



# ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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## December 31 - Feast of the Holy Family

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### **Sunday Mass**

7:30 AM | 10:00 AM

### **Weekday Mass**

12:00 PM

### **Confessions**

M-F - 11:15-11:45 AM

Sat. - 4:15-4:45 PM

### **Pastor's Column**

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family - the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas - it is good to reflect on the liturgical journey the Church undertakes during this sacred time. The Octave of Christmas (Dec. 25 - Jan. 1st) is a time when the Church immerses herself in the mystery of the Incarnation, not just through the celebration of Christ's Birth in Bethlehem, but through a series of feasts that deepen our understanding of this divine mystery.

**1. Christmas Day (December 25):** The heart of the Christmas Octave is the Birth of Jesus. This solemnity celebrates God's manifest presence among us, the Word made flesh. It is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies and the beginning of our redemption. Through the joyful experience of birth, we see the dawn of our salvation and God's immense love for humanity.

**2. Feast of St. Stephen (December 26):** The day after Christmas, we honor St. Stephen, the first martyr. His feast reminds us that the Incarnation is not just a sentimental event but a call to radical discipleship. Christ's birth in this world is meant for our birth in heaven. Stephen's martyrdom, following so closely after the celebration of Christ's birth, is a stark reminder of the cost and purpose of the Christian life.

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**3. Feast of St. John the Evangelist (December 27):** St. John, the beloved disciple, is the one who penned the profound words, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." His feast emphasizes the theological depth of the Incarnation. Through his writings, we are invited to contemplate the divine mystery of Jesus, the Logos, who is both true God and true man. This is also the patronal feast day of the Congregation of Saint John.

**4. Feast of the Holy Innocents (December 28):** This feast commemorates the massacre of the young children in Bethlehem by King Herod. It reminds us of the vulnerability of the Christ Child and the opposition that Jesus faced from the beginning of his earthly life. This feast challenges us to protect the innocent and vulnerable in our society.

**5. Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday after Christmas):** The placement of the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas links the mystery of the Incarnation, celebrated at Christmas, with the lived experience of the Holy Family. By reflecting on the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the Church invites the faithful to consider the virtues of family life - obedience, faith, love, and resilience - in light of the Incarnation. This feast thus not only honors the Holy Family but also serves as a model and inspiration for Christian families today, emphasizing the spiritual over the secular, and rooting family life deeply in the Christian faith.

**7. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1):** This solemnity, falling on the octave day of Christmas, highlights Mary's role in the Incarnation and redemption. By honoring Mary as Theotokos, the Mother of God, the Church affirms the true divinity and humanity of Christ. This feast, originating in the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD, asserts the vital theological truth that Jesus is one person with two natures, divine and human. It is a culmination of the Christmas octave, emphasizing that the birth of Christ is inseparable from the role of Mary.

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, 12/30/23** - Monroe Blaylock

**Sunday, 12/31/ 23**

**7:30 AM** - Pro Populo (People of the Parish)

**10:00 AM** - Richard Hicklin+

**Monday, 1/1/2024** - Intentions of the Celebrant

**Tuesday, 1/2/2024** - Randy Hicklin+

**Wednesday, 1/3/2024** - Rick Hicklin

**Thursday, 1/4/2024** - The Scott Family

**Friday, 1/5/2024** - Retired Religious of America

**Saturday, 1/6/2024** - Charles Leisring+

**Offertory**

December 20-27 Weekly Offertory

Offertory..... \$3445.00

Children's Offertory..... \$1.00

Building Fund ..... \$30.02

Christmas Mass Offertory

Offertory..... \$2558.00

Children's Offertory..... \$193.00

Online Giving via FaithDirect for December

Offertory..... \$8226.00

Building Fund..... \$650.00

Fr. Brady Fund for the Poor..... \$1230.00

Christmas Flowers..... \$90.00

# Announcements!

## Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, Dec. 31 -**

**NO Religious Ed. - Christmas Break**

**NO Children's Church**

**Monday & Tuesday, Jan. 1-2 -**

**OFFICE CLOSED, Happy New Year!**

**Monday, 1/1/2024 -**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not an obligation)

No RCIA, resumes next week

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, Jan. 14 & 28 -**

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drives!

**Monday, Jan. 29 -**

**Ignatian Discernment of Spirits Formation**

**Series begins! 6:30 PM, Brady Hall**

## Mass Intentions

2024 Mass Intentions are now open! If there is a special date for which you'd like to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one or group of people, please contact the office. An offering of \$10 is suggested.

Why have a Mass offered?

Having a Mass offered is the best way to pray for a loved one. At every Holy Mass, Jesus Himself is offered to the Father, and the infinite merits of His cross bring a shower of graces upon friends and family members, living or deceased. Please call the office to schedule a Mass.

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Monday, Jan. 1-**

This year, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation

## Upcoming Ignatian Formation

All are welcome to attend our new 10-week Formation Series beginning on Monday, January 29, at 6:30 p.m. in Brady Hall.

The series of talks will be given by Fr. Francis Krautter, CSJ and will teach the practical application of St. Ignatius' rules for the discernment of spirits.

Registration is not required and there is no fee for this series. Details will be available in upcoming bulletins and on our website. We hope you will join us for spiritual discussion to further our growth in holiness.

## Upcoming Second Collection

Next weekend, Jan. 6-7, we will be taking a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

This fund helps nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and priests to retire with dignity. It helps cover essential care, such as medical and living expenses, to those who gave their adult lives to Christ and often received little to no pay for their work. Please see the back of the bulletin for more details.

eGiving via FaithDirect



**Announcements  
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## Christmas Outreach

A very special thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent, or treasure to the Christmas Outreach!

Together, our parish bought Christmas presents for 45 children in need *and* provided 110 Christmas Food Boxes to families in our area.

Please see the inserted letter from Toni Armstead detailing all of our gratitude and the success of this year's outreach.

## Mark Your Calendars!



Ash Wednesday  
Mass Schedule

Noon & 7 P.M.

## 2024 Lector Sign-Ups

Thank you to all of our lectors and EMHCs who served in 2023!

Our new system for sign-ups is well under way and running nicely! As a reminder, the green binder by the South Entrance is where you can sign up to be an EMHC or Lector.

Sign ups are now open for January and February 2024. If you are not currently serving as a lector or EMHC but would like to learn more, please contact Brother Gabriel or the office.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

This month, our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their bi-monthly food drives on January 14 & 28. Please see the enclosed flyer or our website for a list of needs! <https://stignatiusdenver.org/give/>



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:

National Religious Retirement Office

3211 Fourth Street NE

Washington DC 20017-1194

Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

[retiredreligious.org](https://retiredreligious.org)

Visit [retiredreligious.org/2023photos](https://retiredreligious.org/2023photos) to meet the religious pictured.

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Please pray for...

Victor Abad, Jr., Elizabeth Achuil, Joyce Armstead, Eugenia Arsense, Benjamin Baszler Family, Mary Bergles, Taeja Billingsley, Raquel Bishop, Gray Buckley, Mary Ellen Buning, Loretta Burrell, Judy Busch, Susan Carrillo, Gerda Christiansen, Joyce & Meredith Clabaugh, Josephine Clode, Deborah Cottle, Ann Durkin, Ed Ekel, Ann Feighny, Barbara Floyd-Hall, Valerie Francis, Margie Fry, Notasha M. Garcia, Suzanne Geren, Jean Giles, Hollis Hafner, Carrie Hamilton, Gayle Hamlett, Patty Harvey, Peg Higgins, Tylah Howard, Connor Jennison, Wardell Jones, Isaac Joseph, Michael Koller, Jamar Lindsay Family, Lorene Lee, Jonny Lewis, Judy Lewis, Linda Parker Long, Tony Lutrey, Josephine Martinez, Brody McDonald, Mary McEnany, James McKinney, Mary Ann Montgomery, Mathue/ Nicque Moore, Mary Muldoon, Linda Murray, Carol Nettles, Michelle Padilla, Flora Potter, Margaret Prado, Gail Pugh, Marcello Puma, Fr. Patrick Quinn, Peter Quintero, Megan Reinholtz, Cordell Robinson, Maria Rose, Robert Saldano, Paul Scheafbauer, Katie/Melvin Scott, Barb Sercely, William Sexton, Angelita Sims, Larry Sims, Gary Slaven, Deneen Stevenson, Romaine Tacznosky, Ken/Carmen Therence, Linda Vialpando, Beverly Wilson, John Zimmer, Coleen Walsh

## Sunday Readings

Sir 3:2-6 & 12-14; Col. 3:12-21 or Heb. 11 ; LK 2:22-40

Please visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) for the daily reading.

## Cover Painting

*The Holy Family* by Polidoro da Lanciano



# CHRISTMAS *outreach*



What a Christmas Outreach Project this year! Although we have had some challenges this year, we did it ... with faith, hope and love ... that's Loyola! And we did it again!

We are overjoyed with the Light of Hope shared this Advent Season specially making our Christmas Outreach be all it needed to be for our parish community!

Thank you to all the Giving Tree angels that were so generous in buying 45 gifts for our children, FAS kiddos and some of the SvDP shoppers' kiddos, too! We even helped one of the FAS students celebrate Hanukkah!

Thank you for all the Santa Sacks filled with toiletries, and all the volunteers that came together to help put together over 110 Christmas Food boxes to feed the neediest of our parish and the community ~ thank you so very much for sharing your time ~ faith, hope and love!

Thanks again to all the generous anonymous donors for oranges, candy canes, boxes, gift cards and donations of funds to make this one of the best Christmases! Thank you so very much for sharing your time ~ faith, hope and love!

Thanks again to all the volunteers new and old, whether you were drafted to hang decorations, to tape boxes together, move tables, move pews, to make goody bags of oranges and candy canes, or to fill the Christmas Food boxes, "Dash Door Delivery" drivers who were kind enough to deliver some of the food boxes and giving tree gifts or just to be a friendly and welcome face to our guests and volunteers ~ thank you so very much for sharing your time ~ faith, hope and love!

A special shout out and thank you to an awesome Biker group that makes this an annual activity of giving back to come and give a hand ~thank you so very much for sharing your time ~ faith, hope and love!

To a great couple that volunteered to go out to buy more groceries so that the incomplete boxes could be completed! Thank you so very much for sharing your time ~ faith, hope and love!

Thank you to all the Christmas Cookie Bakers' especially Mary McEnany along with the spirit of her sister, Kelly! Thank you so very much for sharing your time ~ faith, hope and love!

We are so grateful and appreciative of the generosity of St. Joan of Arc Parish for the wonderful toy boxes of movies and games for the families! Thank you so very much for sharing your time ~ faith, hope and love!

Thank you to our sister parish, Cure d'Ars for all the handmade caps and mittens, too! Thank you so very much for sharing your time ~ faith, hope and love!

Thank you to Safeway for offering their best price for all the food and the abundance of French-style green beans!

A special shout-out to our very own "Fuber" driver and our very own Van and station wagon drivers that were super kind to drive out to Aurora to pick up the food! Thank you so very much for sharing your time ~ faith, hope and love!

Lastly, thank you to our pastor, Fr. Francis and staff, and Fr. John-Therese for blessing our event and to all of you, our parish, to make our outreach event, one spirit-filled Advent! Thank you so very much for sharing your time ~ faith, hope and love!

God bless you and Happy New Year!  
Toni Armstead and Team





# Loyola Pantry

## *Food Drives*

**January 14 & 28**  
**8 a.m. – Noon**

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Pantry at 23rd & Gaylord

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*Please consider donating any of these items:*

Paper towels, toilet paper, reusable grocery bags, cooking oil, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, pancake mix & syrup, canned beans, fruits & vegetables (no green beans), tomato sauce & paste, canned fish & chicken, sloppy Joe mix, hearty soups (no tomato soup), canned chili and stew, spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, sugar, flour, masa, pasta, rice (white only), taco seasoning & shells, tortillas, hamburger & tuna helper, salsa, hot sauce, honey, cereal & oatmeal. Cookies, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes and snacks are appreciated!

**Please, no expired or damaged items.**

Financial donations are also gratefully accepted, checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donations may also be dropped off at the parish office Monday--Friday.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

