

**Mass Intentions ~ December 24-30, 2018**

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

- ~ Vigil Mass @ 5:30 pm (Patrick Hurley, RIP)
- ~ Midnight Mass (choral presentation @ 11:30 pm)
- ~ Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30 am

(Margaret Caperton & Ida Romero, RIP)

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — (Patrick Hurley, RIP)

\*Thursday @ 9:00 am — (Wilma Pickett & John Pickett RIP)

\*Friday @ 9:00 am — (Manuelita Espinoza & Flora Ready, RIP)

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — (Mary Null Hammond, RIP)

Sunday @ 8:00 am — (People of the Parish, Sp Int)

Sunday @ 10:30 am — (Patrick Hurley, RIP)

(see the full prayer list on our website & prayer board)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:30-5pm

No Adoration this week as the Parish Office will be closed all week.

**New Prayer Requests**

**Special Intentions:**

Rich Walton, father of Steve Walton  
Ronald T Zebrowski, father of Donna Reiss

**Repose of the Soul:**

George Kehle, brother of Betty Heathman

**— — — Date Announcements and Reminders — — —**

**Christmas Mass Schedule — Monday, December 24th Christmas Vigil Mass @ 5:30 pm;  
Midnight Mass (choral presentation begins @ 11:30 pm)  
Tuesday, December 25th Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30 am**

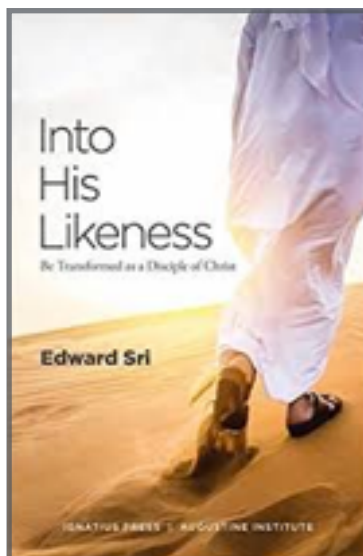
- The Parish Office will be closed: Wednesday, Dec 20 @ noon through Tuesday, Jan 1**
- The office reopens Wednesday, Jan 2. We will be checking phone messages during the closed dates.
  - There will be No Eucharistic Adoration on the days the office is closed.
  - Note Special Daily Mass Times: Dec 27, 28, 31, Jan 1 @ 9 am; Jan 4 @ 10am (Healing Mass & Brunch)
  - All Religious Classes are on break. The Big Deal Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, January 9th; Sunday morning classes will resume on January 13th.

**World Marriage Day 2019 will be held Sunday, February 24, 2019** at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz at 3:00 pm, with a reception immediately following. **All married couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 60th anniversaries, or any significant anniversary are asked to call our church office so you can be included in this wonderful celebration.**



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Vigil @ 5:30 pm  
Midnight Mass (choir begins @ 11:30 pm)  
Christmas Day @ 10:30 am



**Enjoy our Christmas gift to you!**  
**We will also give them to our visitors at all the Christmas Masses.**  
**This book is an inspired work that goes perfectly with all we have been doing as a parish.**  
**Let us continue our journey into deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, as His intentional disciples!**  
**Merry Christmas!**

**Church website: [www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com](http://www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com)  
Office phone: 601-992-9547**

**December 23, 2018 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent  
~Awaiting His Birth~**

*So, the long-awaited Christmas Event is here, when we recall how Jesus Christ chose to be born in a stable .... a dirty, stinky place. Really? Why would He choose such a place to come into our world? But, He did! That is a part of the Great Mystery. He chooses us, too — another part of the Great Mystery!*

*Let us each invite Jesus to be born in our personal stable — the place where we hide all our trash and refuse. He is not looking to be born in our polished, surface-level place that we present to others. He goes much deeper than that!*

*Think about how you see Him. How you relate to Him. Are you open to a new, deeper relationship with Jesus? Thank you, LeighAnn for sharing your own journey with us! — Fr. Gerry*

Fr. Hurley,

I've been thinking a lot about my image of God. As the holiday season is upon us, I have been running around trying to get everything ready, to make things perfect. As I was cleaning, I came across my notes from a previous discussion (is the Church failing) and remember the two words I got from that: fail and witness; we are failing to witness. That then brought me to the things I learned going through Christ Life. As I just completed the last session, Sharing Christ, witnessing was fresh on my mind. That led to my image of God.

Sometimes I feel like we have to be perfect to come to know Christ and have a relationship with him. How can we know God if we don't know his word and teachings? How can we expect to have that personal, deep relationship if we are lost or broken? And with out those, how in the world are we to witness? My life has been a roller coaster, with highs and lows, and twists and turns. But I always knew something was missing.

As my daughter got older, I felt the need to get her back to church. While she did things with my sisters church and she knew who God was, I knew I had to build a better foundation for her. This world can be a scary place. So as I pushed her to go to church and Sunday school, the most wonderful thing happened. The youth group expanded to include the 7th and 8th graders. We both joined. And I slowly begin to understand what was missing, God. I realized I didn't have to be perfect. God said all are welcome and to come as you are.

A few years in, my hunger for God began to grow out of my control. I got more active, began to read more, and joined in with small groups and church discussions. I don't have to be perfect. I just have to keep going and trust that God will be with me always. So I realized that image I had of God, (He won't love me in my sin), was the exact opposite of who God is. He loves us with our sins and wants us to draw closer. He uses all we have in our Redemption. He gives us strength to face whatever comes our way. He doesn't want us to wait to be perfect. He wants us now and always. And even though the advent season is half way over, we don't have to wait for Lent to continue that deep reflection of our knowledge, faith, and relationship.

It's an ongoing process, something I have realized more and more as I take on new studies. We should constantly be nurturing that relationship. I may not be perfect, but I am ready and willing to walk with Christ by my side.

Merry Christmas 🎄🎁  
LeighAnn Mangum



# Christmas Flower Donations & Dedications

**David & Winnie Browman - In honor of John & Lee Browman, John & Marie Dennis**

**Ruby Jo Bowden - In honor of L.G. Bowden**

**Janet & Wendell Burkett - In honor of Buddy and Janet Burkett**

**Sheila Carter - In honor of Ernestine Archer & Michael Archer**

**John & Margaret McAleese - In honor of church people**

**Jimmy Searcy - In honor of Earline & Hulen Massey**

**Jim & Kathy Mathews - In honor of our families**

**Donna Gorline - In honor of Joni Dobraiski, Grandparents Hopkins, Grandparents Kopack,  
Doris Dobraiski, Spencer, Frank, & Ralph Gorline**

**Chris & Alanna McCarty - In honor of Annie Cummins, J.D. Tharp, Anna Tharp, Bill Flood**

**Paul & Jacqueline Hoey - In honor of Dr. John P. Elser, Rosanne Elser, Lori Elser,  
Patricia Hoey**

**Patrick & Patricia Burke - In honor of Dena Turley, Frank Turley, Hilliet "Pat" Burke,  
Mark Grindley**

**Frank & Rosina Ready - In honor of Leroy Salazar, Arnold Espinoza Jr.**

**John & Cathy Craven - In honor of Faye Baker Smith, Esther Baker Mize, Jack Craven,  
Kitti Binford**

**Lawrence & Patsy Graeber - In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Graeber, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Howell**

**Ken & Zena Lowrey - In honor of Dora Watts, Alelda Guillot, Edith Lowrey, Laura Folks**

**Barbara Montalto - In honor of John G. Montalto Jr.**

**John & Helen DeCantillon - In memory of the Blais & Marquis families, the Bundy Family,  
the DeCantillon family**

**Steven & Rose Ann Gurbisz - In honor of Gurbisz family, Arias family**

**Ben Ticknor & Cheryl Marsh - In honor of Tanner-Finn family, O'Brien family,  
Ticknor -Farmer family.**

**Bob & JoAnn Burke - In honor of Linda Estes, Helen Luke, Thad Luke**

**Doug & Sharon Falcon - In honor of Elmo Falcon, Rick Beroalof, Kennon Robertson**

**Eugene Valentine - In honor of Rose Valentine, Nicholas Valentine, Mary Dell Valentine,  
Vergia Dugglas**

**Barbara Meadows - In honor of Johns family, Meadows family, Andel Finger family**

**George & Liz LaFontaine - In honor of LaFontaine family, Ferreira Family**

**Paul & Angela Bierdeman - In honor of A.J. & Martha Swiney, Cary & Dorothy Bierdeman**

**Dale & Monti Harris - In honor of Sid Chauffepied**

**Tim & Karen Simmons - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Simmons, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Hough,  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mayes, Mr. Patrick Simmons**

**Robert & Paula Young - In honor of grandchildren: Noah, Joshua, Jacob**

**John & Alison Lewis - In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Lewis, Dr. & Mrs. Albert Tillman**

**Robert & Kay Moody, - In honor of Dr. & Mrs. Albert Tillman, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Moody**

**Marilyn Stefka, - In honor of Peter & Josephine Kubik, Clara K. Grewen, Marjorie Middleton,  
Helen K. Nowicki, K.D. Kubik**

**Leo & Katheryn Duguay - In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Zoel Duguay, Cora Rand**

**Steve & Renee Gosselin - In honor of Marie Gosselin, Amy Davis, Carolyn Brown,  
Donnie Brown**

**Mary Haslob - In honor of Chris Haslob**

**Domingo & Mary Teresa Quino - In honor of Onofre Sr. Balancar, Conchita Gomez Uy,  
Wifredo Gomez Uy, Leonita Quino, Nicasio Quino**

**Michael & Toni Vaughan - In honor of Joshua Vaughan**

**Cecilia Carlton - In honor of Edward G Hosemann, Audrey W. Hosemann**

**Clifford & Linda Russell - In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Jones, Mr. & Mrs Cliff Russell**

**Ron & Ouida Muffuletto - In honor of Sonny Muffuletto, John Wingtard, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent  
Muffuletto, Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Doyle**

**Steve & Judy Bomgardner - In memory of deceased family members**

**Michael & Alyssa LaHatte - In honor of Roland Bremer, Wayne Douglas, Mary Jane LaHatte**

**Brad & Marty Thomas - In memory of Ken Thomas, Buddy Crosby**

**Linda Rainey - In honor of Carl Rainey, Patrick Hurley, Fr. Patrick Noonan, Mr. & Mrs Joseph  
Ducharme & family**

**Michael & Lorrie Drennan - In honor of grandchildren**

**Patrick & Jennifer Janes - In honor of Mirielle Steen Janes**

**Tamika Wray - In memory of Terry Wray**

**Steve & Sally Otting - In memory of Bob Otting, Barbara Said, Edward Said**

**Jack & Marion Mckee - In memory of Alex Mckee**

**Rita Wray - In memory of Terry Wray**

**Donna Reiss - In memory of John R Reiss, Wanda I Zebrowski, Royce H Reiss**

**Marilyn Baker**

**Terry & Anna Jensen**

**Kenneth & Lynn Hynes**

**Ian & Suzanne Walker**

**Tom Mullen**

**Julie Barry**

**Paul & Ginger Thomas**

**Leigh Ann Mangum**

**Rick & Terry Fielding**

**Bill Dellavalle**

**Cecil & Iris Harrison**

**Steven & Jenise Kohnke**

**Sam & Jeweline Dotson**

**Jason & Cathy Richardson**

**Robert & Abigail Flaherty**

**Walter & Teresa Birdsong**

