



Notes from Barb

- † Thanks to all who helped make the church so beautiful for this Christmas season.
- † Thanks to the Breakfast Optimists Club for the Christmas trees.
- † Thanks to Jena & Easton Robertson, all our catechists and our children for a lovely Christmas program!
- † The parish office will be closed Monday & Tuesday this week.
- † The next Parish Council meeting is Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. in the office.

Mary Scripture Quest (adapted from Sadlier Religion.com)

1. In what book, chapter and verse does Mary first appear?
2. What are Mary's first words in Scripture?
3. How does Mary respond to the angel's proposal in Luke 1:38?
4. Where does Mary live as stated in Luke 1:26?
5. To whom was Mary betrothed?
6. What family was he descended from?
7. What does Mary say to Jesus in John 2:3 and what does she say to the servants?
8. Find Mary's prayer of praise in Luke 1:46-55 and pray it for yourself.

Second Sunday after Christmas *Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12* Jesus Wisdom

Last names may have derived from occupations. If your name is Shumaker, you probably have a cobbler in your ancestry. Other last names came from first names. If your name is Robertson, one ancestor was probably the son of another named Robert. Back in the old days people needed some way of identifying one another, and it developed into last names.

When Jesus was born, his family settled down, and he was known as "son of the carpenter."

But today's first reading imagines a different name for Jesus, a name that revealed a certain trait he possessed: Wisdom.

This reading from the Book of Sirach contains lyrics sung by Wisdom. "Before all ages the Creator created me, and through all ages I shall not cease to be." Wisdom also recalls the Creator saying, "Among my chosen put down your roots." And Wisdom says, "In Zion I fixed my abode." So, although Wisdom spans eternity, Wisdom also dwelled at a specific time and place.

This reading from the Old Testament prophesies the coming of Jesus. In the beginning he was God's Word, before the Word became flesh. And now he is acclaimed as God's Wisdom, present from the beginning of time and enduring through the end.

Living among humble people, Jesus earned the title Wisdom. This name reminds us that he will guide us in all that we do, year in and year out.

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January 1, 2023
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



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Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart.
The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	Jan. 1	Jan. 8
Lector	Patty Curley	Steve Norris
Gift Bearers	Dubois Family	Fagg Family
Ushers		
Counters	Bob & Patty Kane	Sue Heck & Karen Harris
Cleaners	Off week	Kelly & Jodi Stafford

Birthday Blessing to:



Marcia Hay 1-2
 Missy Rohrbach 1-3
 Greg Thralls 1-3
 Jane Frazier 1-4
 Linda Dubois 1-4
 Corey Fagg 1-7
 Peggy Lucas 1-7

Happy Anniversary to:
 Jesse & Rosanne Richey 1-7

Mass Intentions:

Jan. 1
 Bonnie Younger

Jan. 8 Deceased members of
 the McKinney family



If you wish to have a mass
 said, the suggested stipend
 is \$10.00. We are now
 scheduling masses for the
 first half of 2023.

Prayers Please for:

Barbara Hofmann, Louise Arnold, Bill
 Marrs, Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John
 Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards,
 Mary Ann Whallon, Lou Ann Wake, Jim
 Callahan, John Heck, Terry Jatczak, Ka-
 ren Harris, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Regina
 Crowell.

If you have people on the parish prayer
 list, please contact Barb to update her
 on their conditions.

A Note
 from Jena:



I would like to thank the
 parish for the Christmas card
 and gift. That was so sweet
 and it warmed my heart.



Finance Report

December 24, 2022	Actual	Budgeted	Additional Donations	Actual	Budgeted
Christmas Collection	\$2301	2308	Christmas Flowers	\$0	
Galvin Fund Donations	\$0	115			
Cemetery	\$0				

2023 Envelopes can be picked up at the church entrance. If you did not use envelopes this year but would like some, please let me know.

Did you know?

The song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” was used in England from 1558-1829 when Catholicism was persecuted, to serve as a catechism for the faithful?

Here are the meanings of each day:

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree—the One true God revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.
- 2 Turtle Dove—the Old and New Testaments
- 3 French hens-Faith, Hope & Love
- 4 Calling Birds—the four Gospels
- 5 Gold Rings—the Torah (Law), the first five books of the Old Testament
- 6 Geese a-Laying—the six days of creation
- 7 Swans a-swimming—Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8 Maids a-milking—the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies dancing—the nice fruits of the Spirit (Galations 5)
- 10 Lords a-leaping—the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers piping—the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers drumming—the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed