



# ST. PHILIP PARISH

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM

Daily Masses: See Intentions

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**

3:45 – 4:15 PM – Saturday or by appointment with Father

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**

Contact the parish office if someone you know is in the hospital, elderly, homebound or in need of this sacrament.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE:**

## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

### **Saturday, December 23**

4:30 PM Elsie & George Kramer

### **Sunday, December 24 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

10:00 AM Donald L. Brossart

### **Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

4:30 PM Henry Lou Kramer

11:30 PM Rottger & McVean Families

### **Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

9:00 AM Bill Nagel

### **Tuesday, December 26**

7:00 PM Jane Crowell

### **Wednesday, December 27**

8:30 AM Ginger & Leo Terhaar

### **Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM Mark Bezold Family

### **Saturday, December 30**

4:30 PM Ralph & Rodney Giar

### **Sunday, December 31**

9:00 AM Bill & Lucas Twehues

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### **Sunday, December 31 – Holy Family**

4:30 PM Peter & Elizabeth Ruschman

### **Monday, January 1 – Holy Family**

8:30 AM Mary Tremper

## **OTHERS FIRST – JANUARY, 2018:**

We have chosen to help St. Bernard's Food Pantry for our January charity. Sister Georgia Marie told us their clients need the following: peanut butter, cereal, soup, pasta and sauce, paper towels, Ziploc gallon bags and personal hygiene items. Please be on the lookout for sales to stock up for St. Bernard's pantry. You can place your donations in the large wicker chest in our side vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

## **COMBINED SCHOOL RAFFLE:**

Please remember to pick up your 2018 raffle tickets. They are located in the front entrance of church. The profit made from St. Philip's portion of this raffle will benefit tuition assistance through the Norbert Frilling Education Fund. These tickets make great gifts for everyone! If you'd like more information, please contact Theresa Brugger (466.6136).

## **FATHER BOB'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:**

We greet each other with a smile and *Merry Christmas* and really not sure of what we are saying. Where does the word *Christmas* come from and why have a merry one? It is believed that it was in 1131 when the first use of the term Christmas was used. Up until then, the day of Jesus's birth was known as the Nativity of our Lord which is used in more traditional text and liturgies even today.

As the early church was becoming more unified in its liturgies and rituals, the practice of a specific liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord in the nine hundreds was started. Remember the bible was not finished until around 397 AD. So getting all the different regions and nations to agree on unified liturgies took some time. This liturgy became known as Christ's Mass and was then in 1131 was merged and the term Christmas was born.

So, when we wish each other a *Merry Christmas* we are wishing that the other is going to have a joyful celebration of the Mass in memory of the Birth of Christ. What better way to celebrate the Incarnation than by receiving the greatest gift given to mankind, Christ himself in the Eucharist, forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Heaven.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS!***

## **BBHS NEWS:**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE BAND BASH:** Join us New Year's Eve with the bands Borderline & Fast Forward at BBHS!!! \$50 per person includes: two drink tickets, heavy hors d'oeuvres, midnight champagne toast, Skyline chili and donuts after midnight, and \$5 Barleycorn's GC. Purchase tickets online at [bishopbrossart.weshareonline.org/nyebash](http://bishopbrossart.weshareonline.org/nyebash). Casual attire and cash bar. Proceeds benefit BBHS Athletic programs. For questions or more info contact Jen Keller at [events@bishopbrossart.org](mailto:events@bishopbrossart.org).

### **19th ANNUAL JACK & PAT MCGARR MEMORIAL**

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT:** Saturday, February 3rd will be the date for the euchre tournament in Hegenauer Hall. The \$25 entry fee includes food and soft drinks. Beer is available for purchase. The optional "Skins Game" is an additional \$10 per person. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and all players must check in at door by 6:15 p.m. For questions and reservations please contact Kathy Schwartz (859-466-7087 or email [jackmccgarreuchre@gmail.com](mailto:jackmccgarreuchre@gmail.com)).

**A child is born for us and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.**

## **PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED!**

The school is requesting plastic bags. Students will be collecting and then preparing the plastic bags by making "plarn" (plastic yarn) over the next few months. Please send us all your plastic bags – bags must be clean and empty of scraps. Containers are located in both entrances of church. The "plarn" is used to make sleeping mats, pillows, backpacks for the homeless in our area. We can even take bags that are ripped or torn. These are used to stuff the pillows. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Twehues ([jtwehues@stphilipky.org](mailto:jtwehues@stphilipky.org)).

## **AN EPIPHANY EPILOGUE:**

The Cathedral will resonate with music as the Cathedral Concert Series brings the Season of Christmas to a close. There will be a wide variety of traditions – something for music lovers of all ages. Please join us on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be accepted. Come and enjoy the beautiful nativity scene, poinsettias and evergreens at the Cathedral.

## **SCHOOL SUPPORT:**

Don't forget we are collecting Box-tops, Labels for Education, Sunny D labels, Tyson Food product labels, County Market receipts, and recycle aluminum cans. Send your labels/tabs/receipts into the office and we will turn them into money. **ALL BOX-TOPS HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE, including Bonus Box-Tops.** Please trim your Box-tops and labels. We must pay postage to mail into the company. Grocery receipts, paper and aluminum will be processed in bulk and cashed in at the specific facility throughout the school year.

## **ST. VINCENT DePAUL DISTRICT OFFICE:**

We'd like to thank everyone who has supported our St. Vincent de Paul stores with donations or by shopping in the last year. Your support goes directly to helping those in need. If you'd like to be involved in a different way, we will be hosting volunteer opportunities for groups on Sunday afternoon called **Sunday Sort**. At a **Sunday Sort**, groups will help us sort through our donations received throughout the week and get merchandise out on the floor before the new week begins. **Sunday Sorts** will take place in our Florence and Erlanger stores from 1 until 4 p.m. If interested in volunteering for a **Sunday Sort**, please reach out to Karen Zengel ([karen.zengel@svdpnky.org](mailto:karen.zengel@svdpnky.org) or 859-446-7723) to schedule your group.

## **CONGRATULATIONS, GRIFFIN OWENS!**

On Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Griffin Owens, a first grader, was invited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the naturalization ceremony at Indianapolis Union Station. There were 94 people from around the globe that became U.S. citizens. He did an amazing job! Griffin is the son of Chris and Ellen (Schultz) Owens and the grandson of Ken and Joan Schultz.

## **2018 March for Life in Washington:** An

adult/family bus will leave Erlanger on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and return during the afternoon of January 20<sup>th</sup>. Rates include bus transportation and two nights stay. Rates are as follows: \$320 per person (double occupancy); \$265 per person (triple occupancy); \$235 per person (quad occupancy). Monthly payments can be made and scholarship are available. For more information or to make reservations, please call the Pro-Life Office (392.1500 or email [ppiccola@covdio.org](mailto:ppiccola@covdio.org)).

## **RETREAT FOR WOMEN:**

St. Anne Retreat Center is hosting a retreat for women February 9th - 11th. It will be led by Deacon Dave Proffitt and the topic of the weekend will be "Finding Holiness in Simplicity". The talks will focus on:

- St. Therese of Lisieux and the Little Way
- How prayer can be simplified to be more effective
- Finding peace in the craziness of life

There will be time for silence and prayer along with bonding with other Catholic women who are seeking answers. The cost for the retreat will be \$150 and will include meals. For more information, please contact Laura Fagin (441.2003 or [lfagin@covdio.org](mailto:lfagin@covdio.org)).

## **CALLED TO LOVE VOCATION RETREAT:**

The Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker in Walton are sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Called to Love Vocation Retreat" for young ladies. It will be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and held at All Saints Catholic Church, exit 171 on I-75 south. All young ladies 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. For more information, please contact Sister Patricia Jean ([sjwvocations@gmail.com](mailto:sjwvocations@gmail.com)). Deadline to register is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **ATTN: ALL ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACT PEOPLE:**

When and if your organization changes contact persons or their phone numbers or e-mails, please let the parish office know. We try to keep the front cover of the bulletin up-to-date and we need your help. Call Theresa Frilling (441.8949) or e-mail info to the bulletin ([bulletin@stphilipky.org](mailto:bulletin@stphilipky.org)).

**Bless us, Lord, this Christmas with quietness of mind. Teach us to be patient and always to be kind. Show us that in quietness we can feel Your presence near, filling us with joy and peace throughout the coming year.**

**Helen Steiner Rice**