

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
December 24, 2023**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ken Carron and Nicholas DeGraw. May they rest in peace, Amen!

**COFFEE HOUR AND FAITH
FORMATION**

The next Faith Formation Class is Sunday, January 21st at St. John the Baptist in Walton at 12:00 pm. Contact Katherine for additional details stpetersdelhiny@gmail.com, 607-746-2503.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday, from 5:00 am until 6:00 pm, Our Lord is exposed for Adoration in the Eucharistic Chapel at St. John's in Walton. All parishes are welcome to come adore during any of these hours, alongside our regularly scheduled adorers. Come, let us adore Him!

MONEY MATTERS

The general collection amounts for December 16th & 17th are: Holy Family \$198.00, St. John's \$2,778.00, St. Peter's \$1,705.00. The donations for the beautiful Christmas flowers are: St. John's \$410.00 and St. Peter's \$576.00. Thank you for your continued support.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you have a family member who is sick, hospitalized or homebound and would like Communion taken to them, in Delhi, please call St. Peter's parish office at 607-746-2503 in Walton and Downsville, please call St. John's parish office at 607-865-7394 ext. 1

THIS WEEK'S DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 11-18
The Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36:40
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

May the joy of Christmas, which sings of the birth of the Savior, instill in all trust in the power of truth and of patient perseverance in doing good.

For each of us the divine message of Bethlehem resounds:

“Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Lk 2:10-11).

St. Pope John Paul II, Urbi et Orbi Message, Christmas 1998

USCCB WORD OF LIFE

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity

OFFICE CLOSED

St. Peter's office will be closed Tuesday December 26th and Wednesday, December 27th.

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

Since the January 1st feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, falls on Monday this year, the Church does not consider it a holy day of obligation. However, Father Golding will celebrate Mass on January 1st at 12:00 noon at St. John the Baptist Church. Please join us in honoring Mary, the Mother of God.

**PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SOULS ON THE
ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASSING**

Dec 25 - Mary Carroll, Ethan Yakalis, Loretta Smith
Dec 26 - Father John Burns, Joseph Richards, Mary Simms, Richard Parsons
Dec 27 - Rory Flannery
Dec 28 - Eugene Maritato, Andrew Kuppens
Dec 29 - Elsie Logwin, Savino Nardone, Gregory Perry, Eleanor Stewart
Dec 30 - Eileen Holm, Joseph Never, Margaret Robson, Matthew Culligan
Dec 31 - Angelina Belmont, Joseph Carpenter

NURSING CENTER MASS

Father Golding celebrates Mass at the Delhi Rehabilitation & Nursing Center on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am. For more information, contact Lynn Oles, 607-743-4772.

GRIEF MINISTRY

Mission Statement: To provide a listening ear, compassion and possible recommendations and/or direction for a positive life journey moving forward with the help of our Faith! For more information contact Kathy Scribani at 607-376-1633

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

“On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree.” What's the silliest, most creative, or most romantic gift your true love has given you? Be a humble human today. That's what Jesus did by becoming human.

KNOWING YOUR FAITH

When do Priests change the bread into Christ's Sacred Body and the wine into His Precious Blood?

a) **By the words of consecration, the priest changes the bread into the sacred Body of Jesus and the wine into His Precious Blood.**

After the consecration of the bread the priest holds the sacred Host aloft and then after he consecrates the wine he does the same with the chalice of the precious Blood so that we may adore Christ, our Lord. Gazing at the sacred Host and chalice, we may well offer a silent prayer, such as:

“O Sacrament most holy
O Sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine.”

Or we may simply gaze upon the consecrated species believingly awhile adoring silently and praying, “My Lord and my God!”

Knowing Your Faith, Rev. Raymond B. Fullham, S.J.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Agnes, Mary Jane Mehegen, Peggy Robbin, Val Vavarone, James O'Dell, Jerry Hanley, John Meinke, Jeremy Pickens, Dale Hart, Charles Kazarian, Linda, Nancy, Linda Barr, Mike, Leslie McGraw, Matt McNally, Ron McAnaney, Shirley Froehlich, Joe Augustine, Rose, Connie Cucciarre Ruff, Marianne P., Ruth Halton