

First Sunday of Christmas

Eucharistic Matins

December 30th & 31st 2023

5:00 + 8:15 + 10:15

Prelude

Ring of the Bells

+ Service of Preparation +

Please Stand & Face the Cross

Call to Worship



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -
dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,
Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Children's Message

Old Testament

Isaiah 60:1-6

- ¹ "Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
- ² See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
- ³ Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ "Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
- ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,

to you the riches of the nations will come.
⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Epistle

Galatians 4:1-6

What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces^[a] of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.^[b] ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*,^[c] Father.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord,
People: Thanks be to God!

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” ¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet:

“Out of Egypt I called my son.”

(Hosea 11:1)

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

(Jeremiah 31:15)

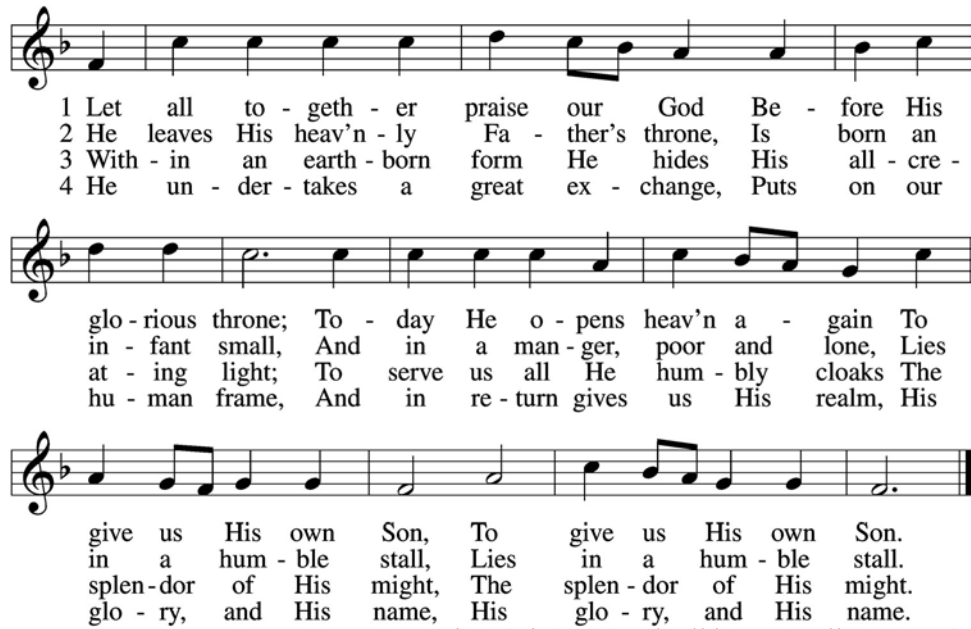
¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

Hymn ~ Let All Together Praise Our God (vv. 1-4)

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1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our
 glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His
 give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

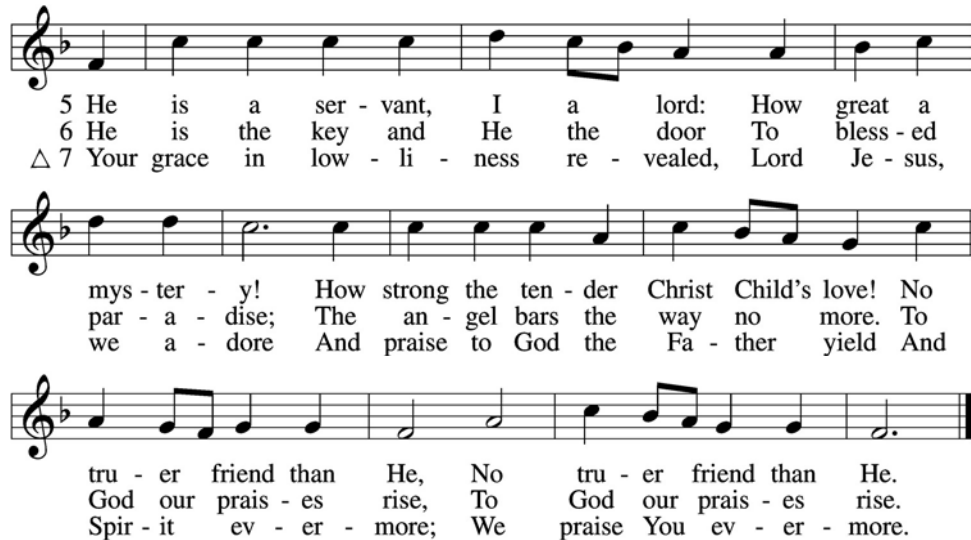
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Message

In the Fullness of Time

Hymn ~ Let All Together Praise Our God (vv. 5-7)

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5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a
 6 He is the key and He the door To bless - ed
 Δ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,
 mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No
 par - a - dise; The an - gel bars the way no more. To
 we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And
 tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.
 God our prais - es rise, To God our prais - es rise.
 Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

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Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Offering

Ways to Give

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- Place your giving in the basket when you come forward for communion.
- Text to Give, simply text your gift amount ("i.e., \$25" be sure to include the \$ sign) to 314-310-0442.
- Online giving at <https://trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving>.
- Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

Connect with Your Church & Community!

If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a regular attendee, we invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online Connection Card. Snap the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the connect...

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+ Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ;

to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Preface and Proper Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

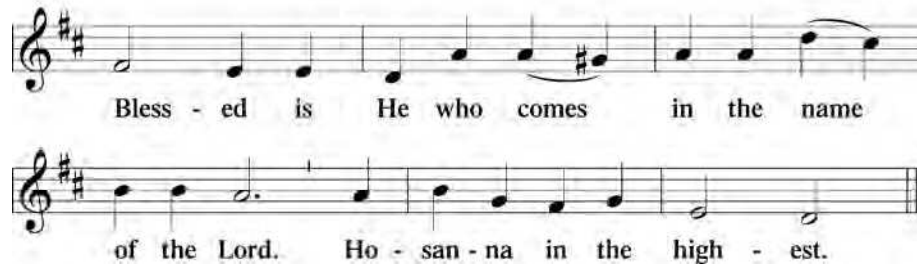
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right... ..evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

(DS II)





Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

(DS II)



Hymn ~ Of the Father's Love Begotten

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1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly

gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

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Hymn ~ What Child is This?

LSB 370

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to

sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let

shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the

Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Prayer

Pastor: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Hymn ~ Joy to the World

LSB 387

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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Worship Leaders



Ministers: *The People of Trinity Lutheran Church*

	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>8:15 a.m.</i>	<i>10:15 a.m.</i>
Preacher:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>
Presider:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Naomi Hildreth</i>		
Communion Servers:		<i>Sue Fiehler</i>	<i>Grace Dick, Keith Suedmeyer</i>
Lector:		<i>Taylor VanDyke</i>	<i>Joe Isenhower</i>
Organist:	<i>Jeff White</i>	<i>Jeff White</i>	<i>Jeff White</i>
Communion Prep:	<i>Dianne Davis</i>	<i>Annette Carson</i>	<i>Dorothy Brents</i>
Greeter:			<i>Kay Weber</i>
Ushers:	<i>Phil Koehr</i>	<i>Phil Koehr, Paula Wike</i>	<i>Dianne Davis, Ralph Simon</i>
Livestream:			<i>Joh Carroll</i>

December 30 & 31, 2023

TRINITY TODAY

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
We pray that your time with us today is uplifting
and encouraging as we follow Jesus together as
God's people.

Our ministry team and community of faith are here
to help you connect both with Christ Jesus and
with our ministry. If we can be of help to you in
any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Worship Services - 10:15 a.m.

THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY

Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary

TUESDAY - SATURDAY

Soup Window 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Closed Monday, January 1, 2024

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

Office Hours Limited

WEDNESDAY

Trinity Handbells 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Balcony

Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Balcony

Next Weekend

Saturday

Take down Christmas 9:00 a.m. sanctuary

Sts. Peter & Paul meal

Sunday

Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary

CONGREGATION

Trinity Year End Financial Appeal

We're so thankful for your generosity this year! Your prayerful gifts have made it possible for us to begin renovation on our school building soon.

2023 has been a challenging financial year in many ways, including high inflation and a difficult investment marketplace. As a result, we're looking at a current shortfall for the year of over \$128,000.

We want you to know we're cutting expenses where we can, and prayerfully doing our best to be good stewards of God's gifts. We are not going broke, we have some backup reserves, but using them can be a slippery slope and those funds are not endless.

So, we're asking if you are able, to prayerfully consider an additional year-end gift to support Trinity's ministry, as a response to the gifts God has entrusted to you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	2023 YTD	2023 Budget	Variance	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
Member Contributions	\$511,860.	\$621,775.	\$(109,915).	\$556,361.	\$505,770
Community Care	9,146.	39,371.	(30,225).	19,526.	38,894.
TOTAL INCOME	\$521,006.	\$661,146.	\$(140,140).	\$575,887.	\$544,664

As of November 30th, church income is below budget by \$140,140 and is 10.2% and 8.4% lower than income for the comparable periods ending November 2022 and 2021, respectively. The current period net operating loss is \$100,071, slightly better than October.

Ministry of the Month: Martin Luther once said: "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to us that we should proclaim the Word of God through music." This is what the Choirs and Musicians of Trinity strive to do through our singing, ringing, and playing of instruments. Even the hymns we sing every week are vehicles for prayer, praise, and even Christian education. Participation in the Choir only requires a heart willing to dedicate the time to learn the music in weekly rehearsals from Labor Day through Memorial Day. Musical experience is helpful, but not required, to ring in the handbell choir, and anyone who is able to play an instrument is invited to use that talent to God's glory by letting Jeff White know of your interest. Both the Choir and Handbells meet on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary. Let us know if you would like to be part of providing your gift to proclaim and praise.

Altar Flowers - Altar flowers can be and are more than mere ornaments. They are the expression of our love for God as well as a means of glorifying his name in all the earth. If you would like to provide flowers for a particular Sunday to mark a special life event such as birth and birthdays; anniversary of a wedding, baptism, confirmation; the memory of a loved one; or as a thanksgiving for life's blessings, call or email the church office (314-231-4092 x2, or office@trinitystlouis.com). You can also reserve a Sunday online on Church Community Builder or sign up in the back of the sanctuary. Altar flowers are \$50 for two vases.

Panhandling - Please DO NOT give money, food or other items to any unhoused neighbors who might ask when you are at Trinity. Panhandling will not be tolerated on Trinity's campus, if someone needs food, please tell them "Soup Alley is open Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30" or "It's Trinity's policy not to give things out on Sundays"

COMMUNITY CARE

Neighborhood: Thank you for all the gifts for Humboldt! Along with donations from Christ Memorial, we had more gifts than we needed and were able to donate the extra toys to other kids in need.

Community:

Soup Alley Food - 1,239 meals served at Soup Alley for the month of November. Daily average of 50 meals
Please consider how you can help, donate, or serve. Meals are served Monday-Saturday 9:30 -10:30 a.m. for our unhoused and hungry neighbors.

Items to donate:

- Bottled water
- Fruit (small oranges or bananas preferred)
- Chips/Pre-packaged snacks
- Pre-packaged snack cakes, desserts, etc.
- Large and X Large t-shirts, hoodies, and underwear.
- Winter gear

If you are able to bring any of these items to Trinity for distribution, please schedule your drop-off through the church office by emailing office@trinitystlouis.com. Donation drop off days are Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm by appointment.

New Community Care Donation Bins: Please place your Saturday/Sunday donations for Community Care in the marked bins in the "museum room." This will help us inventory items coming into Soup Alley.

Thrivent Action Team Grant: As the end of the year approaches make sure you apply for your Thrivent Action Team Grants, if you are a member of Thrivent. There is a step-by-step guide available to assist you in applying for a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant. Just email Kim at kimdannmessier@trinitystlouis.com for a copy and/or ideas for a project to fund. For more information go to <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>.

Grant Ideas for Community Care: Christmas Toys for Humboldt, Sammie Sunday, Winter Gear for Soup Alley: Hand warmers, long underwear, hats, waterproof gloves, etc.

GIVING

There are many ways to Give:

Online giving: Check Trinity Weekend ENews for the link or go to <https://trinitystlouis.com/give/>.

In Person: Gifts of cash or check payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" can be given in all worship services.

Mail: You can send your gift to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Souland Street, St. Louis, MO 63104

2023 Year End Giving: Giving for 2023 must be given online no later than December 31, 2023.; given in person in the offering plate during the 2023 services or mail postmarked no later than December 31, 2023

2024 Giving Envelopes: Are available in the back of the sanctuary.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SONday School - For children 3 years to 5th grade, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish House, 1st flr., opens with music led by elementary school music teachers Katy Moll and Rebekkah Carroll. Resumes January 7, 2024

Youth Confirmation Class - On break until January 7, 2024.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Adult Bible Study - Meets at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study - Resumes January 9, 2024.

Wednesday Bible Study -Will resume January 24, 2024



PRAY

Birthdays ~ December 30 – January 5

Nathan Bowyer	December 30
Elise Guhe	December 30
Theo Zaricor	December 30
Eugene Maul	January 1
Susan Maul	January 1
Edwin Park	January 1
Tony Schnurr	January 1
Jim Zarndt	January 2
McKenna Griesman	January 3
Brian Morrell	January 3
Ashleigh Scarmana	January 3
Carl Arnold	January 4
Merlyn Bohler	January 4
Aubrey Carroll	January 4
Dena Conner	January 5

Parish Community

Ryan & Louisa Anne Faline
Layla
Jessica Ann Farlow
Maci
Bryan & Melissa Faser
Colton
Chris Ferguson
Sue Fiehler
Lance & Jennifer Finney
Sage & Matthew
Trey Fisk
Heather Forbes
Courtney & Ashley Ford
Grayson
Barbara Forrest
Dio & Dana Foster
Bob & Marti Fruend