

And so it happened that the greatest desire  
of our human hearts came to us... comes to  
us... to all hearts who will receive him.



Merry Christmas!

## First Corinthians 13 “Christmas Version”

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny ornaments but do not show love to others, I'm just another decorator. If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adored table at mealtime but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook. If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity but do not show love to others, it profits me nothing. If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse. Love is kind though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and linens. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way but is thankful that they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails, Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

*May our Lord and Savior bless you for your generosity and all that you do on His behalf. I am truly grateful and blessed to work alongside all of you to help build the Kingdom of God here at St. Colette!*

Have a Blessed and Love-Filled Christmas,

*Fr. Jim*

*Let's light a candle for peace, we pray.  
Oh Merry Christmas, it's Christmas Day!* ~ From "Christmas Day" by Michael W. Smith

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED: Lighting Candles in Church

### Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

### Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.



Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints. ©LPi



God Bless Us,  
Everyone.



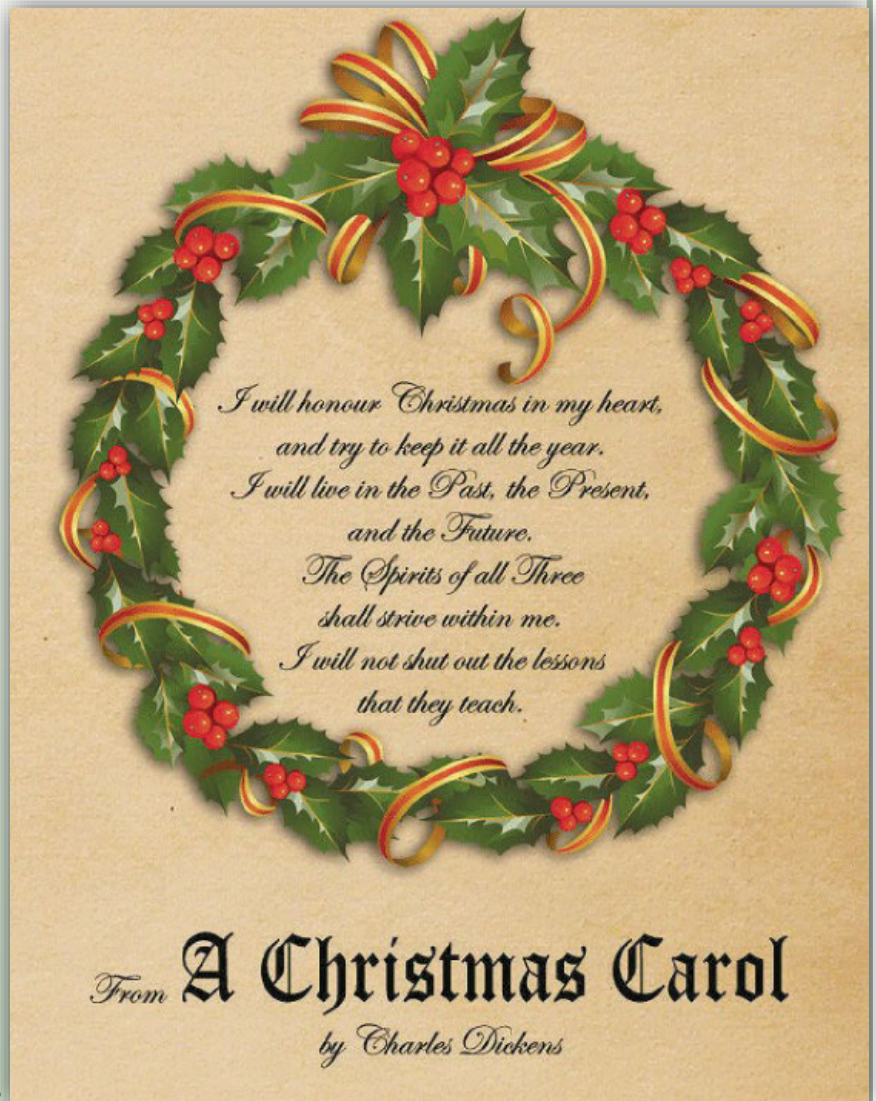
*Our Hearts Keep the Memories and We Keep on the legacy...* a little saying that's been in my heart over the past nine months. By the time you read this it will be two weeks since our parish hosted Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Little Christmas Village. And what a joyful day indeed! Corbie Hall bustled with children and families anticipating Santa's arrival, creating lasting memories in those childlike, precious moments. Jesus tells us in the Gospels so many times to be "childlike" in faith. And I know I'm not the only adult who felt the childlike wonderment of Christmas Village. Christmas is indeed the perfect time of year to be childlike.

To be honest, however, the week leading up to the event and the "day" itself was a little difficult for me. It was a "first." I'm sure many of you understand the "firsts" with your loved ones in heaven... perhaps this Christmas is your "first" too. And while I in no way will turn this beautiful Christmas article into a sad story... the wonderful memories that flooded my heart over that Village weekend made me think of the holiday in a beautiful, new way. So I will share it with you.

You see, while memories of Christmas past flooded my heart and will undeniably continue to do so over the next few holy days, so did the unbelievable desire to carry on the traditions that have formed me. And it got me thinking of that first Christmas 2,000 years ago... For how amazing it must have been to be a relative of Jesus and know him personally as a child, a friend, a teacher. How amazing all the things Mary treasured in her heart, and lived through her life. Of all the ways the Apostles and first disciples of the faith passed the stories down, generation after generation through the Gospels and word of mouth, despite hardships, persecutions, and death. What ALL of their hearts must have held... BUT what their lives continued to live to this very day.

Keeping the "legacy" of Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas today... the very reason we have a faith today. And we're the ones who reap the benefit. Those who knew Jesus personally didn't keep him to themselves. Rather, they realized the tremendous gift of him... and gifts are meant to be shared, paid forward. So on this Christmas weekend, like Mary, treasure

all of the things, all of the loved ones, all of the memories in your heart, those of the present and those of the past. They're what formed you!... but don't let them stay there. Continue all you've learned in all the ways that you can. Continue to let your life reflect your gratitude. Live each day like it were Christmas Day, for Jesus Christ is our greatest gift... and it's our turn to share him. How amazing the privilege to continue His legacy.



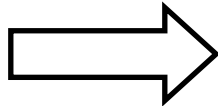
**Merry Christmas!~ Sara**

# A Very Merry Christmas from St. Colette!

## Please Note!

This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on the same day as Christmas Eve, with Christmas on Monday. **The separate obligations to attend Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Mass for Christmas remain.** The Sunday obligation may be fulfilled on Saturday evening after 4:00 p.m. or at any time on Sunday. The Christmas obligation may be fulfilled on Sunday after 4:00 p.m. or at any time on Monday, Christmas day. In order to fulfil both obligations, two Masses must be attended, i.e. it is not possible for attendance at one Mass to fulfill both obligations.

See St. Colette  
Mass Times!



## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, December 24, which is Christmas Eve. How many Masses do I go to?

Pick One Mass for Fourth Sunday



4th Sunday

Saturday, December 23

4:00PM

Sunday, December 24

10:00AM

Pick One Mass for Christmas



Christmas

Sunday, December 24

4:00PM

6:30PM

10:00PM

Monday, December 25

11:00AM

Please Note: No Mass Times  
will fulfill both obligations!

## Sunday School Announcement!

There will be NO Sunday  
School

December 24  
&  
December 31!

Happy Birthday  
Jesus



Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year

FROM THE PSCF TEACHERS AND AIDES!

CHRISTMAS VACATION  
NO PSCF: DECEMBER 25 & 26  
NO PSCF: JANUARY 1 & 2

RETURN TO CLASS JANUARY 8 & 9

PARENT REMINDER

GRADE 2 FIRST PENANCE SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7 @ 7PM

“For what idea could the human person have of God before, except maybe of an idol which his own heart had made?”

Once God was incomprehensible. But now, He wanted us to be able to understand Him. How was this done? By lying in a manger. When I think on this, I am thinking of God.”

~St. Bernard



## LIVE THE LITURGY -

God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say “Yes, Lord” — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours. ©LPi



### Prayer for Advent 4

Dear Lord,  
Visit our homes!  
Visit our families!  
Bring your goodness and light  
to every broken heart we've met  
on this journey of life.  
Your presence brings healing and  
rebirth.  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.

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# St. Colette

# Mass Times

**MONDAY**

6:15PM

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY**

11:00AM

**SATURDAY**

4:00PM Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY**

8:00AM | 10:00 AM | 11:45AM

**Beginning January 2, 2024**

Mass Intentions for all of 2024 can now be scheduled  
in the Parish Office!

# MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Monday December 25	The Nativity of the Lord	11:00AM		Intentions of the Parish	Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday December 26	St. Stephen, The First Martyr	11:00AM	†	Kathleen Logan	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Thursday December 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	11:00AM	†	Bernard and Jane Cwiklinski, Ken Weiss Jr. and Bremonts	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Saturday December 30	Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	4:00PM	†	Edward & Lillian Noga	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Sunday December 31	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	8:00AM 10:00AM 11:45AM	† † †	Paul Tomaselli Sr. Norman & Rita Schrader Jeff Pandora	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11 12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Additional Weekly Readings	
Wednesday, December 27	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday, December 29	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

★ **Please pray for those serving in the Military** ★

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**Our friends and relatives who are ill. May God grant them Healing and strength.**

**These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer Team.**

John Ballas, Bob & Pat Beck, Carol Biggs, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Erna Birschl, Barbara Bonza, Harry Dawes, Barb DelVecchio, Ruthanne Dolin, Stefanie Dolin Atkinson, Elmer Dubs, Ella, Mary, and Robert Dumke, Marie Eckert, Gene Egnot, Jackie Farley, Colleen Ferrell, Tammy Ferencik, Sr. Ellen Fink, Brandy G., Mike Gallo & Family, Rudy Hausmann, Amy, Barb, Bill, Ann, Andy, Marilyn, Sandy, Patti, Tina Healy, Kim Helle, Ruth Heywort, Karen Holtkamp, Jerry Jakovcic, Rita Jameson, Mike Kichurchak, Patricia Korbel, Chris Kovach, Chase L., James LaFon, Pastor Doug Lewis, Florian Maruszak, Chris & Mekayla Metz, David Murrin, Marcia Peltz, Danielle, John & Victor Musat, Marilyn Perz, Timothy Peterson, Beverly & Donald Phillippe, Michael Pindrock, Jesse, Pat and Ron Prybis, John Rossborough, Mary Lou Sarama, Anna Sattelmaier, Pat Schwark, Christopher Seman, David Shepley, James & Marie Simpson, Erica Stora, Bill & Patti Varga, Nicole W., Donna & Matthew Williams, James Woodyard

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# Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of **Richard Zaun**, husband of Noreen who was called to his Eternal reward. Please pray for him and all the faithful departed.

*Live in Light & Peace!*

## This Week at St. Colette

*The Rosary is recited after the 11am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday.*

### NO PSCF THIS WEEK

#### Lampstand Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 27 @ 10AM St. Joseph Room

#### Youth Ministry Pray & Play

Thursday, December 28 @ 7PM in Corbie Hall

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Group

Thursday, December 28 @ 7PM by the Tabernacle

#### Brothers in Faith

Saturday, December 30 @ 8AM in the Atrium



# Welcome to Our Parish!

**Mr. & Mrs. Alan Sulik**  
**Mr. Joseph King**

### Weekly Collection Report

December 10, 2023 — \$12,712.98  
Capital Improvements — \$29,932.00  
Children's — \$22.55  
Immaculate Conception — \$2,292.00



*We sincerely appreciate your kindness & generosity!!*

### Ministers for the Weekend of December 30 & 31

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:45 AM
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Please find a substitute if you cannot serve your scheduled time. Thank you.

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**Holy Mass:** Sat. 4pm | Sun. 8AM, 10AM, 11:45AM  
Tues. & Thurs. 11AM

**Reconciliation:** Sat. 3-3:30PM

**Baptism:** After 11:45AM Mass on the second & fourth Sunday of the month. Baptism class required for first child.

**Matrimony:** Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest!

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact Parish Office

**Holy Orders:** Connect with Father to learn more about discernment!

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## FAITH FORMATION

(Contact Parish Office)

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PSCF Directors: Larry & Chris Pizon

Becoming Catholic: Lisa Radey

Baptism Class: Sara Kronholz

Pre-Cana: Lisa Radey

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