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All Souls Catholic Parish

The Communities of St. Ann, St. James, & St. John

Worship Sites

St. Ann Church
3010 Ridge Road, Lansing

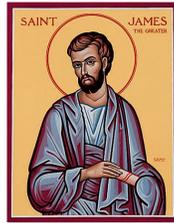
St. James the Greater Church
22400 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village

St. Ann Office

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Schedule

Tuesday-Friday Morning Masses

7:30 a.m. St. Ann † 8:30 a.m. St. James
*Followed by Rosary on Wednesdays at St. Ann
and Fridays at St. James*

Saturday Masses

4:00 p.m. Sts. Ann and James

Sunday Masses

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. St. Ann

10:00 a.m. St. James

Confessions

3:00 p.m. Saturday Sts. Ann & James

Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor



The Visitation
Albrecht Dürer
(German, 1471-1528), c. 1504
Cleveland Museum of Art

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” *Luke 1:41-42*

Fourth
Sunday of **Advent**

December 19, 2021

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 20

Tuesday, December 21 (St. Peter Canisius)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Maggie Kirincic (Carol & Machiraju)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 22

7:30 p.m. Mass

† Helen Merkelis (Kot Family)

† Bernice K. (Carol & Machiraju)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Thursday, December 23

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Dennis Kirincic (Carol & Machiraju)

† William Pangburn (Longtime Friend)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann

† People of the Parish

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. James

† Rose Mateyka

Midnight Mass at St. Ann

† People of the Parish

Saturday, December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas)

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. James

† Jim Sailer

10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ann

† People of the Parish

Sunday, December 26 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† Sylvia Gobberg (Knoerzer Family)

† Joan Kaim (Holy Family Ladies Aux.)

† Stan Wohadlo (Family)

† Refugees at Our Southern Border
(Georgene Walters)

† William Pangburn (Longtime Friend)

10:00 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Mass

† Fred Leonard (Rita Leonard)

The 2022 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Please call the office FMI or to schedule Mass intentions.

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- for baptism (2nd & 4th Sundays), marriage, anointing of the sick, quinceañeras, and RCIA/RCIY
- for Ministry of Care to the homebound or hospitalized
- to request prayers for the sick

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This Week's Activities

Monday, December 20

Adoration	9:00am - 7:00pm	St. James Chapel
Religious Education	4:00 - 5:30pm	St. Ann School Bldg.

Tuesday, December 21

Daily Mass	7:30am	St. Ann Chapel
Daily Mass	8:30am	St. James
Food Pantry	10:00am - Noon	St. James

Wednesday, December 22

Daily Mass Followed by Rosary	7:30am	St. Ann Chapel
Daily Mass	8:30am	St. James
Adoration	9:00am - 9:00pm	St. James Chapel
A.A. Meeting	8:00pm	St. Ann Parish Hall

Thursday, December 23

OFFICE CLOSED		
Daily Mass	7:30am	St. Ann Chapel
Daily Mass	8:30am	St. James

Friday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

OFFICE CLOSED		
Rosary	7:30am	
Mass	9:00am	St. James
Mass	4:00pm	St. James
Shepherds & Angels Mass	4:00pm	St. Ann
Preludes	11:30pm	St. Ann
Midnight Mass	Midnight	St. Ann

Saturday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Mass	8:30am	St. James
Christmas Mass (indoor or outdoor options)	10:30am	St. Ann

Sunday, December 26

Masses	8:30 & 10:30am	St. Ann .
Mass	10:00am	St. James

For updates, please visit the St. Ann website & click on the Calendar tab.

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(We are in the process of changing it to reflect our new parish name.)



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Despite the Scrooges among us preachers who annually decry the commercialization, the crassness, and the blatant sentimentality of so much of the Christmas preparations, it is still a magical time of the year. The daily popping out of multi-colored lights at doorways and windows, the Christmas tree lots that seem to spring up overnight, the magnificent window displays, the wreaths, the tinsel, the reds and greens and sound of bells—it all evokes a tone of excitement and anticipation.

It is as if the entire world is preparing for a visit from an emissary from another world. There is a tendency for preachers to stress the absence of Christ in Christmas, and to deplore its commercialization. There is little to be gained by this. It is far better to stress the presence of Christ in Christmas and help people to find Him in it. Christmas can be a great help to our faith. Somehow, we find it easier to trust God at Christmas than at any other time, because we feel that God is very close to us and very loving towards us at this time.

The essence of the Good News is that God made himself present to us in the life as One who walked on this earth, indeed so truly present that this One, Jesus, was God's Son. At the first Christmas, there were those who believed and those who did not believe. The Gospel stresses the blessedness of those who believed the Good News.

Christmas makes it possible for us to enter an intimate relationship with God. And Christmas also calls us to open our hearts to one another. And in opening our hearts to one another, we are opening ourselves to receive the 'great joy' announced to the shepherds by the angel. Our celebration of Christmas has many layers. In an article in *The Tablet* (December 1998), Anthony Philpot identifies some of these layers.

The top layer is the consumerism of Christmas from which there is no escape these days — persistent Christmas carols, reindeer and Santa Claus, and the aggressive merchandising of all kinds of goods. It encourages covetousness among children and creates anxiety about overspending and fatigue among adults. It is a Christmas with a hollow core.

Next comes the Charles Dickens layer — cards depicting snowy scenes, roaring fires, turkey, ham, plum pudding, mince pies . . . It is Christmas of the family get-together, of goodwill to all men, of philanthropy, and expansiveness. These values have a lot to be said for them. Most people have a shot at this version of Christmas. But in the absence of faith, what does it amount to? A little uplift, a few pious phrases. A few gifts given and received. And then everything goes on as before.

The third level is that of the crib, which depicts for us what Christmas is about. This is the layer of the school Nativity

play, which re-enacts the Christmas story, and for all its simplicity can be deeply moving.

The fourth and deepest layer is the spiritual one. It is the story of how in Israel 2000 years ago a baby was born. In the person of this baby, God's Son took our nature upon Himself and entered our world in weakness and in love. He came to remind us that we are God's children and have an eternal destiny.

There is a tendency as mentioned above to dismiss, or even condemn, the first three layers, and to see the spiritual layer as the only true one. This is based on the supposition that the spiritual and the material are opposed to one another. But this is not so. Christianity includes matter and spirit. There can be no such thing as Spiritual Christmas. What we must do is find a connection between the secular marketplace and the spiritual content of the feast. Much of the buying and selling that occurs at Christmas fosters gift giving (like our Christmas Giving Tree in its different forms at our founding parishes, St. James or St. Ann and St. John), good works, joy, and the affirmation of family ties—resulting in giving and receiving.

This approach helps us to see the close kinship between the spiritual and the material, between heavenly and earthly things. We must learn how we can integrate the two. The core religious problem is how to reconcile spirituality and materiality, flesh and spirit, the inward and the outward, the surface and the substance. There will always be those who insist on clear division or separation of human and sacred and secular, the soul and the body. But we won't find that in Christmas. At Christmas these are so interwoven that they seem to be one and the same thing. All in all, Christmas is a great time for visiting people we may have neglected all year long. We bring Christ to each other.

In the Gospel today, we hear about these two women, Mary and Elizabeth, who meet and bring each other blessings before the birth of the savior our Lord Jesus. Let us reflect briefly for a moment on these women and the circumstances of their encounter.

Mary and Elizabeth did not live in a fantasy world of tinsel and glitter. Like us, they lived in a world that had its harsh realities. If our world has its terrorist groups—the ISIS and Osama bin Ladens of today, so too did their world—the Iscariots and the Zealots. If our world has its decadent dictators—50 dictators of the world today, so too did their world—Herod Antipas of Jerusalem. If in our world we hear freedom's cry coming from China, so it was in their world, with cries of freedom from the Jews and the rumblings of Rome's legends. Their world and our world aren't really so far apart.

And, like us, they lived in a world that had its own private realities. They lived in a world where human life was held cheap, a world that eventually took the lives of both of their children. And yes, they lived in a world that did not understand the ways of God, similar to ours today.



Continued From the Pastor's Pen



The point is this. It was in the very midst of all of this harsh reality that Elizabeth and Mary continued to believe and hope in a God who can do marvelous things. They did this in a world very much like ours. And that is why God so uniquely came to them. Not because they were somehow protected from harsh reality, but precisely because in the midst of harsh reality they continued to be open to the call of God.

It was faith that enabled them to experience the things that they did. Above the din of clanking armies and a torn homeland, these two women heard the silent voice of God. While others went about their daily routines, they saw the choirs of angels singing. They saw, they heard, they believed. And thus came our Lord into the world. He, his disciples, and even Mary and Elizabeth were not immune to life's hardships. But He taught them how to live in this harsh reality. He can teach you, too. Let's pray for Jesus' coming into our lives into our world today.

Come, Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, come into our weakness. Come into our fears. Come into our anxieties. Come into our divisions. Come into our failures. Come into our grieving. Come into our loneliness. Come into our darkness. Come into our doubting. Come into our despair. Come into our poverty of heart. Come into our searching. Come into our joys and hopes. Come into our dying. Amen

Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor

Christmas Season 2021

Christmas

December 24

- ◆ 4:00 p.m. Shepherds & Angels Mass at St. Ann
- ◆ 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. James
- ◆ 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass at St. Ann

December 25

- ◆ 8:30 a.m. at St. James
- ◆ 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann
(register at bit.ly/allsouls1030 for drive-up attendance)

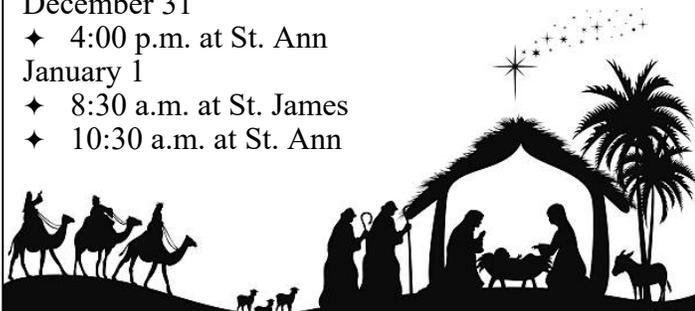
Solemnity of Mary

December 31

- ◆ 4:00 p.m. at St. Ann

January 1

- ◆ 8:30 a.m. at St. James
- ◆ 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann



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Today's Readings

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Audacity

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

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Money Matters

12-5-2021

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$ 12,000.00
 DROP OFF/MAIL IN: 7,167.53
 ONLINE/GIVE CENTRAL: 1,222.00
\$ -3,610.47



ST. ANN 50-50 CLUB: \$ 615.00
 BUILDING FUND: \$ 1,151.75

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 Figures include all collection basket, mailed-in,
 dropped-off, and online contributions.*

St. Ann's 50-50 Club

**Our December 5 winning number was #0843.
 #0843 WOULD HAVE WON \$1,585.50.
 DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!**

To be eligible, both your 50-50 (\$5.00) and weekly collection envelopes (no limit, but at least \$5) with separate payments **must be in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. Monday.**

★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★ NEW ★
*You may make your 50-50 donation at Give Central, along with your weekly and other contributions!
 If you donate by check, you need to write two separate checks.*

St. James'



**Weekly
 Financials, Dec. 5**

**Weekend Collection: 3,498.00
 50/50 Raffle Collection: \$180.00
 #371 would have won \$287.50
 ROLLOVER!**

*Remember to qualify for the raffle, you must turn in your Sunday AND 50/50 envelopes.
 If you donate by check, please write separate checks for weekly and 50/50 contributions.*



- ✦ We are still working on the logistics and formalities of our combined parish finances. So while we are reporting separate collections in the bulletin each week, that is only to be transparent about what is coming in from each site. And although we do still need you to write the individual church name on your checks, rest assured that you are giving to the entire united parish of All Souls, not to one church or the other.
- ✦ There are still a few grocery bags left in the vestibule at St. James to help replenish the food pantry for the winter months. A list of staple items used in our giveaway bags is on each bag. Thank you for your continued support.

New Mass Times for All Souls Catholic Parish

Beginning the weekend of Saturday January 8 and Sunday January 9, the new Mass schedule will be as follows:

**St. James: Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.**
**St. Ann: Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday Masses: 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.**

These changes to the Mass schedule are being made to accommodate our Pastor, Fr. Mark Kalema's availability to serve at each worship site. The Archdiocese has been informed of these changes, which were based on our asking all parishioners for their input/votes this past summer. The final decision was made through discussions with the Pastoral Council and ultimately Fr. Mark.

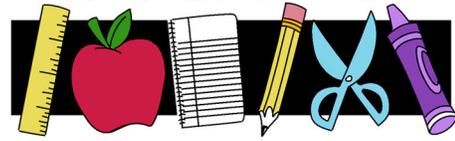
Although three parishes have formed All Souls Catholic Parish, currently our new parish will function with Fr. Mark serving both the St. James and St. Ann worship sites. The finances of the new parish are being reconciled, which will result in a new budget from the Archdiocese that will determine future priest staffing.



All through Advent, Oplatki Christmas wafers will be available for purchase in the Narthex after all Masses at both churches, or you can ask a sacristan before Mass. A \$2 donation is suggested.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Greetings Parents and Guardians,

As we enter this Fourth Advent Week, let us take a few moments to reflect on the themes of this Christmas season: hope, love, joy, and peace, so that 2022 hopefully will be a year that sees a return to normalcy. There is hope even in these sad times because we continue to move forward. Mary and Joseph faced such darkness as they moved toward Bethlehem. They found hope in the face of uncertainty. May their hope in Christ be our example of following Him during these dark times. Let us hope that we will prevail in all we do as Mary and Joseph did.

My prayer is that amid all the busyness of Christmas, we will find some time to contemplate all that we have received in Jesus Christ. The hand of God touches the heart of humanity in Jesus. The Divine becomes human. Eternity is born in time. Heaven comes to earth. Because God is love itself, He desires to enter into the life of His own human creation and wants to bring humankind into His eternal life.

We Christians speak of this powerful truth in the present tense not as something just to be remembered. God works this mystery into the human experience as an everlasting reality. It is a mystery because we never exhaust the depth and meaning of how God continues to be with us. We encounter this mystery in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and in knowing the scriptures and by striving to form our lives according to the love of God we receive in Jesus Christ.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let's commit to keeping our sights on the reality of God with us in Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Sandra Bustamante, DRE/PA

ATTENTION! ALL 4th GRADERS - HIGH SCHOOLERS: CAN YOU ANSWER THE CALL?

Becoming an Altar Server is not only an honor but an important part in the offering of the Mass. You will be assisting the priest in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is the cornerstone of your faith.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please discuss it first with your parents or guardians, as you will be making a serious commitment. It is no different than being on the basketball team, or any other hobby or activity that you participate in. You will be able to indicate your preferred Mass time and any dates that you are unavailable. If you decide you would like to become an Altar Server, please fill out the attached form return it to the Parish Office or in the Collection Basket at Church.

We will contact you with the date for Altar Server Training when it is decided. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cindy Hope, at 708-474-2914. (Altar Server Ministry will only be active at the St. Ann site.)

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I approve of my child, _____
becoming an altar server at St. Ann Church.

Please contact me with further information at:

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email _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

GOOD NEWS!

Our crafty creators are all back in full swing!

Sewing Club

meets in the St. Ann Parish Office every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m., and St. James hosts the **Queen of Heaven Quilters** every 2nd Tuesday and the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1-3:30 p.m.



Call the office for more info about any of the groups:
708.895.6700.



Help Us Build Our First New Ministry!

The grief we experience over the loss of a loved one is a relatable experience that crosses all boundaries of race, religion, and social and economic status. Virtually no one is immune to the loss of a loved one, but there are countless ways to manifest that grief. As our three churches have come together, we recognize that this experience shared by so many is one that bears addressing. Therefore, we would like to begin an All Souls Bereavement Group after the holidays. Our friends at Catholic Cemeteries will come and train us to facilitate the group, so we are looking for people to join in on this meaningful ministry. Please call the Parish Office at 708.895.6700 to add your name to the list, and we will survey all interested individuals for preferred dates.

Parish Prayer Tree

This group of men and women led by Debbie Wright takes some time every day at their own homes to pray for the needs of our parishioners.

Simply email your special intentions to Debbie at debdnut@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 708-895-6700 with your prayer requests, and we will pass them on to all of our Prayer Tree participants. If you would like to join our Prayer/Phone Tree, please email Debbie. Should you need prayers for longer than 30 days, please call and reconfirm your request at the beginning of each month.

SHARING THE SCRIPTURE

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
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Share Sunday Scriptures in an atmosphere of prayer. Join us weekly on Thursdays as we dedicate time to digging deeper into God's Word. No registration is required. Come whenever you are able! For more information, please contact Georgene Walters at 708-895-3668.

Upcoming Events

- Family Mass: January 9
- First Communion Meeting: January 9
- Dining Out Day: January ? (Where should we go next?)
- Drive-Thru/Dine-In Fish Fry: January 21

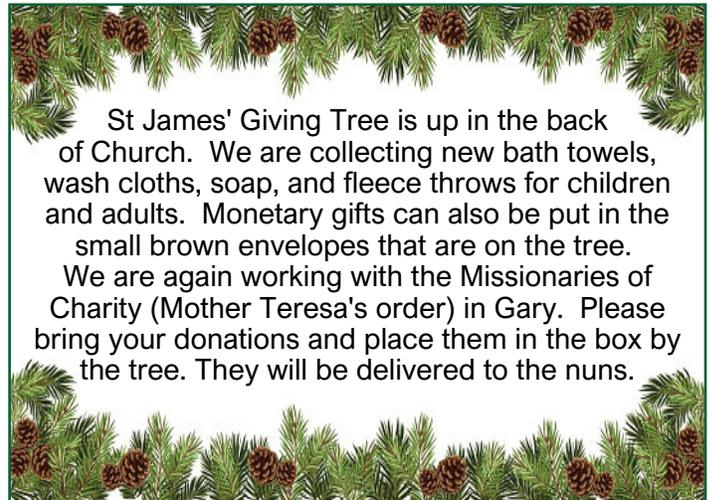
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St James' Giving Tree is up in the back of Church. We are collecting new bath towels, wash cloths, soap, and fleece throws for children and adults. Monetary gifts can also be put in the small brown envelopes that are on the tree. We are again working with the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa's order) in Gary. Please bring your donations and place them in the box by the tree. They will be delivered to the nuns.



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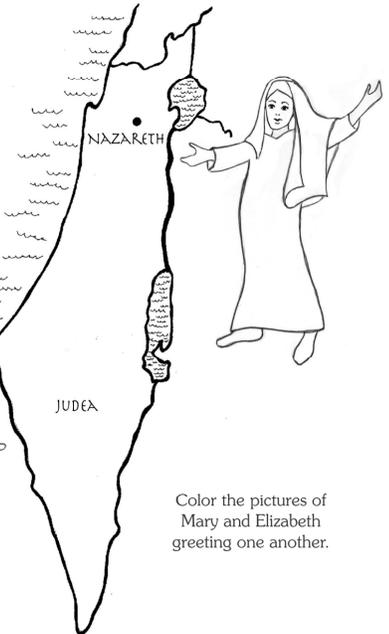
Special, Super Duper Early Holiday Edition Bulletin Deadlines

Due to holiday office closures at J.S. Paluch, our bulletin publisher has moved up deadlines for the Christmas/New Year issues. **Therefore, the deadline for materials for the December 26 edition was December 12, and January 2 had to be submitted by December 19.** Anything received after those dates will not be able to be accommodated for those weekends. We apologize for any inconvenience and resume regular 10-day advance deadlines thereafter (December 30 for the January 9 bulletin). Thank you for your understanding and attention!

CATHOLIC CORNER

BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN

On the First Sunday of Advent we heard about Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. In today's Gospel (Luke 1:20-45) we hear the story of a time when these two mothers came together. After the angel told Mary that Elizabeth was also expecting a baby, Mary decided to visit her. She had to travel a long way—it took almost a whole week to get to Elizabeth's house on foot. The map gives you some idea of how far Mary had to walk. It might have been almost a hundred miles!



Elizabeth greeted Mary with words we still pray today in the Hail Mary: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was talking about Jesus.

Color the pictures of Mary and Elizabeth greeting one another.

Before you go to sleep tonight, pray a Hail Mary. Think about how excited Mary and Elizabeth were when they thought about their babies soon to be born. In two days we will celebrate that great event when God came to us as Jesus and was born as one of us.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The prophet Micah wrote about the place where Jesus was born. He said "one who is to be the ruler in Israel" would come from this small village (Micah 5:1). Unscramble the letters in the windows to print the name of this place below.

E L M H B T H E A

God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. One day Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth was going to have a baby, too. The baby inside her leaped for joy when he heard Mary's voice! Look at these pictures. Circle five things that are in the bottom one but not the top.

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[Mary] entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
 Luke 1:40

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