

December 25, 2016

Nativity of Our Lord

St. Joseph Oratory

Living the Truth in Charity

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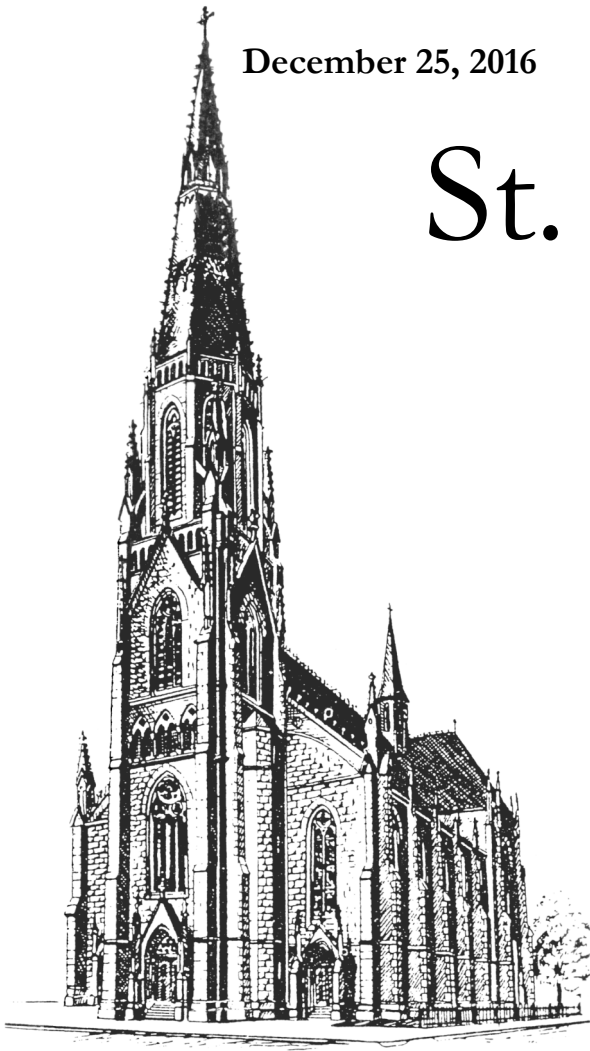
Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz STD, JCD, Vicar General

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial Superior

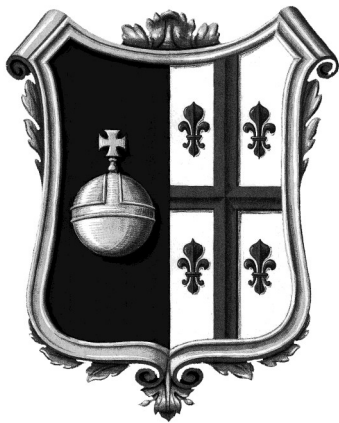
Rev. Canon Michael Stein, Rector

Rev. Jonathon Fehrenbacher, Deacon

Mr. Michael Semaan, Music Director



*Institute of Christ the King
Sovereign Priest*



Regular Schedule

Sundays 9:00 AM Low Mass, 11:00 AM High Mass,
6:00 PM Vespers & Benediction

Weekdays 8:00 AM Low Mass *except Wednesdays*

Wednesday 12:00 PM Low Mass & Perpetual Novena
to St. Joseph

Friday 6:00 PM Holy Hour

First Friday 7:00 PM High Mass

Saturday 9:00 AM Low Mass & Novena to Our Lady
of Perpetual Help

Confessions daily 30 minutes before Mass;
Sundays 8-8:50 AM & 10-10:50 AM



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, December 25, Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

12:00 AM Midnight Solemn High **ICRSS**
9:00 AM Low Mass of the Dawn **Adorers of the Royal Heart**
11:00 AM Solemn High Mass of the Day **Pro Populo**
6:00 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction

Monday, December 26, St. Stephen, Martyr

8:00 AM Low Mass **Mr. & Mrs. Ortega & Baby**, *requested by Alvarez Family*

Tuesday, December 27, St. John the Evangelist

8:00 AM Low Mass & wine blessing **Damen Hernandez**

Wednesday, December 28, Holy Innocents

12:00 PM Low Mass & **Perpetual Novena** to St. Joseph

Thursday, December 29, 5th Day of Christmas Octave

8:00 AM Low Mass †**Deceased of the Baltrinic Family**

Friday, December 30, 6th Day of Christmas Octave

8:00 AM Low Mass **Cassie Hernandez**

Saturday, December 31, 7th Day of Christmas Octave *with Te Deum*

9:00 AM Low Mass & Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
For the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

Sunday, January 1st, Octave of the Nativity *with Veni Creator*

9:00 AM Low Mass with organ **Pro Populo**
11:00 AM Solemn High Mass **Canons Regular of the Holy Cross**
6:00 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction

Server Schedule

Dear Altar Boys of Saint Joseph Oratory,

Merry Christmas! Thank you for making the Institute's arrival a smooth transition. We will continue to hold practices, organize outings and grow in numbers and rotation.

May the Christ Child continue to reward for your dedicated service at His Most Holy Altar!

Usher Schedule

Dear Ushers of Saint Joseph Oratory,

Merry Christmas! Thank you for your weekly service. Preparing the missals, greeting our faithful, taking up the collection and assuring the good order of the Church is an important duty. Thank you!

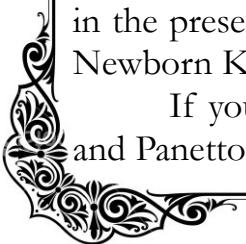
FROM THE RECTOR: CANON MICHAEL STEIN

Dear Oratory Faithful,

Merry Christmas! Today, the history of the world changes! God becomes man and is born on this earth! Nothing has ever been the same and nothing ever will be. He came. He conquered. He still comes and He conquers our heart and soul. Allow the sweet babe to draw you to His Tender and Divine Love. Place all your cares at His Feet. Eternally begotten of the Father, He is born this night in order to be born in your souls by the life of grace. O ineffable mystery.

I invite you all to spend extra time in front of the manger. Be united in thought and prayer in the presence of the Holy Family. Please entrust our church's full repair and restoration to the Newborn King's care.

If you are here for Midnight Mass, please join us in the St. Joseph Social Hall for hot cocoa and Panettone before taking the road home. *Ite ad Joseph!*



How does the Church celebrate the change of the secular calendar year?

While the Liturgical new year began with the first Sunday of Advent, the Church does not turn a blind eye to the change of the calendar year. Holy Mother Church offers a plenary indulgence to those who sing/pray the *Te Deum* on December 31st. This is the official hymn of Thanksgiving by which we thank God for the benefits of the year that is coming to a close. She also offers a plenary indulgence for the praying/singing of the *Veni Creator* on January 1st, thus placing the new year under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We will do this as a parish next week before each Mass on January 1st.

Death Notice: Sonja Scott, age 45, beloved daughter of Loretta Scott, entered Eternal Life on Tuesday, December 13. Sonja was a lifetime member of St. Joseph Church. At age 20, she was tragically injured in an automobile accident that left her a quadriplegic. Please remember Sonja & her mother in prayer. Funeral at St. Joseph: Thurs. Dec. 29th, 11am

Upcoming Catechism Schedule

Sunday, December 25th, after Midnight Mass
Hot Cocoa and Panetonne

Wednesday, December 28th, Christmas Break
No Catechism

Sunday, January 1st, Christmas Break No
Catechism

Wednesday, January 4th, Christmas Break No
Catechism

*Daily Prayer to St. Joseph
written by St. Francis de Sales*

Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of Mary, grant us thy paternal protection, we beseech thee by the heart of Jesus Christ. O thou, whose power extends to all our necessities and can render possible for us the most impossible things, open thy fatherly eyes to the needs of thy children. In the trouble and distress which afflicts us, we confidently have recourse to thee. Deign to take under thy charitable charge this important and difficult matter, cause of our worries. Make its happy outcome be for God's glory and for the good of His devoted servants. Amen.

Save the Date!

On Sunday, February 5th at 11am, Archbishop Vigneron will install Canon Michael Stein as Parish Pastor. The traditional ceremony of installation will precede the Solemn High Mass. For the occasion, Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial for the USA will also be present.

Tuesday, December 27th

After the 8am Mass:
Traditional wine blessing for the feast of St. John

Friday, January 6th, Epiphany

8am Low Mass
6pm Holy Hour, 7pm Solemn High Mass

Christmas Thank you!

Dear Oratory Faithful and Friends,

This note includes a very special thank you to the St. Joseph Cappella who spent countless hours preparing the Christmas music program. Thank you, Men's Schola and Altar Boys for your faithful service. Thank you Men of St. Joseph, Helpers of the Holy Family, and all the other volunteers who helped with Christmas cleaning, set-up, and hot cocoa serving. May the Infant King continue to shower you with heavenly graces!

The Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree benefits three separate Pregnancy Centers located at St. Augustine / St. Monica Church, St. Cecilia Church and Holy Redeemer Church. The Bishop Plagens Council of the Knights of Columbus which serves the churches of Sweetest Heart of Mary, St. Josaphat and St. Joseph Oratory, has provided each of these centers with an ultra-sound machine through the various fund raising projects they have throughout the year. The Giving Tree will stay up through the month of January, to facilitate all of the requests being answered. Please return your unwrapped gifts to the area of the tree. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Novena Prayer to the Infant King, *You can also recite it throughout the Christmas Octave*

O Divine Infant Jesus, I have recourse to Thee. Please, through Thy Blessed Mother, assist me in this necessity (*mention intention here*), because I firmly believe that Thy Divinity can help me. I hope with confidence to obtain Thy holy grace. I love Thee with all my heart and with all the strength of my soul. I repent sincerely of my sins and I beg Thee, O Good Jesus, to grant me the strength to triumph over them. I resolve never more to offend Thee and I come to offer myself to Thee with the intention of enduring everything rather than to displease Thee. Henceforth, I desire to serve Thee with fidelity and, for the love of Thee, O Divine Infant, I will love my neighbor as myself. All powerful Infant, O Jesus, I implore Thee again, assist me in this need. Grant me the grace of possessing Thee eternally with Mary and Joseph and of adoring Thee with the angels in the heavenly court. Amen.

Purchase your Institute Christmas Cards!

Christmas season lasts until Feb. 2nd. It's not too late! Institute of Christ the King Christmas cards with a variety of designs are now available in both the vestibule and the gift shop. By purchasing these cards you are also enrolling your loved ones in the Christmas Novena of Masses. Please fill out the intention sheet.

1 Pack - \$10 or 3 Packs for \$25

The Institute's 2017 Calendar has arrived!

Institute of Christ the King 2017 Calendars are now for sale in the vestibule and the gift shop. This year's calendar commemorates our 20 year presence in the United States. Enjoy the beautiful photos of our Apostolates (yes, Detroit is already included!). They're complete with all the traditional feasts days. *Makes a great stocking stuffer!* **\$10 each, Buy 5 get 1 free**

2017 Church Envelopes for St. Joseph Oratory!

We are ordering weekly envelopes for 2017 to all those families who have now registered with St. Joseph Oratory. For those who have not yet registered, but would like to receive envelopes can do so by providing your name and address to the parish office or by email.

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St. Joseph Oratory Sacrament Information:

Infant Baptism: Parents requesting Baptism must be active registered members of the Oratory.

First Communion and Confirmation: Children must attend the sacramental catechism classes at the Oratory.

Holy Matrimony: Couples planning to marry at the Oratory must call the Rectory for the proper instructions.

Anointing of the Sick: Members facing surgery, serious illness, or even death may call (313) 784-9152. *Never wait, never hesitate... remember: physical healing can also be an effect of the sacrament. Don't deprive a loved one of God's help.*

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