



# MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION

December 31, 2017 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

In this joyous Christmas time, it is fitting that we turn our attention from all the angels and shepherds and kings to take a look at the more intimate picture of the Holy Family in their ordinary life. They come with Jesus to consecrate him to the Lord, as is written in the law, and they come upon Simeon and Anna, prophets of the Lord, who have amazing things to say about this child and Mary, his mother. One can wonder what Mary must have thought when Simeon told her that "you yourself a sword will pierce." We interpret that in hindsight she would suffer greatly at the crucifixion of her beloved son. But what must she have thought at the possible literal interpretation of this prophecy? And yet she was, as always, obedient to God and accepting of God's word for her.

## TWO PROPHETS

Simeon and Anna recognized in this infant the Messiah of God. Both were "righteous and devout" and

prayed in the temple constantly. Simeon spoke at length to Mary and Joseph about this child, and Anna proclaimed to all the salvation of Israel in Jesus. Throughout the centuries, God had made use of many prophets to proclaim the coming of Jesus, as Jesus explained to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after his death and resurrection. But people, being hard-hearted and somewhat clueless, did not recognize these prophecies as referring to the Messiah and later, to Jesus. Many in his time heeded the words of the prophets and believed, but many walked away. To those who believed, he gave the words of eternal life. They believed that "the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." These loving parents would protect and raise this miraculous child, and he "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

Today's Readings: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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Saturday— December 30	5:00 PM	John Bartkowiak by the Family
Sunday— December 31	9:00 AM	Jack Doyle by Dick & Mary Lou Doyle
Monday—New Year's Day	<b>NO MASS</b>	(Not a Holyday of Obligation)
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	NO MASS	
Thursday	NO MASS	
Friday	NO MASS	
Saturday— January 6	5:00 PM	Steve Rourke by Bob & Mary VanPoppelen
Sunday— January 7	9:00 AM	Sheila Doyle by Katie Grettenberger

**PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR** PAUL PLATTE, - MELVIN PAMMENT, - JIM CARBARY, (FATHER OF MAGGIE SAYLES), - DON SMITH, - KEVIN PLATTE, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - PRISCILLA MAHONEY, - ARMANDO ANGUIANO (BROTHER OF JESSE), - MARY ELLEN SCHRAUBEN (SISTER OF BARB FOOTE & GEORGE LEHMAN)—ALBERTO ZAMARRIPA (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - RICK SPICKARD, - LINDSEY KING (GRANDDAUGHTER OF GEORGENE KING), - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - BEN SINIARSKI, - KYLE WALLER, - TYLER KING (GRANDSON OF GEORGENE KING), VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - JULIE SHAFFER.,— JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - CARRIE SCHULTZ, - DAVID RHODABECK, - TERRY MILLER, - FRANCES BOERNER (MOTHER OF GERALD BOERNER), - - JASON CHUBB, - JIM HURST (BROTHER-IN-LAW OF JANICE HURST & KEN BRINK) - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - PAT ROWLEY (SISTER OF JIM ROWLEY), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - NATHAN BECERRA (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - NICHOLAS SCOTT (SON OF VERONICA SCOTT), - MERCEDES RIOS (NIECE OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - JOHN MARTINEZ, - MARK THOMAS ROSTAR, - FRANK LUNDIE, - RICK FEZATTE (SON OF RON & JANICE), - JANET ARTHUR, - KIM BALCARCEL, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG

New Year's Day  
January 1, 2018

Solemnity of Mary,  
Holy Mother of God

Not a Holyday of  
Obligation

**OFFERTORY**

Dec. 23 & 24, 2017

78 Adult Envelopes	\$2,867
Loose Collection	\$612
4 Children's Envelopes	\$12
5 Building Fund Envelopes	\$170
17 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,215
Christmas Envelopes	\$2,240
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$4,876</b>

**MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT WEEKEND**

At St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

February 9—11

**Theme:** *Entering the Heart of God: Praying the Lord's Prayer*

Suggested Donation for Weekend—\$175

For Information or to Register call:

517-669-8321

www.stfrancis.ws



### **PARISH WIDE**

Rosary ~ Mondays  
6:30 PM in the Chapel

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)**

**10:20 AM—11:30 AM**

Dec. 31—**NO REF**  
Jan. 7—REF Sessions Resume  
Jan. 14—REF Sessions

### **The winners of the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest are:**

Kaylyn Lefevre - Ages 7 and under  
Paige Erickson - Ages 8 to 10  
Kaitlyn Kingsbury - Ages 11 to 14

Our Christmas Potluck and REF Pageant was a huge success. Good Food & fellowship. and great performance by the REF kids. Photos and Videos of the event can be viewed on our parish website, [stsidorechurch.org](http://stsidorechurch.org).

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Jan. 10—Business Meeting—7:00 PM

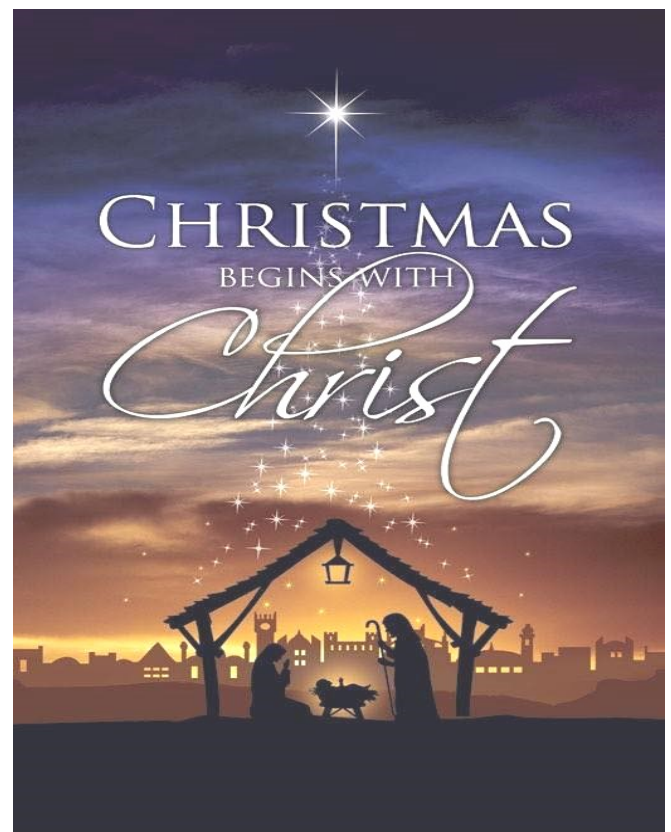
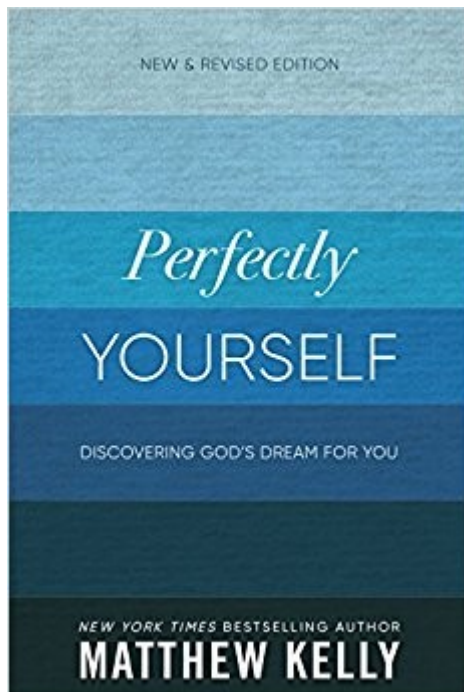
December Knight of the Month: Chris Wilson

December Family of the Month: Keith & Nancy Kienitz



### **Gift for Every Parishioner**

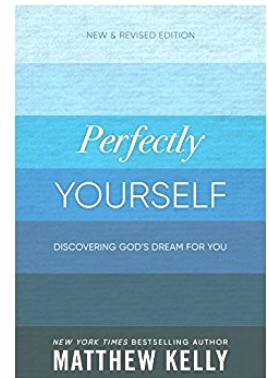
This year's book is called "*Perfectly Yourself*" by Matthew Kelly. Each family is welcome to take home a copy or two. These gifts are located in the back of church with the 2018 Offertory Envelopes and calendars.



## 2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please pick up your new offertory envelopes. If you would like envelopes and did not receive them this past year please contact the office with your request and leave your name and phone number. Your new envelopes will be available for pick up the following weekend. If you are taking children's envelopes please be sure to record their names and envelope numbers on the sheet provided.

2018 calendars are also available near the new envelopes.  
Also Free Books: Perfectly Yourself— Please take one!



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