

CHRISTMAS 2018

*While they were there, the time came for her to have her child,
and she gave birth to her firstborn son. LK 2:6*



St. Dominic Parish

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**DECEMBER 23, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MONDAY – DECEMBER 24 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

3:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners
5:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners
11:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 25 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 A.M. For Our Parishioners
9:30 A.M. For Our Parishioners
11:30 A.M. For Our Parishioners

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 26 – SAINT STEPHEN

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Ruth Murray (BR)
8:00 A.M.-NOON Adoration

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 27 – SAINT JOHN

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. Margo Fishburn

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 28 – THE HOLY INNOCENTS

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
7:30 A.M. George & Kay Winstel and Irwin Pessler
8:15 A.M. No Mass (No School)

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 29 – FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

6:10 A.M. Communion Service
8:15 A.M. Ruth Ratterman (ANN)
After Mass: Marian Devotions and Apostolate
for the Dying
4:30 P.M. Eleanor Pucci (ANN)

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 30 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 A.M. Betty Savino
9:30 A.M. Bill Rasmussen
11:30 A.M. Ed Wissing (BR & ANN)
7:00 P.M. For Our Parishioners

PARISHIONERS FOR LIFE

Spiritual Adoption Program – Baby's 4th Month: "Thank you for praying for me. I'm bigger and stronger now. I'm about 6 inches long and I weigh 4 ounces. When Mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat. I hope that one day I will run and play with friends like you."

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick is a healing sacrament of the Church. Anyone who is sick or elderly and in need of physical or emotional healing can come to this sacrament which will be communally celebrated annually. Those who would like to receive the sacrament before a hospital stay or surgery are invited to call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The sacrament is also available to those who may be near death. Please call the parish emergency line. Someone will respond to your call. Please inform the Parish Office when a member of the parish is hospitalized.

Considering Entering the Catholic Church?

RCIA is the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. The process provides for different levels of entry. To obtain more information, call Deacon Mark Bardonaro at 471-7741.

PASTOR'S DESK

We have all been amused by infants at Christmas, who get so fascinated and preoccupied by the colorful wrapping paper and ribbons and bows that they temporarily lose interest in the gift, especially if it is in a package that does not attract their attention. One of the signs of human maturity is knowing the difference between the wrapping and the gift.

For the past two months (or one sixth of the year), our society has been pointing to Christmas. I saw the first Christmas ad at the end of October. There have been Christmas trees and wreaths, lights and tinsel, carols and cookies, Santa Claus and Rudolph, parties and cards, and gifts purchased. In many ways, all of that is the wrapping for the best gift of all: God's gift of self to us in the person of Jesus, born of Mary in Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger!

In the gift of Jesus, God has embraced the human race and human history. Christmas is the celebration of that embrace! And God embraces not just human life... but my life... and your life! God embraces not just human history in general...but my history... my story... and your story! The good news is that God embraces you...God embraces me!

In the midst of all the wrappings this Christmas, don't miss the gift! May you experience God's personal embrace! May that experience bring you joy and peace during the Christmas season and throughout the new year!

Fr. Jim

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the souls of Carol Stewart, Carmen Miele and Joe Backscheider, who died this past week. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will have reduced hours during the holiday season. Please note these times so you can plan your business accordingly.

Monday, December 24 – 8:00 a.m.-noon

Tuesday, December 25 – Closed

Wednesday, December 26-Friday, December 28 –
8:00 a.m.-noon

Monday, December 31 – 8:00 a.m.-noon

Tuesday, January 1 – Closed

Infant Baptisms

Attendance at a Parent Pre-Baptism Session is required. Call Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday, 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

One of the engaged or his/her parents must be a registered and active parishioner for six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Scheduling must take place at least six months in advance of the wedding. Weddings are not scheduled during Advent or Lenten Seasons. A marriage preparation program is required.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Please call the Parish Office to request this service.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Attention PSR Families: There will be NO CLASSES for students in Grades 1-5 on Sunday, December 23 and Sunday, December 30. Classes resume on January 6 at 10:30 a.m. Students in Grades 6-8 will not have class on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1. Classes resume Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. Thanks for your support of our PSR Program. The PSR Staff wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year.

SIGN OF PEACE AND COMMUNION FROM THE CUP DURING FLU SEASON

With the flu season upon us, it would be helpful for each of us to take precautions in order to reduce the risk of passing on the flu. If you are sick, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. If you are not feeling well, but choose to participate in the Sunday liturgy, please refrain from drinking from the cup to protect others from illness. Additionally, offering the Sign of peace may be done in the form of a nod of the head and simply saying, "Peace be with you." Washing hands thoroughly before attending Mass is another very helpful precaution. It is important that children also take these same precautions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We need several people to help us put Las Vegas ticket sheets in the January *TORCH* on Thursday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m. This would be a good opportunity for a retired person, a Boy or Girl Scout, or a confirmation student to do some community service. If we get several people, it can be done in a few hours. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741 or Bob Murphy at 451-5047. THANKS IN ADVANCE! (Those people who have helped in the past do not have to respond. They will receive a call asking for their help.

ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT ST. DOMINIC

Are you age 70 and a half and required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account, also known as Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to St. Dominic Parish. QCDs will satisfy your annual distribution requirement, (RMD), and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support St. Dominic Parish. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your investment advisor and/or your tax advisor, as we cannot give specific tax advice.

PARENTAL PREPARATION FOR THEIR INFANT'S BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the first two Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents requesting Baptism of their first child are asked to attend a preparation session. During this time, we will look at the history and theology of the Sacrament, reflect on our own baptism, and look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Our next session is scheduled for Sunday, January 6 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in church. Please call the Parish Office at 471-7741 ext. 411 with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on January 6.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Information for the January 6 bulletin must be submitted by Monday, December 24. Thank you.

A WELCOMING SEASON

During the Christmas Season, many of us welcome guests into our homes and many of us are welcomed by others. Isn't it wonderful, to again be with our families and loved ones?

As a parish, we also rejoice in welcoming family home, and welcoming visitors who may be here worshipping with their loved ones. If you are a visitor, or have been away for a while, we want you to know how happy we are that you are here. We hope you will come back often. Our community is enhanced by your presence!

Christmas has a way of awakening our longing for God and our desire to experience God in a community of believers. If you or someone you know is looking for a place to worship, or would like to experience the joy that Jesus Christ can bring, we would love to talk to you. St. Dominic Parish has an ongoing process of Christian initiation for those who have questions about the Catholic faith.

If you have questions about becoming Catholic, or you are already Catholic and have been away, or have felt disconnected from the Church, we look forward to talking with you. Call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0. And, again, thank you for worshipping with us at St. Dominic.



St. Dominic Parish

Generations Growing in Faith

Our future depends on you.

Please remember St. Dominic in your will and estate planning.
Our legal title is St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Collection Week of 12/16/18: \$ 20,503

Additional Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 1,449

Thank you for your support of our Parish.
May the Lord continue to bless you in your generosity!

ST. DOMINIC NEWS

PTO SUPER SPLIT-THE-POT WINNER – During the Secret Santa Shop, on Friday, December 14, Santa pulled Katherine McMahon's ticket as the winner of the PTO Super Split-the-Pot. We collected tickets totaling \$2,000 which means Katie will receive a check for \$1,000! Thank you for supporting the PTO and the students of St. Dominic School!

TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM – THANK YOU!! A huge thank-you to everyone who came out to Frisch's for the Tuition Credit Program's fundraiser on December 3. The restaurant was BUSY! As a result, we brought in \$1,930.38 total sales. This means the Tuition Credit Program earned \$386.08! Thank you so much to our school and parish families for your support!

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – If you wish to receive a statement of your contributions for 2018, please drop the green card from the back of your 2018 envelopes in the collection on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office. Statements will begin to be mailed out after all postings are finished for 2018.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018 – Please remember that contributions for the 2018 tax year must be received in the Parish Office by Monday, December 31, 2018 for them to be deductible for this tax year. We thank you for your ongoing support!

EXCITING NEWS! – As we announced earlier, we are working on a new pictorial church directory for 2019. We will begin to schedule early in the new year for photography appointments in March and April. Look for more information in the January and February bulletins and the February Torch about how to schedule a photography appointment. We would also like to invite you to take candid photos of parish activities, liturgies and sacraments and email them to us for possible inclusion in our directory. Photos can be mailed to parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 29 & 30

	SERVERS SCHEDULE	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Captains' names are listed first.)
8:15 a.m. Saturday	Megan Childs Ryan Kunz			
4:30 p.m. Saturday	Kamara Chowning Hayley Cook	Sharon Ochs	Pat Cusick	Bob Busam, Judy Luebbe, Maruska Marcheschi, Martha Queenan, Mike Queenan, Mary Jo Reiners, Amy Stevens
7:30 a.m. Sunday	Gabrielle White	Karen Holtgreffe	BC Charles	Evan Honnert, Clinton Backscheider, John Burns, Sabra Charles, Bobbie Honnert
9:30 a.m. Sunday	Alicia Burke Nick Tallen	Thai Family	Michelle Smith	Terry Doherty, Nancy Gibbs, Nancy Hendrickson, Maureen Heverin, Collin Kandra, Luke Kandra, Kelli Doerman
11:30 a.m. Sunday	Caroline Hafner Kendylle Lively	Tom Reckers	Fred Meyer	Margie Roedersheimer, Dave Tensing, Margie Walter, Otto Walter, Beth Weaver, Joan Buzek, Joe Crabb
7:00 p.m. Sunday			Mike Fitzpatrick	Elena DelaCalzada

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – Children's Mass

11:00 p.m. – Final Mass on Christmas Eve
(Carols begin at 10:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

NO 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 31

4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:00 a.m.

