

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

It was necessary that Emmanuel, “God-with-us”, comes to the world into a family and into a couple (male and female) in which love is king. Mary and Joseph were two people who love each other, not with a selfish love, but a love that is open to God. The beautiful love between Mary and Joseph came close to a dramatic end. Mary is found with a child by the Power of The Holy Spirit. Joseph, a just and honest man, decides to be separated from her. Normally, according to their tradition, he should have denounced her, and she could have been killed by stoning. Let's use all our imagination here to think about what both Mary and Joseph went through. It's just not HUMANLY acceptable (anger, accusation, suspicion, disappointment, etc...). Only God and God only could bring illumination to this situation. God did it, by sending an Angel to Joseph. During these upcoming days of Jesus's birth (“And The Word Became Flesh”), let's be united in spirit to Mary, The Virgin Mother, to Joseph, the adoptive father, and to The Holy Spirit without whom nothing is possible.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

**Dear Parishioners,
People of God in Dalton,
Lake Winola,
Nicholson and beyond,
The Parish staff and I wish you Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**May we pass to our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews our spiritual values.
May His birth bring us true life and love.
May our family live in peace, joy, happiness, health, prosperity, and harmony.
May our prayers be answered here & everywhere.
May every Parishioner and every family, rich, poor, old, young, sick, lonely receive God's mercy and love.
May we have an increase in our faith.
May everything work well for us this upcoming year and beyond.
May our loved ones be protected.
May God precede us here and everywhere that we intend to go and be there with us.
May good health and success be ours.
May He remove our hearts of stone and give us a heart of flesh.
And May His blessings be upon us.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Fr. Arbo**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We thank Kathy (OLA), Suzanne (SML), Marcine (SP), along with Nick, Laura & Ron, and all the parishioners that attended our Christmas party. We thank God for this event.

CHRISTMAS WISH FROM FR. CUMMINGS

Fr. Cummings wishes all Parishioners a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, he said the Mass he will celebrate at the Villa St. Joseph on the Feast of the Holy Family will be for us.

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Upcoming Events:

Dec 24 – Christmas program performance at SP, 3:30pm
Dec 28 – No Class
Jan 4 - Class

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Upcoming Events:

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass, 4pm
Dec 28 – No Class
Jan 4 – Class

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

There are still The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality books available for you to pick up to read when you are able. Our chapter during the fourth week of Advent is chapter 3. Of course, you can read straight as it's written, even in one day.

CALENDARS & OPLATKI

The 2026 calendars are available at each church. The Oplatki is available at all churches for a donation of \$3.00.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Alec and Shayna Bevan on the baptism of their daughter, Millie last Sunday at St. Mary of the Lake church. Please pray for Millie and her family.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

December 24 & 25

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Michele Zajac, Lucy Ziman
4pm (SML) Sean Pieretti, Ann Marie Gorko
4pm (SP) Sue Stutzman
8am (OLA) Lucy Ziman
9:30am (SML) Len Nash, Dan Williams Jr.
11 am (SP) Andrea Walsh, Lucy Ziman

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Steve Guza
4 pm (SML) Danny Williams
4 pm (SP) Maria Fay
8 am (OLA) Maria Fay
9:30am (SML) Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Becky Mozeleski
4 pm (SML) Bob Andrews, Mary Lou Franko
4 pm (SP) Liz Dempsey
8 am (OLA) Lucy Ziman
9:30 am (SML) Nick Migliori, Stephen Zdaniewicz
11 am (SP) Liz Dempsey

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Jace Biglin, Kevin Jones & Margaret Jones
4 pm (SP) Kali & Maci Harvatine
Shadow – Connor Mc Hugh & Nolan Matulevich
11 am (SP) Corrine Flynn
Shadow – Wyatt Phillips & Nolan Phillips

December 27 & 28

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:30am (SML) Andrea Walsh
11 am (SP) Pat Carpenter

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Kathy Tumavitch
9:00am (SML) Bob Andrews
11 am (SP) Nicole & Greg

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Kevin Jones, Margaret Jones
11am (SP) Kali Harvatine, Shadow – Emma Evans

HOLIDAY OFFICE INFORMATION

Dec 24 &25 – Church office is closed
Dec 31 & Jan 1 – Church office is closed

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Blessed Elizabeth of Reute, also known as Elizabeth the Good: she lived on the Eucharist for three years.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday (December 24) Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

4:00 pm (OLA) Walter & Stella Czyzyk
By Eleanor Gruss & Family
4:00 pm (SML) Teresa & Parker Wall
By Pat Wall

4:00 pm (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo families
By John & Pat Marrazzo

Thursday (December 25) The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am (OLA) Leo & Mary Kruczek
By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

9:30 am (SML) Bill Waters
By Bill Waters Estate
11:00 am (SP) Joan Peters
By Barbara Kelly

Saturday (December 27) The Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:00 pm (OLA) Mary Ann Ketchur
By The Wednesday Group

Sunday (December 28) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 am (SML) Brandon Gardner
By Social Concerns
11:00 am (SP) Nick & Julie Stefanelli
By Carol Stefanelli

The Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning this week for Jennifer Trauger Murley
By Nick & Nicole Brumbaugh

The Sanctuary Candle at SP

Burning this week for The Deceased Members of the Marrazzo & Riccardo Families

By John & Pat Marrazzo

The Sanctuary Candle at OLA

Burning for Joseph Motyka
By Janet Motyka

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 2,585.00 Loose \$ 102.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,545.00 Loose \$ 44.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,175.00 Loose \$ 77.00

May the Lord reward your generosity. .

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL AND HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

VIGIL

December 31, 2025 – at SP, 4pm
December 31, 2025 – at SML, 6pm

HOLY DAY

January 1, 2026 – at OLA, 8am

