

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - DECEMBER 25, 2022**

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### ***Our Mission Statement***

***Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.  
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.***

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

- 5:00 pm + Intentions of Mader and Massiello Families  
+ Joseph, Mary & Stanley Zielinski & Family  
+ Jerzy, Irena, Margaret & Zbigniew  
Aleksandrowicz & Family  
+ Alex & Edna Sydlowski Sr. / + Suzanne Carfero
- 10:00 pm O Boze Bogoslawnienstwo dla Moniki, Sary,  
(POLISH) Jule & Marcina Koziolo & Beaty Slawka i  
Jakuba Siemienczuk  
+ Jan Harasimowicz & Family  
+ Leokadia Czech  
+ Anna & Stefan Krupa  
Blessings on the Zaniewski, Szejter & Kurzyna Fam.  
Brygida i Jaroslaw Polkowski 40 ta rocznica slubu  
Blog. i opieke Matki Bozej

12:00am Health & Blessings for the Stepnoski Families

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD, DEC. 25, 2022

8, 9:15, 10:30 & 12 Noon

For the People of the Parish, Living and Deceased

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2022

- 7:00 am + Lucyna Wojciechowska (1st A)  
+ Patryk Rus / + Marie and Edward Babor, Sr.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022

- 7:00 am + Chester (A) and Louise Leja  
+ W. G. Schneider and Family

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2022

- 7:00 am + Joan Heppner / + Joan Miezianka

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022

- 7:00 am + Cecile B. Kozak and Kozakiewicz Family

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022

- 7:00 am God's Blessings for the Massiello & Mader  
Families / + Estelle Wilczewski

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022

- 8:00 am + Pat Liebler / + Edward Babor, Jr.
- 5:00 pm + Ed Bilski / + John B. and Helen Zilnicki  
+ Elizabeth (Libby) Brace  
The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
+ Timothy and Helen O'Donnell

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, JAN. 1, 2023

- 8:00 am + Frank J. Columbus (A)
- 9:15 am + Louise Zagajeski
- 10:30 am + Szymon Runowski  
(POLISH) + Teresa Lul  
+ Jerzy, Irene, Malgorzata and Zbigniew  
Aleksandrowicz and Family  
Za Czlonków zywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja  
+ Marianna Swiderek  
Boze Bogoslawnienstwo dla Danuty Gorskiej i  
jej calej rodziny  
+ Brie Redmond and Zenon Najdzion
- 12 noon + Anna and Peter Koval

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### BREAD AND WINE

Frank L., Bertha M. and Frank L. Jr. Ostroski

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Vincent A. Doroszka, M.D.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

**Psalms** — The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

**Gospel** — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;  
Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17];  
Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, December 26, 2022

Rectory Office Closed

### Tuesday December 27, 2022

Adoration 12 to 1 PM



## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Bertha Wilcenski*

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday, Dec. 25th—Weekly & Christmas Gift  
Sunday, Jan. 1st—Weekly & Solemnity of Mary



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Anne Ballagh \* Douglas Clark \* Stasia Grabowski \* Patricia Callos \* Joseph Kane \* Eleanor Nystrom \* Margaret McCarthy \* Baby Mia \* Jan Suchta \* Justin Leary \* Mike Smithwick \* Dakota Harmon \* Courtney Altman \* Gale Durney \* Kristy West \* Cole Faller \* Claire Latour \* Leo Wetter \* Halikias Family \* Liana Forstein \* Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini \* Thomas Ryall \* Jim Harmon \* Dorothy Pierzchanowski \* Anne Marie Donlon \* Charles Curry \* Dorothy Sousa \* Joan Kielkowski \* Anthony Naglieri \* Regina Semon \* Thomas McEnany \* Mary Khulman \* Denise Babinski \* Michael Alperti \* Roseanne Murphy \* Barbara Kozlowski \* James West \* Elizabeth Farruggia \* Kelly Wine \* Virginia Todd \* Mary Van Duesen \* Thomas DeGirolamo \* William Berenger \* Daria Quarlena \* Eileen Borchart \* Sheila Nolan \* Tom Wisniewski III \* Jean Reyes Carroll \* Lynn Markowski \* Corinne & Jeffrey Clark \* James, George and Barbara Jaeger \* Ernest and Alex Aponte \* Helen Long \* Michael Miglionico \* Wieslaw Luniewski \* Ralph Conforti \* The Barauskus Family \* Hope & Brittany Williams \* John Marion \* Emilia Andrychowski \* Augie & Georgianna Lucente \* Johanna Benthall \* Michelle Giaccone \* Richard and Grace Fehr \* Gloria Keller \* Theresa Jacobs \* Diana Metzger \* Peter Kruszon \* Howard Seifert \* Ed Kennedy \* Jennifer Massie \* Kit Z. \* Dolores Contino \* Joe & Nicholas LaBosco \* Agnes Brown \* Connie Giordano \* Krzysztof Olszowski \* Anders Ryden \* Kevin C. Cook \* Anita Costi \* Doriane Bay \* David Vallone \* Brittany Schacor \* Karen and Kim Finocchiaro \* Eleanor Koller \* Delberta Sprague \* Grace Mary Schulteis \* Victor Sechyshyn \* Wayne Rambo \* George Angle \* Marta Andreotta \* Melissa Alexandra \* Christian Vidal \* Suzanne Thompson \* Anna Grefe \* Helen Condzella \* Anthony Mannino \* Marcella Frisen \* Vera Doroski \* The Huntley Family \* Theresa Puglia \* Brian Darmody \* Leigh Anne Brown \* Dan Modjeska \* Judy Zakorski \* Marie Miley \* Marcjanna Stolarzewicz \* John Shuot \* Patrick Murphy \* Brian Crowley \* Louise Pampinello \* Jim DeRosa \* Barbara Fenn

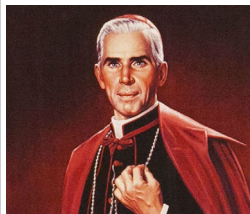
Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli,  
Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner,  
James Fleming, Peter and Shawna Marie Clark,  
Cole Lamond, Jonathan Jacobs, Brendan Fitzgerald,  
Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa  
and Garrett Bracht



Thank you to Ryszard Holub for the beautiful new stable in front of the church.

## The Most Reverend Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



**December 25:** "It is not the sanctuary that is in danger; it is civilization. It is not infallibility that may go down; it is personal rights. It is not the Eucharist that may pass away; it is freedom of conscience.

It is not divine justice that may evaporate; it is not that God may be driven from His throne; it is that men may lose the meaning of home; For peace on earth will come only to those who give glory to God! It is not the Church that is in danger, it is the world!

**December 26:** "Many a modern preacher is far less concerned with preaching Christ and Him crucified than he is with his popularity with his congregation."

**December 27:** "Since evil is nothing positive, there can be no principle of evil. It has no meaning except in reference to something good."

**December 28:** "We are living in perilous times when the hearts and souls of men are sorely tried. Never before has the future been so utterly unpredictable; we are not so much in a period of transition with belief in progress to push us on, rather we seem to be entering the realm of the unknown, joylessly, disillusioned, and without hope. The whole world seems to be in a state of spiritual widowhood, possessed of the harrowing devastation of one who set out on life's course joyously in intimate comradeship with another, and then is bereft of that companion forever."

**December 29:** "Our Lord was born not just of her flesh but also by her consent."

**December 30:** "The life of a bishop should be more perfect than the life of a hermit. The reason he gave was that the holiness which the monk preserves in the desert must be preserved by the bishop into the midst of the evil of the world."

**December 31:** "With the crib seen as a tabernacle and the child as a kind of host, then the home becomes a living temple of God. The sacristan of that sanctuary is the mother, who never permits the tabernacle lamp of faith to go out."

*"Wake up, O human being! For it was for you that God was made man. Rise up and realize it was all for you. Eternal death would have awaited you had He not been born in time. Never would you be freed from your sinful flesh had He not taken to Himself the likeness of sinful flesh. Everlasting would be your misery had He not performed this act of mercy. You would not have come to life again had He not come to die your death. You would have perished had He not come."*

– St. Augustine

# The 12 Days of Christmas

The secular song “The 12 Days of Christmas” is played on heavy rotation during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in the United States. While the song’s origins are rumored to be an English game, the lyrics were initially published in French, derived from a poem written by Catholic clerics sometime between 1558 and 1829. During this time, Roman Catholics in England could not practice their faith openly. The poem was a way to celebrate Christmas without the risk of persecution.

## **What are the Twelve Days of Christmas?**

The Twelve Days of Christmas are a festive Christian season celebrating the Birth of Jesus, also known as Twelvetide. The Council of Tours, in 567, “proclaimed the twelve days from Christmas to Epiphany as a sacred and festive season, and established the duty of Advent fasting in preparation for the feast.” In some Eastern European churches, the 12 days of Christmas called for attendance at daily church services, even during the Dark Ages. Twelvetide was a time of renewal and rededication to the Christian faith.

## **The meaning behind the carol**

Whether you like the secular version of the carol – with its vivid imagery and lavish gifts – or not, let’s compare the carol with its original Christian message. You may hear it with new ears and come to have a deeper appreciation for its story.

## **First day of Christmas...a partridge in a pear tree.**

The partridge in the tree represents Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Lord, and Savior to the Christian world.

## **Second day of Christmas...two turtle doves.**

The turtle doves represent the New and Old Testaments. The two testaments are two books that comprise the Holy Bible, our Christian roadmap for living a fulfilling life by giving glory to God.

## **Third day of Christmas...three French hens.**

The three hens symbolize the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love, as written in 1 Corinthians 13: “And now these three remain faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

## **Fourth day of Christmas...four calling birds.**

The four calling birds symbolize the four Gospels of Jesus written by the Apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

## **Fifth day of Christmas...five golden rings.**

The first five books of the Old Testament are also known as the Pentateuch or Torah: The five golden rings represent Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These books are the foundation of the Jewish faith into which Jesus was born and raised.

## **Sixth day of Christmas...six geese a-laying.**

The six geese represent the six days God took to create the world as written in Genesis 1:1-2:3.

## **Seventh day of Christmas...seven swans a-swimming.**

The seven swans represent the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, and compassion. The Catholic faith teaches that the swans represent the seven sacraments: communion, baptism, reconciliation, confirmation, ordination, marriage, and the ritual of last rites.

## **Eighth day of Christmas...eight maids a-milking.**

The eight maids represent the Beatitudes found in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew 5-7. The Beatitudes are paraphrased as blessed are the meek, poor in spirit, those who mourn, those with a hunger and thirst for justice, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, and suffer persecution for justice’s sake.”

## **Ninth day of Christmas...nine ladies dancing.**

The nine ladies symbolize the fruits of the Holy Spirit. As Christians grow stronger in their faith and closer to Jesus, these fruits grow and multiply. They are Joy, Love, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Kindness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control, as explained in Galatians 5: 22-23.

## **Tenth day of Christmas...ten lords a-leaping.**

The ten Lords symbolize the Ten Commandments. These are the laws God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai as the foundation of a Godly life. You can find the full version of each commandment in Exodus 20:2-17.

## **Eleventh day of Christmas...eleven pipers piping.**

The eleven pipers represent the apostles of Jesus: Andrew, Peter, John, James, Phillip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, Simon, and Jude. The twelfth apostle was Judas, who betrayed Christ.

## **Twelfth day of Christmas...twelve drummers drumming.**

The drummers refer to the twelve points in the Catholic doctrine of the Apostle’s Creed. The Apostle’s Creed chronicles Jesus’ life as both man and Son of God, how he suffered for our sins, died, was resurrected, and ascended into heaven. The creed also prays for the forgiveness of sins and hope in eternal life with Christ.

Dear Parishioners of St. Isidore Church,

Emmanuel—God is with us. God came to live among us, for through Him we see and walk again, we are cleansed and raised to new life.

During this season, we celebrate Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; May these fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Kris, Fr. Nicholas, Deacon Mike and the Staff of our Parish



Drodzy Parafianie sw. Izydora

Niech przychodzący na nasz świat Jezus rozproszy ciemności i mrok naszych niepewnych czasów.

Niech przyniesie pokój i radość, których tak często brakuje w naszych rodzinach.

Niech przyniesie nadzieję, że dobro zawsze zwycięża.

Jezus przychodzi, aby nas zbawić od naszych grzechów, od tego co nas rani i boli. Narodzi się w prostej stajni, w ubóstwie i chłodzie.

Drodzy Parafianie: w życiu brakuje nam wielu rzeczy, wielu iPadów czy komputerów, pieniędzy czy czasu. Życzę wam wszystkim, żeby nigdy nikomu nie zabrakło tego co tak naprawdę jest najważniejsze: miłości i dobrych ludzi.

Ze wszystkich skarbów w stajni można było znaleźć tylko jeden skarb: miłość.

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