



# *The Nativity* OF THE LORD

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The time came for her to have her child and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. —Lk 2:6b-7

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*Welcome!*

*It is with the joy of this Holy Season that we welcome everyone who has come to worship at this celebration of the Savior's birth. If you are a new parishioner, a visitor, a relative of a parishioner, a familiar face or someone we will soon know better, your presence here honors us. Please join us as we give thanks and praise and glory to God!*

*On behalf of myself and the staff of St. John Nepomucene Church, we wish you and your family a Holy and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year.*

*In Christ, Father Robert J. Jasany*

During this Holy Season of Our Lord, we wish to especially remember those who are sick and those who care for them, that they know the abiding Love of God through our prayers.

God bless all Military, First Responders, Health Workers, Police & Fire and all those who cannot be with their families on Christmas day. May the joy of our Savior's birth be with you, wherever you may be.

We pray also for our Loved Ones who have passed away, especially those who have passed away this year. When one dies, it is natural for the Christian community, bonded in Christ to be concerned for the welfare of that member who is no longer with them. Just as we show care and concern for one another in this life, so too, we continue that care and concern for one another after death. We intercede asking for God's continued care for them in death, just as God was concerned for them in life.

Because of our strong bond in faith, we believe that those who have died continue to be connected with us, concerned about us as we are about them. This leads us in faith to believe that they too, can intercede with God for us, just as we intercede for them. This mutual faith bonding beyond death is what we mean by the Communion of Saints.



*We are delighted that you have joined us for worship on this great feast and we hope that you will return to pray with us often. As a church community, we offer many organizations and services to our members, in addition to our weekly worship. If you have moved into the area or are looking for a place of worship, we invite you to become a member of our parish community. Please feel free to take a registration form home with you. They are located near the entrance doors of our church. Please fill out the form and return it in the collection basket at church or mail to the rectory. You may also call the parish office at 216-641-8444 for more information or to register. May Christ be born in your heart anew this day, this Holy Season and may his Spirit grow in you throughout the New Year.*