



Christmas 2018

VENITE ADORÉMUS - DÓMINUM -

*“For a child is born to us,
a Son is given us;
upon His shoulder
dominion rests.
They name Him
Wonder-Counselor,
God-Hero, Father-Forever,
Prince of Peace.”*

**St. Anthony
Catholic Church**
Temperance, Michigan

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Saturday (English) 5:00pm
 Sunday (English) 8:00am & 10:00am;
 (Latin) 12:00Noon
 Holy Days Check bulletin & Website

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
 Thursday 6:00-6:30pm

Devotions

First Friday 7:00pm Mass
 First Saturday (Latin Rite) 9:00am Mass
 O. L. of Perpetual Help - Wednesday @ 6:15pm

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† Our Sacramental Policy †

Six-month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Baptisms: Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requires that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic, and the Godparents must be active, practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If two Godparents: must be 1 male & 1 female; if one Godparent: may be male or female.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Please call the rectory office. Officiate at the ceremony must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Funerals: Officiate must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Please note: The services of the Parish Organist are used for all sacramental liturgies.

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 For more details regarding our Sacramental policies and procedures, please refer to the Sacrament link on our Parish web-site.

*Christmas Blessings to All!*

Many people come to St. Anthony Catholic Church to worship during the Christmas Season. What a blessing to celebrate this holy day with the familiar faces of those who join us throughout the year:  
 We thank God for You!

Maybe this is your first time visiting St. Anthony Church: to you we offer a friendly, **“Hello and Welcome.”** We hope you come again to join in our worship, and if you're interested in joining our Parish community, we'd be happy to make you part of our family.

Maybe you've been away for a while and have chosen this time to return to our midst: To you we offer a heartfelt,  
**“Welcome Home!”**

**The Stations of Christmas**

For centuries, Catholics have made the Stations of the Cross a regular part of their Lenten devotions, retracing Jesus' passion which ultimately leads to new life for all. In the same way, recalling the events surrounding the nativity of Our Lord can be a source of joy and peace for each of us.

*Before each station: We adore You, O Jesus, and we bless You. By Your holy birth You have given light to the world.*

**1. The Annunciation**

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Mary, Mother of God, your “Yes” is an example for us all. Help me say yes when God asks me to cooperate in the work of His kingdom. Amen.

***Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.***

**2. The Journey to Bethlehem**

Reading: Luke 2:1-5

O Jesus, help us to trust in God's care, when we face “journeys” across uncertain terrain, just as Mary and Joseph trusted You during their travel to Bethlehem 2000 years ago. Amen.

***Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.***

**3. No Room in the Inn**

Reading: Luke 2:6-7

Dear Jesus, Your Blessed Mother traveled far from home and could find nowhere to stay except a humble cave that served as a stable. Help us to accept God's will, even when it leads us to unexpected places. Amen.

***Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.***

**4. Jesus is born**

Reading: Luke 8-20

Jesus, You give life to all who will be filled with the Bread of Life. Let me be ever conscious of the great gift of Your presence in the Eucharist. Amen.

***Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.***

**5. The Shepherds Visit Jesus**

Reading: Luke 8-20

Jesus, open my mind and heart, that I may receive You, and share the wonderful truth: You are indeed with us and with all who would receive You. Amen.

***Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.***

**6. The Wise Men Find Jesus**

Reading: Matthew 2:1-2

You came, O Jesus, not just for me or those I love, but for all who will be gathered together into your heart of love. May we always respond with joy and gratitude to your presence. Amen.

***Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.***

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*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.”*

*John 3:16*



*...Let us Pray for...*

*All the Recipients of the Prayer Blankets and Prayer Squares*

Maria Baer  
Sherry Bailey  
Jennifer Bellamy  
John Bordine  
Fred Borowski  
Nancy Brancheau  
Toni Breininger  
Jan Brissette  
Jack Burns  
James Callahan  
Michael Callahan  
Bob Carey  
Karen Cornwell  
Dcn. George Cousino  
Prudy Cousino  
Elaine Esper  
Jeanne Fenton  
Scott Ferguson  
Ed Fish  
Jordon Frye  
Jim Fuelling  
Joe Gouin, Jr.  
Ken Grycza  
Olivia Haley

Eric Hall  
Janet Harrell  
Gloria Hartman  
Fr. John Hedges  
Barbara Hite  
Nicholas Hochrein  
JoAnn Huntwork  
Bill Hurley  
Heather Hyden  
Rosemary Jacobs  
Gloria Knaggs  
Wayne Langscheid  
Audrey Lawrence  
Jim Lemble  
Judy & Gary Lowen  
Sister Bernard Lynch  
Dick MacAdams  
John Maenle  
Sandy Maenle  
Edward Malik  
Barbara Mata  
Hudson Joseph Mata  
Cameron Minney  
Diane Miscannon  
Robert Moeltner  
Eugene Molnar  
Steve Murzynski  
Sue Meyers

Josh Nolan  
Julia Nusbaum  
Tim O'Brien  
Tyler & Jen Oehlers  
Austin Oehlers  
Jenny Pam  
Bob Quinell  
Rakebrand Family  
Harriet Rochowiak  
Carol Romero  
Rick Schneider  
Jean Schroeder  
Margaret Scott  
Robert Shute  
Alexander, Andrew & Tanner Skeldon  
Linda Slaton  
Randy Stowell  
Tom Townsend  
Carole VanBrandt  
Virginia VanKirk  
Aaron Vyse  
David Wahr  
Devin Watkins  
Rebecca Williams  
Casie Yeager  
Judy Zimmerman



*What will you give to Christ this Christmas?*

*Come and pray with Him*

In the Most Blessed Sacrament.

He is constantly offering Himself to the Father in a spirit of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and petition.



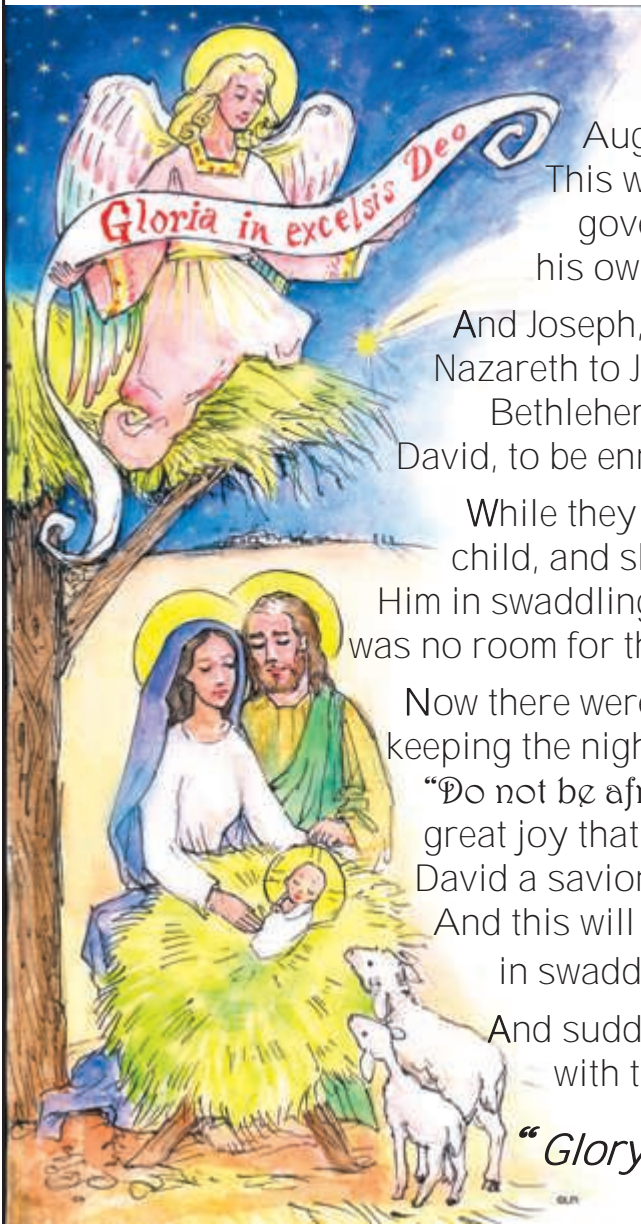
*Come and pray to Him*

He Himself is God and deserves the worship of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and petition.

*Come and pray as you like*

- ♦ Recite your favorite prayers.
- ♦ Contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, adoration, thanksgiving, reparation,
- ♦ Petition: obedience, humility, resignation...or whatever virtue appeals to you as you pray before the Blessed Sacrament.
- ♦ Meditative reading
- ♦ Offer your time before the Eucharistic Lord for a special intention. Cards are available in the Chapel that may be filled out & sent to those we pray for.

# The Christmas Story



## According to St. Luke

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph, too, went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her first born son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
Peace to those on whom His favor rests."*

## PEACE ON EARTH



In the Beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became Flesh and made his dwelling among us.

## Christmas Blessings



From Father Slaton  
and the Staff of  
St. Anthony Catholic Church

Linda  
Michelle  
Mark



Eric  
Ginny

The time is upon us, as it comes each year. After all the preparations, the decorations, the lights, the **culinary labors, and some considerable stress, the day of our Savior's birth has come.** For many of us this is a season of joy, for others the holiday festivities bring a note of sadness. The memories can often be filled with the warmth of family gatherings and practices of faith, likewise they can also be filled with memories of loss and conflict. As I write these words I am mindful of the reality that as you read this, the day is here. I would encourage you to take hold of the season. I would write of the coming of the light and the fulfillment of the promise of the Prince of Peace. I would urge you to reach out to those with whom we have found tension—those that we find it difficult to love. I would attempt to foster peace and signs of affections among you, especially to those that may be isolated and alone this holy day. Yet, as you read this, the thought may seem to have arrived too late. Is it not the very day of Christmas as you read this (or perhaps the very eve)? Has the time not passed us? Is this not too little and too late?

Today we celebrate the arrival of the light. We rejoice in the light that shines upon every nation and every people. This is the light that has penetrated the realm of darkness and has brought the offer of eternal salvation to all nations and revealed the path of peace to the world. This is the light that has shattered the chains of death and sin that we poor sinners might be able to live in the freedom of God. The babe has been born for us. The Virgin has brought forth the hope of the nations. Justice and mercy have embraced. The promised Christ has come to us and we rejoice in His light. Today we celebrate, but have we missed the opportunity to spread this light within our own lives?

We may be tempted to lament this passing of opportunity. However, as we reflect upon what we might have done, how we might have answered the call of the season, we would do well to remember that Christmas is not simply a day we find on the calendar. Christmas, despite the retail **interpretation, is a not only a day...but a season. Christmas is a season of mercy and light.** Even the liturgical calendar of the Church reflects this notion. For eight days the Church celebrates the **"octave" of Christmas, treating each day as if it were the 25<sup>th</sup>** of December. Furthermore, the season is still celebrated through the coming days until the holy day of Epiphany—Jan.6th. Yes, the stress of the holiday passes with the day of December 25<sup>th</sup>, but Christmas is far from over. Perhaps we could dedicate some additional time in the days ahead to continuing our celebration. Perhaps we could continue in a manner that has less to do with flashing lights and shiny gift paper and more to do with prayer and works of mercy. Perhaps we could truly give a gift to our Lord by reaching out to others in an extension of peace and charity. We might reserve some additional holiday time to be spent with our families building the relationships that may have suffered some neglect due to the hectic schedules of our lives. However we choose to spend these days, let us recall the gift that we have received and rejoice in the graces that are offered to us in the arrival of the Light of the world.

A blessed Christmas to you and your families.  
God love you,

Fr. Slaton

