

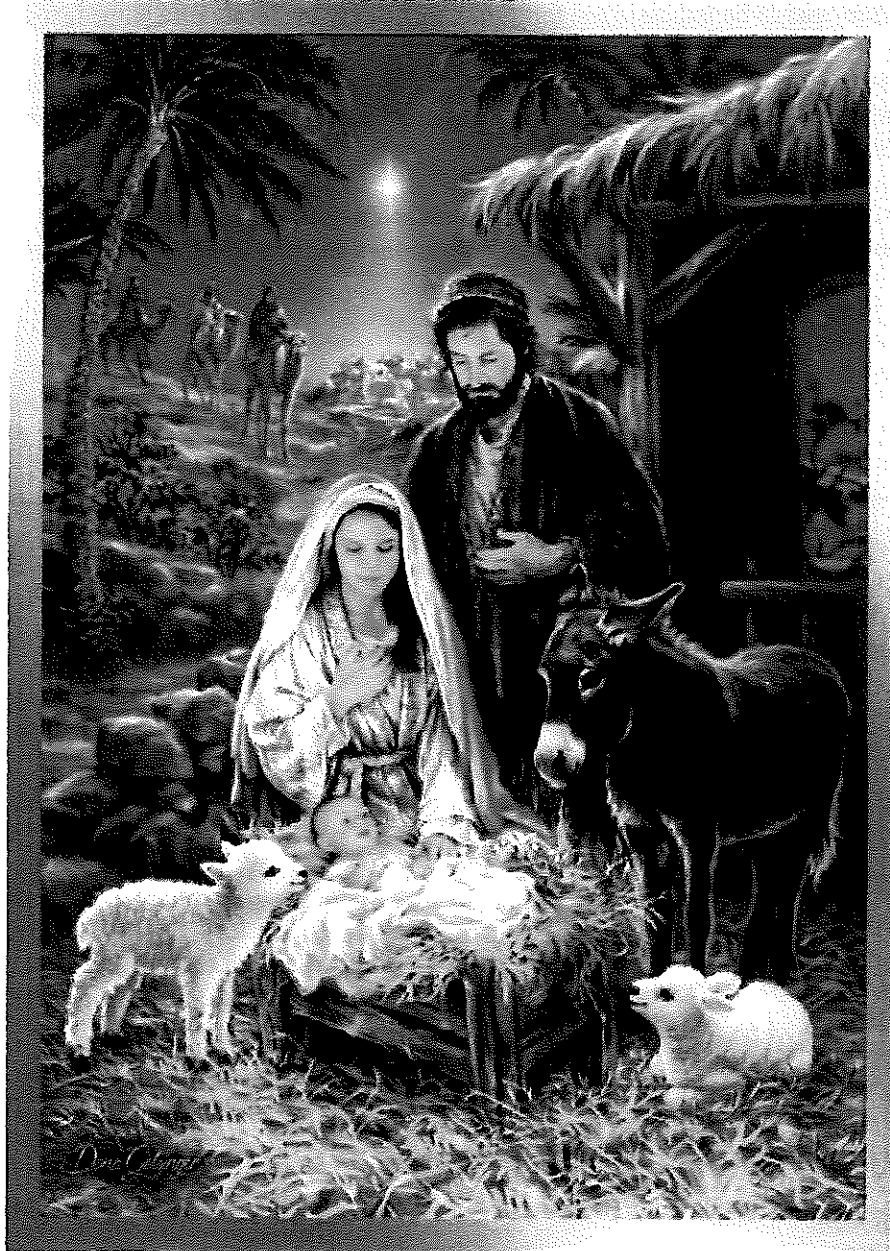
WELCOME TO  
**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

**MONROE & EAST CLINTON STREETS, NAPOLEON, OHIO 43545**

**PASTOR: Fr. J. Douglas Garand**

**DEACON: Jon Gottron**

**PARISH MANAGER: Laurie Brubaker • SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Ginny Minnick**



**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Friday \* 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Mondays and Weekends

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Dear Parishioners:

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph many of us continue to gather with our families. Pope Francis has reflected that "the family of Nazareth is holy because it was centered on Jesus." We are also called to be holy families centered on Jesus.

The feast of the Holy Family inspires us to have confidence that God himself takes an interest in the generation of human life, and blesses the loving union of man and woman. "The family is the original cell of social life... The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom" (CCC 2207).

The Venerable Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan wrote: "I cannot separate Mary and Joseph from Jesus... The one who sees Mary and Joseph sees Jesus... Mary, my mother, Joseph my father, give me your eyes to contemplate Jesus; give me your hearts and spirits to understand him, and to be impassioned for him... that I may endlessly proclaim: Jesus, my Lord and my all!"

A favorite of mine from a number of years ago, Pope Benedict XVI wrote on this feast that: "The family is the privileged setting where every person learns to give and receive love... The family is also a school that enables men and women to grow in the full measure of their humanity..."

Thank you to all for your thoughts, prayers, kind Christmas Cards, New Year's greetings and gifts! I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. May God continue to bless our families and strengthen us all to live following the example of the Holy Family!

Peace,

Fr. Doug

#### Ministries for the Liturgies

**Saturday, January 4, 2020 4:30 p.m.**

Lector: Mary Hoeffel  
Servers: Hannah Huddle, Owen Storch  
Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Larry Irving,  
Min. of Com.: Maureen Lammy, Jo Schwaiger,  
Shari Smith  
Ushers: Mel and Alice Kleman

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Rick Hoffman  
Servers: Nick Nahrwold, **Volunteer (1)**  
Extraordinary Gwen Howe-Gebers, Holly Sifuentes,  
Min of Com.: Mike and Morgan Weber, Judy Wiles  
Ushers: Ed Houck, Miya Weber

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 10:30 a.m.**

Lector: **Volunteer (1)**  
Servers: Libby and Ali Roth, Josie Smith  
Extraordinary Vicky Delventhal, Mary Hoops,  
Min. of Com.: Sandra Martinez, Brenda Piasecki,  
Cathy Smith, Lindsay and Nanci  
Westhoven  
Ushers: Joel Miller, Chad Roth

**Eucharistic Ministers: Week of December 29, 2019**

**Nursing Home: Volunteer**

**Homebound: Jane Recker**

**Children's Liturgy: January 5, 2020 - Ginny Minnick**

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, December 28, 2019**

4:30 p.m. - Jeanne Lytle

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

8:00 a.m. - Ropinski, White, Louis, Guerini Family

10:30 a.m. - For the Parish

**Monday, December 30, 2019**

8:45 a.m. - Communion Service

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019 (Vigil for Holy Day)**

6:30 p.m. - Wayne White

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020 (Holy Day)**

9:30 a.m. - Paul Westhoven

**Thursday, January 2, 2020**

8:45 a.m. Josephine Wiles

**Friday, January 3, 2020**

8:45 a.m. - Bud Burken

**Saturday, January 4, 2020**

4:30 p.m. - Ken Kryling

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

8:00 a.m. - George Gubernath

10:30 a.m. - For the Parish

**Tellers: January 6, 2020 - Andy Driskel, Rene Fisher,**

Lynn Thourot, Joanne Westhoven

**Save the Date**

**March**

14th - St. Patrick's Auction

**PLEASE NOTE: CONTINUE TO USE OUR 210 E. CLINTON STREET ADDRESS FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE MAILED TO THE PARISH OFFICE. WE WILL NOT BE RECEIVING MAIL AT THE VOCKE BUILDING AT 733 N. PERRY STREET.**

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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - Please place your pledge contribution in a separate white envelope marked Capital Campaign and do not use the Sunday offering envelope.** Envelopes are available in the back of church for your convenience.

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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN -** Your Capital Campaign payments can be set up electronically by going to our Parish website at [www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net). Once there, choose Online Giving on the left side menu. Click the black box "Click here to get started". If you do not already have an account, click on "Create a New Account". Should you have any questions about setting up your payments, please contact the Parish Office at 419-592-7656.

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**ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS -** Contact the church office about the date you will leave and the date you will return. We need to know if you want mail sent to a new address.

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**RETROUVAILLE -** this marriage program is dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. The next Retrouvaille weekend is January 24 - 26. For more information contact Joe and Arlene at 419-481-1116. or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

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**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** will take place each First Friday of the month after 8:45 a.m. Mass until 5:30 p.m. We will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church and would appreciate folks filling the day so that our Lord is not exposed on the altar without anyone present. If you are not able to come for your hour of adoration, please call Jane Recker at 419-508-0711. The day will end with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

**NOTICE FROM HENRY COUNTY BANK -** They are requesting that pink, purple, or red ink should not be used in writing out your checks. Those colors scan blank in their system and it could possibly result in the check getting returned and we would be charged fees.

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**SURVIVING DIVORCE -** The Catholic parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, Toledo 419-865-2345, St. Joseph, Sylvania 419-885-5791 and St. Richard, Swanton 419-826-2791 are pleased to announce a new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The 12-week series, Surviving Divorce, will begin January 6, 2020 and will continue every Monday through March. Each session features one of twelve video presentations that will cover relevant topics. This program is for newly separated and divorced as well as those still struggling with issues years later; it will help find answers to questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Watch the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks. For more information, contact one of the parishes listed above.

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**MISCARRIAGE MINISTRY -** the Zeli Ministry is a miscarriage ministry sponsored by the Toledo Diocese. If you are interested we will send you a free care package of helpful resources. For more info, go to [zelieministry@gmail.com](mailto:zelieministry@gmail.com) or call 419-769-4427.

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**DIocese OF TOLEDO PILGRIMAGE -** Join Bishop Thomas on a pilgrimage to our sister city of Toledo, Spain from October 11 - 23, 2020. We will tour Toledo, Avila, Madrid, and Segovia, before departing for Rome, Italy! While in Italy we will see Assisi, visit the Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto, enjoy an excursion to Castel Gandolfo and then spend 5 nights in Rome, with a papal audience, tour the Vatican and its museums and basilicas and sites of Rome. LAND ONLY price starting at \$3999, roundtrip airfare from Detroit will be added once available. This is an incredible opportunity to get to know our Bishop and to increase solidarity with our Sister Diocese of Toledo, Spain. Visit [CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Tours](http://CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Tours) or contact Maggie at 419-290-8782.

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**MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON D.C. -** to take place on Jan. 23 - 25, 2020. Join college students and young adults for this event. Buses will leave Thurs., Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. from St. Thomas More, Bowling Green. There will be a two-night stay at the Marriott, in downtown Washington. Departure will be at 2 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 25. Cost is \$139 for college students and \$219 for adults. Payment is due NOW. Email Peter Range for more info at [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org).

*Serve God with your time, talents and treasures*

# January 2020

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
|   |   |   | 9:30 AM Mass 1<br>Solemnity of Mary<br>the Mother of God<br>Holy Day of<br>Obligation<br><br>No School | 8:45 AM Mass 2<br><br><br>No School                | 8:45 AM Mass 3<br>1st Friday Adoration<br>5:30 PM Benediction<br><br>No School | 3:30 PM Confessions 4<br>4:30 PM Mass   |
| 5<br>8:00 AM Mass<br>9:00 AM PRP<br>10:30 AM Mass<br>12:00 PM - K of C<br>Free Throw in Gym   | 6<br>8:45 AM Communion<br>Service<br>5:30 PM Parents Club       | 7<br>8:45 AM Mass<br>6:30 PM RCIA   | 8<br>6:00 PM Mass<br>6:45 PM Choir   | 9<br>8:45 AM Mass<br>7:00 PM 1st<br>Reconciliation | 10<br>8:45 AM School Mass  | 11<br>3:30 PM Confessions<br>4:30 PM Mass   |
| 12<br>8:00 AM Mass<br>9:00 AM PRP<br>10:30 AM Mass<br>K of C Breakfast after<br>both Masses<br>1:00 PM Spanish Mass<br>5:30 PM Lifeteen             | 13<br>8:45 AM Communion<br>Service<br>7:00 PM STVdP             | 14<br>8:45 AM Mass<br>6:30 PM RCIA<br>6:30 PM School<br>Advisory Council                      | 15<br>6:00 PM Mass<br>6:30 PM K of C &<br>Auxiliary Mtg.   | 16<br>8:45 AM Mass<br>7:00 PM Pastoral<br>Council  | 17<br>8:45 AM School Mass<br>6:30 PM Family<br>Bowling                         | 18<br>3:30 PM Confessions<br>4:30 PM Mass<br>STVdP Collection                                   |
| 19<br>8:00 AM Mass<br>9:00 AM PRP<br>10:30 AM Mass<br>Baptism Class/w<br>Brunch following<br>10:30 Mass<br>STVdP Collection<br>Lifeteen-Maumee Life | 20<br>8:45 AM Communion<br>Service<br><br>No School             | 21<br>8:30 AM Mass<br>6:30 PM RCIA  | 22<br>6:00 PM Mass<br><br>March for Life -<br>Defiance   | 23<br>8:45 AM Mass                                 | 24<br>8:45 AM School Mass<br><br>March for Life - DC                           | 25<br>3:30 PM Confessions<br>4:30 PM Mass   |
| 26<br>8:00 AM Mass<br>9:00 AM PRP<br>10:30 AM Mass<br><br>Catholic Schools Week   | 27<br>8:45 AM Communion<br>Service<br><br>Catholic Schools Week | 28<br>8:45 AM Mass<br>6:30 PM RCIA<br>6:30 PM Finance<br>Council<br><br>Catholic Schools Week | 29<br>6:00 PM Mass<br><br>Catholic Schools Week  | 30<br>8:45 AM Mass<br><br>Catholic Schools Week    | 31<br>8:45 AM School Mass<br><br>Catholic Schools Week                         | FEB 1<br>3:30 PM Confessions<br>4:30 PM Mass<br>K of C Baked Steak<br>Dinner after 4:30<br>Mass |

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

January 2020

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
Rev. J. Douglas Garand, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Thomas Aquinas

Against his family's wishes, St. Thomas

Aquinas joined the newly founded

Dominican Order of Preachers. A brilliant, humble scholar, he taught theology at universities in Paris, Cologne, and Rome, and advised popes, kings, and students. His greatest achievement was his *Summa Theologica*, a thorough, logical, concise treatise on the faith. Exhausted by constant work and travel, St. Thomas collapsed en route to a Church council and died at Fossanova. He is the patron of students and schools.



### Well-placed faith

Our world is filled with pain, sorrow, and suffering. Putting our faith in worldly powers guarantees disappointment. Putting faith in God guarantees that we will never be disappointed.

*"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).*



## Shed bad habits in the New Year

Bad habits are sinful inclinations acquired through repetition. Unless we overcome them, they come between us and God and can destroy our peace. Working to overcome our bad habits puts us on the path to true holiness.

### Identify the root.

It sounds simple, but recognizing what causes us to sin repeatedly is the first step to overcoming the behavior. That doesn't mean it's easy to do. It can be uncomfortable to look at our failings, but change won't come without courage. Ask for help if you need it.

**Replace a bad habit with a good one.** Once we understand what is behind our bad habits, we can replace

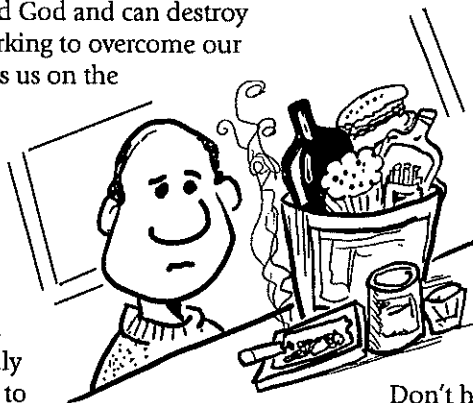
them with new and healthy ways to deal with the underlying issue. If we overeat or drink too much when

stressed, for example, we can adopt exercise or meditation to cope instead.

**Eliminate triggers.** Make it easier to cure bad habits by avoiding the conditions that nurture them. Do you want to avoid eating junk food?

Don't have it around you at home or at work. Want to change a gossip habit? Avoid the people with whom you gossip. Change your environment to change your behavior.

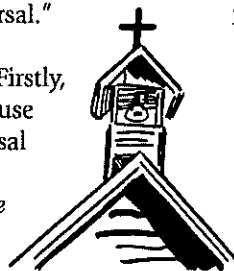
**Find good influences.** It may not be necessary to lose your old friends, but consider finding new ones who already live the way you want to live.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why are Catholics called "catholic"?

"Catholic" means "universal." In the Greek, it also means "wholeness" or "fullness." Firstly, the Church is catholic because her members have a universal mission. Jesus commanded his Apostles to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them" (Matthew



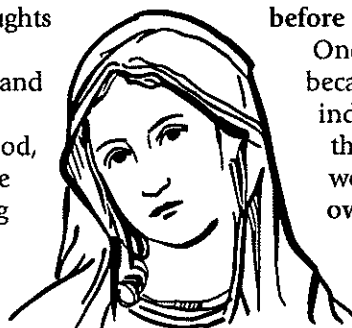
28:19). Secondly, the Church is catholic because, being founded by Christ and united to him, her members have the "correct and complete confession of faith, full sacramental life, and ordained ministry in apostolic succession" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) #830*).

## The keys to Mary's success

Jesus loved his mother dearly, and his last thoughts on Earth were of her. We know she is Queen of Heaven, but what did she do to receive His love and great reward?

When Mary agreed to become the mother of God, she could have expected an easy life but Scripture tells us that all Mary expected was the joy of doing God's will. **She put God's will before her own.**

Mary didn't have to go with Joseph to Bethlehem for the census. She chose to go with Joseph as his wife. **She put Joseph's needs**



before her own.

Once there, the couple lodged with animals because there was no room at the inn. Instead of indulging in self-pity, Mary graciously received the shepherds and the Magi, who came to worship her baby. **She put their joy before her own discomfort.**

Throughout her life, Mary said "yes" to God, put his will first, and thought of others before herself. If we follow her example, we'll receive our reward in Heaven, too.

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 4:12-23, The common call

This Gospel passage recounts the call of the first disciples. They may not have known Jesus personally at first, but they knew about him through John the Baptist (John 1:35-42). When invited to know Jesus better and follow him closely, the men dropped what they were doing "at once" and left everything behind.

Under Christ's leadership, the disciples went on to do amazing things. They worked miracles, brought the Gospel to distant lands, converted countless souls for heaven, and suffered hardships, even martyrdom. The secret of their success was their relationship with Christ as



their God, Savior, Teacher, and Friend who promised to be with them always (Matthew 28:20).

All of us are called to be saints - intimate friends of God. Jesus invites each of us to know him personally and follow him closely. While few of us are called to leave everything,

we can still offer everything we have to God's service. We can still imitate the first disciples who dropped everything "at once" to accept God's invitation. Knowing Jesus personally and closely makes for a great adventure.

### Q & A Why are we required to respect Jesus' name?

As the Son of God, Jesus' name is "above every name" (Philippians 2:9) and commands respect.

It is the name God gave himself when he became man (Luke 1:31). In Jesus' day, there was no internet, no media, no network to use to find out if someone was reputable or reliable.

All people had was their good name and the way others used it with respect. He knew he would need a recognizable name.

Jesus' name tells us of his mission. The angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to name the child "Jesus," "for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). And he did.

There is great power in Jesus' name. Jesus promised his disciples that whatever they asked in his name, he would do (John 14:14). In his name, the Apostles cast out demons (Luke 10:17), cured the sick and even raised the dead (Acts 3:16; 4:10). "There is no other name under heaven...by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

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### Feasts & Celebrations

**Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.** On this holy day of obligation, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary and attend Mass.

**Jan. 6 - St. André Bessette (1937).** Born near Montreal, Canada, André joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross at twenty-five and was the doorkeeper for their school. During an epidemic, everyone in his care was miraculously healed. He helped build a beautiful chapel to St. Joseph.

**Jan. 12 - The Baptism of the Lord**

(1st century). Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was free of sin, but he allowed himself to be baptized in order to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). By his baptism, Jesus declared his willingness to fulfill God's saving plan.

**Jan. 20 - St. Fabian (250).** During his long reign as pope, Fabian organized Rome into seven districts, countered a heresy in Africa, and founded churches in France. He was martyred during the Decian persecutions.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Dec. 29** No PRP
- Tues., Dec. 31** No RCIA
- Wed., Jan. 1** **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- Fri., Jan. 3** 1st Friday Adoration 9:15 a.m.  
Benediction 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 4** Confessions 3:30 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 5** PRP 9:00 a.m.  
K of C Free Throw 12:00 p.m. (Gym)

**The office hours next week will be as follows: Monday, 9:00 - 4:00; Tuesday, 9:00 - 12:00; Wednesday - Friday, Closed. Merry Christmas from the Parish Office Staff!!**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
PARISH OFFERTORY**

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday Collection              | \$ 6,612.41   |
| On-Line Giving                 | \$ 2,223.83   |
| Dropped Off/Mailed In          | \$ 834.00     |
| Christmas                      | \$ 1,145.00   |
| School                         | \$ 210.00     |
| Sunday collection year-to-date | \$ 212,051.61 |

To use the convenient online giving option, please visit:  
[www.staugie.net](http://www.staugie.net) and select online giving from the side menu.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

- Martin Hoeffel (93) - 12/30/96
- Larry "Moe" Brubaker (75) - 12/30/13
- Laura Margaret Davis (94) - 12/31/99
- Augusta Maria Keller (99) - 12/31/02
- Florence Junk (85) - 1/1/97
- Mary M. (Riebesel) Elling (75) - 1/1/02
- M. Wilma Sohn (90) - 1/1/03
- Patricia Joseph (80) - 1/2/18
- Richard F. Junk (91) - 1/4/97

Remember those who have gone before us, please pray for them. Due to space we are listing only the past 25 years. If you would like a parishioner listed who passed away longer than 25 years ago, please contact the office.

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**Ministries for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Tuesday, December 31, 2019 6:30 p.m.**

- Lector: Rita Small
- Servers: Luke Hardy, Isaiah Irving
- Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Jim Wulf,
- Min. of Com.: **Volunteers (3)**
- Ushers: Jacob Gebers, John Howe

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020 9:30 a.m.**

- Lector: Gene Grime
- Servers: Gwen Borck, Jillian Richard
- Extraordinary Deacon Jon Gottron, Ann Grime, Cheri
- Min. of Com.: Schuette, Karen Westhoven, **Volunteer (1)**
- Ushers: Dick Denny, John Eckenrode

**FROM THE SCHOOL**

Our students are learning about Artificial Intelligence (AI) in their Technology classes. AI can be used to address world problems and bias, all while exploring ethical issues. They are discussing how the role of technology is used to create positive social change. Currently, the first and second graders are coding a sloth and unicorn during 10 lessons of instruction. The older grades are coding Minecraft levels. Every student who completes all 10 levels receives a certificate.

The Christmas season is one of my favorite times of year. I was so excited to spend time with the Preschool and Kindergarten classes reading "The Countdown to Christmas". It was wonderful to talk about the real meaning of Christmas and to celebrate baby Jesus with them as well.

May the closeness of family and friends renew your spirits and strength to carry you through the New Year!

Blessings to your family,  
Ginny Minnick, Principal

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 12/30 - Dennis Michaelis, Emelia Nagel, Savannah Sizemore
- 12/31 - Libby Hill, Karen Lauf, Nicol Mendizabal
- 1/1 - Jevin Armbruster, Michael Hesselschwardt, Jodi Irving, John Kearney, Marsha Yarnell
- 1/2 - Maria Mireles, Austin Monnin, Daphne Torres
- 1/3 - Rick Fellers, Philip Holman, Alice Moriarty, Laila Westhoven
- 1/4 - Kennedy Bruback, Lucas Koch, Zane Mengerink-Lather, Carol Slee, Beth Vocke
- 1/5 - Janet Creager, Shannon Finn, Luz Mendizabal, Ruben Mendizabal

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**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE** - We will soon begin working on the next ministry schedule that will run from February through May. We will be scheduling for Masses on February 26 for Ash Wednesday, and April 9 through April 12 for Holy Week and Easter. Just a reminder to log onto the Ministry Scheduler Pro website to update your profile with any dates that you do not want to volunteer. This needs to be done by December 31.

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**WELCOME** to Elaine McCabe, who recently joined our parish.