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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Sunday : 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Weekday: 6:30 & 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday,
9:20 a.m. Friday - School Mass
Holy Day: 7:00 p.m. Vigil, 6:30, 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS:

First-time parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class before the child can be baptized. Classes are held every other month on the second Thursday. Call the Parish Office to register. Baptisms take place every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. except during Lent.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

Persons wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith or seeking to complete their initiation Sacraments should contact Paula Fritz at 431-1802 or pfritz@saintagnes.com.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard on Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the first Friday of the month or by calling the Parish Office and making an appointment.

MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office at least nine months in advance. At least one of the individuals must be a registered parishioner.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:

For those who are homebound or sick and wish to receive Communion, call the Parish Office.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Gather with fellow Brothers in Christ every Saturday morning, 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Saint Agnes Daily Mass Chapel. Enjoy fellowship and the Word of God.

GRADE SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:

Held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during the school year. Contact Anita Dunn, 431-1802 or adunn@saintagnes.com for more information.

PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:

Held on Sunday during the 11:30 a.m. Mass from September thru April. Contact Stacey Moorhead at 859-907-3667 or staceyscully4@aol.com for more information.

MEETINGS:

Athletic Boosters-3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
in the Parish Conference Room
Board of Education-2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
in the Library/Media (School) Center
Finance Committee-1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. in the
Parish Conference Room
Parish Council-1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the
Parish Conference Room
Pro-Life Committee-2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. & Dec. in
Murphy Hall
St. Vincent de Paul Society-2nd & 4th Mondays
at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference
Room

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Calendar

Sunday, December 23

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Monday, December 24

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Murphy A & B

Thursday, December 27

- 11:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick following Mass

Friday, December 28

Saturday, December 29

- 8:10 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer - Church
- 9:00 a.m. Confessions - Church

Sunday, December 30

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary - Church
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms
- 7:30 p.m. Rosary for Peace-Adoration Chapel

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 23-Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Fred Fischer & the Fischer Family
- 9:30 a.m. Marvin Wigger
- 11:30 a.m. James Pitts, Sr.

Monday, December 24

- 6:30 a.m. Intention of Linda Rahe
- 4:00 p.m. Deacon Joe Cleves
- 11:00 p.m. Earl Arnold

Tuesday, December 25-The Nativity of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Bill & Chris Janszen
- 9:30 a.m. Paul Michels
- 11:30 a.m. Dec'd of Sullivan & Pohlgeers Families

Wednesday, December 26-St. Stephen

- 6:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:30 a.m. Keith Lillard

Thursday, December 27-St. John

- 6:30 a.m. Estelle & Camillo Cetrulo
- 11:30 a.m. Annetta Bishop

Friday, December 28-The Holy Innocents

- 6:30 a.m. Bill Poncer
- 11:30 a.m. Bob & Irene Ruberg

Saturday, December 29-St. Thomas Becket

- 8:30 a.m. JoAnn Glazier
- 4:00 p.m. Richard Cardosi, Sr.

Sunday, December 30-The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary and Joseph

- 7:30 a.m. Kevin McKinley
- 9:30 a.m. Steve Kenning
- 11:30 a.m. Catherine Winstel

Ministry/Volunteer Schedule for December 29th/30th

Gift Bearers

- 4:00 p.m.
- 7:30 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.

Special Ministers of the Word

- 4:00 p.m. L-S Osterhage, C-Oak Martin
- 7:30 a.m. M Ruberg
- 9:30 a.m. L-K Fischer, C-T Uthe
- 11:30 a.m. L-L Clements, C-J Lawson

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. T & D Eilerman, C Hill, D & J Rehtin, M Stoeckle, A Emerson, M Martin
- 7:30 a.m. J & C Brueggemann, D & I Mai
- 9:30 a.m. G & D Small, P Bramlage, T Fischer, C Jacober, R & T Lonneman, C Smith
- 11:30 a.m. M Osterhaus, B Thamann, D Able, LA Ernst, J & K Elfers, P & ML Scheper

Servers

- 4:00 p.m. G Wainscott, J Wainscott, K Wainscott
- 7:30 a.m. VOLUNTEERS
- 9:30 a.m. S Toebben, W Ziegler, S Fischer
- 11:30 a.m. C Heberling, G Heberling, L Heupel

6:30 a.m. – Servers:

- Dec. 26th-Barb Lewin
- Dec. 31st-Steve Lorenz

Rosary, Sunday, Dec. 30th at 9:00 a.m.: Mike Brungs

Highland Crossing, Dec. 30th: Don Able

Vocation Chalice Program Participants

- 4:00 p.m. Dave & Judy Rehtin
- 7:30 a.m. Daryl & Blanche Tepe
- 9:30 a.m. Walt & Martha Witt
- 11:30 a.m. Terry & Sandy Flanagan

Greeters

- 4:00 p.m. F-Lisa Mosley A-Kathy Bell
- 7:30 a.m. F-Tom Arnold A-Mike Hodge
- 9:30 a.m. F-Lynn Vieth & Joshua McCoy
A-Jim & Pat Bramlage
- 11:30 a.m. F-Lawrence & Jacqueline Schuler
A-Jim & Rebecca Moening

Merry Christmas

On behalf of our staff and myself, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas! A special greeting and welcome to all visitors with us this Christmas.
– Father Mark Keene

Staff Article

He Shall Be Peace

As we prepare on this 4th Sunday of Advent to celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas, I was drawn to 4 words that conclude our first reading from the book of Micah, "HE SHALL BE PEACE." At this time when our world is torn by hatred and division, this is a powerful message of calm and healing. While contemplating what to write for this article I came upon a beautiful prayer by my friend and colleague Paul Inwood. I share this prayer as a response to these four words:

God, Loving Shepherd, make us servants of your peace. Show us the way we should walk as well as the way we should talk!

In everything we do, may we bring your loving kindness, your forgiveness, your mercy, to those who are hurting, those who need calmness, those who need space, and those who just need to hear your voice.

And in your great goodness, give a little of all those things to us as well!

Paul Inwood, Liturgy and Music Consultant and Composer

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Bobby Fisher,
Director of Music Ministries



Musical notes -

1. A huge word of thanks to our music ministry, our children's choir, and my daughter, Serenity, who covered Masses the first weekend of Advent and the 2 rehearsals the next two days while I recovered from surgery. After the Monday night rehearsal Serenity and some music ministers stayed and filed music from the previous weekend and put the music out and arranged the books for Immaculate Conception and the 2nd weekend in Advent. By the way, the surgery went well and I'm pretty well recovered. Thank you all for the prayers.

2. Although many of you will not have read this until after the concert takes place, I'm performing in a concert Saturday night, December 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. St. Joseph Theater with The E-Case Adult Chorus, Jazz Educators Big Band, Craig Aven, Serenity Fisher and the Cardboard Hearts, and the McGing Irish Dancers. The concert is a benefit to support the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Greater Cincinnati.

Tickets can be purchased at the following link:
<https://www.evensi.us/teal-holiday-celebration-mount-st-joseph-university/268809292>

Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Mary went to visit Elizabeth, who was also pregnant, and when Mary greeted Elizabeth, the baby she was carrying leapt!

Adults: Do you think Elizabeth realized that Mary was carrying their Savior and that her own baby would be an important figure in His life?

Teens: Mary was a young teenager when all these things were happening. Can you identify with the emotions she must have been experiencing...fear - joy - uncertainty - awe...? Maybe even some morning sickness!

Children: Why do you think Mary visited Elizabeth? Was it because she was older and needed help or just because she was her friend? Who can you visit?

Christmas and the Christmas Season

Christmas Season begins on the evening of December 24th, ("Christmas Eve") and ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 13, 2019 this Liturgical Year). The Sundays and Holy Days of the Christmas Season are feasts long associated with the Incarnation: Christmas, Feast of the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord.

Christmas Eve and Day

In our Lectionary (the book of the assigned Scripture readings for Mass) for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) there are four

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Parish Worship continued

different Masses for Christmas: the Vigil Mass, Mass During the Night, Mass at Dawn, and Mass During the Day. Each of these four Masses has its own distinct set of readings and prayers. The readings are the same regardless of whether we are in Cycle A, B or C. There is not enough room here to do detailed previews of all four sets of readings. What follows is a summary.

In the Gospel readings for these four Masses of Christmas there is a deliberate progression in teaching about the “natures” of Jesus (“the Incarnation”). The Gospel for the Vigil Mass is the “Genealogy of Jesus” from the Gospel of Matthew. It emphasizes Jesus’ human/earthly origins. At the Mass During the Night and Mass at Dawn the stories of Jesus’ birth from the Gospel of Luke offer the listener a preparation for the divine nature of the infant Jesus. The progression ends with the Mass During the Day and its Gospel Reading, which is “The Prologue” from the Gospel of John. This Prologue is a hymn that perhaps at one time existed independently of the Gospel of John but was then adopted as a kind of “overture” and introduction to the Gospel of John. This hymn evidences a very developed understanding of the human and divine natures of Christ (“Christology”) with a strong emphasis on Jesus’ divine origins and nature: “In the beginning was the Word: the Word was in God’s presence, and the Word was God...” This “Word” of God became flesh in Jesus of Nazareth. This sets the tone for the whole Gospel of John in which the revelation of the divinity of Jesus will be described and emphasized.

The other readings at these four Masses support the Gospel reading for each of the particular Masses. The themes of Messianic expectation and deliverance found in the Old Testament, and of which Jesus is the fulfilment, are very evident.

The Octave of Christmas

An “octave” in this context spans eight days: December 25th through January 1st. It constitutes a kind of “season within a season” since the Christmas Season extends from Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord (normally the third

Sunday after Christmas but in some years the Monday after the 2nd Sunday after Christmas). The only other octave in the Year of Worship is the week after Easter, which is the first week of the Easter Season. These two octaves in the Church’s Year of Worship serve to highlight the two “Great Mysteries” of our Salvation: the Incarnation of Jesus AND the Paschal Mystery of Jesus’ death and Resurrection. Appropriately, the Octave of Christmas closes on January 1st with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Next Sunday, December 30, 2018: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Cycle C:

The Sunday within the “Octave of Christmas” is when we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

Gospel (Luke 2:41-52): This reading is the account of Joseph and Mary taking Jesus to Jerusalem as a youth for Passover. There He will be “lost” for three days before being found by His family. Jesus will claim to have been “in His Father’s house.” This story is obviously a very symbolic story that has been placed at the beginning of Luke’s Gospel. It points to the trip to Jerusalem that Jesus will make at the end of His life, where He will again be “lost” (i.e. dead) for three days. He will have been “in his Father’s house” but He does return for a while to His family of disciples. Like other stories from the Infancy Narrative in Luke’s Gospel, this story provides a preview of the Mystery of Jesus’ adult life.

First Reading (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28): This reading is the account of the birth of Samuel and Samuel’s dedication to the Lord by his mother Hannah. Hannah takes Samuel to the priest Eli and leaves him. This is in the time before the Temple was built. Samuel will grow up to be a great prophet who anoints Saul and later David as the first kings of Israel.

Second Reading (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24): This reading reminds us of the love that the Father has bestowed upon us, allowing us to be considered “children of God” for this is what we are. In a larger sense, “the Holy Family” is all inclusive of those loved by God, which means everyone.

Parish Worship continued

Catholic Traditions

The Mystery of the Incarnation: In our country, we observe Christmas Eve and Day as THE great celebration of the Christmas Season. In other cultures however, the feast of the Epiphany is observed with greater ceremony and celebration than Christmas. In some cultures, Christ's Baptism is observed as THE feast to be celebrated.

Regardless, all three feasts celebrate "the Incarnation": God's wisdom - "the Word" - has become flesh. In Jesus, we have the fullest Revelation of the divinity for which our humanity was created to aspire to. The Incarnation is not just a single event of 2000 years ago, rather it is a dimension to all of Creation - including of course, all of Humanity. Hence, at Mass we pray "may we come share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity," and "may we become what we receive." Our pondering of the Mystery of The Incarnation also reminds us that in some - ultimately mysterious - way, all of Creation is an expression of God's "mind"-God's WORD-and hence all Creation is a Revelation of God.

Also, there is an ancient tradition which ascribes great significance to these three events: 1) The Visit of the Magi, 2) Jesus' Baptism, and 3) Jesus' miracle at the Wedding in Cana (His first miracle in John's Gospel). Together, these are seen as Jesus "being made manifest" or His "epiphany." This lives on in our Liturgy especially during Cycle C years when we have the Feast of the Epiphany, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and then on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord, the Gospel is the account of the miracle at the Wedding at Cana from the Gospel of John.

Adoration of Our Lord

It's easy to recognize Our Lord in the manger at Christmas, as well as when we look upon a crucifix. But when we look at the Consecrated Host enshrined in the monstrance, is He as easily recognized? Visit Him in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Call 859-496-4149 for more information.

Bulletin Picture

An image of Mary and the Child Jesus in the Mass Chapel during Advent and Christmas Season.

Advent/Christmas Flowers

The flowers for this Advent and Christmas Seasons were given in memory of the following. We thank all of the donors for their great generosity which has helped to beautify our Church this year. Please pray for them and their intentions, and for those in whose memory the flowers are being donated.



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By Jack & Carrie Brueggemann
- In memory of Bill Cahill
By Donna Cahill
- In memory of Daniel Cahill
By Donna Cahill
- In memory of Elmer Cleves
By Cindy Cleves
- In memory of Ruth Maschinot Cleves
By Cindy Cleves
- In memory of Deacon Joe Cleves
By Kitty Cleves & Family
- In memory of Victor Egolf
By Marion Egolf
- In memory of Leo & Orpha Finn Family
By Marion Egolf
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- In memory of Teddy Fritz
By Ed & Brenda Fritz
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Bill & Chris Janszen, Bob & Mary Ann Becker
& Ann Ginn
By John & Betty Ginn
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By Juliette Gorman-Smookler

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By Pat Harms
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By Don & Irene Mai
- In memory of Dr. William H. Middendorf
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By Ray Muldoon
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By Beth Dickman Nagle
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By Angela Pohlabein
- In memory of Art & Larry Schaller
By Kay Schaller
- In memory of Mark Schneider
By Linda Schneider
- In memory of Catherine Winstel
By Lawrence & Mary Schrand
- In memory of Arthur & Julianna Schwartz
By the Schwartz Children
- In memory of Dave Mullen
By Greg & Debbie Small
- In memory of the Stauber & Weibel Families
By Lee & Martha Stauber
- In memory of Catherine N. Stratman
By Joe & Nancy Stratman
- In memory of the Wells & Tepe Families
By Daryl & Blanche Tepe
- In memory of the Vocke Family
By Barbara Vocke
- In memory of the Priestle Family
By Barbara Vocke
- In memory of Jerry Webster
By Jo Ann Webster
- In memory of Marvin Wigger
By Mary Wigger
- In memory of the McKinney & Wilder Families
By Don & Lisa Wilder
- In memory of Joe Willenbrink
By Kay Willenbrink
- In memory of the Witt & Meyers Families
By Walt & Martha Witt
- In memory of the Schneider & Zembrodt Families
By Tony & Gerry Zembrodt

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (July thru 12/17/18)	\$534,974
Budgeted Collections (July thru December)	\$655,000
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2018/2019)	\$1,258,000

Saint of the Week

Saint Thomas Becket

Thomas was born in London on December 21, 1119 to a wealthy London family. His talents were noticed by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Theobald of Bec.



While working for the Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas was sent on several missions to Rome. When the post of Lord Chancellor of England became vacant Thomas was recommended to the King, Henry II, for the post. He was appointed in January 1155. He won the respect of King Henry who sent his son to live with Thomas. The prince said that Thomas showed him more love in one day than his father showed him in his whole life.

Despite being an archdeacon Thomas lived more like other nobles than as a devout churchman. It may have been for this reason, and for the fact that as Lord Chancellor he had placed the interests of the king ahead of that of the Church, that Thomas was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury after Theobald Bec's death in 1162. Once confirmed as Archbishop, Thomas began to change and to place the interests of the Church ahead of the interests of the King. Thomas Becket resigned as Lord Chancellor shortly after becoming Archbishop.

After becoming Archbishop he and King Henry II began to have disagreements. One of the earliest controversies was over who had jurisdiction over clerics who committed offenses under civil law. King Henry said that the secular courts should have jurisdiction while Thomas held that clerics could only be judged by Church

authorities. Since even those who took minor orders (acolytes, lectors and doorkeepers) were considered clergy, clergy made up one fifth of the male population of England. Henry felt that removing this number of men from civil criminal courts under-mined law and order in England. The relationship between Becket and Henry worsened. Henry removed his son from the care of Becket. He also stripped Becket of all of the honors he had previously granted.

Henry exiled Thomas and his family in 1164 to France where the French King, Louis VII, protected him. Pope Alexander sent representatives to resolve the situation in 1170. That same year Henry decided to have his son, Henry, crowned as heir apparent. The Bishop of York, Bishop of Salisbury and the Bishop of London performed the ceremony. Since the Archbishop of Canterbury had the privilege of coronation, Thomas excommunicated the three bishops. On hearing this, Henry was reported to have said, "Who will rid me of this troublesome priest?" Four of Henry's knights heard this and went to Canterbury and on December 29, 1170 and killed the Archbishop.

Veneration for Thomas began almost immediately and on February 21, 1173 Pope Alexander III canonized him.

Parish News

Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to the upcoming holiday season, the bulletin for January 6th must be sent early. The deadline for the January 6th bulletin is Friday, December 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Office Holiday Schedule

In observance of Christmas, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th.

In observance of New Years, the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st.



Parish News continued

First Thursday Rosary in January

Please join us January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. for First Thursday Rosary. Start your year off with prayers. Join other faithful in praying the rosary for the needs of family and parish. Pray for our country and the world, especially in these dangerous times. Pray in thanksgiving for all the gifts God has given us. Give 30 minutes to God and Mary in this Saint Agnes tradition started in 1999. *Please enter via the annex doors facing Dixie Highway.*



Youth Group Welcomes All

Youth Group will meet January 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Welcome Jesus into your heart as you share faith with other teens. Fun, food, fellowship, and FAITH are the ingredients of Youth Group. All teens, grades 7 through 12 are invited. Hope to see you there. For further information contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will be at Saint Agnes in Murphy Hall on Tuesday, March 19th. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: Carotid Artery (plaque buildup - a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation - irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online today at www.lifesccreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your preferred appointment!

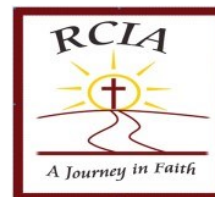
Men of Saint Agnes

As Catholics, we always look to renew our relationship with Christ. However, it can be easy for us to neglect our prayer life and zeal for worship. Come to the next Men's Welcome (formerly Christ Renews His Parish) weekend on February 9-10, 2019. If you are looking to renew your spiritual life and grow in fellowship with your fellow Saint Agnes parishioners, sign up. The weekend takes place from Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon at Saint Agnes. Contact: Rick Kowalski at ric2owalski@icloud.com or (859)412-7018, Jonathan Averdick at jonathan.averdick@stelizabeth.com or (859)992-4943, Don Able at abledrky@gmail.com or (513) 403-5242.

Faith Formation

RCIA

Our Scriptures today remind us that Jesus entered into our history and our own personal life's story. He wants to enter our personal life story more fully. As we journey closer to Christmas, may we, and our RCIA catechumen, Cheryl, rediscover His presence and His plan in our lives. Please keep Cheryl in your prayers. On your journey through Advent, invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you this Advent and Christmas. **Then, invite them to inquire into our RCIA process (see page 2 of our bulletin or our website or call 431-1802). If you are interested in learning more about the RCIA, or just have questions about the Catholic faith, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email pfritz@saintagnes.com.**



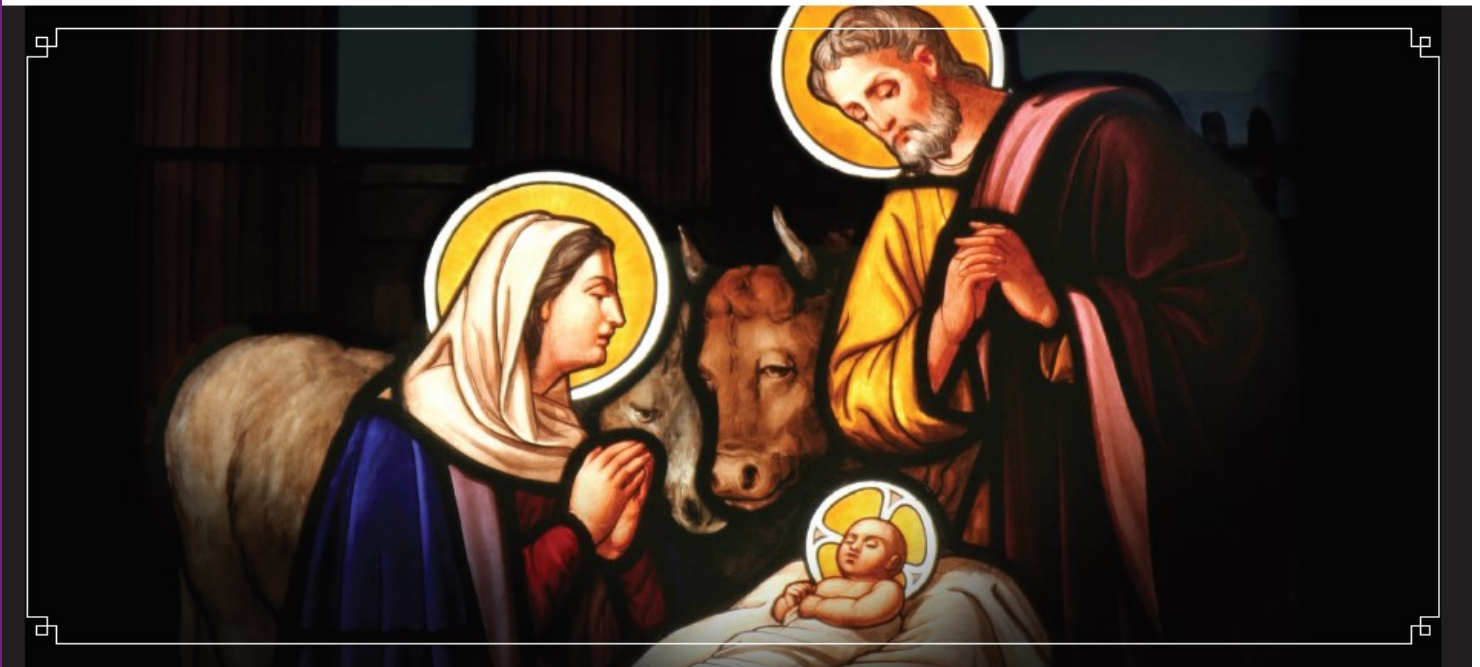
Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others."

Pope Saint John Paul II, February 13, 1982 Homily. © 1982 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

Merry Christmas

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