

TE DEUM
GREAT HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The Faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions by assisting at a Te Deum publicly sung on the last day of the year.

O God, we praise Thee: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
Everlasting Father, all the earth doth worship Thee. To Thee
all the Angels, the Heavens and all the Powers,
All the Cherubim and Seraphim, unceasingly proclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.
The glorious choir of the Apostles,
The wonderful company of Prophets,
The white-robed army of Martyrs, praise Thee.
Holy Church throughout the world doth acknowledge Thee:
The Father of infinite Majesty;
Thy adorable, true and only Son;
And the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.
O Christ, Thou art the King of glory!
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
Thou, having taken it upon Thyself to deliver man, didst not disdain the Virgin's womb.
Thou overcame the sting of death and hast opened to believers the Kingdom of Heaven.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge. (All kneel)
We beseech Thee, therefore, to help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood. (All stand)
Make them to be numbered

with Thy Saints in everlasting glory.
Save Thy people, O Lord, and bless Thine inheritance!
Govern them, and raise them up forever.
Every day we thank Thee.
And we praise Thy Name forever, yea, forever and ever.
O Lord, deign to keep us from sin this day.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee I have hoped; let me never be put to shame.
V. Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit.
R. Let us praise and magnify Him forever.
V. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
R. And worthy to be praised, and glorified, and exalted forever.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray. O God, Whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of Whose goodness is infinite; we render thanks to Thy most precious majesty for the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us: evermore beseeching Thy clemency that as Thou grantest the petitions of those who seek Thee, Thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the rewards to come. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.



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Sunday, December 31st, 2023
Sunday in the Octave of the Nativity
Introit

When a profound stillness compassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, Thy all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne. The Lord is King, in splendor robed; robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.
Glory be to the Father . . .
When a profound stillness compassed . . .

Collect

O Almighty and eternal God, direct our actions in conformity with Thy will, that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may be worthy to do good works in abundance. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Galatians 4:1-7

Brethren: As long as the heir is a child, he differs in no way from a slave, though he is the master of all; but he is under guardians and stewards until the time set by his father. So we too, when we were children, were enslaved under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, that He might redeem

those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. So that He is no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, an heir also through God.

Gradual & Alleluia

Fairer in beauty are Thee than the sons of men; grace is poured out upon Thy lips. My heart overflows with a goodly theme; as I sing my ode to the King, my tongue is nimble as the pen of a skillful scribe. Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord is King, in splendor robed; robed is the Lord and girt about with strength. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2:33-40

At that time, Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus were marvelling at the things spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted. And your own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. There was also Anna, a prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her maidenhood, and by herself as a widow to eighty-four years. She never left the temple, with fastings and prayers worshipping night and day. And coming up at that very hour, she began to give praise to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had fulfilled all things as prescribed in the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, into their own town of Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong. He was full of wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him.

Offertory

God has made the world firm, not to be moved. Thy throne, O God, stands firm from of old; from everlasting Thou are.

Secret

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the gift offered in the sight of Thy majesty may obtain for us the grace of reverent devotion and secure us eternal happiness. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

Take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead.

Postcommunion

By the working of this sacrament, O Lord, may our sins be erased and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord . . .

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, December 3rd: \$ 4, 667.00

Friday, December 8th: \$ 1, 492.00

Sunday, December 10th: \$ 4, 144.00

Sunday, December 17th: \$ 3, 693.00

Sunday, December 24th: \$ 6, 171.00

Monday, December 25th: \$ 5, 338.00

Total for the Month: \$ 25, 505.00

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 1st: Octave Day of Christmas. **Holy Mass at 8:00am.** Veni Creator before Mass to invoke the grace of the Holy Ghost for the new year. Opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence by assisting at the Veni Creator this day.

Friday, January 5th: First Friday of the Month. Devotions and Benediction at 6:30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7pm, St. Joseph's Church, Dyer.

Sunday, January 7th: Coffee Social Hour after Mass at St Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, located at 557 West 57th Avenue, Merrillville IN 46410. Please bring a dish to share.

Sunday, January 14th: *Blessing Sunday*. Blessings of religious articles will be given after Holy Mass.

WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



"Do you see the baby Jesus in the crib? He accepts all the discomforts of that season, the bitter cold and everything that the Father lets happen to him. He does not refuse the small consolations that his Mother gives him; we are not told that he ever reached out for his Mother's breast, but left everything to her care and concern. So too, we ourselves should neither desire nor refuse anything, but accept all that God sends us, the bitter cold and the discomforts of the season."