



### *Winter Break Schedule*

December 19 - January 13

### *MASS*

**SATURDAY: 5:00pm-Newman Hall**

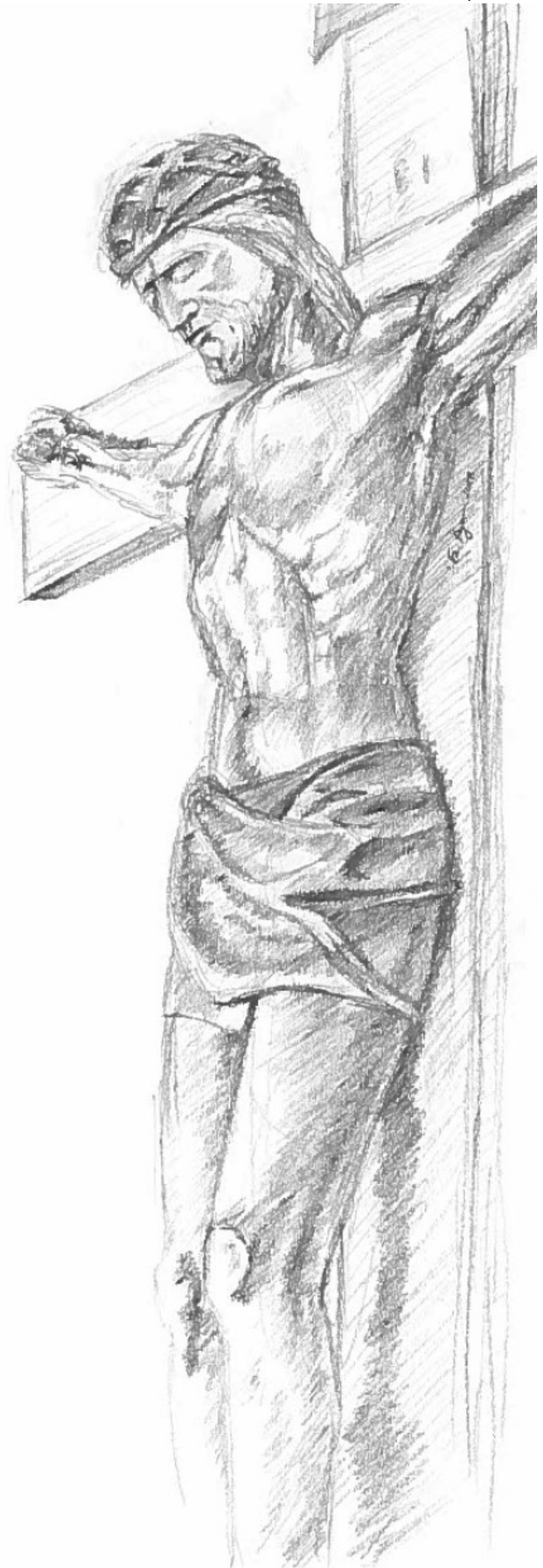
**SUNDAY: 9:30am/11:00am/5:00pm-KSU Alumni Center**

*Livestream -Sunday 9:30am Mass on Facebook - St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center*

**TUE/WED/THURS/FRI: 12:10 PM-Newman Hall  
(No Daily Masses or Confessions January 2-6)**

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**FRIDAYS: 11:00 am - Newman Hall**



**Sacrament of Baptism:** An instruction class is required for the baptism of the first child. Contact Diane Mack for information at [dmack@stisidores.com](mailto:dmack@stisidores.com).

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Six-month preparation period is required. Contact Diane Mack at [dmack@stisidores.com](mailto:dmack@stisidores.com) for information at least six months prior to your intended wedding date.

**RCIA:** If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Andy Brandt at [abrandt@stisidores.com](mailto:abrandt@stisidores.com) to register. Class begins in September and ends in April of each year.

### **St. Isidore's Staff**

Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt	Pastor, Chaplain
Fr. Matt Davied	Parochial Vicar
Frank Schmeidler	Director of Worship
Robert Jennings	Director of Evangelization
Ron Ratliff	Theology Instructor
Jeanae Brungardt	Director of Stewardship
Vaughn Kohler	Director of Development
Andy Brandt	Konza Catholic/RCIA Director
Diane Mack	Sacramental Coordinator
Heather Gritton	Finance Manager
Quenten Troyer	Facilities Manager
Traci McCarthy (PT)	Administrative Assistant
Lori Harlan (PT)	Social Coordinator

### **Winter Break Office Hours**

**Monday - Friday 9:00am-12:00pm phone: 785-539-7496**

**email: [stisidores@stisidores.com](mailto:stisidores@stisidores.com)**

*We extend a sincere welcome to all K-State students, faculty and staff, visiting parents, alumni, and friends. It is great to have you here! Registration is available online at [www.stisidores.com/contact/register](http://www.stisidores.com/contact/register) for students and permanent community.*



### SUNDAY READINGS

Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6  
Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm – † Daniel Keating  
12:00 am – St. Isidore’s Community

#### Sunday, December 25

9:30 am – † Leon Coccozoli

#### Tuesday, December 27

12:10 pm – † Tobias Becker

#### Wednesday, December 28

12:10 pm – Wally and Diane Mack

#### Thursday, December 29

12:10 pm – McNeill Family

#### Friday, December 30

12:10 pm – K, Jhoe, and Arlie Stonestreet

#### Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm – Imelda Evangelista Family

#### Sunday, January 1

9:30 am – St. Isidore’s Community  
11:00 am – † Marcella Pizarek

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 1

##### Saturday, December 31 5:00 pm

**Altar Server:** Danilo Tedesco  
**EMHC:** Manuel Gonzalez  
**Hospitality:** Galen and Linda Craghead  
**Lector:** Jhoe Stonestreet

##### Sunday, January 1 9:30 am

**Altar Server:** Danilo Tedesco  
**EMHC:** Diane Mack / Brad Starnes  
**Hospitality:** Kurt and Pam Dillon  
**Lector:** Justine May

##### Sunday, January 1 11:00 am

**Altar Server:** Volunteer  
**EMHC:** Joe and Marie Ney  
**Hospitality:** David Cramer / Kim Ross  
**Lector:** Kent Hampton

# The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022



### Winter Break - Dec. 19-Jan. 13

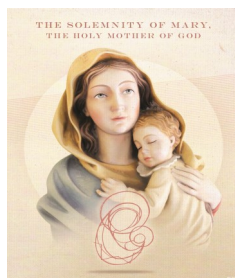
Daily Mass will be Tuesday-Friday at 12:10 in Newman Hall. Confessions will be Fridays at 11:00. We will not have Daily Mass or Confession the week of Jan. 2-6. Our office hours for Winter Break are 9:00-12:00. The office will be closed on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

### Manhattan Catholic Community Connected

The MC3 committee invites you and our Catholic community to celebrate the “Real Catholic” Christmas season which begins Christmas Eve and concludes with the Epiphany of the Lord. Join us on **Saturday, Jan. 7** at 7:00pm for Vespers and a dessert reception at Seven Dolours Church.

### 2022 Contributions

Donations that appear on the 2022 Contribution Statements must be postmarked by December 31, 2022 or delivered to the office by noon on January 3, 2022. All checks must be dated December 31, 2022 or before. All contributions received after that will appear on the 2023 Contribution Statements. 2022 Statements will be sent in mid-January to those giving a \$250 or greater gift (non-cumulative), all registered parishioners, or anyone that requests one. If you have any questions or would like to request a statement, please contact Heather Gritton at [hgritton@stisidores.com](mailto:hgritton@stisidores.com).



## Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31

5:00 - Newman Hall

Sunday, January 1

9:30 am - KSU Alumni Center

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests. (Is 9:5)

## PSALM:

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. (Ps 96)

## SECOND READING:

Beloved:  
The grace of God has appeared, saving all. (Ti 2:11)

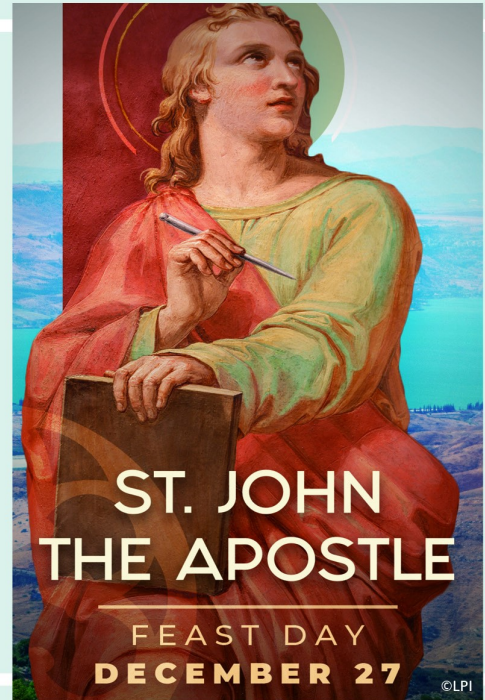
## GOSPEL:

“Do not be afraid;  
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.  
For today in the city of David  
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”  
(Lk 2:10-11)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

- Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord
- Monday: St. Stephen, First Martyr
- Tuesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Thursday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Saturday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Next Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace



## Saint of the Week

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death.

Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion. Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written. Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.

## BEING THE SIGN

I think the real challenge of evangelization in the modern age is the reality that pretty much everyone has already heard of Jesus Christ — or, at least, they think they have.

To our 21st-century eyes, the angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it.

Our baptism compels us to do the same — to announce the coming of Christ over and over again, always and everywhere. But our audience is not a group of illiterate shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus they often claim weariness of his name. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either “I already know about Jesus, thanks,” or “I’ve heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who

claim to follow him, I’m really not interested in hearing more.”

Because in the end, our very lives are how we “announce his salvation” in the present day. We announce it in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us.

How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign: “You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

Now we are the sign.

The world has heard of Christ by now. But have they all seen him? It’s our job to show them.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WHY DO WE GIVE GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS?

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give

a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.



## LIVE THE LITURGY

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.

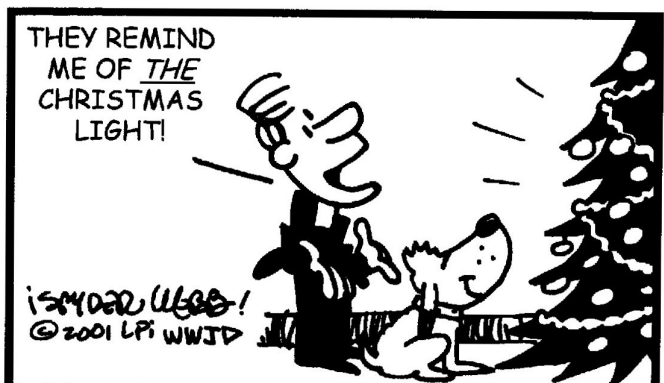


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### CHRISTMAS



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*A Real Catholic  
Christmas  
Saturday,  
January 7, 2023  
7:00 PM*

Vespers & Desert Reception

Seven Dolors Parish

221 S. Juliette Ave

Manhattan, KS 66502

While much of the world celebrates Christmas the entire month of December, the Catholic Church recognizes the Christmas season begins with Christmas Eve Vigil Masses and concludes with the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Please join us in the celebration!