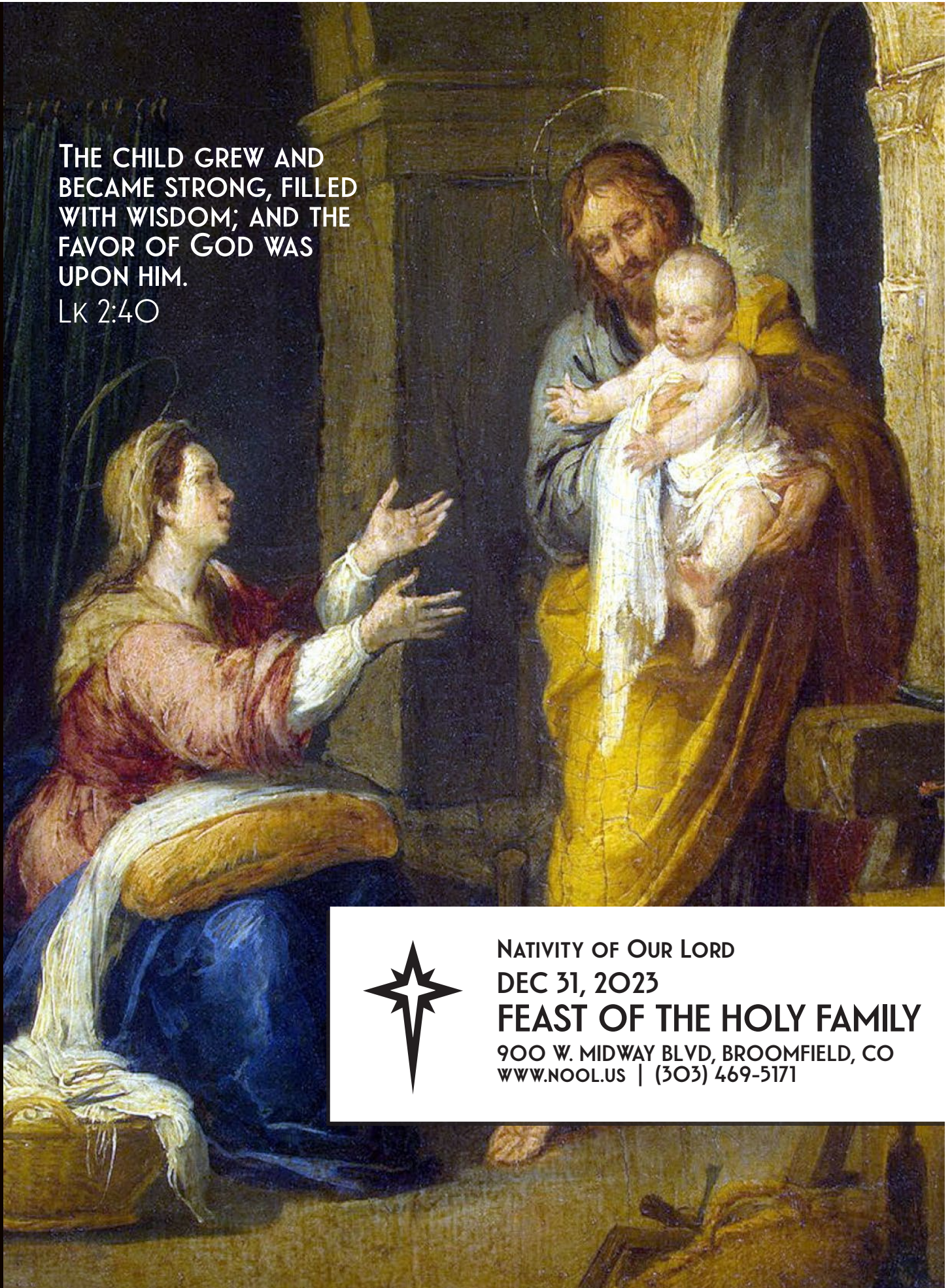


Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, *Holy Family*, oil on wood, 1665, The State Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg; USPD

THE CHILD GREW AND  
BECAME STRONG, FILLED  
WITH WISDOM; AND THE  
FAVOR OF GOD WAS  
UPON HIM.

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NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DEC 31, 2023

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

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# MASS TIMES

## MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 am  
9:30 am (livestreamed)  
School Mass: Wednesdays, 8:15 am

## SATURDAY

9:30 am (livestreamed)

## VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm

## SUNDAY

7:30 am  
9:30 am (livestreamed)  
11:30 am  
5:00 pm

# CONFESSION

## THURSDAY

5:00-6:00 pm

## SATURDAY

8:00-9:30 am  
3:00-4:30 pm

## SUNDAY

30 min before Masses

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# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

## IN THE CHURCH:

### THURSDAY

12:00-6:00 pm

### SOLEMN HOLY HOUR:

5:00-6:00 pm with *Confession* and *Vespers*

Benediction: 5:55 pm

## IN THE CHAPEL:

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### MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 am-5:00 pm

## SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

MONDAY,  
JANUARY 1, 2024  
MASS: 9:30 AM

Not a holy day of obligation as it falls on a Monday. There will be no 7:00 am Mass.

## VISITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Do you know or do you have someone in your family who is sick or homebound, cannot attend Sunday Mass regularly, and desires to receive sacraments of penance and Eucharist? Please do not hesitate to contact Nativity to schedule a visit of a priest or Eucharistic minister at (303) 469-5171.

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If you are going to the hospital and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at (303) 469-5171.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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## OFFICE/FRONT DESK & ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSURE

MONDAY,  
JANUARY 1, 2024

In Observance of New Year's Day.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:30 am † Abel Ramos by Kathleen  
4:30 pm † Kathleen Jansen  
by Mary Baylie

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 am Boris Navarrete  
by Veronica Harris  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am Courtney & Ryan Meneghin  
by Mary Baylie  
5:00 pm † Alex Welch  
by Mari & Dan Welch

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

NO 7:00 AM MASS

9:30 am Sandy Deedon  
by Golden Family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

7:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory  
9:30 am Anja Gilpin by Tracy Hogan

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

7:00 am Kenneth H. Moore by Mom  
9:30 am † Theresa Vui by La

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

7:00 am Father Emanuele  
9:30 am † Gioa Kim Luong by La

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

7:00 am All Suffering from  
Huntington's Disease by D. B.  
9:30 am † Anne Gaffney  
by Terri McMichael

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

9:30 am † James Brown  
by Jeff & Terri Brown  
4:30 pm Intentions of Sharon Ramos  
and Family by Kathleen

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

7:30 am † Fr. Roger Geditz  
by Larry & Bev Grau  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am Sandy Deedon  
by Golden Family  
5:00 pm Dustin Stanton by Family



## AT THE SCHOOL OF THE CRIB AND THE CROSS

**T**hroughout Advent, I have been drawn to reflect on the mystery of the Nativity scene we have in front of the altar. During the entrance procession and the final prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, I took a moment to stop and look at what was taking place inside the stable. Over the past weeks, I have enjoyed seeing the gradual arrival of more figures and animals. It has been a constant reminder that I, too, want to go to Bethlehem and see what is taking place. On the first Sunday of Advent, there was just one sheep, and a few days later, another one, and afterward, the arrival of a shepherd boy off to the side, a little hesitant to go in. Now, the stable is a little crowded: Mary and Joseph have arrived along with the ox and donkey, and we celebrated the birth of the Christ child on December 25.

During these weeks, I became more aware that I am not only kneeling before the altar and tabernacle prior to and after Mass, but I am also kneeling in front of four significant events in Jesus' life. The manger scene helped me to see the unity between them in a way I had not felt before. Each of them reveals an important aspect of the incredible nature of the gift of His body: 1) The Birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem, 2) The Mystery of the Last Supper, 2) The Death of Jesus on the Cross, and 4) The Resurrected body of Christ present at Mass. Each one of these mysteries in the life of Christ helps to illuminate the meaning

of the other and together form an icon, a type of window that opens to a fuller revelation of the mystery of Christ. In this reflection, I would like to highlight a few of these elements that will hopefully invite us to have a greater appreciation and participation in the Eucharist to accompany us this Christmas season.

### The Birth of the Christ Child.

*"The angel said to them, 'Behold, I bring good tidings of great joy which will be to all people; for there is born to you this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord'"* (Luke 2:10-11). The Evangelist narrates the words of the angel to the poor shepherds who invited them to witness the birth of the Savior. These words echo and bring to fulfillment those of the prophet Isaiah: *"Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given"* (9:5). The good tidings of the birth of Jesus are announced as being a personal gift from God "to all people" as well as personally "to you." During the Christmas season, we are invited to remember that the baby Jesus is, first and foremost, a personal gift to each of us from the Father. To you is born and given this child. The entire trajectory of Jesus' life is a personal gift to us and to the whole world. Everything he lived, gave, and suffered in his body, from the mystery of the Last Supper to his death on the Cross and his Resurrection, is a personal gift from the Father. This is beautifully summarized in the words of the Nicene Creed: "For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven."

**"Mary wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger" (Luke 2:7).** As early as the second century, there exists a tradition that Jesus was born in a cave (St. Justin Martyr). Some early Christian writers saw this as a prefiguration of Jesus being placed in the tomb after his death on the Cross. In fact, from as early as the fourth century, the Christmas icon of the Eastern Orthodox Church developed this intimate connection between Christmas and Easter, between the crib and the Cross. The Christ child wrapped in swaddling cloths was interpreted as prefiguring the garments that would shroud him in his death. Another fact is that Jesus was born amongst animals and sheep. This moved some to interpret Jesus as the true sacrificial lamb and the manger as a type of altar. St. Augustine underlined the close connection between the manger and the Eucharist. The manger is the feed box where animals find their food. For the fact that Jesus was laid in a manger, he commented that Jesus would be the true bread to come down from heaven to give all people who eat of it eternal life.



Giotto, *Birth of Jesus*, fresco, 1304–1306, detail, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy; USPD

### The Mystery of the Last Supper.

During the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and said, *"This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me,"* and afterward, he took the wine, saying, *"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you"* (Luke 22:19-20). The words of the

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institution of the Eucharist echo the personal gift of Christ's body from the Father that we celebrate at Christmas. In a similar fashion to the Christmas story, God the Father will send forth the Holy Spirit, just as He did during the Annunciation to Mary. He will suspend the laws of nature and irrupt into the created reality of bread and wine and transform them into Jesus' body and



Juan de Juanes, The Last Supper, oil on panel, 1555-1562, detail, Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid; USPD

blood. Jesus' words over the bread and wine will become the interpretative key to unlocking the mystery of his death on the Cross. Jesus will not passively suffer his death but will make his death a complete gift of His body in love for the forgiveness of sins and salvation of the world.

St. John the Evangelist beautifully highlights the divine origin of the gift and its universal destination in Chapter 6 of his Gospel. Jesus says, *"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."* (6:32-33). It is through the gift of Jesus' body in the Holy Eucharist that the world finds its true life. Jesus' body is the vehicle through which he shares the divine life with his friends.

#### The Death of Jesus on the Cross.

Above the Nativity scene in front of the altar, there is a large and imposing crucifix. What is the relationship between the crib and the Cross? St. John the Evangelist again helps us to understand the mystery of Christ's death according to the logic of gift when he writes, *"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"* (3:16). The Evangelist invites his community to recognize the Father's

plan of salvation through the gratuitous gift of his Son in the manger. The Father's plan is for Jesus to completely embrace and transform the mystery of sin and death through his death and resurrection, and thus open to all humanity the possibility of eternal life, of renewed familiarity and intimacy with the Father.

St. John reiterates this logic of gift and love when Jesus says, *"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again"* (10:17-18). The death of Jesus on the Cross is not something he suffered passively but it is the pinnacle of the complete gift of himself to the will of the Father out of love for the salvation of the world. In a paradoxical manner, it is only through the death of Christ on the Cross that the wellsprings of eternal life are opened for the whole world.

#### The Resurrected Body of Christ.

In a sacramental manner, the celebration of the Mass is the living continuation of all the above-mentioned mysteries of the life of Christ. God the Father pours out the Holy Spirit, as he did at the time of the Incarnation, during the consecration; the bread and wine are transformed into



the body and blood of Christ, which in turn are offered to the Father through the same sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. This is the reason why there should always be crucifix on the altar. In a mysterious manner, the Father receives the sacrifice and gives back the Resurrected body of Christ in the Eucharist to be shared and given to all the faithful.

During this Christmas season, let us not move our gaze too quickly from the manger scene in front of the altar! We are called to continuously place ourselves at the school of Mary and learn from her the most human way to make space in our hearts to welcome the Christ child as she did throughout her entire life. As we continue to celebrate the mystery of Christ's birth, let us ask her to guide us to a more intimate relationship with her son Jesus, fully present in the great gift of the Holy Eucharist.

By Fr. John Roderick, FSCB

## PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

### SATURDAY

8:50 am | Pro-Life Rosary

### SUNDAY

11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary

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For programs, events, and faith formation at Nativity, please visit:

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 am | Marian Movement  
of Priests Cenacle  
8:15 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God*

### FRONT DESK/OFFICE CLOSED

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

6:30 pm | Adult Catechism Study

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

5:30 am | St. Joseph Men's Group  
5:45 pm | Knights of Columbus  
Business Meeting  
6:00 pm | Stephen Ministry Training  
7:30 pm | University Students (CLU)\*

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

8:15 am | ENDOW  
12:00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration begins  
in the church  
6:00 pm | Sacrament Preparation with  
Deacon Huan  
7:30 pm | School of Community (CL)\*

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

7:30 am | Men of Emmaus  
10:00 am | Friends in All Times (FIAT)  
Gathering  
6:00 pm | American Heritage Girls

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

8:00 am | Marian Movement  
of Priests Cenacle  
8:15 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary  
10:15 am | Altar Server Training

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary  
11:00 am | RCIA  
6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth Group  
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults Group

\*(CL) Communion & Liberation

## ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

It is not uncommon for people to come to Mass regularly and not be registered as parishioners.

We would like to encourage all to register. In Christianity, the term "parish" denotes the Church community living in the Kingdom of God now in this world with a view to its fulfillment in the heavenly Kingdom. When we register with a parish we acknowledge that it is our wish to travel down this road of Life and Faith with a particular community. Living in a culture that no longer supports religious values, the local parish plays an integral role in helping to guide and support us through its educational and formational programs, celebrations of the Word, and Sacraments. By these means, the parish helps us grow in wisdom and love for the Lord and embraces the infinite needs of our hearts.

To register, go to our website home page, [www.nool.us](http://www.nool.us), where you will find a registration link or use the direct registration link below. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Diane Denfeld at 303-469-5171.

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**NATIVITY MEN'S  
LENTEN RETREAT  
MARCH 15-17, 2024  
FRIDAY-SUNDAY  
YMCA OF THE ROCKIES  
ESTES PARK**

QUESTIONS? Contact:  
Bob Patton at 720-883-1893 or  
[catholicmensgroup@nool.us](mailto:catholicmensgroup@nool.us)

More details and registration information are coming soon.

## DAILY READINGS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

*The Sixth Day in the Octave of  
Christmas*

Reading 1: 1 Jn 2:12-17  
Psalm: 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
Gospel: Lk 2:36-40

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary, and Joseph*

Reading 1: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
OR: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
OR Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
Reading 2: Col 3:12-21 OR 3:12-17  
OR: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
Gospel: Lk 2:22-40  
OR: Lk 2:22, 39-40

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God;*

*The Octave Day of Christmas*

Reading 1: Nm 6:22-27  
Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Reading 2: Gal 4:4-7  
Gospel: Lk 2:16-21

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

*Memorial of Saints Basil the Great  
and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and  
Doctors of the Church*

Reading 1: 1 Jn 2:22-28  
Psalm: 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4  
Gospel: Jn 1:19-28

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

Reading 1: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6  
Psalm: 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6  
Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

*Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
Religious*

Reading 1: 1 Jn 3:7-10  
Psalm: Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9  
Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

*Memorial of Saint John Neumann,  
Bishop*

Reading 1: 1 Jn 3:11-21  
Psalm: 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
Gospel: Jn 1:43-51

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

Reading 1: 1 Jn 5:5-13  
Psalm: 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
Gospel: Mk 1:7-11  
OR: Lk 3:23-38  
OR: Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

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# MISSA DE ANGELIS WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 20, 2024  
AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS**

Enjoy coffee and light refreshments as Fr. Emanuele and Frederick Proulx explore the Missa de Angelis.

Gain some practical experience as you rehearse the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei!

Please sign up, so we can make sure to prepare enough coffee and food for all the attendees.

You can sign up at:

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- [www.nool.us/music](http://www.nool.us/music) or
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*Transformation in the Heart of the Church*

## HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON

**JANUARY 22–MARCH 18, 2024  
MONDAYS | 6– 8 PM**

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD,  
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Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you forgiven, but are still experiencing negative emotions? Do you feel like you bring the same sins to confession, again and again? Sin leaves all of us wounded, and as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church is a field hospital with all of us in need of healing from the Divine Physician.

In this 9-week series called, Healing the Whole Person, from the John Paul II Healing Center, you will encounter God in a powerful way, and experience deeper freedom as the Father speaks to you in the depths of your heart, and through the supernatural graces of the sacraments. During the 9-week series, we will listen and pray, following an audio from Dr. Bob Schutz and the John Paul II Healing Center team from their series on Healing the Whole Person.

**Fee:** \$20.00 to cover the cost of the workbook.

**Registration cut-off date:**  
*December 31, 2023*

Questions? Contact Liz Buderus at [lizbuderus@gmail.com](mailto:lizbuderus@gmail.com) or 303-994-7733.

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## NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MARK: FAITH NOT FEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 10/11, 2024

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four gospels, it is fast-moving, and action-packed. In the Gospel of Mark, we see Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching because Saint Mark was the companion of Saint Peter. Because Mark's Gospel is read in the liturgy in 2024, this program will give you insights into the Sunday Gospel readings. Join us in this 14-part series led by Dr. Tim Gray on FORMED. The program includes weekly video presentation followed by small group discussion. We will finish this study **the last week of April, 2024**. You can sign up for one of the sessions below.

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**Thursday Session, 6:30–8:00 pm**  
facilitated by Steve Moser

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## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Nativity of Our Lord Broomfield Boy Scout Troop 766 will be providing a Christmas tree recycling pick up on Saturday, January 6, 2024 for residents within 15 miles of Nativity. We are hopeful this will be a successful fundraiser for our troop. Suggested donation is \$10–\$20 per tree picked up. To sign up, please scan the QR code.

Sign-ups close on **January 5** at 6 pm. Only registered trees will be picked up. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel from your tree. No flocked or artificial trees can be collected. Questions?

Contact: **Dawn Howe** at [fundraising@troop766.org](mailto:fundraising@troop766.org) or 303-882-9938.

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# THE GREATEST GIFT GOD GIVES US IS HIS SON

## STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

When we live a *life of stewardship, a life of charity, or evangelical poverty*, we are aware of what God is doing in our lives. If we think God is not working in our lives, we are not paying attention. In Advent, we were encouraged to live in anticipation of the coming of Jesus. He told us, “Be Watchful! Be Alert!” (Mk 13:33)

The greatest gift God gives us is his Son. This year of Eucharistic Revival, it is evident that for many, the "one among us we do not recognize" is Jesus, who is fully present with us in the Eucharist. This gift freely given—a gift we can never be worthy of—is Mass.

This Christmas season, let us truly contemplate the greatest gift, Jesus, and have the awareness of all the gifts God has given us. Then, let us decide to be thankful and return that gift and make a commitment to continue giving. This coming year, let us pay attention to what God is doing in our lives and see the many blessings He bestows upon us each day.

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP AT NATIVITY

Stewardship is about conversion which leads to a deeper relationship with God. It is our way of saying "yes" to the reality that Jesus offers us. At Nativity, we have three pillars of Stewardship: **Prayer and Faith, Time and Talent, and Treasure.**

Listed below, you will find the many different opportunities Nativity provides for you to share your time, talent, and faith with others. If you are inclined to say “yes” and get involved, go to the Ministries' web page to find all the resources you need.

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- Spanish Prayer Group
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- Prayer Line
- Rosary for Life
- Respect Life
- Liturgy of the Hours
- New Springtime Charismatic Gathering
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- Rosary Making
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
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- Nativity Nights
- Giving Tree (Christmas)
- Nativity Widows
- Nativity: Faith & Reason Volunteers
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- Mission Uganda
- Men's Basketball
- Men's Softball
- American Heritage Girls (AHG)
- Boy Scouts
- Homeschool Community

**“You shall love  
the Lord your God  
...and your neighbor  
as yourself”**

(Luke 10:27)



## **A PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**TUESDAY  
JANUARY 16, 2024  
7:00 PM**

**CROSS OF CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
12099 LOWELL BLVD  
BROOMFIELD, CO**

All parishioners are invited to join in a prayer service for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity! Nativity will be joining area churches, including Methodist, Anglican, Episcopal, United Church of Christ, and Lutheran, to celebrate our unity as Christians and to pray for still greater unity, “that all may be one” (John 17:21). The service will last approximately 45 minutes, and will be followed by a reception.

You are encouraged to bring a dessert pie to share, if able! No RSVP required.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Please contact Ilene DuBey at [i.dubey@nool.us](mailto:i.dubey@nool.us).

## **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

**JANUARY 6–7, 2023**

Next weekend, there is a special collection supporting Retirement Fund for Religious. The Fund helps religious communities care for senior members—today and in the future. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Our parish will be giving to this collection as part of our tithe. Nativity contributes 10% of our offertory collection each year to support ministries, charities, and special needs. We are able to support these because of the generous stewardship of our parishioners.



## **FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY**

*Are You Experiencing a "Winter" in Your Life?* In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience winters in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, call our confidential hotline at 303-469-5171 x 113. One of our Stephen Leaders will respond within 24 hours.

## **FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

On Sunday, December 31, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Families are pivotal to our society. Our learning, our traditions, and our growth throughout our lives are developed by those who most closely surround us. Mother Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, **“Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do ... but how much love we put into that action.”** Families can also be inspiring. At this beautiful time of the year, we are reminded of the story of a brave mother and son during Christmas Eve 1944 in the midst of the Battle of the Bulge.

EWTN's production “Respite at Christmas” by Campbell Miller tells the story of a German mother, Elisabeth Vincken, and her 12-year-old son, Fritz. They had a small cabin in the Huertgen forest near the Belgian border. A knock on the door brought three young American soldiers, one of whom was badly injured. It was treasonous for her family, but Elisabeth took the American soldiers in. Together, they were working to help prepare soup with potatoes when another knock on the door came. This time, four German soldiers were seeking shelter to rest for the night. Elisabeth informed them she had three other guests. “Tensions” were high, but Elisabeth prevailed. If the soldiers were all to stay in her home, the guns had to go outside. The Americans and the Germans then set down for a meal, and one of the soldiers shared a bottle of red wine and another a loaf of bread for soup. Elisabeth said grace, “Komm, Herr Jesus. Be our guest.” One of the German soldiers with some medical training looked in on the wounded American soldier, Harry. Elisabeth helped feed the broth and saved some wine to nurture Harry. In the morning, Elisabeth fixed breakfast. The German and American soldiers then shook hands and went their separate ways. Fritz Vincken's story recalling his mother's courage and kindness later appeared in January of 1973 in the *Reader's Digest* article “Truce in the Forest.” The Chaplain Kit.com site on December 24, 2017, also shared Fritz's story in a post by Daryl Densford.

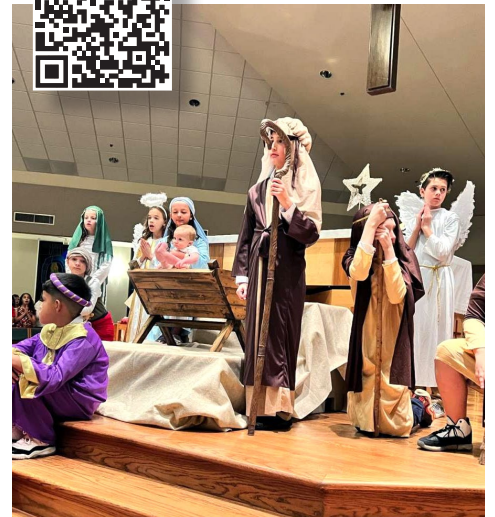
For more information on our local Nativity of Our Lord St. Vincent de Paul chapter and our mission to help the poor, see our Flocknote site at [nool.flocknote.com/svdpvool](http://nool.flocknote.com/svdpvool). Best wishes for a Happy New Year.





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— St. John Paul II, *Fides et ratio*

**PARISH BOOKSTORE HOURS:**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY | 8 AM-8 PM**  
**SATURDAY | 9 AM-2 PM**

**Recommended Christmas readings:**

- *Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth. The Infancy Narratives* (Ignatius Press, 2012)
- *Benedict XVI, The Blessings of Christmas* (Ignatius Press, 2007)
- *José Granados, The Fifth Candle of Advent* (Disciples Books, 2012)
- *Jean Daniélou, The Infancy Narratives* (Cluny, 2022)
- *John Henry Newman, Waiting for Christ* (Augustine Institute, 2018)



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