

# CHRISTMAS 2020

FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN  
BORN FOR YOU WHO IS MESSIAH AND LORD. LUKE 2:11



*Madonna with Christ Child  
Sassoferrato (Early 1600s)*

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**DECEMBER 27, 2020**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,**  
**MARY AND JOSEPH**

**MONDAY – DECEMBER 28 – THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
 7:30 A.M. Dave Haurmeyer  
 6:45 P.M. Rosary in Church

**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 29 – FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE  
 OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY  
 OF THE LORD**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
 7:30 A.M. Rob Schwier

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 30 – SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE  
 OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY  
 OF THE LORD**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
 7:30 A.M. Tony Balzano  
 8:00 A.M.-NOON Adoration

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 31 – SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE  
 OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY  
 OF THE LORD**

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
 7:30 A.M. Charles Kinser  
 4:30 P.M. Intentions of Fr. Jim Walsh

**FRIDAY – JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
 MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 A.M. Veronica Mollman

**SATURDAY – JANUARY 2 – SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND  
 SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN**

8:15 A.M. Amelia Oliveira  
 After Mass: Marian Devotions and  
 Apostolate for the Dying  
 4:30 P.M. Louis Perrino (ANN)

**SUNDAY – JANUARY 3 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30 A.M. Frank Backscheider  
 9:30 A.M. John Krallman (ANN)  
 11:30 A.M. Anthony Day (ANN)  
 7:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

We have all been amused by infants at Christmas, who get so fascinated and preoccupied by the colorful wrapping paper and ribbons and bows that they temporarily lose interest in the gift, especially if it is in a package that does not attract their attention. One of the signs of human maturity is knowing the difference between the wrapping and the gift.



For the past two months or one sixth of the year our society has been pointing to Christmas. I saw the first Christmas ad at the end of October. There have been Christmas trees and wreaths, lights and tinsel, carols and cookies, Santa Claus and Rudolph, cards and gifts purchased. In many ways all of that is the wrapping for the best gift of all: God's gift of self to us in the person of Jesus born of Mary in Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger!

Let's not forget during this Christmas season, that, in the gift of Jesus, God has embraced the human race and human history. Christmas is the celebration of that embrace! And God embraces not just human life... but my life... and your life! God embraces not just human history in general...but my history... my story... and your story! The good news is that God embraces you...God embraces me!

In the midst of all the wrappings this Christmas, I hope you didn't miss the gift! May you experience God's personal embrace! May that experience bring you joy and peace during the Christmas season and throughout the new year!

– Fr. Jim

**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Parish Office is closed and will reopen on January 4. If you have an emergency, you will be able to reach us by calling 471-7741, ext. 9. All other messages can be left at 471-7741, ext. 0. We will be checking messages periodically throughout the day and will return your call. *(Please note that this is different than what was published in the December Torch.)*

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

The Sacrament of the Sick is a healing sacrament of the Church. Anyone who is sick or elderly and in need of physical or emotional healing can come to this sacrament which will be communally celebrated annually. Those who would like to receive the sacrament before a hospital stay or surgery are invited to call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also available to those who may be near death. Please call the parish emergency line. Someone will respond to your call. Please inform the Parish Office when a member of the parish is hospitalized.

**Considering Entering the Catholic Church?**

RCIA is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. The process provides for different levels of entry. To obtain more information, call Deacon Mark Bardonaro at 471-7741.

**Infant Baptisms**

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Every Saturday, 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., or by appointment.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

One of the engaged or his/her parents must be a registered and active parishioner for six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Scheduling must take place at least six months in advance of the wedding. Weddings are not scheduled during Advent or Lenten Seasons. A marriage preparation program is required.

**Communion for the Sick and Homebound**

Please call the Parish Office to request this service.

## HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Thursday, December 31

4:30 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00 a.m.



## ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT ST. DOMINIC

Are you age 70 1/2 and required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account, also known as Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to St. Dominic Parish. QCDs will satisfy your annual distribution requirement, (RMD), and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support St. Dominic Parish. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your investment advisor and/or your tax advisor as we cannot give specific tax advice.

## ST. DOMINIC MEN'S SOCIETY LOTTERY

The tickets have been sold, and now is the time when the winners are drawn!!!

The winning ticket numbers for the fourth week of December are:

December 21st - #162 David Wandstrat  
December 22nd - #314 Jane Miller  
December 23rd - #612 Dave Witterstaetter  
December 24th - #228 Jim Jansing  
December 25th - No drawing on Christmas  
December 26th - #924 Nancy and Brian Crabbe

## VIRTUS

Thank you to all who work or volunteer serving the children of our parish. Please remember to read your monthly bulletins at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) so that you can stay in-compliance. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!

## CHURCH ENVELOPES

We are changing the way you receive your church envelopes. Instead of receiving a box of envelopes, in 2021 you will receive envelopes in the mail every two months. If you no longer use Offertory envelopes to make your donation, please send us an email at [parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org) and we will update our list so you do not receive them.



## GIVING TREE

What a wonderful turnout last Sunday! Beautifully wrapped gifts and so many of Santa's helpers to fill the "sleigh" and deliver them. Thank you to those who were not able to physically participate but donated money to make the project a success.

## MASSES LIVE-STREAMED

All our Masses (including weekday) are now livestreamed. To view Mass live, go to our website at [www.stdominicdelhi.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi.org) and click on the "View Mass Online" button. If you cannot join us for Mass live, you can search YouTube for St. Dominic Parish Delhi to watch a recording of any of our live Masses. Additionally, we will have a recording of our Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass available on our website each Monday. To view, go to our website and click on "View Mass Online," then "Recorded Weekend Mass."

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a two-hour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time. We

do this to ensure the safety of all our employees. We hope that this change in our schedule will not cause any inconvenience.

***St. Dominic School follows Oak Hills Local School District for delays and closings.***



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## ST. DOMINIC NEWS

**PRAYER BLANKETS** – We have many prayer blankets blessed and sewn with love and prayers for those who will receive them. It is a symbol of our faith community's covering of prayer for the individual who receives it. This simple labor of love touches the lives of those who are going through difficult times. Prayer blankets can be picked up in the Parish Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:00 a.m. and Noon on Friday.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PARENT PROGRAMS** – Do you feel like your kids are out of control or maybe you just need a little guidance on fine tuning your parenting skills? Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio offers Parenting Programs that can help you in either area. Some classes are only offered two or three times a year and others run all year round. Call or email to let us help you pick which class best fits your personal needs. Call 867-7072 or email [pbolden@ccswoh.org](mailto:pbolden@ccswoh.org).

**ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM AT CATHEDRAL BASILICA** – Catholic in Recovery is a nonprofit organization that serves those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments—including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction, etc. The Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains offers this program, based on twelve-step recovery and the sacramental love and mercy provided by the Catholic Church, on Sundays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the Undercroft. For more information, contact Stephanie Ramsey at 331-0358 or [skb\\_steph@yahoo.com](mailto:skb_steph@yahoo.com).

**SURVIVING DIVORCE** – The Eastside Region is pleased to announce that registration for the winter session of Surviving Divorce: Hope & Healing for the Catholic Family is now open. Surviving Divorce is for newly separated and divorced individuals as well as those still struggling with issues many years later. The winter session takes place January 27 to April 28 on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at St. Cecilia Church in Oakley. Register at <https://eastsidefaith.org/surviving-divorce>. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Ramsey at 331-0358 or [skb\\_steph@yahoo.com](mailto:skb_steph@yahoo.com).

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENT –**

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is once again providing needs-based tuition assistance grants to elementary school students for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications will be accepted through February 8, 2021. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.catholicbestchoice.org](http://www.catholicbestchoice.org).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Heart of Mary Respite and Companion Services. Tired of COVID-19? Would you like to make someone's day? Are you looking for a way to connect with others who share your interests? We are looking for volunteers to help with two new programs at Catholic Charities. We need help making phone support calls to Heart of Mary Respite and Companionship clients. We also need class leaders for Powerful Tools for Caregivers, an evidence-based self-care class for caregivers. Both volunteer opportunities can be safely done remotely with all materials and training provided. Call 535-2291, for more information, or go to <https://tinyurl.com/CCSWOHSCSS> to apply to become a Heart of Mary phone support specialist or PTC class leader today!



**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 2 & 3**

	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains' names are listed first.)</b>
<b>4:30 p.m. Saturday</b>	Ione Klekamp	Karen Brandstetter, Pat Cusick, Judy Luebbe, Maruska Marcheschi
<b>7:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	BC Charles	John Burns, Teagan Charles, Bobbi Honnert, Amy Luken
<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Michelle Smith	Jan Bonomini, Peter Gibbs, Jerry Krumpelbeck
<b>11:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Paul Brinker	Lisa Autenrieb, Jenny Berndsen, Meg Morris
<b>7:00 p.m. Sunday</b>	Christelle Middendorf	Jim Gerdes, John Klopp, Christelle Middendorf, Joe Middendorf





### WORD ON FIRE

**Exciting News for You!** We are excited to announce that our parish now has access to premium video content from Word on Fire. These films and videos feature Bishop Robert Barron who has been hailed as "one of the Church's greatest messengers" and is the second most-followed Catholic in the world on social media (behind only Pope Francis.) He is best known for his CATHOLICISM film series and his Emmy-nominated Pivotal Players series, which have both aired on PBS and EWTN, and have been seen by millions of people.

Thanks to Flocknote, our parish's email and texting tool, we can now send you short Bishop Barron videos with engaging questions via email or text message. We encourage you to participate as together we draw deeper into the Faith. In addition, you now have access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library. You can watch any of Bishop Barron's films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

If your email and/or phone number is not registered with the parish, or if you would like to add additional addresses, please register at [stdominicparish2.flocknote.com](mailto:stdominicparish2.flocknote.com) or by texting StDominic to 84576.

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