"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home."

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MATTHEW I:20

#### PRAYER REQUESTS US Military

Unspoken Dianne Simms Shirley Barber Harold Gootee **Bettie Jane Ball Ione Pinkston Iess** Tedder Elizabeth Bradshaw Jim Logsdon, Fire Chief Lisa Goodlett Smith Chuck Ward Nickey & Kathleen Pinkston Bess Havdon Billy Parrott Rita Cecconi Cassie Robinson Ted McNeal Sueanna Graves Colin Walker Bill Moore **Jill Justus** Mary Devine Rose Marie O'Daniel Grace Harris Millie Bradshaw Diane Mattingly Katie Haydon Tracy Yates Ronny Mattingly Linda Hagan Michael & Jennifer Jarboe Benny Smith Ken Medlev Dewayne Hall Erlene Newton Gray Turner Joe Wimsatt Jennifer Spalding Taylor Lisa Whitener Lou Ann Neff Lisa Richardson Joey Young Peggy Tillman Roxie Barber Bueschel Adam Lyons Rose Smith

The Parish Office will be closed through Christmas & the New Year's holiday (Dec. 23rd-Jan. 2nd).

Readings: #867 (Year A)





Powerful things can happen when the people of God stand together in prayer. Prayers of many have been answered while others are still in need. Contact the parish office at 336-3569/ stdom@stdomparish.org if a person's name needs to be added.

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#### Confession Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:00 PM (prior to 5:30 Mass)

Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays 6:00 PM Sundays 4:00-6:00 PM

On Wednesdays Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 PM

<u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> Tuesdays, 8:00 PM St. D <u>Cafeteria</u>

Knights of Columbus 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM, KC Hall

SVDP: TBA

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Weekday Liturgy	MONDAY <u>8:30 AM</u>		TUESDAY <u>5:30 PM</u>	WEDNESDAY <u>NO MASS</u>		THURSDAY <u>5:30 PM</u>	FRIDAY <u>8:30 AM</u>	SATURDAY NO <u>8:30 AM</u>
INTEN- TION	Eugene Graves, Helen, Abell & Jerry Parrott		Kenneth Velotta		N/A	Howard & Florine Kelty	CH & Frances Haydon	N/A
LECTOR	Rita Rust		Anne M. Taylor	N/A		Mary L. Fenwick	Lisa Burkhead	N/A
SACRISTAN/ EUCH. MIN.	Julee Jones		Joe D. Clements	N/A		Katie Simms	Belle Sutton	N/A
CHRISTMAS LITURGY			<b>Vigil of <i>Ch</i>ristmas</b> <u>Saturday at 4:30 PM</u>		<b>Vigil of Christmas</b> <u>Saturday at 11:00 PM</u>		Nativity of the Lord Sunday at 9:00 AM	
INTENTIONS		PS Barber & CH Haydon Families			<b>Multiple Intentions</b> (Displayed in breezeway)		Jim & Fanny Rudd, Jane R. Volz	
LECTORS		Rita Rust, Lori Tucker			Jerry & Inez Grider Anaiah Prater		Melissa & Jami Taylor	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (one needed when Deacon is present)		Deacon Rick Fagan Phyllis Bastin		1	Deacon Rick Fagan Angela Young		Sara Buckman Rita Clements	
USHERS		Michael & Chandler Ballard Dennis Rust, Michael McCain			Glenn Mattingly <b>3 NEEDED</b>		Pat, Fran & Claire Taylor, Jason Buckman	
ALTAR SERVERS		Thomas & Anna Roution Seth Frantz			2 NEEDED		Lathan Dominquez Smith Buckman	
GREETERS		David & Nancy Carney			Cassie & Alaina Michalski		Anna Beth Buckman	
GIFT BEARERS		Daniel & Allison Carney & Family			NEEDED		Leo & Celeste Dominguez & Family	
SACRISTANS		Deacon Rick Fagan			Deacon Rick Fagan		Sara Buckman	
CANTORS		Fran Carrico			John Patrick Brown		John Patrick Brown (Cantoring at two masses)	

### CHRISTMAS SPANISH MASS

Christmas Day at 11:00 AM Mass Intention - For the Parish

### Month of DECEMBER

<u>Altar Society</u> WK 4. Mary Lynne Fenwick <u>Purificator Committee</u> Phyllis Bastin Homebound Eucharistic Minis

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers (A) Susan McCain

Weekly Contributions: \$5,262.00





Catholic  $\approx$ Services Appeal Bringing Christ to Others Parish Goal: \$49,700 Contributions to date: \$19,870.00 Participation Goal: 130 Family Participation to date: 75

The annual **Catholic Services Appeal** invites area Catholics to join together in supporting the more than 100 ministries, services, and programs offered by the Archdiocese. For information on the work of the Archdiocese of Louisville &/or to contribute online, visit <u>www.ArchLou.org/CSA</u>. See below for ways to contribute.

- Contribution envelopes can be found in The Record newspaper &/or on the table in the narthex of the church.
- Contributions can be mailed directly to Catholic Services Appeal, Archdiocese of Louisville, PO Box 32279, Louisville, KY 40232-2279. Checks should be made payable to CSA, please note St. Dominic in the memo section of the check.
- Contributions can be made by simply scanning the QR Code to the right.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



**GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US:** What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation–God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH - Las Posadas (December 16-24):** Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of Las Posadas seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous Misas de Aguinaldo were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (posada) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the "O Antiphons" of the official liturgy, these posadas were celebrated on nine consecutive nights. The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants in this country. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many citizens of the United States behave like the people of Bethlehem, preferring to close their door in the face of the immigrants rather than welcoming them. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of Las Posadas has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord? —Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities: Our parish will conduct the annual collection for Catholic Charities of Louisville on December 24-25. Your generosity helps to fund many vital ministries and social services, including: The Sister Visitor Center and Father Jack Jones Food Pantries, Migration and Refugee Services, which will assist hundreds of refugees, Afghan evacuees, and asylum seekers. The Bakhita Empowerment Initiative combatting human trafficking. The Ombudsmen who serve thousands of residents in long term care homes. Community gardeners with Common Earth Gardens and those seeking job skills and employment assistance through Common Table. Parishes hold the annual collection to benefit the work of Catholic Charities of Louisville at all Masses on the weekend of December 24-25, 2022.

**Communion Minister Formation** is <u>now a one-session program</u> for those preparing to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in their parishes, as well as those who are presently serving in this role but have not attended this program in the past. Topics will include the Theology of the Eucharist, an overview of liturgical ministry, and the practical aspects of the role of the Communion Minister. This formation program will fulfill the training portion of the canonical mandate required for Extraordinary Ministers. St. Dominic Church will be a host site for this training offered by Barry Mudd, Associate Director, Office of Worship, on Monday, March 27th, 6:00-8:00 PM. If you are interested in serving in the role of Eucharistic Minister or need a mandate renewal, contact Sonya Satterly at the parish office (stdom@stdomparish.org or 859-336-3569) to register. Are you a Eucharistic Minister whose mandate has or is nearing expiration? Are you not sure of the expiration of your mandate, contact Sonya! This program can also serve as an update session for those already serving in the role of Eucharistic Minister.