

December 25, 2019 The Nativity of the Lord



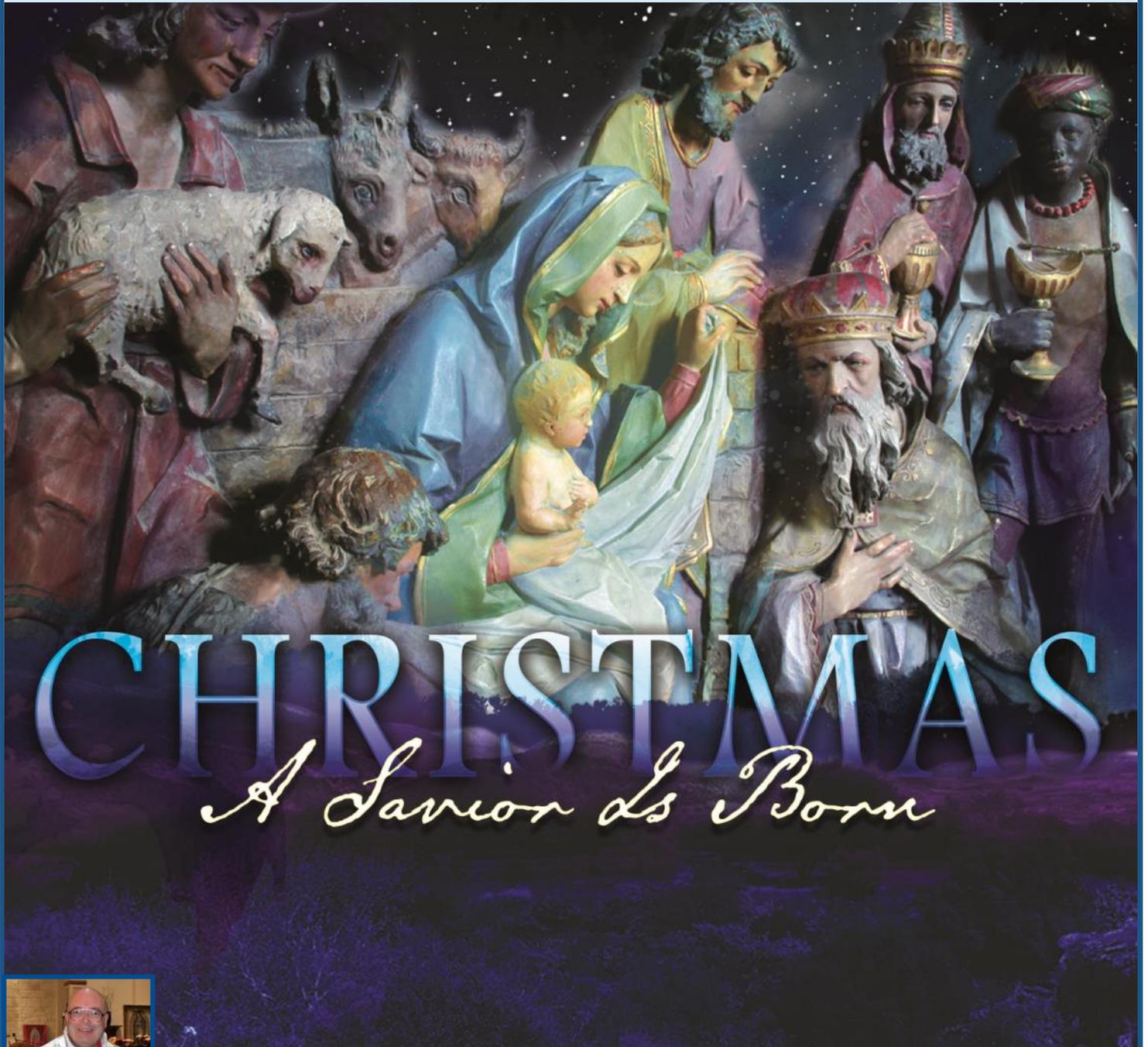
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CHRISTMAS

A Savior Is Born



We as a Catholic Christian family welcome all to share the love of Christ as we serve one another, our community, and the world.

Nosotros como una familia Católica Cristiana los invitamos a compartir el amor de Cristo al servir el uno al otro, a nuestra comunidad, y al mundo.

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD

One of the most beautiful things about the Christmas story is its human simplicity. How very ordinary! How relatable! We see a young family caught up in government regulations, encountering difficulty booking travel arrangements. We see a belated baby shower filled with the most unlikely attendees. Yet, if you attended Christmas Mass during the day, the Gospel does not contain the familiar story of over-crowded inns and hay-lined mangers. It features something much more mysterious. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God ... all things came to be through him."* Matthew, Mark, and Luke give us the Christmas story from the human perspective. John's Gospel tells the Christmas story from the divine perspective.

In the midst of all that is so very human — whether the humdrum or the horrible — *"the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."* No matter what we bring into this Christmas day, God enters our existence. He enters our experiences. When we allow God into our lives in a new way, when we surrender to Him our lingering areas of darkness, then we will *"[see] his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."*

It's time to welcome Him.

Your Parish has **FORMED**

A Free Gift for You!

Register at **FORMED.org**
Parishioners, enter code: **b155b**

THE BEST CATHOLIC CONTENT. ALL IN ONE PLACE.



Informative and inspiring teaching from renowned speakers Scott Hahn, Edward Sri, Fr. Robert Barron, Tim Gray, Chris Stefanick, Teresa Tomeo... and many more.

SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Monday and Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Mass
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday:
8:00 a.m. Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday: 4:15-4:45 p.m.
Sunday - Thursday: By appointment

ADORATION:

Monday and Tuesday
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS & FEAST DAYS:

Special schedules as announced.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for our Parish Lenten Retreat with **Gus Lloyd** on Saturday, **February 22, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**, in the Main Church. The main theme will focus on the **sanctity of life**. Refreshments will be provided and the event is **FREE!** Gus Lloyd is an internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker. You can check out his show and "tune in" every weekday morning on Sirius XM 129 or visit his website at guslloyd.com.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the church and her teachings? There is a place for you, here with us. As an adult, you become Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA will meet weekly during the upcoming year, beginning in September. Our meetings will last approximately 1½ - 2 hours on Sunday mornings. This process is for you if you:

- Have never been baptized
- Were baptized in another Christian faith
- Were baptized Catholic, but didn't receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

You will be guided and supported in the faith through instruction. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming Catholic, contact Charles Noll at 830-980-2268, ext. 205, or cnoll@stjoseph-honeycreek.org.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT TO GOD

What is your special talent or skill? Have you found a way to use it for God's benefit? Would you like to serve God, our church, and your fellow parishioners but aren't sure how? Please see our website at www.stjoseph-honeycreek.org for a complete list and contact information for the many ministries available in our parish. Or contact the parish office at 830-980-2268 for more information about your gifts and what role they may play in helping to build God's kingdom on earth.

Liturgy

- Art and Environment
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Hospitality Ministers / Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Sacristans
- Music Ministry
- Liturgical Planning
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Altar Society

Community Outreach

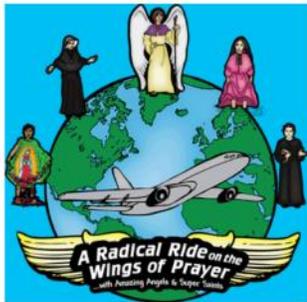
- Catholic Daughters
- Knights of Columbus
- Respect Life Ministry
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Widows Ministry
- Motherhood of Mary (MoM)
- Honey Creek Festival
- Holy League

Ministry and Service

- Arts and Crafts Group
- At-Home Prayer
- Bereavement Meals
- Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Rosary Guild
- Spiritual Direction
- Stephen Ministry
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry

Faith Formation

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| • Religious Education to Grade 5 | • Adult/Young Adult Formation | • ACTS |
| • Sacrament Preparation | • Vacation Bible School | |
| • Middle School and High School | • Little Flowers/Blue Knights | |



VBS
June 22-26
 3 y/o - 5th Grade



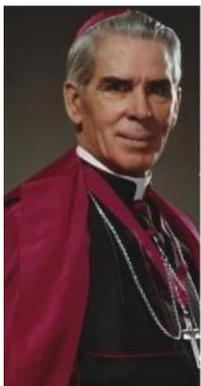
Middle School
Youth Serve
April 17-18



Steubenville
Conference
June 19-21



High School
Teen ACTS
July 16-19



Venerable Fulton Sheen
Adult Catechism
Classes
Sundays
9:15-10:30am



Sundays 11:15-11:45 am

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| 1/12 Catholic Traditions & Rituals | 4/19 - Divine Mercy |
| 2/2 - The Gift of Reconciliation | 5/24 - Prayer |
| 3/15 - Holy Week | |

Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace.

Amen.

— *Pope John XXIII*



A note from the Pastor:

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. We welcome all parishioners and guests to our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. It is with great excitement that we embrace our Savior Jesus Christ in a time of joyful celebration. During this Christmas season let us all take time to reflect on the Birth of Jesus and the great love God has shown us by sending his Son to earth. May we be reminded to keep this feeling of Christmas in our hearts, in our homes, and in our actions. Please know that my prayers are with all parishioners, families, and friends. May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

Con profunda alegría y gratitud, le extiendo mis mejores deseos de oración para una santa y bendita Navidad. Damos la bienvenida a todos los feligreses e invitados a nuestra celebración de la Natividad del Señor. Es con gran entusiasmo que abrazamos a nuestro Salvador Jesucristo en un momento de celebración gozosa. Durante esta época navideña tomemonos un tiempo para reflexionar sobre el Nacimiento de Jesús y el gran amor que Dios nos ha mostrado enviando a su Hijo al mundo. Recordemos que debemos guardar este sentimiento de Navidad en nuestros corazones, en nuestros hogares y en nuestras acciones. Mis oraciones son con todos los feligreses, familias y amigos. Que la paz, la alegría y el amor de la Sagrada Familia estén presentes en nuestras vidas durante el Año Nuevo.

Fr. Francis McHugh, Pastor

