

LITURGY-December 25-January 2

<u>SATURDAY</u>	December 25
9:00 AM	Archemede & Helena Ziviello by the Ziviello Family
<u>SUNDAY</u>	December 26
9:00 AM	Sr. Angela Wood OP by Fred & Margaret Grover
5:00 PM	All Members of the Parish
<u>MONDAY</u>	December 27
8:30 AM	Mary Jane Dallard & brother William Drenning by James Whisker
<u>TUESDAY</u>	December 28
8:30 AM	NO MASS
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	December 29
8:30 AM	Loni Braman by Debbie Oyler
<u>THURSDAY</u>	December 30
8:30 AM	David Novak by Fred & Margaret Grover
<u>FRIDAY</u>	December 31
8:30 AM	Woodrow & Mary Black by Carol
3:00 PM	EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR
<u>SATURDAY</u>	January 1
5:30 PM	Archemede & Helena Ziviello by Ziviello Family
<u>SUNDAY</u>	January 2
9:00 AM	All Members of the Parish

PRAYER LIST: Janine Anna, Calvin Amick, Tom Jaber, Kathleen Tomkosky, Caden Davis , Duane Bowman, Melinda Stone, Jane Cunard, Gary Daniels, Peggy Scritchfield, Mickey McCahan, Bob Will, Kathleen Yingling, Tony Dagostino, Shirley Hoffman, Gary Schetrompf, Tara Musselman, River Troutman, Sue Durr, Richard Koontz, Anne and Casmir Majcher, Joette and Brent Reid, Terry Young, Declan McCahan, Ryan Wigfield, Pat Waltman, Hope Burkett, J.B. Whisker, Jackie Verdiglione, Pat Young, Rose and Ben Feight, Helen Snyder, Nancy Stolarski and Fr. John Ellias

(Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.

SUNDAY OFFERING	
December 19, 2021	
Weekly:	\$1,392.00
Local Needs:	\$100.00
Retired Religious:	\$95.00
Christmas Food Baskets Totl:	\$936.00
Thank you!	

2ND COLLECTION: As we have done in the past, on Jan. 1-2, the **monthly collection** will be combined with a **second collection for the Everett Food Pantry.**

CMD- BE A DISCIPLE OF HOPE: All contributions received beyond **our parish target, \$8,657.00**, will be used for our parish's project, *an upgrade to our sound system*. As of **Dec. 15** we have received **\$9,970.00** in donations from 21 households; **plus \$3,310.00** for our project from 11 households.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: 2022 Offertory envelopes are on the table in the gathering space.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our “brothers and sisters” who are poor. Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for the New Year! For more information call 814- 979-0272.

A Family Perspective *by Bud Ozar*

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary’s: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren’t ‘perfect’ parents. If you have ever been ‘amazed’ and ‘astonished’ at what came out of your child’s mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you ‘didn’t understand’ your children or felt ‘anxious’ about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.



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“Joy to the world,
the Lord has gum ...”

Christmas Spoken Here

John Killinger, "Christmas Spoke Here" 1989, p. 11

One day I was staring through the window of a beautiful little Christmas shop. It was packed with Christmas items... There were exquisite crèche scenes from Italy, Germany, and Norway. There were fuzzy-faced elves and jolly old Santa Clauses, sleighs and reindeer of every size and description, bells and trees, and music boxes. There were nutcrackers and candles and electric lights, angels and wise men and little drummer boys, stars and snowmen and gingerbread cutouts. The little shop was fairly bursting with Christmas, and a loudspeaker broadcast a medley of Yuletide tunes. It was infectious... And down in the corner of the front door, where no one could miss it, was the neatest touch of all. It was a small sign that said: "Christmas Spoken Here."

"Christmas Spoken Here." I cannot imagine a better slogan for the church, at this season or any time of year, than that one. What could say better why we are here? God has entered human history to change its course forever. He has come as a Word, as something said, articulated, put in a message: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). We remember the event each year in song and pageant and decoration. "Christmas spoken here." It has to be spoken here, for it is the basis of all we do.

"Christmas Spoken Here." It is an appropriate motto for us. The church ought always to speak Christmas. We ought always to be reminded of the Word God has spoken: the intelligible, important, and loving Word of His concern for us. And Christmas is the best time of all the year for remembering it. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth." That is Christmas, and Christmas is spoken here. It will always be spoken here.

Lord, You have spoken to us in the birth and life and death of Jesus, and Your Word is plain. Help us to hear it and respond with all our hearts. For there is no other word as intelligible, or important, or loving as this one.

Amen.