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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT,
DECEMBER 24, 2023
Year B**

We are now on the 4th Sunday of Advent Season. Our gospel brings us to the moment of the Annunciation of the Lord's incarnation. The angel divulged the plan of salvation to Mary. In faith and with all humility she welcomes God's will. She said, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Although she didn't have the full grasp of the thing on becoming mother of God, no preparation or rehearsal whatsoever but with her faith she was able to allow God to work in her life.

Hopefully this also true to us. That our faith in God will make us able to welcome God's plan in our lives that whatever we experience in life, like Mary we remain in God until the end. Be faithful!

Fr. Rod

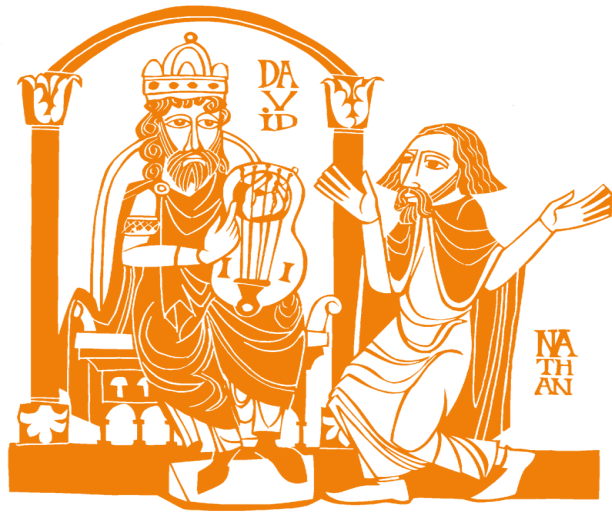
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B—December 24, 2023

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.. Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8B-12,14A, 16

**GO, DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE IN MIND,
FOR THE LORD IS WITH YOU.**



SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:25-27

TO HIM WHO CAN STRENGTHEN YOU....

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

HAIL FULL OF GRACE! THE LORD IS WITH YOU.



Daily Mass Readings: www.usccb.org
Daily Mass Schedules: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

If a loved one has passed away and is a member of Holy Cross Church, please notify the parish office. We must update our records.

When you are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please tell the admissions staff and nurses that you are Roman Catholic and would like a visit from the facility's Catholic Chaplain. This is due to HIPAA privacy laws. The Chaplain is often able to see you and administer the sacraments during times when the pastor is not available.

If you experience any personal injury on church property, please call the office or speak to Fr. Rodriguez

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUSPICION about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

Holy Cross Prayer Chain

If you, a loved one or friend are in need of extra prayers, Contact Pat Cassa at 724-925-2617 to be placed on the parish prayer chain. No matter what the need is, large or small, we are here to pray for that need.



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Stewardship Corner

December 16 & 17, 2023

Offertory:	\$1,844
Online:	\$1,915
Monthly Operating Expenses	\$20
Loose:	\$132
Children:	\$13
Candles	\$42
Flowers	\$62
Catholic Accent	\$0
Christmas	\$100
Immaculate Conception	\$5
Thanksgiving	\$10
End of Year	\$1,225

Weekly Budget Need:	\$7,700
Actual Weekly Offering:	\$5,368
Difference This Week:	(\$2,332)

Year To Date Budget Need:	\$385,500
Year To Date Actual Offering:	\$282,986
Year To Date Difference:	(\$102,514)

This Week

Families Receiving Envelopes::	367
Families Using Envelopes:	60
Families Using Online Giving:	40

Diocesan Collections

Thank you all who made a gift last week to the: Children & Family Services Collection \$150
Those who have not done so can make a gift by returning the envelope in your packet.

**Best choice to Donate to Holy Cross
Is Online go to
holycrossyoungwood.org
Click on "Donate" and follow the prompts**

Or scan the QR code below to begin



Contributions by **Check** is preferred over **cash** when possible



CHRISTMAS—DEC. 25

SOLEMNITY OF MARY—JAN 1

FINANCE COUNCIL—JAN 23 @ 6PM

PASTORAL COUNCIL—FEB 5 @ 7PM



ALTAR FLOWERS OR SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you would like to purchase altar flowers or a sanctuary candle in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office. Please keep in mind that altar flowers and sanctuary candles may be purchased to honor the living as well as the deceased. They may also convey thanksgiving for prayers answered or to celebrate occasions such as anniversaries and birthdays. The suggested donation for flowers is \$75; candle is \$25.

ONLINE DONORS

If you are making your donations online to Holy Cross Church and you are still receiving envelopes, please let us know. We can save your donation dollars by cancelling the envelopes.. Thank you!

**The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
Fri., Dec.22 thru Tue, Dec 26th
&
Also closed Mon. Jan 1**

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	Vigil	5:00PM	SUNDAY	8:00AM & 10:00AM
HOLY DAY	Vigil	6:00PM eve. prior day		8:00AM on Holy Day
WEEKDAY		8:00AM Mon. thru Thurs.		No Mass on Friday
CONFESSIONS		Saturday 4:00PM		
WEDDINGS		Please call Father at least 6 Months Prior		
BAPTISMS		Please call Father to schedule.		
ANOINTING OF THE SICK		Please call parish office.		

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Wed, Thurs.: 8:00AM—4:00PM Tuesday 2:00—5:00PM
Friday: 8:00AM—Noon

MASS INTENTIONS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT	DEC 23	5:00PM	ANGIE DEMONTE(FAMILY)
SUN	DEC 24	8:00AM	GEORGE & ANNE RINIER (FINIER FAMILY)
		10:00AM	ELMER KNIZNER (DON & MARY ANN BUFFER)

CHRISTMAS

CHILDREN'S MASS	5:00PM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS
VIGIL	9:00PM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS
MON DEC 25	9:00AM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS
TUE DEC 26	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
WED DEC 27	8:00AM	DOM & ROSE ANGELO (PAT CONDE)
THU DEC 28	8:00AM	GLORIA K BECK (DAUGHTER KAREN)
FRI DEC 29	8:00AM	*****NO MASS*****

HOLY FAMILY

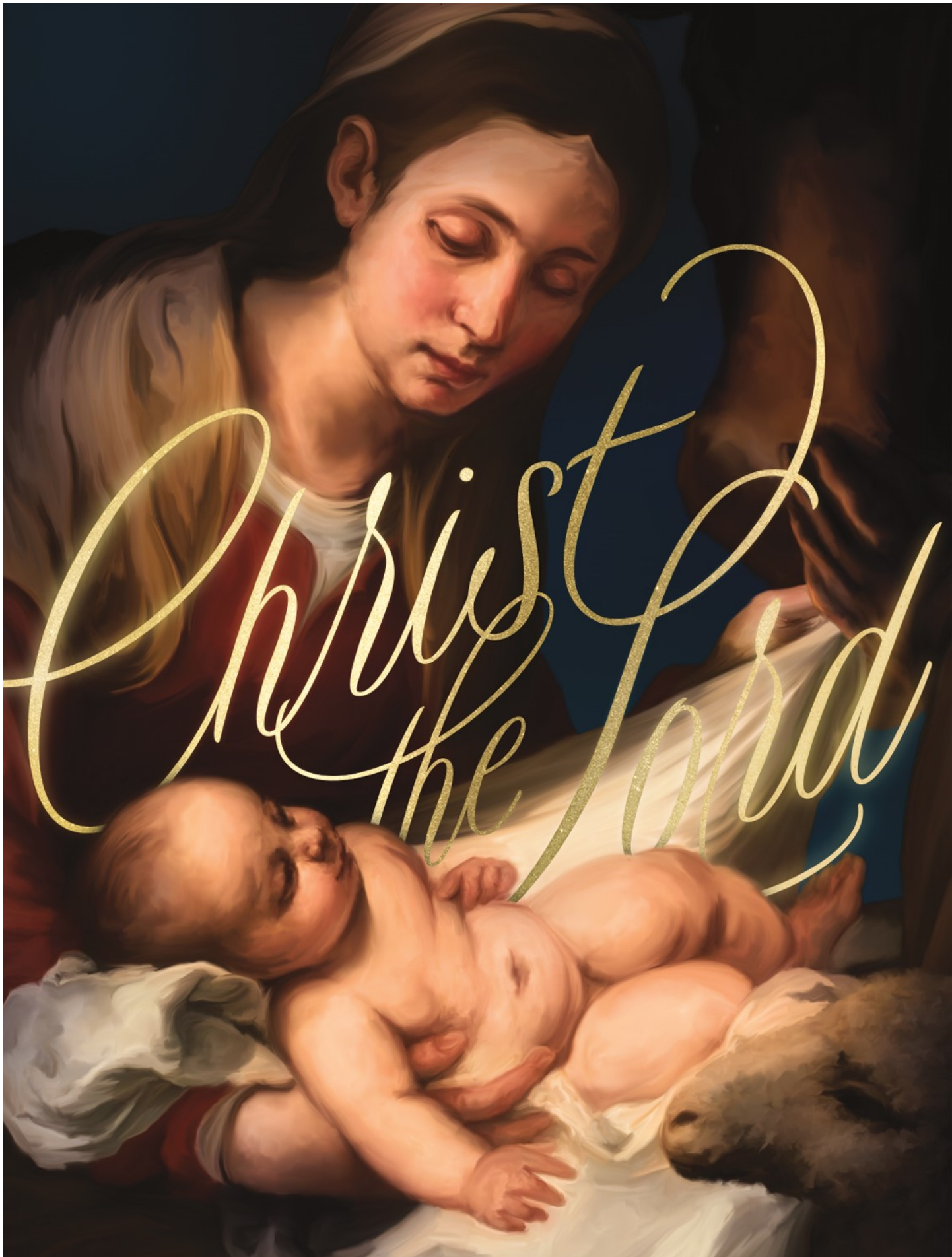
SAT	DEC 30	5:00PM	JANE DEMONTE & ANGIE DEMONTE(FAMILY)
SUN	DEC 31	8:00AM	MIKE & REBEL CONDE (PAT CONDE)
		10:00AM	ALICE THEIS (LINDA & ELIZABETH ECHARD)
MON	JAN 1	9:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS

There is no regional Mass at Our Lady of Grace on Dec 24 or Dec 31.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 30 THRU JANUARY 1

SAT	DEC 30	5PM	ALTAR SERVERS—RAYMOND LUTZ, EXT. MINISTER—CHERYL HELMAN LECTOR—JIM SHUGARTS
SUN	DEC 31	8AM	ALTAR SERVERS—TEAGAN HULL, EXT. MINISTER—CHERYL DERR LECTOR—KIM TLUMACK
		10AM	ALTAR SERVERS—NICK LUBECKI, PIXIE TALARICO, MICHAELA KOCHUGA EXT. MINISTER—AJ CASINI LECTOR—JIM LUBECKI
MON	JAN 1	9AM	ALTAR SERVERS—TEAGAN HULL EXT. MINISTER—NEEDED LECTOR—DENNIS McMANUS

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Christ
the Lord

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 52:7-10

YOUR GOD IS KING!

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-6

***YOU ARE MY SON;
THIS DAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU!***

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18

***AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND
MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US....***



**CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 25, 2023**

Year B

“Joy to the world the Lord has come!” Indeed, it’s the greatest gift God has given us. God loves us so much that He has sent us His Only Begotten Son in view of our salvation! We can’t reciprocate this tremendous Love of God, but He is pleased in every good thing everyone does. **During this season of God’s Love our hearts must be full of gratitude for this wondrous Act of God for us.** But this should not stop there, our gratefulness must be seen overflowing in every act of graciousness we have to everyone. With God among us, we become agents of Peace and Reconciliation. Let us fill the world with Christ’s Peace through the advocacy of reconciliation that begins within the family which necessarily goes out to the neighborhood and to the world.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!
FR. ROD**

Christmas, Year B—December 25, 2023

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6

Encounter Him

Eucharistic Adoration with Contemporary Praise & Worship

Sept. 24 Oct. 22 Nov. 26 Jan. 28

Feb. 25 March 17 April 28

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Following Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Grace Church
1011 Mount Pleasant Rd
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The Tree of Hope

Donations for this year's Tree of Hope will be collected to benefit the Youngwood Community Food Bank & The Lions Club. The deadline for donations is January 2, 2024. Names will be published in the bulletin at the end of January. If you wish to donate, please fill out the coupon below, bring it to the parish office, mail it or place it in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked "Tree of Hope."

Thank you for your generosity!



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December 24 thru December 30

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2024 Calendars

Compliments of CR McCauley Funeral Home are now available at all entrances of the church. Pick up yours today and perhaps one for a friend, relative or neighbor who is unable to attend mass.



**Oplatki
(Christmas Wafers)
are now available for
purchase for \$2.00/pkg.
See Eleanor.**

2nd Collection at Christmas

As you are aware, every year the second collection at all *Christmas Masses* is taken for those people living within our own diocese who are less fortunate than we are. This collection is titled the “Children and Family Services Appeal.”

Jesus teaches us to put the needs of the poor ahead of our own. I pray that our needs will never be as desperate as those individuals and families who have little food, inadequate clothing, or sufficient resources to endure the harsh winter weather and lack the means to keep themselves and their families safe and warm. When we take care of the poor among us, we serve Jesus Himself in a most personal way. Our charity should always be based in compassion, which suggests a “suffering with the other” as Jesus himself did for us.

Your support of this collection allows those touched by poverty, violence, the slow economy, or brokenness to look beyond their present conditions and find the hope to work toward better circumstances. On the coming Christmas Solemnity, which celebrates the gift of God's own Son, Jesus Christ given to each of us without question of our merit or eligibility, please support the “Children and Family Services Appeal”. Make your contribution toward changing the future of an individual, a family, or a child through the good work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.



December Faithful Challenge: Embrace Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Revival is alive and well in our faith community! Over the last year, thousands of people responded to Bishop Kulick's weekly faithful challenges on social media. And it truly has made us a more Eucharistic Community. In December, as we celebrate both the Advent and Christmas seasons, we urge you to once again accept his challenge and open your heart and mind to the power of the Eucharist! Whether it be placing an Advent wreath in the center of your home, attending daily Mass or a Mass with the Bishop, or even saying a prayer for the Eucharistic Revival, you join with the living Body of Christ.



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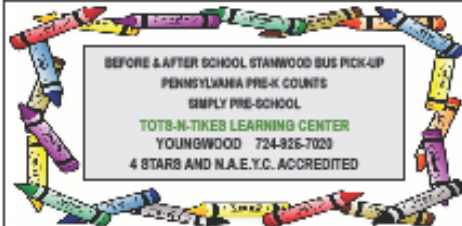
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