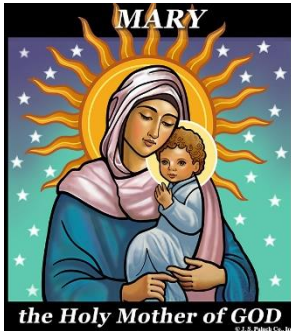


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January 1, 2023

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!
(Numbers 6:22-27).

PSALM: May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

SECOND READING: God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are
no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

GOSPEL: The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen
(Luke 2:16-21).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, Jan 7th	9:00 AM	Sunday, Jan 8th
Lector:	Volunteer	Lector:	Kevin Houghton

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (Jan 2nd- Jan 8th)

MON	01/02	7:00AM. . . . +John & Theresa Minh Nguyen - (M/M Thien Tran)
TUES	01/03	7:00AM. Intention Dantis
WED	01/04	7:00AM. . . . +. (A) Ralph Holtzman - (Sister, Eleanor & Family)
THURS	01/05	NO MASS
FRI	01/06	7:00AM. Bishops & Priests - (M/M Michael Beblar)
SAT	01/07	5:30PM. For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family - (Barbara Voci)
SUN	01/08	9:00AM. . . . +. Margaret Blair & Shelley Poplinski - (Family)

January 1, 2023

Stewardship Reflections:

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The blessing included in the First Reading is very familiar. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you..." In the Jewish culture this has been known for centuries as the Aaronic blessing. It was dictated by God Himself to Aaron. Very importantly it begins with "The Lord bless you." All blessings come from God. Blessings do not always mean happiness or security or prosperity. To be "kept" by the Lord is to turn our lives over to Him, to know that He is with us and that He loves us, blesses us, and does indeed "keep" us ever in His care. We must keep all these things in our heart as Mary did in her amazement.

God knows what blessings we need. The key for us is to be grateful for whatever blessings we may have. That mind set is at the hub of stewardship. The truth is that to be blessed by God is one of the greatest gifts we can receive. It is available to all of us without exception. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Dec 24th & 25th, 2022

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,569.40
Monthly	\$ 22.00
Fuel	\$ 210.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 1,428.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
All Saint's Day	\$ 5.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!

The Knights of Columbus will hold their meeting **Tuesday, Jan. 3rd** at 7PM in the St. Therese Church Hall.

Christian Mothers Meeting – will be held next Sunday, **Jan 8th**. Please plan to attend. All are welcome.



Thank you so very much!! A special thank you to the "special angels" who helped to get the Church ready for Christmas! For all of the hard work that went into cleaning, setting up the manger and decorating the Church. We cannot forget the uplifting music at Mass that was provided by Nadine. Thank you for spreading some much needed holiday cheer!

Thank you and God Bless you all.

2023 Envelopes & Calendars Adult & Children's envelopes and calendars are ready for pick up in the back of church. If you have a relative or neighbor who are unable to attend, please drop their envelopes & a calendar off for them. They will be happy to see you!



Blessing of Homes... If you would like

Fr. Bernard to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address and phone number in the collection basket.

God Bless
This Home and All Who Enter



20+C+M+B+23

Bless Your Home -- Gather at the threshold of your home (inside or outside). Say a prayer noting the sacredness of your home and asking a blessing on all who enter and leave through this door. Using white chalk, write **20+C+M+B+23** above the door. These

letters stand for the first letters of the names of the three kings, Balthasar, Gaspar, and Melchior. In Latin, these letters are also the first letters of the words "**Christus mansionem benedicat**"

God Bless This House

Community News & Events

Echoes of a Polish Christmas – All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy) on Sunday January 8th at 2:00 PM at their church in Boswell. Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as well as refreshments. Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience these time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ.

ABORTION:

Abortion interferes with God's plan – a plan He willed before He created the universe. Abortion is in violation of God-given life." Richard Halverson.

"We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life – the unborn – without diminishing the value of all human life." Ronald Regan

**Families and the Gospel – (Luke 2: 16-21)
Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God;**

The gospel tells us "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." We would do well to imitate Mary in our New Year's resolution. Instead of criticizing let's "keep it in our hearts." Criticism isn't productive or well received anyway!