

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

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Catholic Church Founded in Northeast St. Louis County 1908 - 2005 Holy Name of Jesus Parish Established

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent



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HOLY NAME of JESUS PARISH

We Are A MISSION PARISH With A Mission

COME SERVE WITH US & COME PRAY WITH US

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CELEBRATING MASS & SACRAMENTS

Liturgy of the Eucharist
(Weekend & Weekday Masses)

Saturday 4:00 pm (CST) / 5:00 pm (DST)
Sunday 9:30 am

Monday – Thursday 8:00am 1st Friday of the month
8:00am

Holy Days of Obligation 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
Civil Holidays See Bulletin Mass Intentions for Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm
3:30-4:30 pm (*Daylight Savings Time*)
Day & Evening Times during Advent & Lent Weekdays
Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Samuel at Home / Church

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Samuel in Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 9:00 am – 10:00pm

Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 am—After Tuesday Morning Weekday Mass

Parish Rosary
8:30 am—After Weekday Mass

THE ONGOING PRIORITIES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

MEMBERSHIP * PARTNERSHIP * STEWARDSHIP

EVANGELIZATION * SOCIAL CONCERN

Discovering Joy: Recognizing Jesus in Our Midst

My dear Brothers & Sisters, Praise be Jesus Christ! On this Gaudete Sunday, also known as "Joyful" Sunday, we are filled with anticipation and excitement as the Christmas season approaches. The readings today capture the joy of faith and the celebration of life and God. In the Second reading (Thessalonians 5:16-24), Paul challenges us to discover a profound and lasting happiness, not settling for mere contentment. In the Gospel (John 1:6-8, 19-28), although Jesus may seem absent, if we listen closely, we can discern his subtle presence.

Last week, we heard the same Gospel passage, and today we have John's version. While there are similarities, let us focus on the line added by John, "but there is one among you whom you do not recognize." This not only refers to those who did not accept or recognize Jesus as the Messiah, but also to us in this time and place. We may believe in Jesus, but do we truly recognize him in our lives?

I'm not talking about just the historical Jesus (though he's the same yesterday, today and forever), but the same living Jesus who dwells within us, graces us with his presence, and reveals himself to us. This Jesus may be hard to "see" at times, but he is everywhere, in the good and the bad, the joyful moments and the tragic ones. The miracle of the Incarnation is not just a past event, but an ongoing reality where God breaks into our world each day.

Recognizing the God in our midst, recognizing grace, is a gift within our reach. It is what God wants for us, and if we sincerely desire it, the gift will be ours. This gift keeps on giving, as we start encountering God in countless grace-filled moments throughout our days.

On this Gaudete Sunday, we celebrate joy. Life may bring sorrow, disappointments, and heart-ache, but the Incarnation teaches us that God is not absent from those experiences. He is right there, pouring his love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness into the darkest places. When we recognize God's presence, even during pain, it transforms those situations into something beautiful and infused with every good thing.

Let us not be people who find it hard to recognize Jesus in our midst. Instead, let us find him where he truly is on this altar, in the sacred texts, within each of us, and everywhere else too. *Prayer:* Amid life's shadows, we humbly stand before you, acknowledging our deep longing for Christ, the radiant beacon. May our hearts embrace him with unwavering faith, empowering us to become living testaments of the luminous light that has truly dawned upon our world. May we unwrap the present of his presence, not just on Christmas morning, but every day. Have a blessed awaiting week! Jesus loves you!

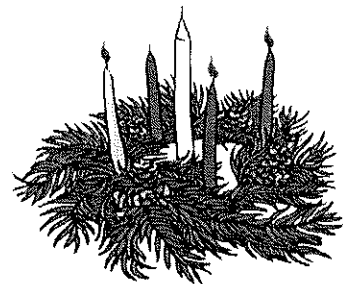
In Christ, through Mary,

Fr. Samuel Inameti

Assoc. Pastor

HNJ-Sts. Norbert & Angels Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent

Support Our Parish: Embracing Stewardship and Making a Difference Together

Dear Parishioners, Praise be Jesus Christ!

As the year draws to a close, I am filled with gratitude for each one of you who have been a part of our parish family. Your

commitment, generosity, and love have made a profound impact on the lives of many. As we approach the season of giving, I want to encourage you to remember our parish in your charitable contributions.

Stewardship is at the heart of our faith. It is about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God, and it is our responsibility to use these gifts wisely and generously. Our parish relies on your support to continue its mission of spreading God's love, serving those in need, and nurturing the spiritual growth of our community.

When you give to our parish, you are not just making a financial contribution. You are investing in the spiritual well-being of our

parishioners, supporting the education of our children (in Parish Schools) and ensuring that our doors remain open to all who seek solace and guidance. Your generosity allows us to offer meaningful worship experiences, provide pastoral care, and engage in outreach programs that make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

I understand that this year has been challenging for many of us, and it may be tempting to focus solely on our personal needs.

However, I urge you to remember that we are called to be stewards of God's blessings, even in difficult times. By giving what we can, we are demonstrating our faith and trust in God's providence. We are showing our commitment to building a strong and vibrant

parish community that can weather any storm.

I invite you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our parish's mission. Whether it is through a one-time donation, a recurring gift, or volunteering your time and talents, your support is invaluable. Together, let us continue to be a beacon of hope and love in our community.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and may the spirit of stewardship guide us all as we strive to make a positive impact in the world.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

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Wednesday, January 3 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Community Center/Tuesday 10235 Ashbrook Drive

To schedule appointment, scan QR code

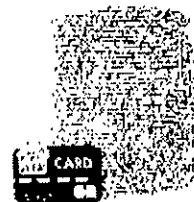
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401

or go to www.bloodcenter.org/group_grp_#10035

Masks optional. Appointments required.



Give & get your choice of a gift card or bonus points to shop our store for our new (gray blanket & more)



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PLEASE PRAY *for*:

Bob Seidel Jr, Bernette Goymerac, Mary Masterson, Maureen Williams, Mary Williams, Mary Lou Sammelman, George Lawler, Phyllis Lawler, Marjorie Dubray, Akakpo-Lado, Donna Cahr, Rhonda Finney, Michael Mulvihill, Sr., Michael Swoboda, Marty Bligh, Sharon Klein, Sr. Mary, Shirley Swoboda, Jacklean Thomas Dudley, Megan Peters, Alana Murillo Ken & Dorothy Anderson, Katy Moran

MASS INTENTION

Monday 8:00am	December 18 Butch Mollerus
Tuesday 8:00am	December 19 Loretta Klostermann
Wednesday 8:00am	December 20 Melvin Dollinger
Thursday 8:00am	December 21 Virginia & Harold Nolkemper
Saturday 4:00pm	December 23 Michael Rozanski
Sunday 9:30am 4:00pm	December 24 People of the Parish Frank Mantych & Bob Langan



Eucharistic Ministers

December 23 4:00pm	Donna Forrest
December 24 9:30am 4:00pm	Bill Krenn Laura Petroff

Lectors

December 23 4:00pm	Joe Bohnenkemper
December 24 9:30am 4:00pm	Pat Behle Judy Mantych



Stewardship of Treasure

Your Gifts of Support for Our Parish Mission

December 10, 2023	\$4,690.06
Online Giving (included above)	\$825.00
Budgeted weekly offertory	\$8,028.00
This week's <loss>	\$3,337.94
Budgeted weekly expenses	\$12,843.00
This Weeks <loss>	\$8,152.94

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

GREETERS

December 24 9:30am	Marty & Annette Bligh Beatrice Okoson
December 31 9:30am	Pat Behle, Larry Colombo, Jeff Kelly

HELP NEEDED

We will be decorating our church for Christmas on Saturday, December 23rd beginning at 9:00am. We will serve coffee and snacks.

Preparing Our Hearts for

Christ's Birth

A Parish Activity



An Advent tradition from the French culture is the custom of preparing the manger for Christmas. This is the tradition of making the manger a soft bed for the Baby Jesus. Instead of straw we will use pieces of paper on which you are invited to write your efforts to prepare for the coming of Christ this Christmas. Think of ways you can prepare for Jesus by: spending extra time in prayer, thinking of others, doing works of mercy, or however you choose. Be creative. The manger is a symbol of our hearts. Advent is a time to prepare one's heart for Christ's coming at Christmas. Thus, we create an ample supply of bedding to keep Jesus warm and to soften the hardness of the manger boards by the preparations we make during the next four weeks. The greeters, this weekend will be handing out several slips of paper for you to record what preparations you are making for Christ's coming. There will be extra slips of paper at the church doors each week if you would like to add more. We ask you to return them to the crib, in church, throughout the weeks of advent.

Holy Name of Jesus Monthly Candlelight Vigil Date Change Due to Holiday

Please join us for our monthly candlelight vigil to pray for an end to gun violence and for peace in our communities on **December 17 from 7:00-7:30 p.m.** We are gathering two weeks early this month because the last Sunday falls on New Year's Eve. The purpose of these monthly vigils is to pray for unity in our community, to raise awareness of social justice issues in our greater metropolitan community, and to pray for an end to violence – especially gun violence. These vigils consist of music, a time of silent reflection, and group prayer. Next month's vigil will be held on January 28 at 7 p.m. We hope you can be with us!



Our HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHOIR

will be singing their

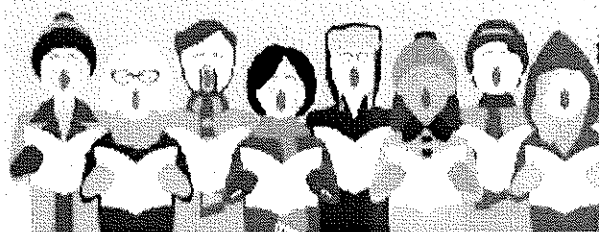
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

at OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

442 S Demazenod Dr, Belleville, IL 62223

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

at 7:00 PM.



YOUNG AT HEART

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 20

The party will start at 11:30am. Lunch will be served at noon. If interested, call Marcella at 314-869-0150. The cost is \$10 for chicken tenders 2 sides and a biscuit. We will furnish dessert!! Please bring a dollar gift to play a Christmas game! Hope you will join us for some fun! **PLEASE RSVP** by December 11th.

Everyone is welcome !

Room at the Inn Wish List

Bath Tissue and/or Paper Towels
Paper Plates and/or Plastic Cutlery
Paper Cups

Foil and/or Plastic Wrap
Storage Bags (quart & gallon size)
Food storage containers
Trash Bags (13 & 44 gallon or larger)

Laundry Detergent and/or Fabric Softener
Liquid Dish Soap
Bar Soap
Hand and Body Lotion
Shampoo and Conditioner

Bath Towels (new) and/or Wash Cloths (new)
Socks, all sizes and Genders
Mesh Laundry Bags

Women's sweat pants, pajama bottoms and colored T-shirts
(Med, Lg, XL, XXL, XXXL)
Men's sweat pants, pajama bottoms and white colored T-shirts
(Med, Lg, XL, XXL, XXXL)

Gift cards for grocery stores, Walmart, Target, gas stations
Bus Passes

Please leave your donations in the box marked "Room at the Inn" located in the back vestibule of the church. If you prefer to make a monetary gift or a gift card donation, please place it in an envelope marked "Room at the Inn" and put it in the collection basket in church or drop it off at the Parish office.

Collecting donations through December 17

Thank you for your generous support.

Opportunity for Christmas Giving

One Sunday in October of 2019, Sherry Rasmsey was in her car when she was hit by another car fleeing the police. She is now in a nursing home and is only able to somewhat use her hands to feed herself and operate her mobilized chair. She is completely dependent upon others for help doing the daily activities wh take for granted. Sherry remembers very well people and events.

Many might remember her as the custodian at Our Lady of Good Counsel School and later at Bellefontaine Neighbors City Hall. Many may also remember her as willing to help others which is what she was doing at the time of the crash—grocery shopping for a homebound lady.

I'm on a mission to flood Sherry's room with Christmas cards. I thought I would include some background information to update those who know her and to also introduce her to those who don't yet know her. Please help to spread the request for Christmas cards. Sherry is on facebook so I hesitate to use that platform for my request. But that likely is a good place to contact her. If wishing to visit with Sherry, the best time is probably between 2pm and 4pm, while she is in her chair.

Ms Sherry Ramsey
Villages of St. Peters
5400 Executive Centre Parkway
St. Peters, MO 63376

If you have any questions please contact me. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Ellen Tiemann

314-495-0551

African Catholic Ministry

At St. Norbert

16455 New Halls Ferry Road

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1st Sunday

12:30PM

Swahili Mass

2nd Sunday

NO 12:30PM Mass

3rd Sunday

12:30PM

French Mass

4th Sunday

11:00AM

Unity Mass