.m.	Mary & Joseph Jagiello	
Thursday, January 1		
10:00 a.m.	Sungmin Yoo	
Noon	Rollin Yoo	
Friday, January 2		
8:00 a.m.	Terry Dyja	
Saturday, January 3		
8:00 a.m.	Communion Service-No Intentions	
5:00 p.m.	Mary Jane Polinski Pat Brezinski	
	Pat Breziński	
Sunday, January 4		
8:00 a.m.	Earl Chough	
10:00 a.m.	Anna Han Ester Galang	
12:00 p.m.	Aleksander Rutkowski	

January 3-4 2015		
Confession 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Luczak	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pereira	
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Kennedy	
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Paul	
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Pereira	



January 3-4, 2015

5:00 p.m.	Alexis Janik Jonathan Piska Nelson Perumpel Alyssa Fortaleza
8:00 a.m.	Sabin Thomas Kevin Thomas Maya Gherman Thomas Striblen
10:00 a.m.	Alexandra Wais Christopher Wais Carlo Lasco Athena Lasco
12:00 p.m.	Christina Jimmychan Jude Jimmychan Matthew Ledesma Nathan Ledesma

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Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM Saturday: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.



Sacristans Theresa Noble Frances Martel



Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation. Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.; Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.; Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

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