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Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – During the Day

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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.

ALLELUIA – Traditional – Liturgy of the hours antiphon

A sanctified day has shown upon us; come, you nations, and adore the Lord: for this day a great Light has descended upon the earth.

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. 25th

Solemnity

Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

THURSDAY – Dec. 26th

Feast of Saint Stephen

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Dec. 29th

Solemnity

Humble Shepherds

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 5th

Solemnity

Holy Family

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

MONDAY – Jan. 6th

Solemnity

Epiphany of Our Lord

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 12th

Solemnity

Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – Jan. 19th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

INTENTIONS:

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, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman and Dr. Brandon Ishaque. For the repose of the soul of Greg Sharpe.. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

THE OPLAKI ARE HERE!

The Oplaki are here. They are in a basket on the table in the vestibule. Please take what you need and donate what you can to offset costs.

2025 HOME LITURGICAL CALENDARS

There are a limited number of 2022 Home Liturgical Calendars available in the vestibule as well. The cost is \$7.50 each. Quantities are limited so get yours before it's too late. Thank you and God Bless.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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

