

Masses:
Wednesdays - 8:30 a.m.
Sundays - 8:00 a.m.

~ Sacred Heart Church ~
Kinsman, IL

Reconciliation:
Before Sunday Mass
By appointment: 815-237-2230

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December 25, 2016

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

Mass Schedule

Mass Intentions

Collections - 12/18/16

Sat. - Dec. 24	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve - For Parishioners	Sunday.....\$	663.00
Sun. - Dec. 25	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day - For Parishioners	MVK Christmas Basket...\$	50.00
Wed. - Dec. 28	8:30 a.m.	NO MASS - Fr. Stan attending a funeral	Immaculate Conception....\$	20.00
Sun. - Jan. 1	8:00 a.m.	For Parishioners	"Your offering is most appreciated!"	

Food Pantry Item(s) / December -

Laundry detergent, bleach, fabric softener, dish soap

*"Today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord."*

Sunday Mass:

January Stewardship

Lector: B. Walsh

Servers: B. Jensen & C. Boucher

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Bierle, K. Vint & B. Sulzberger

- ◆ Please remember in your prayers all the deceased of our parish and communities, all of our nursing home residents and those living alone, all those that are battling illness, along with their families and care givers, all of the brave and selfless men and women serving in the armed forces, their families and all of the innocent souls affected by war. Please also pray for all that are in need, materially and spiritually, those that have suffered and died at the hands of others, those that have been affected by recent natural disasters and all of our dear friends and neighbors that have asked for our prayerful support.
- ◆ Please turn off all electronic devices before Mass begins. Thank you.
- ◆ FYI - The Rectory will be closed Monday Dec. 26th and Friday Dec. 30th of this coming week.
- ◆ Thank you to everyone for their Christmas flower donations! These lovely flowers certainly add to the beauty of the occasion! We also want everyone to know that an **updated** donor/honoree list is available in the vestibule. We offer our sincerest apologies to those that were inadvertently left off the original list, and thank them for bringing it to our attention.
- ◆ A big "thank you" also goes out to our CCD students...and their teachers...for sharing their voices in praise, honor and celebration of our Lord last Sunday! They did a wonderful job...and helped us to focus on the true meaning of that which is Christmas!
- ◆ Thank you for donating your time and resources this holiday season to support the 2016 M-V-K Christmas Basket Project. We enjoyed hours of fellowship and laughter while many volunteers worked to make this project possible. We could not have done it without all of your help. The project takes all of us working together to make it a success. We would like to **thank you** for your part in making this another great year. We truly are blessed to have you help with the basket project. This year we assisted 52 families consisting of 94 children and 93 adults. We distributed 188 gifts and 188 sweatshirts, and lots and lots of food. Such generosity allows these families to spend less time worrying about putting food on the table and more time celebrating in each other's company over the holidays. Again, this would not be possible without the wonderful support from you, our community and our local churches helping to spread God's love. In Christ Love, Jeanne Madison & Tina Brookman - M-V-K Christmas Basket Project.
- ◆ The P.A.D.S. (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) Program is in need of volunteers. If you can help out, please contact Phil Wardlow at 815-685-8098.
- ◆ IT IS OUR HONOR TO CORDIALLY INVITE YOU (AND YOUR GUEST) ALL* WHO SACRIFICE TIME AND TALENTS FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY to join us to celebrate AN APPRECIATION DINNER on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 6:30PM at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Excellent food and drinks would be offered and nice music for dancing! Please RSVP by signing the list in the back of the church. (*Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Religious Education Staff, Offertory/Ushers, Pastoral and Finance Council Members, Musicians and Cantors, Janitors, Money Counters, those who care for the Altar Linens, Society Officers, Funeral Dinner Chairs, Memorial Garden Volunteers, and all Committee Chairs).
- ◆ The Dec 15th \$50.00 WATCH (We Are The Church) winner was Jim Ligori. The winning ticket was sold by the St. Michael the Archangel WATCH Community in Streator.
- ◆ We would like to welcome all new individuals, couples and families to Sacred Heart! If you haven't already done so, please register with Fr. Stanley after Mass. Blue registration forms are on the bulletin board in the vestibule.
- ◆ Word of Life - "What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:3-4, NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.
- ◆ A Stewardship Moment - from the website of the International Catholic Stewardship Council - **December 24/25, 2016 - Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)** - "Amidst the beautiful readings at the Christmas Masses is a reading from a small New Testament letter from Saint Paul to his protégé, Titus, read at Midnight Mass. Saint Paul reminds Titus that God has given us a gift in the person of Jesus Christ. This gift represents God's active presence in our lives and in our world. This gift redeems us from evil and death. This gift purifies us as God's people. This is a gift that also comes with an expectation: that we receive it with thanksgiving, allow it to transform us into Christ's image; and from it, learn how to live a life 'eager to do what is good.' Take time the next few days to reflect on the marvelous gift we celebrate at Christmas, and how we might become better stewards of this gift."

"Christmas blessings to you and yours!!!"

