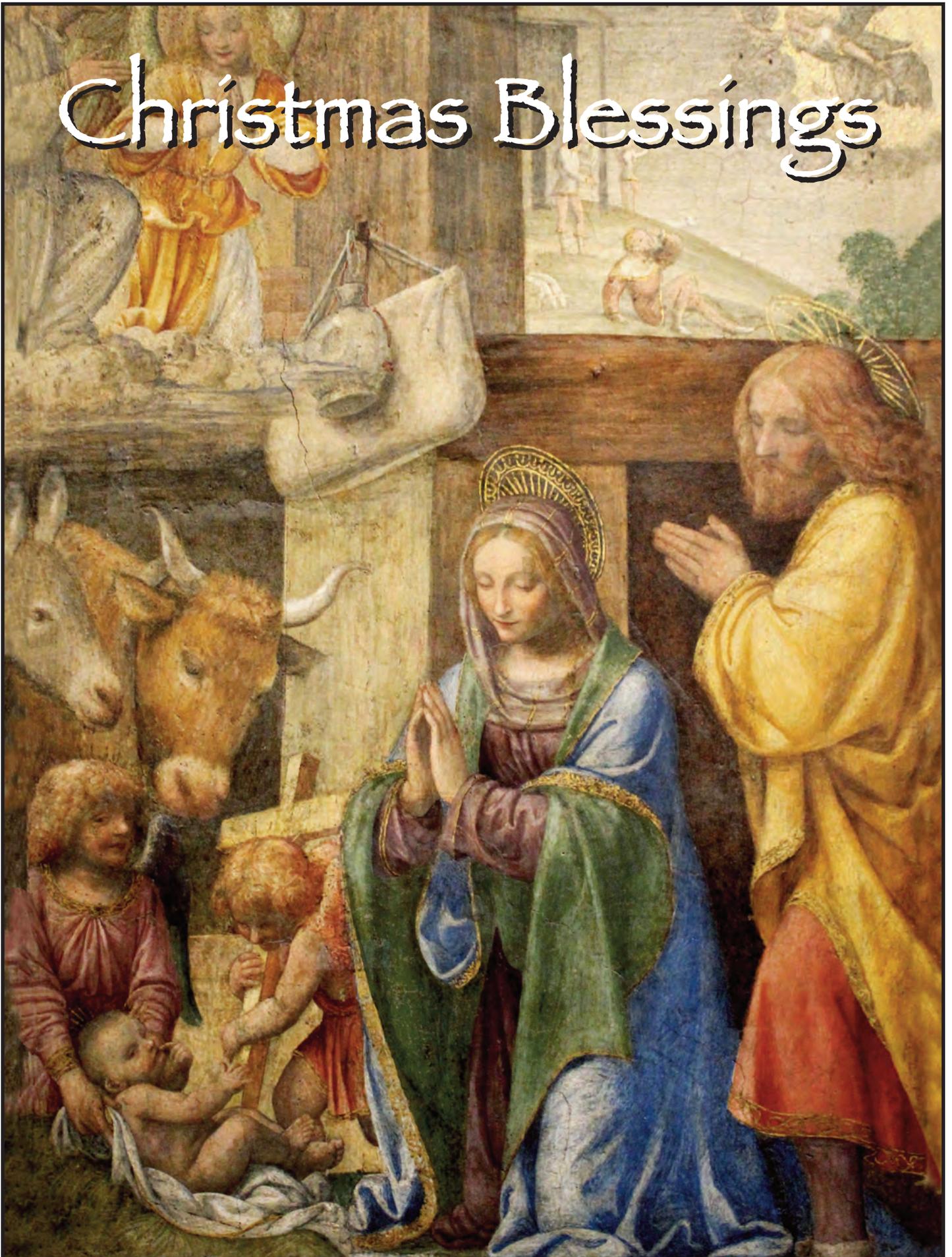


# Christmas Blessings



# REJOICE! A SAVIOR IS BORN

Today is born for us a Savior, Christ the Lord. What great news this is for you and for me! Our all-powerful God not only took on the lowliness of mankind but came as a tiny, helpless baby boy. The almighty God made Himself dependent on His mother Mary. God who made humanity relied on humanity to care for Him, feed Him, and protect Him. Mary and Joseph had the extremely rich position of caring for not only the Messiah, but God incarnate, the God-Man. Jesus took on our flesh that we might take on His divinity. How amazing this is to ponder. Do not let the immensity of this mystery become mundane amidst the busyness that Christmas can be. Ponder the thought of how God loves you this much that He humbled Himself, so that He may raise you to a higher status, from servant to son, by sending His son to become our servant.

I In Bethlehem He was born and laid on a slab in the manger to foreshadow the slab in Jerusalem where He was crucified and died and laid on a slab in His tomb. Both called the city of David. Bethlehem, this name that means House of Bread, was called the city of David, for this is where King David was born and anointed King, and the messiah was foretold to be born in Bethlehem by the prophet Micah to be recognized as King by the wise men. Jerusalem, this name means Will feel the Awe of Peace, is also called the city of David, for this is the capital city of his Kingdom. Both Bethlehem and Jerusalem are focused on the kingship of David and therefore the eternal Kingship in His lineage in Jesus Christ.

So may we let this tiny baby boy, Jesus Christ, bring us to awe at His cuteness, and allow His adorable little baby self to woo our hearts. As we allow this newborn baby king to move our hearts with love, may this allow our King and God to remain and reign in our hearts today, and eternally. Today is born for us a Savior, Christ the Lord. Now go and tell this good news to a world that needs to be conquered, not by a ravaging ruler, but by love by a tiny baby boy who is God and King.

What a true blessing it is for Fr. Rafal Pyrchla and me to be here to walk with you on this journey of discipleship. It is truly a pleasure and a joy to be your pastor. I love this parish and I love this school. I love your children and I love each and every one of you. I can't tell you enough how truly blessed and grateful I am to be here with you. It is such a privilege to be in such a beautiful place with such beautiful souls. I look forward to seeing where this tiny little Christ child leads us this coming church year. How exciting to open the gifts He gives us together. Merry Christmas to you all! I leave you with the words of "O Little Town of Bethlehem:" O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark street shineth, the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above. While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim thy holy birth. And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

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# Weekday Mass Intentions

Dec. 26 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Stephen Stump
Dec. 27 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Rollie Peters
	5:30 p.m.	Billy Moore
Dec. 28 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Deceased members of Schuering & Prisco families
	5:30 p.m.	Marilyn Burgtorf & Donald Bockenfeld
Dec. 29 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Pamela Hammer
	5:30 p.m.	Carl Joseph Stegeman Jr.
Dec. 30 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Julian Miguel Haban
Dec. 31 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	John Waterkotte
	4:30 p.m.	Walt Venvertloh & Marian Timmerwilke
Jan. 1 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Katie Brink
	11:00 a.m.	Rosalie "Sis" Obert

- This week in the Parish:**
- **Monday, Dec. 26**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 7:00 p.m. Rosary
  - **Tuesday, Dec. 27**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
  - 5:30 p.m. Mass
  - 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
  - **Wednesday, Dec. 28**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 4:00 p.m. Adoration
  - 5:30 p.m. Mass
  - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
  - **Thursday, Dec. 29**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
  - 5:30 p.m. Mass
  - 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meeting
  - **Friday, Dec. 30**
  - 6:30 a.m. Mass
  - **Saturday, Dec. 31 New Years Eve**
  - 8:00 a.m. Mass
  - 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
  - 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
  - 4:30 p.m. Mass

*We would like to welcome everyone who's come home for the holidays, as well as the visitors who are joining us. We are delighted you're here. Please know that you are always welcome here at St. Francis Solanus.*

Ministry volunteers are needed for New Year's Day Masses. Please call the parish office, 222-2898 or look at MSP if you can volunteer for any ministry in which you are trained.

**The Parish Office will be closed Monday December 26 and Monday January 2.**

The regular collection for our sister parish in Alaska will be **next weekend**, December 31 and January 1.

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	12/18/22	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$25,146.50	\$ 26,600.00	\$(1,453.50)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$629,308.93	\$665,000.00	\$ (35,691.07)
Loose Collection	\$ 1,559.84	\$ 1,220.00	\$ 339.84	Loose Collection	\$ 33,228.62	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 2,728.62
Annual School Fund	\$ 926.00	\$ 3,440.00	\$(2,514.00)	Annual School Fund	\$ 82,033.12	\$ 86,000.00	\$ (3,966.88)
Total	\$ 27,632.34	\$ 31,260.00	\$(3,627.66)	Total Capital Campaign	\$744,570.67 \$80,940.65	\$781,500.00	\$ (36,929.33)

## Christmas Memorials

*The following individuals have been memorialized by loved ones and will be remembered throughout the Christmas season. We thank everyone who contributed to the beautiful Christmas decorations that grace our church.*



Ray Amen		Deceased Fuller family	John Holman
Joyce Amen		Robert Gallaher	Ruth Holman
Frank & Evelyn Arnold		Mr. and Mrs. David Garland	Donald J. & Carol Holtschlag families
James Aschemann		Roger Geers	Matt, Dorothy & Bobby Huber
Carl J. Aschemann	Waldo & Rita Cook	Daulton Gibson	Carl, Sally & Mark Hummel
Brian J. Aschemann	James & Dorothy Costigan	Mary & Ralph Goehl	Helen & Ray Hummelsheim
John & Marie Atwater	Joyce & Keith Cowser	Bill Goehl	Edward P. Hummert
Rome & Stella Averbek	Delores & Gary Crail	Pauline Goehl	Howard F. Humphrey
Alvera & Harold Bardon	Lawrence Cramsey	The Gooding families	Kurt Humphrey
Bruce Bardon	Moritz Cramsey family	Dick Gosnell	Kent Humphrey
Kenneth & Imogene Barry	Rita Cramsey	Martha & Roger Graham	Howard S. & Virginia Humphrey
Gene & Darlene Beckman	Marcia Cray	Jim & Judy Greer	Wayne Huner
Charles Beding family	Holly Cruz	Mary & Bob Guenther	Maurice Jansen
Bettie Jean Bergman	Charle & Arlene Dadant	Mr. and Mrs. Tim Gustison	Helen Jansen Jones
Joseph M. Blickhan	Vail Daggett	Dennis Gustison	Lee Jones
Maurice & Winifred Blickhan	Mary Donald David	Alberta Guthrie	Mick Kaiser
Anna Mae & Charles Blickhan	Lelen & Adelia Davis	Gene Guthrie	Howard & Catherine Kapp
Raymond & Hazel Bliss	Al Dempsey	Vernon & Julianna Gutting	The Karhoff, Sohn & Davis families
Al & Josephine Bocke	Joseph & Mary Ann DeSutter	Carl Hamann	Carolyn Karman
Tammy Bocke	Mr. and Mrs. William Dietrich	Mary Hamann	Bernard Kaufmann
Roger Bockhaus	Mr. and Mrs. Gib Dietrich	Mike Hamann	Martha Kaufmann
Dirk Bonebrake	Cyril Duesterhaus	Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hardy	Marie Kaufmann
Russell Boraman	Edith Duesterhaus	Mr. and Mrs. Max Hardy	Patrick, Mary & Mike Keane
Dana & Neval Boyd	Cybil & Edith Duesterhaus	Jason Harvey	Michael W. Keller
Sam & Stan Boyd	Ruth & John Duppong	Francis & Alma Haugh	Betty Kelley
Charles Briddle	Harry & Virginia Dyel	Corey Michael John Haxel	Father Kennedy
Dan O. Brinkley	Guage Eager	Carl & Esther Haxel	Ken & Byrniece Kircher
Leroy Brinkman	Patrick & Irene Ehrhardt	Joan Heeger	Harold & Bertie Kirlin
Randy & Sandy Brinkman	Susan Einhaus	Karl Heinz	Ron Klaas
Bob & Mary Kay Brinkman	Virgil & Lucy Emerick	Debbie Heinze	Tom Klauser
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brinkman	Mr. & Mrs. Lyman Ennis	Brooke Hermesmeyer	Lawrence & Marie Klauser family
Lawrence & Marie Brinkman	Norman Ennis	Glen & Ida Herrington	Leonard & Loretta Klauser
Lawrence & Isabelle Broemmel	Charlie Finley	Gary & Maureen Hess	Marce & Dorothy Klingele
Robert Broemmel	Taigen Finley	Deceased Hibbs family	Eugene Klingele
Gregory Broemmel	Bentley Finley	Brad Hildebrand	Martha Klinner
Teresa & Art Brown	Roy & Sylvia Foust	Elsie Hildebrand	Robert Klinner
Frank & Mildred Brueggeman	The Frankenhoff-Willer families	Leonard Hildebrand	Roman Klinner
Gerald Brueggeman	Brown & Jean Frericks	Bob & Mary Hilgenbrinck	Oland Kraft
Marie Budde	Matt & Rosemary Frericks	Raymond Hinkamper	Richard Lauer
Roy Burris	Mildred & Joe Frericks	Rob Hinkamper	Vera & Ed Lauer
Janice & Glen Buss	Michael & Alan Frericks	Christine Hirsch	Alfred & Florence Lawrence
Father Carberry	Fred & John Frericks	Allison Holbrook	Frank & Vera Ley
Paul & Susan Carnivale	Jerry & Ester Frese	Dennis Holbrook	Angela C. Ley
Patty Carnivale	Delmer & Laurine Frese	Therese Holbrook	Joseph & Angela Ley
Frank & Mary Cate	Michael Frese	Evan Holbrook	Rita Ley
Nancy Christiansen	Doug Frese	Gretchen Hollender	George & Stella Liesen

## Christmas Memorials

Anthony & Ruth Lohman	Carl Oppie Family	Carl & Cel Schoenekase	Walter Venvertloh
Mickey Durst Lohmeyer	Joe & Irene Ormand family	Louis Schuckman	Virgil Vonderheide
Deceased Longnecker family	 Alfred & Lillian Osinski	Don, Rita & Danny Schulte	Henry & Rita Voss
Esther Lovdal & Bob	Lawrence & Virginia Paben	Carl Schutt family	Chris Ward
Bobby Lowenberg	Judy Patterson	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seifert Sr.	Elmer & Rosemary Waterkotte
Maria Lomupo	Andy & Leona Peter	Merle Smith	Michael Waterkotte
Mark Lugering	Ron Peter	Charles Smith	Robert & Carlene Waterkotte
The Maas families	Dale Peter	Jim & Edna Mae Smith	John Waterkotte
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maguire	Denny Peter	Gert Sohn	Sharon Waterkotte
Joan McMahil	Paul & Ruth Peter	The Sohn & Matticks families	Amy Waterkotte
Paula Malaney	Don & Evelyn Phillips	Elmer Sparrow	Albert & Mary Weibring
Merwin & Darlene Marcks	Mike Phillips	Florine Sparrow	Joe & Sandy Weibring
Johnnie & Mary Marra	Betty & Merle Pieper	Jack Spoonmore	Robert & Lucille Weiman
John & Donna Marten	Herman & Lucille Pinkelman	Noah & Eleanor Stahl	Bernie Weiman
Tim & Leona Mast	Howard & Helen Postle	Theodore & Julia Stegeman	Ethan Weiman
Dee Mast	Daniel Postle	Mary, Donald, David Steinbrecher	Eric Weiman
Jim & Rosie Mast	Howard & Helen Postle	Mary F., Debbie, Robbie Steinbrecher	Rich & Loretta Wiemelt
Chris & Loretta Mast	Wayne Powers	Elmer & Rosie Steinkamp	Keith Wiemelt
Phyllis Maxwell	Jim & Mary Rose Prior	Jeff Steinkamp	Edith Wiemelt
Dr. Richard Meckes	John S. Rainbolt	Paul Steinkoenig	Oliver Wiewel family
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Meckes	Louis & Catherine Rakers	Michelle Duesterhaus Tang	John & Ann Willer family
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Meckes	George & Josephine Rakers	Ted & Raina Tappe	Marilyn & Ralphie Willer
James L. Meyer	The Reckers Family	Helen A. Thomas	Bert & Eleanor Willer
Mary Lynn Mizera	John Reno	Russell D. Thomas	Charlie & Rosie Wheeler
Leo C. Monckton	Howard Richmiller	Mr. and Mrs. James R. Thompson	Chuck, Bill, David & Duane Wheeler
Billy Moore	Laura Beth Rokita	Chester Royce Thompson	Deceased Whitaker family
Cheryl Moore	Mike Rokita	Raymond & Veronica Tomczak	Richard & Mabel Wichern
Jim & Ella Moore	Thomas Rose	Lee Truitt	Robert J. Winking
Eugene & Ruth Mueller	Frank & Mary Rose	William & Hilda Venvertloh	Robert & Marie Winking
Kelly Naderhoff	Kelly Rossmiller	Rev. Ken J. Venvertloh	Donna, Ray & Roger Wiskirchen
Fred & Martha Narup	Ken Rossmiller	Ferdie & Betty Venvertloh	Herb & Pat Wolf
Mary Lou Newman	Elmer & Marg Rossmiller	Harold "Butch" Venvertloh	Brenda Wosman
Barbara Smith Nichols	Fred & Gertrude Rosswog	George & Bernadine Venvertloh	Howard Yates
Leroy & Dolores Obert Family	Sister Rose Anthony Rosswog	Zeta & Ed Venvertloh	Mertz & Helen Zanger
Wayne & Laura Obert	Chris Ruff	Betty Venvertloh	William Zanger
Virgil Obert	Marvin H. Rull	Alan Venvertloh	Rein & Louisa Zeidler
Rosalie Obert	Sandy Runser	Kay Venvertloh	Ed Zeidler
Eugene Ohnemus	Diane (Peter) Russell	Roger Venvertloh	
Mary Eva Ohnemus	Eugene & Joan Schenkel	D.J. Venvertloh	
Georgann Oppie	Kenneth & Elizabeth Schildt		

### Holy Name News

Thank you to all who purchased Christmas fruit baskets. The shelves in the food pantry will be stocked for a while! The Holy Name men wish to thank all of you for your support this past year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Knights of Columbus News

We are taking a couple of weeks off for the Holidays so there will be no Thursday night raffle or Friday night chicken dinners until the first week of January. Best wishes to all of you as you celebrate Christmas with your family and friends!

### Catholics Returning Home

This six-week series begins **Wed., January 11** at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. No matter how long you have been away, and no matter the reason, you are invited to join us. For more information contact Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, 217-430-7792.



**Marian Timmerwilke Turns 100!**  
**On December 31 Marian will celebrate a milestone birthday! Please join us in congratulating her and wishing her the best in the new year.**

### QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, January 8, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the QND cafeteria. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children; children 5 and under are free. All proceeds will benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

### Franciscan Educational Scholarship

As the end of the year approaches, please take some time to reflect on giving to the Franciscan Scholarship to benefit a student at our school. If you would like to make a donation you may mail your contribution to the QCES office, 1721 College Ave., or drop it off at the Parish Office. Please make checks payable to: QCES Foundation. Thank you!

### Ladies of St. Francis News:

Our DRE Liz Alonzo will be purchasing classroom sets of bibles for our school students with funds from the Ladies.

And a special thank you to Father Arisman for suggesting the purchase of the nativity scene that has been placed on the school grounds at 18th Street.

### New ! Scripture Discussion Group

Are you interested in a deeper appreciation for the readings you will hear at Mass in the upcoming weekend? In response to your requests, we are starting a Scripture Discussion Group. This is meant to complement bible study.

Each week we will get together and share our thoughts and questions about the upcoming weekend readings. There is no charge and no required preparation.

We will meet Thursday afternoons at 2 and Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Parish Center, starting January 12. Deacon Wayne will be the moderator. For more information please call him, 217-430-7792. We hope to see you there!



Mrs. Michelle Herman's second grade finished a unit on The Gingerbread Man, then made their own gingerbread houses!

Dec. 31-Jan1	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	David Bickhaus Jacob Collins	Vieve Veith  <b>3 Needed Please</b>	August Wiewel Michael Bickhaus Tim Reichert Paul Eling Jim Wilper Jerry Carnivale	Brad Hummel	Kristine Bickhaus  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Tim & Cindy Reichert
<b>Sunday 7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>2 needed please</b>	<b>4 needed please</b>	<b>6 needed please</b>	<b>1 needed please</b>	<b>Gift Bearer</b> <b>1 needed please</b>
<b>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</b>	Emmett Wiemelt Ginger Grawe	James Cramsey  <b>3 needed please</b>	John Benz John Obert Larry Venvertloh Tim Venvertloh Gary Terwelp	Katherine Cramsey	<b>Gift Bearer</b> <b>1 needed please</b>
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Morgan Patton Makayla Patton	<b>4 needed please</b>	<b>6 needed please</b>	<b>1 needed please</b>	<b>Gift Bearer</b> <b>1 needed please</b>
<b>Saturday Morning</b> <i>Mass Server</i>		<b>Dec. 31, 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>2 needed please</b>		

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