

# 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 20, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MONDAY – DECEMBER 21 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
7:30 A.M. Veronica Mollman  
6:45 P.M. Rosary in Church

### TUESDAY – DECEMBER 22 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
7:30 A.M. George Merk

### WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 23 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
7:30 A.M. Richard Schieur  
8:00 A.M.-NOON Adoration

### THURSDAY – DECEMBER 24 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:10 A.M. Communion Service  
3:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners  
5:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners  
10:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners

### FRIDAY – DECEMBER 25 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 A.M. For Our Parishioners  
9:30 P.M. For Our Parishioners  
11:30 P.M. For Our Parishioners

### SATURDAY – DECEMBER 26 – SAINT STEPHEN

8:15 A.M. Patricia Huster  
After Mass: Marian Devotions and  
Apostolate for the Dying  
4:30 P.M. Eleanora Pucci (ANN)

### SUNDAY – DECEMBER 27 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 A.M. Intentions of Bobbi Honnert and Family  
9:30 A.M. Jennie Bill (ANN)  
11:30 A.M. Terry Fraley  
7:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners

### IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the souls of Art DelConte and Fran Fields who died this past week. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In making your Christmas plans, I would suggest that you seriously consider whether to attend Mass in person, or tune in to our live streaming of the Mass. With the increase in Covid cases, we need to be extremely careful. Maintaining social distancing in church will be impossible, if we have the numbers attending that we have had in the past. Please prayerfully consider this, knowing that you are dispensed from the obligation of attending.



Our Mass times are Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m. with Christmas music provided before Mass by the White and Hillgrove families, 5:00 p.m. with music before by Gene Johnson, 10:00 p.m. with music before by the Liderbach family. (Please note that the "Midnight Mass" is now at 10:00 p.m. instead of 11:00 p.m.) Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. There will be no children's Mass. Each Mass will be live streamed, and the Christmas music before the Christmas Eve Masses will also be live streamed. Let's all celebrate this great feast safely and united in the love of the God who came to live among us and save us!

– Fr. Jim

### CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Welcome and congratulations to Shannon Vaughn who was received into full communion in the Catholic Church. After months of prayer and preparation Shannon received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on Sunday, December 13 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

If you know someone who may be interested in learning about the Catholic faith, now may be the time to encourage him or her to ask the questions and perhaps become part of our RCIA process. Call Karen Brandstetter at 471-7741 ext. 481 for more details.

### PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from December 21-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.



## HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m. – Final Mass on Christmas Eve

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

## HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Thursday, December 31

4:30 p.m.

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00 a.m.

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming holidays, all articles for the January 3 bulletin must be submitted by noon on Tuesday, December 22.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thanks for giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

## 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 second week of December are:

December 14th – #075 Jerry Luebbering

December 15th – #783 Fr. Jim

December 16th – #575 Fr. Jim

December 17th – #964 Reggie Ott

December 18th – #260 Ryan Schwamberger

December 19th – #103 Mark Rodgers

## 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-DELHI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus would like to thank the anonymous donor of \$100.00 to our council, and let them know their donation made a big impact. The council voted to use the donation to purchase gift cards for parish families in need and challenged our members to also donate to this project. The original \$100.00 donation grew to \$900.00 within a week! Thirty-six \$25.00 Kroger gift cards were purchased and sent to the school for distribution. Thank you again for thinking of us.

## COVID-19 CHRISTMAS PLANS

Maintaining social distancing at our Christmas Masses will be difficult if we have the numbers attending who have attended last year, pre-Covid-19! Here is what we will be doing at St. Dominic this Christmas. We will live stream all the Masses at the times they are celebrated. Those Mass times are: Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m. with Christmas music before Mass by the White and Hillgrove families, 5:00 p.m., with music before by Gene Johnson, and 10:00 p.m., with music before by the Liderbach family. (Please note that the "Midnight Mass" is now at 10:00 p.m. instead of 11:00 p.m.) Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. There will be no children's Mass this year. If we have too many for social distancing in church, we will have an overflow live stream in O'Connor Hall, with distribution of the Eucharist. If we have too many for social distancing in both church and O'Connor Hall, we will ask folks to come back for a later Mass or live stream at home. All of this presumes that the state and archdiocese guidelines remain as they are now.

## 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.

## 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.***

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**Offertory Collection Week of 12/13/20:** \$ 20,277.00  
**WeShare Online Giving 12/13/20:** \$ 5,518.00  
**Total:** \$ 25,795.00

**Immaculate Conception:** \$ 543.00  
**Retirement Fund for Religious:** \$ 2,465.00

**Thank you for your support of our Parish.  
 May the Lord continue to bless you  
 in your generosity!**

**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).

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 26 & 27**

	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains' names are listed first.)</b>
<b>4:30 p.m. Saturday</b>	Pat Cusick	Matt Shields, Amy Stevens, Jen Vatter
<b>7:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Jim Carroll	Amy Luken, John Burns, Teagan Charles, Bobbi Honnert
<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Jennie Jacobs	Collin Kandra, Evan Kandra, Jerry Krumpelbeck, Jerry Luebbering
<b>11:30 a.m. Sunday</b>	Jenny Berndsen	Otto Walter, Lisa Autenrieb, Meg Morris, Dave Tensing
<b>7:00 p.m. Sunday</b>	Mike Fitzpatrick	Jim Gerdes, Christelle Middendorf, Joe Middendorf





Merry Christmas

---- Fr. Jim, Fr. Chris, Deacon Mark, Bill Cavanaugh  
and the St. Dominic Parish and School Staff

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