

# Saint Ann's

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## This Week at St. Ann's

**December 17 - December 23**

(Any unanticipated changes to this schedule will be announced through Flocknote.)

### Monday, December 17

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Tuesday, December 18

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For the Magdala Volunteers)

### Wednesday, December 19

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For +Anthony Paschel)  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

### Thursday, December 20

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For +Christopher Casey)  
 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Friday, December 21

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For +Nancy Shehan)

### Saturday, December 22

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For Special Intention)

### Sunday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For Katherine Paschel)  
 No Faith Formation Classes or RCIA Today  
 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For the People of God)  
 3:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens Party

### Upcoming Events

December 24 Christmas Eve  
 December 25 Christmas Day  
 January 1 New Year's Day

## The Pastor's Corner

Beginning on Monday of this week, we enter into the last seven days before Christmas. One of the traditions associated with these last days of Advent is the praying of the "O Antiphons" - seven verses which invoke images of the coming Messiah from ancient Israel. These antiphons are sung before the Magnificat at Evening Prayer each day, but they are also part of the Gospel Acclamation for daily Masses and included in Advent hymns such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Each of the messianic titles in these antiphons refers to a different aspect of the salvation promised by God: O Wisdom of God (knowledge), O Leader of Israel (the Law of Moses), O Root of Jesse's Stem (justice and love), O Key of David (liberation), O Radiant Dawn (light), O King of All Nations (unity and peace), O Emmanuel (God's abiding presence with us). As we approach the celebration of Christmas, reflecting on each of these antiphons helps to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the salvation that comes to us in and through the Incarnation!

## The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

### Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist  
 8:00 p.m. Solemn Eucharist

### Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Christmas Eve/Day and New Year's Eve/Day Liturgical Ministers** - Please stop by the glass table in the narthex and sign up if you are an altar server, lector, Communion minister, or usher and will be in town for either Christmas Eve/Day and/or New Year's Eve/Day. Place your name on the list, which ministry (or ministries) you are available for and then check all of the Masses at which you might be able to serve. We especially need ministers for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, so if you are available for those liturgies, please be sure to indicate that. Thanks!

## Stewardship of Treasure

**December 8-9:** \$10,933.77 (Weekly Goal: \$9,000)  
**Month of December:** \$22,137.58 (Budget: \$45,000)  
**Immaculate Conception:** \$674.00

Thank you for your generosity!



**Congratulations** to Maisie Vandiver, the daughter of Samuel and Kayla Vandiver, who is being baptized this weekend. May she grow in wisdom and grace!

## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule for December 22-23

### Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ramona Giromini  
8:30 a.m. Jennifer Leheska  
11:15 a.m. Glenn Backus

### Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Ben & Meredith Zotter, River Johnson  
8:30 a.m. Russell Trask, Kilian Leheska,  
Drew Huddleston  
11:15 a.m. Tyler & Dylan Troyer, Easton Stocker

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

5:00 p.m. Mary Bowling, Juanita Ruiz  
8:30 a.m. Nancy Railsback, Cindy Cross, Joe Shehan,  
Jonathan & Amanda Lawson,  
Cheryl Rickwartz  
11:15 a.m. Joe Roder, Cindy Rohrbach, Michael Harrett,  
Geri Russell, Cortni Hudspeth, Tony Kline

### Ushers

5:00 p.m. \*Ken Giromini, Ken Fischbacher  
8:30 a.m. \*Roger Cross, Kevin Rickwartz, Carl Coffelt,  
Ron Railsback  
11:15 a.m. \*Martin Lopez, Bill Bowen, David Rohrbach,  
Wayne Davis

\* Usher to select gift bearers

### Accompanists/Cantors

5:00 p.m. Mykel Byersmith, Lori Martin  
8:30 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Adam Zielinski  
11:15 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Marcella Crabtree, Choir

### Nursery Care

8:30 a.m. Kris McConnell  
11:15 a.m. Cassi Hernandez, Adelina Ohmes

*Communion Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:*  
*Patricia & Lee Baca, Karon Kantor*

## Around the Parish...

**Youth Ministry** - All students in grades 5-12 are invited to join us this Wednesday evening. We will gather for Mass in the church at 6:00 p.m. After Mass, we will enjoy some Santa Fe soup while watching "The Muppet Christmas Carol." This week's gathering will end around 8:15 p.m. See you there!

**Angel Tree Project** - All gifts must be returned by noon tomorrow (Monday, December 17). You may drop them off in the narthex (under the St. Ann mosaic), in the adult education room (classroom #1) in the parish hall or in the parish office. They will be sorted and distributed later this week. Thank you for your generosity in helping to provide a merry Christmas to children in our community!

**Hanging of the Greens Party** - Please make plans to join us at 3:00 p.m. next Sunday (December 23), as we adorn the church for our celebration of Christmas. Snacks will be served and there will be plenty of work for parishioners of all ages!

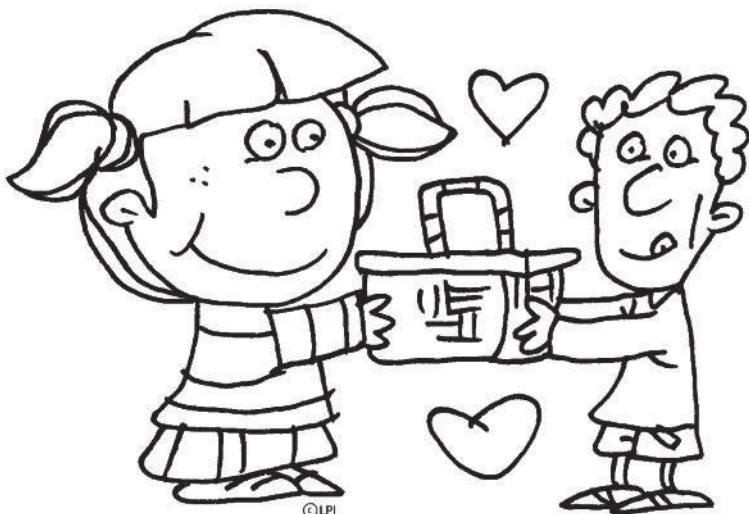
**Calendars and Contribution Envelopes** - Please pick up your 2019 calendar and contribution envelopes after Mass this weekend from the tables in the narthex. Please find the envelope box with your name on it and take it for use throughout the year ahead. If there is not an envelope with your name, please take a blank box of envelopes at the end of the table and begin using them, and we will record your envelope number.

**Czech Sausage Dinner Organizational Meeting** - We are just 2½ months away from our annual Czech Sausage Dinner. We still do not have an official chair for this event, so we need everyone interested in helping to organize this year's dinner to attend a meeting on Thursday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room C in the parish hall. We will look at a timeline for planning and determine who can serve as chair and as committee chairs. We need everyone's help, so please make plans to attend this meeting!

**Babysitters Needed** - We need a few more babysitters for the 8:30 and 11:15 Masses on Sunday. Please call the parish office if you are interested in assisting with this ministry.



*Gaudete Sunday*  
*"Rejoice in the Lord always.*  
*I shall say it again: rejoice!"*  
*Philippians 4:4*



## Young Catholics' Corner

When people asked John the Baptist what they should do to get ready for the Kingdom of God, he told them that if they had more than one coat or if they had more than enough food, they should share some of these things with those in need.

God loves and cares for everybody and wants us to do the same... especially for those who are poor or lack some of the many things we have!