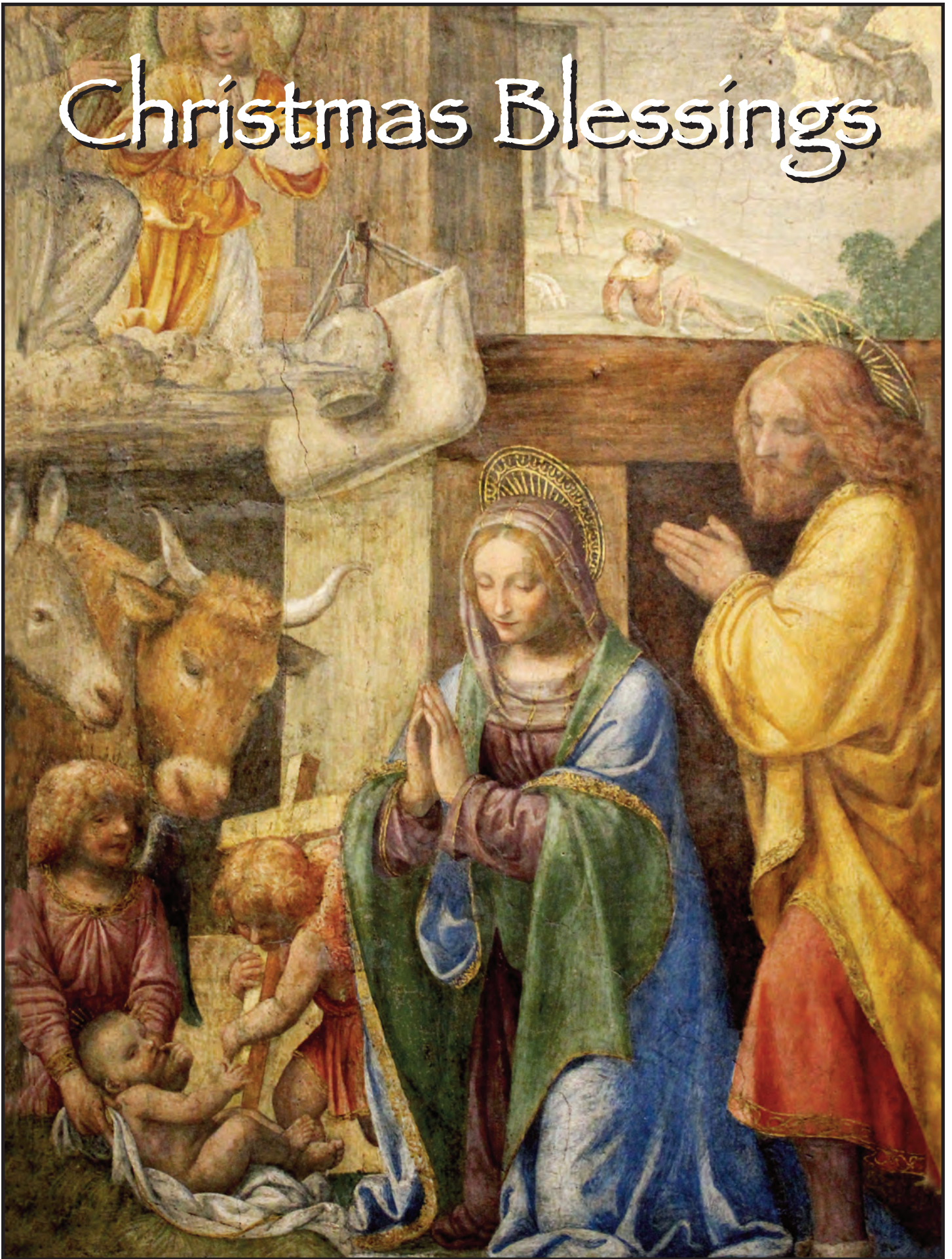


# Christmas Blessings





# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2022

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### Immaculate Conception

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### Sacred Heart

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### St. Mary

560 Lakeview Ave.  
Hamilton, IL 62341

### Sts. Peter and Paul

190 N. Wells St.  
Nauvoo, IL 62354

### Sacred Heart

8th & Webster St.  
Warsaw, IL 62379

## "On The Q/T..."

From God Calling, A.J. Russell, ed. Meditation of December 24th. "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel..." "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God...the Prince of Peace..." "And the angel said to her, 'Fear not, Mary...behold thou shalt bring forth a son and shalt call his name Jesus...'" "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore, also that holy thing, which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God."

## On to the question from Fr. Tony:

I remember watching a sequel to a very old movie, "2001: A Space Odyssey." The sequel was named "2010: Odyssey Two." It ended with the appearance of two suns in the sky. And I remember thinking to myself at the end of the movie: "I paid money and sat here this long for what? This? Big deal!" Sorry, science fiction and science fans. I just wasn't into two suns. And here's a question for you: has it come to the point that believers in Jesus react to his birth in the same way? Or even another greatest of miracles - the Holy Eucharist?

## Week's Mass Intentions

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>December 26, (St. Stephen, The First Martyr; Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22)</b> 8:00 a.m. Nauvoo-No Mass 5:30 p.m. Warsaw-Anastasia McVeigh (L) birthday, by Glenn and Diane Otto
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>December 27, (St. John, Apostle and Evangelist; 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8)</b> 8:00 a.m. Carthage-Tim Holt, by Ginny Hurwitz 5:30 p.m. Hamilton-Deacon Bill Gray, by his family
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>December 28, (The Holy Innocents, Martyrs; 1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18)</b> 5:30 p.m. Dallas City-Lester Markey, by Mark and Donna Muhleman
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>December 29, (St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr; 1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35)</b> No Masses
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>December 30, (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Mt 2:13-15, 19-23)</b> 8:30 a.m. Nauvoo-Larry Hopp, by John and Peggy Siegfried
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 31, (St. Sylvester I, Pope; 1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18)</b> 4:00 p.m. Carthage-Deacon Troy and Teresa Morris (L), by Dave and Carrie Steffensmeier 5:30 p.m. Hamilton-Thatcher Crenshaw (L) birthday, by Glenn and Diane Otto
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 1, (Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21)</b> 8:00 a.m. Warsaw-Debbie Bavary (L), by Gene Mudd 10:00 a.m. Nauvoo-For the People 12:00 p.m. Dallas City-Dave Marshall, by Don and Terry Owings

## Rosary Intention for January: The sick, dying and those in nursing homes.

## Prayer Contacts

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**Confession schedule:**  
**15 minutes before daily Mass,**  
**30 minutes before weekend**  
**Masses at Carthage**  
**Warsaw**  
**Nauvoo**  
**Dallas City**  
**After Mass at Hamilton**

**Or any other time by**  
**appointment**

## Live-Streaming Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday  
8:00 a.m. – Mass  
Wednesday -- 5:30 p.m.  
Noon -- Rosary  
3:00 p.m. -- Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday – 4 p.m. Mass  
Sunday – 10 a.m. Mass

**From The Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen:** It is hard for a human being to understand the humility that was involved in the Word becoming flesh. Imagine, if it were possible, a human person divesting himself of his body, and then sending his soul into the body of a serpent. A double humiliation would follow: First, accepting the limitation of a serpentine organism; knowing all the while his mind was superior, and that fangs could not eloquently articulate thoughts no serpent ever possessed. The second humiliation would be to be forced as a result of this "emptying of self" to live in the companionship of serpents. But this is nothing compared to the emptying of God, by which He took on the form of man and accepted the limitations of humanity, such as hunger and persecution; not trivial either was it, for the wisdom of God to condemn himself to association with poor fishermen who knew so little. But this humiliation which began in Bethlehem when he was conceived in the Virgin Mary was only the first of many to counteract the pride of man, until the final humiliation of death on the Cross. If there were no Cross, there would have been no crib; if there had been no nails, there would have been no straw. But he could not teach the lesson of the Cross as payment for sin. He had to take it.

**We'll Keep it simple: Thank You, Parishioners of The Hancock County Catholic Churches** One of the lessons of Christmas is the meaning that followers of Jesus Christ see (or should see) in certain customs of the season. The Christmas tree, for example: Christians should see the Tree of Life mentioned in the Garden of Eden, and then, mention of the Crucifixion of Jesus as being hung "on a tree," amounting to a Catholic Church antiphon, a prayer verse which states, "See how the Cross of the Lord stands revealed as the Tree of Life." Get a good-sized crucifix, and balance it in the middle of your Christmas tree, Behold: at the base of your tree, the Nativity scene; and above, the mystery of the Cross - the reason for that Nativity scene.

Or gift giving. Those gifts should be perfectly understood as signs that we recognize the presence of Christ in each other, that we ourselves, because we bear the image of Christ, are giving Christ to each other, as we give ourselves to each other through the gifts we share. Kids should know that Santa Claus picked up where St. Nicholas left off. The bishop of Myra from ancient times is said to have secretly left gifts of money overnight for a man who needed to provide a dowry for his daughters. Santa knew a good idea when he saw one: he took things over from there. Things could easily be explained this way, to reinforce Santa Claus as a servant of Jesus, the Gift Giver.

And this year - what a year of transition for all of us! - I want to thank Jesus Christ in all of you, and thank you for bringing the presence of Jesus Christ to me. Since June, I've relied heavily on gifts of patience and understanding; the willingness to work and to help beyond the limits of any job description; generosity and self-sacrifice; criticism both helpful and measured in its communication; hopefulness and enthusiasm about possibilities for our future.

Thank you. Bless you. Can't measure up to all I've received, now, and over many years, from you. But I'll keep trying! Fr. T.

#### **CASH DASH WINNERS!**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Vicky and Barry Cuthbert

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Dani Vollbracht

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Paul George, Therese Hayes, Darrell Wachtendorf, Peter Fasching, Charlotte Kaufmen, Rebecca Seigfried, Kelly Feikert, Trevor Knipe, Judy Burnett, Maggie Kindig, Elaine Gray, Laurel Klopfenstein, Alan Metternich, Randy Voss, Debbie Boyles, Erin Cuthbert, Brock Yuskis, Darren Koechle, Dave Stoverink, Rachel McIlmoil, Kevin Maag, Ruthie Burling, Pam Gambrell, Gayle Roskamp and Audrey Sullivan.

**Congratulations to everyone and thank you so very much for supporting Sts. Peter and Paul School!**

**From "Growing Disciples"** We are all called to evangelize - to announce and "talk" about Jesus, by word and example. But in order to evangelize, we need to first fully experience who Jesus is in ourselves. This means understanding the truth: Jesus, who He is. It also means discovering our role in His Kingdom, and meeting Him - being able to know that we've actually crossed paths with Him! - in our lives. Our hearts must be converted, daily."

**Warsaw Altar and Rosary** would like to ask parishioners to sign up to prepare a light meal for Fr. Tony to take home after Monday evening Masses Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule in back of the church with meals beginning December 19. Thank you!!

**Save the Date!** Sacred Heart DC Altar & Rosary Society will host a Feather Party on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at the Church Hall on Linn Street. We will be serving chili, steam burgers, chips, deserts and beverages for purchase. We hope you can attend.

**Altar & Rosary Society of Sacred Heart Parish Dallas City** is selling raffle tickets for 2023 Quilt Raffle. The quilt for this year is "French Braid" and is King size. It was pieced, sewn and donated by Dave and Beth Greenig. The drawing will take place on February 12, 2023. Contact any Altar and Rosary member to purchase tickets.

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