

# *St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church*

*December 19th, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Advent*



On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us. The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

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## **December 12th:**

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2,530.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 1,145.00
Building	\$ 235.00
Snow Removal	\$ 150.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 35.00
Candles	\$ 20.80
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,115.80</b>

*Thank  
You*

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### ***Weekday Masses:***

Tuesday to Friday at 12:00 pm

### ***Weekend Mass Times:***

Saturday at 4:30 pm  
Sunday at 10:00 am

### ***Office Hours:***

***Tuesdays to Thursdays***  
8:00 am -12:00 pm  
***Mondays & Fridays***  
Closed

## Mass Intentions

**Friday, December 24 - 4:30 pm Mass**  
*Gina & Butch Tosato* by The Family  
*Fosca & Elio Mannelli* by Maria Bambini  
*Gordon & David White* by Irene White & Family

**Friday, December 24 - 7:00 pm Mass**  
Onorio Copetti by Toni Copetti & Family

**Saturday, December 25 - 9:00 am Mass**  
*Genesio Gregorini* by Elisa Gregorini & Family

**Saturday, December 25 - 11:00 am Mass**  
*Antonetta & Onorino Cirelli* by Annina & Onorato Cirelli

**Sunday, December 26**  
*Missa Pro Popolo*  
*Daniel Klyne* by Betty & Gordon Whalen



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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS MASS TIMES

**Friday, December 24th:** 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm

**Saturday, December 25th:** 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Sunday, December 26th:** 10:00 am (Feast of the Holy Family)

**Friday, December 31st:** 4:30 pm (Mary, Mother of God)

**Saturday, January 1st:** 10:00 am (Mary, Mother of God) and 4:30 pm (Epiphany)

**Sunday, January 2nd:** 10:00 am (Epiphany)



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## *Knights of Columbus Council 6074 Awards*

Each year our Council selects a “Knight of the Year” and a “Family of the Year”. These are folks that are leaders, that contribute significantly to their parish, are very active in the Council and our community projects. Pictured below are Grand Knight Ron Spina (r) presenting to “Knight of the Year” Robert Ungar (l) and “Family of the Year”, Deacon Emeritus John Noble and his wife Carol, Diocesan Order of Service. These awards were presented at the 4:30 pm mass on December 4.

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### **God gives us supernatural joy with hope in his promises:**

What is the significance of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth before the birth of Jesus? When Elizabeth greeted Mary and recognized the Messiah in Mary's womb they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. What a marvelous wonder for God to fill not only Elizabeth's heart with his Holy Spirit but the child in her womb as well. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leaped for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born.

The Lord wants to fill each of us with his Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Do you live in the joy and knowledge of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit?

*Fr. Denis Vaiz*