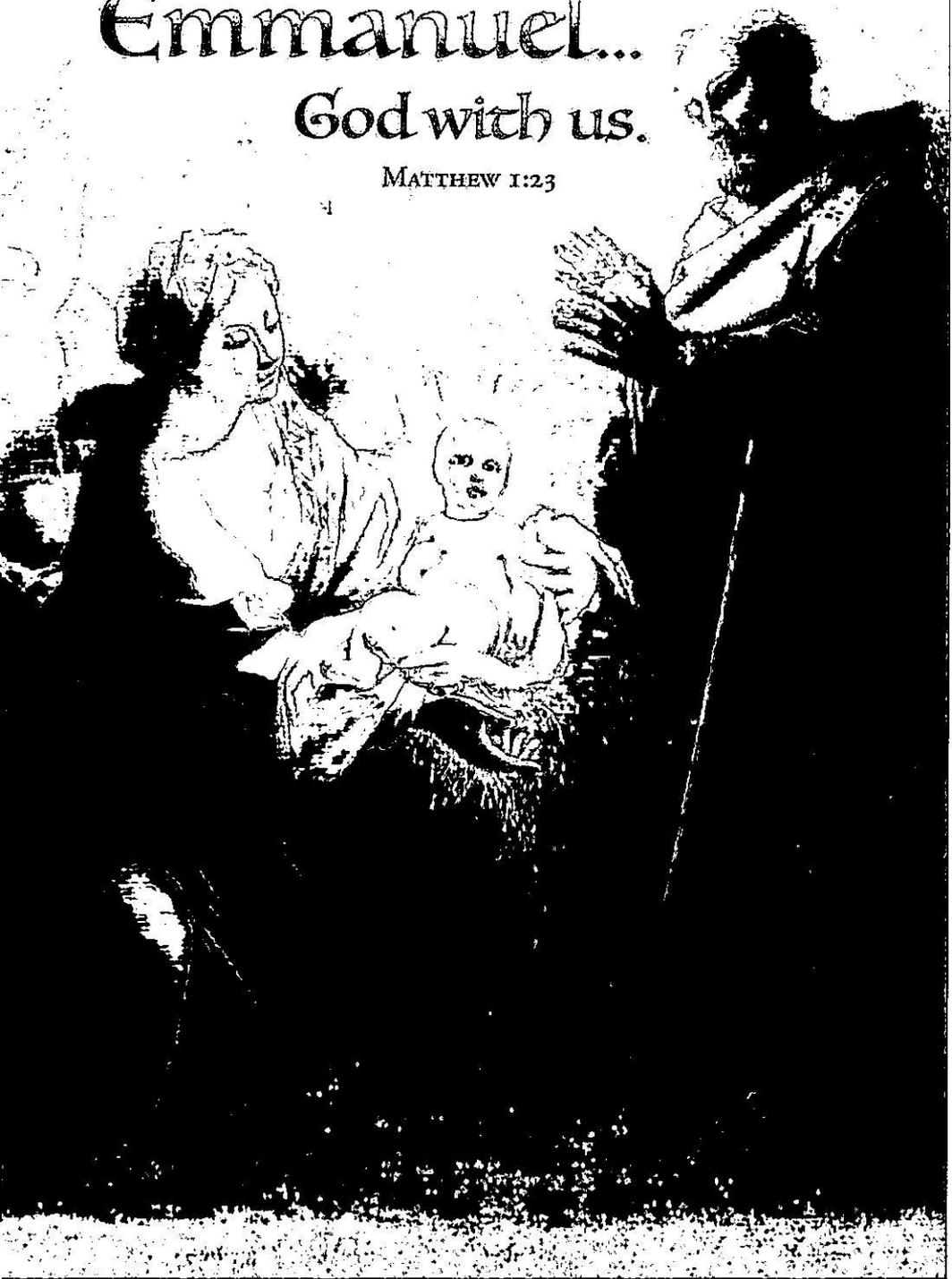


They shall call his name

Emmanuel...

God with us.

MATTHEW 1:23



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30PM † Connie Lyssy *by Rose Z Moravits*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM † Laurie Kotara *by Bill & Debra Nichol*

9:00AM † T.D. Pawelek *by Patricia Kainer*

4:00PM-5:00PM *Confessions*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30PM † Louis Swierc *by Russell & Carol Swize & Kacey*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:30PM † Alice A Jarzombek *by Friends & Family*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:30AM † Darlene Moy *by Gary Moy*

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – Vigil

6:00PM † Rachel Dziuk *by Fabian & Helen Jo Pawelek*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Holy Day**

7:30AM † Michael Pruski *by Karl & Janice Kotara*

9:00AM Parish Family *by Fr. Andrzej*

FRIDAY DECEMBER 26 **Saint Stephen, the First Martyr**

7:00AM † Alois Olenick *by Greg & Mary Wiatrek*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:30PM † Gladys Pruski *by Bill & Netta Kalala*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

7:30AM † Ben C. & Betty Pawelek *by James & Sophie Dziuk*

9:00AM † Patsy Bordovsky *by Danny Witte*

Serving The Lord ~ Dec. 24th & 25th & 27th & 28th

<u>Holy Communion:</u>		<u>Lectors:</u>	
Christmas Vigil 6:00PM	Margo Dziuk	Vigil	6:00PM Choir
Christmas	7:30AM Carl Hosek	Christmas	7:30AM Kathy Zunker
	9:00AM Dickie Dziuk		9:00AM Jeannette Wiggins
Saturday	5:30PM Mary Wiatrek	Saturday	5:30PM Mary Wiatrek
Sunday	7:30AM Karissa Jarzombek	Christmas	7:30AM Karissa Jarzombek
	9:00AM David Etzler		9:00AM Patrick Pollok
<u>Altar Servers:</u> Christmas Vigil & Christmas masses - Volunteers			
	Saturday	Charles B & Alexander B	
	Sunday 7:30AM	Seth L, Kenna L, Alberto G	
	9:00AM	Isabel K, Alena K, Brynlee E, Blaire C	

Money Counters

Dec 21 Wilfred & Dianne Dziuk	Jan 04 Shirley Palitz, Lanell Pollok, Lillian Sekula
Dec 28 James & Sophie Dziuk	Jan 11 Pat & Karissa Jarzombek, Mary Stulting

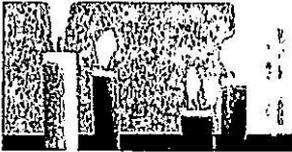
Sunday Church Support \$3,953. Men & Women Religious \$1,383

Thank you for your continued generosity!

There will be a 2nd Collection on Dec. 24th-25th for Assumption Seminary.

CCD – No Class Dec 24th & 31st Office is closed Dec 24th - 26th

Please pick up your Offertory Envelopes at the back of the church.



Throughout my life, I have had a litany of requests for God. I have asked for mundane and ultimately inconsequential favors and also for guidance in much more important matters. But I have often hesitated to ask for the deepest desires of my heart. Those requests

feel too big, too impossible, and possibly too selfish – as though asking these things would take away from God's ability to provide for others. But in thinking this way, I am putting limits on a limitless God. In today's first reading, the Lord speaks to Ahaz and tells him to ask for a sign – "let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!" When Ahaz refuses, God speaks through the prophet Isaiah to deliver the most impossible promise – that "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." God wants to give us everything we need to be close to him, so much so that he sent his Son to open the pathway to eternal life with him. God wants us to ask for him to do the impossible because he longs to give generously to us.

God brings about his plan of salvation in an extraordinary way: The virgin Mary conceives Jesus in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. Although God does all the spiritual heavy lifting here, notice that our Gospel tells us that he also desired and asked for Joseph's cooperation. "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home," the angel tells Joseph. The Gospel tells us that Joseph "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." In our work of evangelization, God does the heavy lifting: it's God who moves the hearts of others to seek him. But the amazing thing is that God still wants us to be part of the way his plan unfolds. We, too, cooperate with God's work of sharing the faith and bringing salvation to others by our actions and obedience.

The most meaningful gifts of Christmas aren't wrapped – Growing in Faith

We know that the most valuable gifts are often the ones we cannot wrap. Alongside whatever you give your loved ones this year, do not let Christmas pass without offering these gifts as well: **Your time:** Being present with the people we love is one of the simplest and strongest ways to show care. A short visit, an unhurried coffee, or an evening without phones can mean more than any item we put under a tree. When we give someone our attention, we affirm their worth. **Your forgiveness:**

Forgiveness does not excuse the hurt. It frees you from the weight of anger and resentment. It also gives the other person room to grow and seek healing. Letting go is often the first step toward real peace. In many ways, forgiveness is a gift you give yourself. **Your gratitude:** Giving thanks to God at Christmas is more than a warm sentiment. It is a heartfelt response to the depth of His love. Look at the Crucifix, the Nativity, or the Eucharist and consider the humility behind such a gift. Our gratitude matters to God (see Luke 17:17–18). So after attending Mass on Christmas Day, take a moment to say, "Thank you." It is a small act that carries real meaning.

~~Advent Confessions are this Sunday Dec. 21st from 4pm-5pm.~~

Polish Pasterka - This year Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Poth will host the Polish Shepherds' Mass on December 24th at 4pm preceded by Polish Christmas Carols at 3:30pm.

Christmas Mass Schedule ~ Holy Day of Obligation

	<u>Holy Trinity</u>	<u>St. Boniface</u>
Dec. 24 th	6:00pm	4:00pm
Dec. 25 th	7:30am 9:00am	10:30am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule ~ Holy Day

	<u>Holy Trinity</u>	<u>St. Boniface</u>
Dec. 31 st	5:30pm	4:00pm
Jan. 1 st	7:30am 9:00am	10:30am

Please drop off your donations of non-perishable foods, diapers and wipes this weekend.



LET'S DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 23rd after the 6:30pm mass.

We will change the altar cloths to white and gold and set out all the beautiful poinsettias. Everyone is invited to join us in making our church even more beautiful as we await the celebration of Jesus's birth. Bring your children and make it an annual tradition.

ALL YOUTH CHOIR participants will have a Christmas Eve Mass Dress Rehearsal followed by a Pizza Party on Tuesday, December 23rd from 10:00-12:30pm.



Please join us in the Choir Loft to sing for Christmas Day masses. We are only a few, and your help to make this mass special with song of praise is needed. Come sing joyfully for the Lord!



May the gift of joy & the blessing of peace be yours this Christmas and in the New Year!