

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

**HOLY INFANT CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
627 Dennison Drive, Ballwin, Missouri 63021  
(636) 227-7440 [www.holyinfantballwin.org](http://www.holyinfantballwin.org)

# Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord!

Psalm 96



#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday: 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

#### SUNDAY EUCHARIST:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:15 a.m. and Noon

#### BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are the second and fourth Sundays after Noon Mass. Baptism classes are the third Monday of the month. Please call the parish office at (636) 227-7440 to schedule a Baptism or Baptism class.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call the Parish Office at (636) 227-7440

#### CONFESSION:

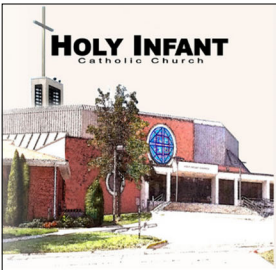
Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

#### PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:

Tuesdays after 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. Masses

#### WEEKLY ROSARY

Monday-Saturday after 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. Masses and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel



**HOLY INFANT**  
Catholic Church

# Welcome to Holy Infant !

Whether you are just having a look or are searching for a place to worship, we're happy you are here! If you would like to join Holy Infant Parish, visit our website at [holyinfantballwin.org](http://holyinfantballwin.org) or call the Parish Office at (636) 227-7440.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Monday, December 26

- Parish Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 27

- Confessions, 10 a.m.

### Wednesday, December 28

- Rosary, 7 p.m., Chapel

### Thursday, December 29

- Confessions, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 30

- Legion of Mary, 9 a.m., Holy Infant Room
- Parish Office Closes at Noon

### Sunday, January 1

- Spiritual Motherhood for Priests, 3 p.m., Chapel

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 26

St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

6 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Larry Collona

8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Ricky La'O

### Tuesday, December 27

St. John

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

6 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Msgr. Buchheit

8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Carolyn Kraichely

### Wednesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

6 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Margi Watowa

8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Robert Bergholtz

### Thursday, December 29

St. Thomas Becket

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

6 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Dennis Saunders

8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Robert Flacke

### Friday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

6 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Katy McClary

8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Norman Hosenfelt

### Saturday, December 31

St. Sylvester I

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Walter Ajarza

4 p.m. Holy Infant Parishioners

5:30 p.m. Repose of the Souls of Jim and Maurine McKay

### Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

7 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Helena Haire

8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Rick Simon

10:15 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Sheila Gilliam

Noon Repose of the Soul of Bridie McCrory

*The Parish Office is closed on December 26.*



We will have our regular Mass times on December 31 and January 1.

## MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE

Beverlee Critchell, Mother of Scott Critchell

Mary Frances Dupske,  
Mother of Marianne Roberts

## SPIRITUAL ROSARY

Come exercise your spirit and body! Monday at noon, Wednesday at 11 a.m., & Friday at 10 a.m.. Contact Rita at 937-307-5798 or [ritamarieh1@gmail.com](mailto:ritamarieh1@gmail.com)

## LECTORS, SERVERS, GIFT BEARERS AND CLOW (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

### LECTORS

#### Saturday, December 31

4 p.m. John Madey Shelley Matlock  
5:30 p.m. Doc Nack Mark Nealon

#### Sunday, January 1

7 a.m. Jill Mueller Mark Mueller  
8:30 a.m. John Penilla Ray Brune  
10 a.m. Steve Doherty C. Buschbacher

### SERVERS

#### Saturday, December 31

4 p.m. Andrew Son Brady Rogles

#### Sunday, January 1

8:30 a.m. Noah DeLargy Madison Dunning  
10:15 a.m. Maggie Schueppert Ellie Soltow

### GIFT BEARERS

#### Saturday, December 31

4 p.m. Jim and Sandi Brust

#### Sunday, January 1

8:30 a.m. Jack and Rose Birkner  
10:15 a.m. Rick and Diane Effer

## WE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

Linda Alhamar	Tim Douglas	David Fischer-Lodike
Sharon Allgeier	Jan Dollus	Russ Marzorati
Jack Anastasi	Jim Dunne	Susan McHugh
Jim Bednarek	Linda Effer	Vivian Morice
Steve Bellville	Reinier Fabros	Donna Norris
Chuck Bergfeld	Ellie Fitzgerald	Eileen Peters
Rosemarie Bergholtz	Ginny Flenniken	Teresa Power
Lois Boehm	Peggy Ford	Jim Seaman
Kay Branca	Helen Gozdal	Joe Sinibaldi
Mildred Brenner	Clara Heley	Mary Stevens
Will Brooks	Eric Hartman	Steve Swyers
Terry Bryant	Janice Hartman	Betty Taylor
Betty Buersmeyer	Mary Henning	Sam Taylor
Fran Capra	Warren Hickenbotham	Catherine Tedder
Beth Colonna	Judy Jeglijewski	Margie Thome
Brian Cupps	Jean Kirchner	Mark Travers
Sr. Rosario Delaney	Shirley Koetting	Mary Ann Whistler
Msgr. Dieckmann	Tessie La'O	Steve Wozniak
Don Dinkelkamp	Ray Lamb	Mary Jane Zust

"Come to me all who are weary...and I will refresh you." Mt 11:28

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday at 9 a.m.-Nine days before the Sunday bulletin or as noted. Email to: [bulletineditor@holysinballwin.org](mailto:bulletineditor@holysinballwin.org)

### BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Lilly Kathryn Noeldner,  
Daughter of Jason and Kelly Noeldner

## STEWARDSHIP

Through December 11, 2022 (Week 24)		
	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Offertory Received	14,820	311,691
Offertory Received - Electronic	53,121	440,064
Special Donations	407	2,598
Parishioner Bequests		250,000
Holy Day Collections	2,749	7,971
End of Year Contributions	742	1,212
Building Repair Fund	1,235	15,675
Endowment Fund	83	906
PSR Program	35	1,525
School Annual Fund	343	15,479
Tuition Assistance Fund	315	22,403
Youth Ministry Program	230	2,888
<b>Special Collections:</b>	6,660	53,023
Seminary	2,867	
Christmas Offering	3,096	
Tuition Deficit Donation	495	
Campaign for Human Development	120	
Other	82	
Number of Families Enrolled in Faith Direct - 602		



Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, hearing the words of the angel, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy". Today and throughout the new year, may we take care of our

suffering brothers and sisters, bringing hope, not fear. Your donations to St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering.

Thank you for your continued support! Envelopes are in the pews for your donation. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to keep up with the needs of those in our parish area, in spite of rising costs. If you are in need of financial help or know someone in need who resides in our parish boundaries, give us a call at (314) 289-6101, mailbox 2265. Leave a message and one of the volunteers will return your call. All requests are kept confidential.

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

*"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." John 1:14*

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.



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St. Teresa of Calcutta

For more information,  
contact Teresita at (314) 520-7088.

***Are you or someone you know seeking employment or in need of strong career guidance?***

Parishioner, Mark Dischert, has a consulting business and is offering his services to you or anyone you may know who is currently looking for employment and needs some guidance or coaching. He can help with resume and letter writing, interviewing, networking, and presenting strategic action plans. He would love to help you find meaningful employment or help you successfully navigate your current career. All of this at no charge to you as well as complete confidentiality.

You can contact Mark at  
(314) 974-6566 or [mdisch1234@gmail.com](mailto:mdisch1234@gmail.com)

**Bible Study Class for Men and Women**

has openings for 3 or 4 new members. We meet in the Holy Infant Room on Tuesdays mornings between 9:30 -10:30 a.m. from September through May. We are beginning the study of Isaiah using the Ignatius Study Bible which contains biblical text, so there is no need for you to bring your own Bible. This is a highly interactive group where everyone participates and shares. We are all focused on not only getting to heaven, but helping each other get there as well.

Contact Linda Gatton at (314) 853-8185 or [lgatton@gmail.com](mailto:lgatton@gmail.com).

**St. Patrick Center Casserole Program**

- Please make sure casseroles are completely frozen and that lids are on tight.
- Frozen casseroles will be collected in the white coolers in the vestibule on January 4 after 4 p.m. and before 9 a.m. on January 5. If the outer church doors are locked, use the keypad. Call the parish office for the code.



- Use pans and lids provided by St. Patrick Center: Pans and recipes are available in the ushers room during Masses, in the parish office during office hours or in the vestibule on the casserole drop off days. Thanks for your continued support!

**Introducing The Junior Legion of Mary!**



As a Junior Legion member, you will strengthen your relationship with Mary through prayer and spiritual works of mercy.

Girls and boys, ages 7-17, who want to grow in holiness are welcome- no matter where you go to school.

We will meet on Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. in the Holy Infant Room, starting January 7, 2023.

For more info, go to

<https://holyinfantballwin.org/youth-ministry/junior-legion-of-mary/>  
Sign up at <https://forms.gle/pAoUZZKisVmhntog> or contact Ginnie at [ginguinness@yahoo.com](mailto:ginguinness@yahoo.com) or call/text to (314) 922-3714



Meal-a-Month bags for the St. Wenceslaus Food Party will be collected in the main vestibule January 7 and 8. Suggested items include: canned meat or fish, stew, pasta sauce, powered potatoes, jelly, corn bread, dry jello, dry pudding, and chili. No glass jars, cream soups or cake mix or black beans please! Place all donations in the Meal-a-Month box in the upper church vestibule. Thank you for your support!



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All are welcome to complete the Listening Ses-

sion survey and weigh in on the proposals for our planning area!

<https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Planning-Process/Planning-Areas/Planning-Area-8>

If you cannot access the survey online, contact the Parish Office to get a paper copy or stop in and complete it on one of our laptops. **SURVEY CLOSED DECEMBER 31, 2022!**

## *Christmas Messages from Archbishop Rozanski and Fr. Stanger:*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you, your families, and your loved ones joyful greetings at this special time of year!

This past year has been a year of consultation and unceasing prayer as we continue in this journey to make All Things New in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This strategic pastoral planning process is about revitalizing our parishes and ministries and providing a more vibrant future for Catholic communities throughout the Archdiocese.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis

Dear Parishioners,

Blessings to you and your families during these holy days. It is a real joy to have so many friends and visitors with us for our celebration of the birth of our Savior. I hope that you feel warmly welcomed here at Holy Infant. In the name of the entire parish staff, I wish all a joyful Christmas and a New Year that is filled with peace.

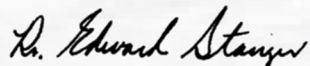
Thanks to the many volunteers who helped to decorate our church and gymnasium for Christmas. Thanks, also, to our servers, acolytes, lectors, ministers of communion, ushers and greeters who serve us during these days. And thanks to all in the community – all of you – who so generously and faithfully support Holy Infant with your spirit-filled presence on Christmas and throughout the year.

All of the gifts that were donated to our Holy Infant Giving Tree have now been delivered. The generous response from so many in our community to our outreach for the poor was very much appreciated!

On another note, I offer a word of sympathy to all who may find these days of Christmas to be painful. If you have recently buried a loved one or suffered some other kind of loss, the holidays can be mixed with heartache and pain. I hope that you will feel comforted and supported in prayer throughout these days.

Whatever these days hold, I hope that everyone in our community will be able to experience some expressions of love with family and friends.

God's blessings for a memorable holiday!



Fr. Ed Stanger

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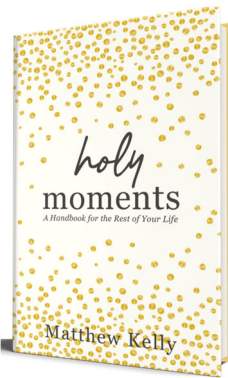
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**When God says GO  
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Dear parishioners and parish families,

We're doing something special this Christmas. Alongside 5,000 other parishes across the country, we will be giving each family who comes to Christmas Mass a free copy of the book Holy Moments by Matthew Kelly!

Holy Moments is a short and practical guide to embracing the universal call to Holiness by collaborating with God in the everyday moments of life. This simple idea, but powerful book has the power to re-energize our parish in amazing ways.



So be sure to take a copy for your household, do your best to live its message, and maybe even share the book with someone who needs to hear its message!

Holy Moments have the power to transform your life, your family, and our entire parish. We can't wait to see what it will do for all of us at Holy Infant.



@HolyInfantYM

Contact Tommy McAndrews,  
Director of Youth Ministry:  
youthminister@holyinfantballwin.org  
www.holyinfantyouthministry.org

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- ROMANS 12:2

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## HOLY INFANT YOUTH MINISTRY

### LIFE TEEN

High School Teens

Sunday: No Life Night Merry Christmas  
Tuesday: No 4:12

### EDGE

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January 11th  
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Come and join us on Thursday, January 26th, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Holy Infant Room. The cost of the book is \$29.95 plus shipping. Contact Kathie at [gkhanneke@gmail.com](mailto:gkhanneke@gmail.com) or call/text 314-704-2350 for more information or to register.

## January HIS Meeting

The Holy Infant Seniors will meet in the Lower Cafeteria on January 5th at 10 a.m. for the first meeting of 2023!

This meeting will be a potluck lunch, so if your last name begins with:  
A-I, bring a soup | J - Q, bring a salad | R -Z, bring a dessert

Come share one of your favorite foods, and enjoy the camaraderie of our special group. Lucy Hay, from The Pointe at Ballwin Commons, will educate us on exercise and nutrition for seniors.

Remember to invite other Holy Infant seniors (55 years old and older). They can join at half price (\$10) to cover now till next September 2023.

Covenant Network Catholic Radio fills the airways with inspirational and educational programming that will help prepare your heart and mind to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas. Listen to Catholic radio on KHOJ 1460 AM. You can also listen anytime on our Covenant Network App or at [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).

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### Complete Your Donation

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St. Louis, MO 63119
- Please contact [kimdonermeyer@archstl.org](mailto:kimdonermeyer@archstl.org) to arrange electronic funds transfers
- Please note we are unable to accept gifts via credit card or stock at this time

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## About MOScholars

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