

4th Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025
Merry Christmas



Jubilee Year 2025
December 24, 2024—January 6, 2026
We are Pilgrims of Hope



From the Gusset

King Solomon believed, in all his wisdom – that the Christ child was born right at the stroke of **midnight**. That our Lord could not wait **to be born** that He must get right to work saving us from **sin** and **death**. That Jesus could not wait until six o'clock in **the morning** nor any other time – **Solomon** speaks that *when the night was half spent* (code for **midnight**), **when peaceful stillness compassed everything**, God's all-powerful Word bounded forth into our world – a **fierce Warrior** – coming to do battle with our enemies: **sin** and **death**. You see, because of our **sins**, we live in a **doomed land** – we will not know success or have any chance whatsoever to triumph over **death** – this Word of God must be made **flesh** – take on **a body** like ours in every way (save for **sin**), and **spiritually slay** us. It is all over the place in our **Baptismal liturgy** – that the baby going down into **the font** – actually **dies**, so that Jesus can **raise** them to **a new** and **exciting life** lived to give **glory** to God! That Jesus “*was born to die*” – as the Church Fathers say – in order to give us this **gift** – this **gift** of **new life** in His Father's **Kingdom**. Born at **midnight**, the only two people even awake when that **peaceful stillness compassed everything** were **Mary** and **Joseph**! That is the origin of our **Midnight Mass** for **Christmas** – that we cannot wait until 6 o'clock or **sunrise** nor any other time – that we wish to help **Mary** and **Joseph** welcome the Christ child into our **doomed land** – that we wish **to cheer** on this **fierce baby Warrior** as He destroys **death** within us. Though our **Midnight Mass** will take place at **10:00pm** in **Sublette** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Church** – we cannot wait to receive **Holy Communion** and **celebrate** our Savior's birthday (and our **Spiritual Adopted baby's birthday**). Merry **Christmas** to all of you, and thank you on behalf of the multi-persons, whom you have worked a **Plenary Indulgence** for by having gone to our **Communal Penance Service**. Just think of all those whom you worked an **Indulgence** for during this **Jubilee Year**—that they will be celebrating **the wonder** that is **the Incarnation** for the first time in **Heaven**. Let us all **rejoice** that God has **gifted** us this year with ‘the Best’ **Christmas** ever. **Merry Christmas!**

Yours on the Path

Fr. Randy

Collection Amounts for the Month of November

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$417	5	\$185
Envelopes	\$10,581	\$2,545	\$850
Total	\$10,998	\$2,550	\$1,035
Monthly Expenses	\$10,921	\$4,184	\$3,695
Diocesan Appeal	\$7,495/\$10,350	\$2,830/\$3,796	\$8,063/\$2,495
All Saints Day	\$135	\$200	\$—
Thanksgiving Day (from OLPH) Food Pantry	\$155	Badger Square	\$400
A Compton Needy Family (from SMA)	\$1,200		
Gianna's House (from St. Patrick)	\$500		



When I went on **Pilgrimage** to **Rome** back in January of this **Jubilee Year**, I went with the intent of praying for my **Parishioner's intentions** (I carried **the tan book** that you wrote your **intentions** in, to every **Pilgrimage site**, through every **Holy Door**, and I touched **the book** to every altar that I celebrated **the Mass** on (see **the tan book** in my hand in the above photo) and to work as many **Plenary Indulgences** as I could by walking through the **4 Holy Doors**: St. Peter's, **St. Paul's**, **St. Mary Major's**, and **the Lateran**. One **Holy Door** that was particularly unique was the one at **St. Mary Major's**. This **Holy Door** was made expressly for the **Jubilee Year** of 2025! To give you an idea of how unique this was – that the Church made a new door for this **Jubilee Year**– the **Holy Door** in **St. Peter's** was made for **the Jubilee of 1950** and this same **Door** has been used for every **Jubilee** ever since (this would be the 6th), and the same **Holy Door** at **St. Paul's** and **the Lateran** have been used for over a dozen **Jubilees**. When they designed the **Door** for **St. Mary's** – it shows the Christ on the right – His Body being lowered into **the Tomb**, and it shows **Mary** on the left – and our **Lady** is pointing with her outstretched palm toward our Lord. The **Door** is three dimensional – so it is actually **a relief** – the hand of our **Lady** sticks out from the plane of the **Door**, so you could actually put your hand into **Mary's** hand! When I went through the **Holy Door** at **St. Mary Major's** I placed my pocket **Icon** of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** into our **Lady's** open palm! I **loved** praying for all your **intentions** and working three handfuls of **Indulgences**. I can't wait for the next **Jubilee Year**– 2033!



The Mass and the Saints

When peaceful stillness compassed everything ... Your all-powerful Word bounded, a fierce Warrior, into our doomed land,... He filled every place with death; (that we might

rise to new Life.)” —Wisdom 18:14-16

St. Thomas Aquinas says that **mankind** needs often to be reminded of **the glory** toward which he is tending. Because we live so long **a time**: 40 years, 50 years, 60 years, or 70 or more years – because **the journey to Heaven** is long – we need to remind ourselves (and often) that our goal is to become **a Saint** – to live with God forever! This is the reason that we are to sing **the Gloria** prayer every **Sunday** – to be reminded by **the Angel** (that first spoke to **the Shepherds**) of **the glory** of God that we will behold first hand in **Heaven**. We stopped praying **the Gloria** during **Advent**, because we wanted to experience **the glory** of this **Prayer** fresh with **the Season of Christmas**! As **St. Albert the Great** said, “**the priest** stands at the center of **the altar** – remember **the altar** is **the manger** of Bethlehem – as if to be the very person of God the Father – looking out upon His Son! Therefore God is actually saying, during the singing, of the **Christmas Gloria**: “I will certainly answer your cries and I will send to you in the Sacraments (**the Eucharist**) the One whom I sent into the world to your fathers, that you may partake of Him, and be drawn out from your evils and be filled with every good.”

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 20th

(+) Joseph Schauer/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa & (+) Thomas Dvorsky/ Fr. Randy
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) James Meznarich 40th Wedding Anniversary/ Betty Meznarich

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) John Gehant/ Ron Haefner

Sunday, December 21st 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Leo Buhman/ Mr. & Mrs. Marty Bickett

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

Monday, December 22nd

(+) Mary Zapf/ Mr. & Mrs. Ed Klein

(+) Elaine Henkel/ Fr. Randy

Tuesday, December 23rd

(+) Leila Garland/ Garland Family

(+) Thomas Dvorsky/ Fr. Randy

Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 pm, **SMA**(+)Cornelius&(+)Cecilia O'Sadnick,(+) Ned Ely,&(+) Patty Torman/ Family

10:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Lynn Peterson & (+) Paul & (+) Loretta Lauer/ Mark Lauer

Thursday, December 25th Christmas

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Doug Blaine/ Diane Blaine

10:00 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo

Friday, December 26th Feast of St. Stephen

(+) Raymond Becker/ Fr. Randy

(+) Steve & (+) Josephine Dvorsky/ Rick & Roger Fronck

Saturday, December 27th Feast of St. John the Apostle

(+) Inocencio Marales & Maria Miraoda/ Aida Soto

4:00 pm, **SMA** (+) Justin Corcoran/ Ronald Haefner

Sunday, December 28th Solemnity of the Holy Family

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Patricia Painter/ Mr. & Mrs. Rick Cardot

10:00 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

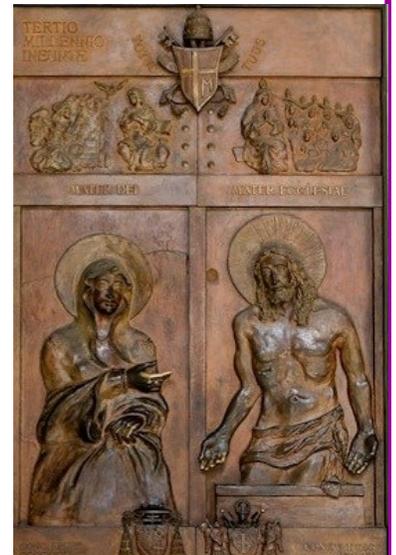
Living Intentions for this Week's Masses:

OLPH: Fr. Kramer, Mary Kuebel, Eileen Leffelman

Rose Leffelman

SMA: Charlotte Bresson, Msgr. Hermes, Joel Zimmerman

St. Patrick: Mark Schoeman, Msgr. Hermes, Brian Quest



“Catholic Hope does not deceive or disappoint, because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love.” **Pope Francis**



Each of us, **practicing Catholics**, must have **the hope** that we can **detach ourselves from sin** with **the grace** of God and work many **Plenary Indulgences** for our **Beloved dead**. Why not dedicate a **Christmas flower** for every **soul** that you have saved for **the glory of Heaven** during this **Jubilee Year**? **Flood** our altars with **flowers**, so that when you celebrate the **Christmas Mass**, we can count the number of your relatives **celebrating the Mass** with us from **the Heavenly-side** of the altar.