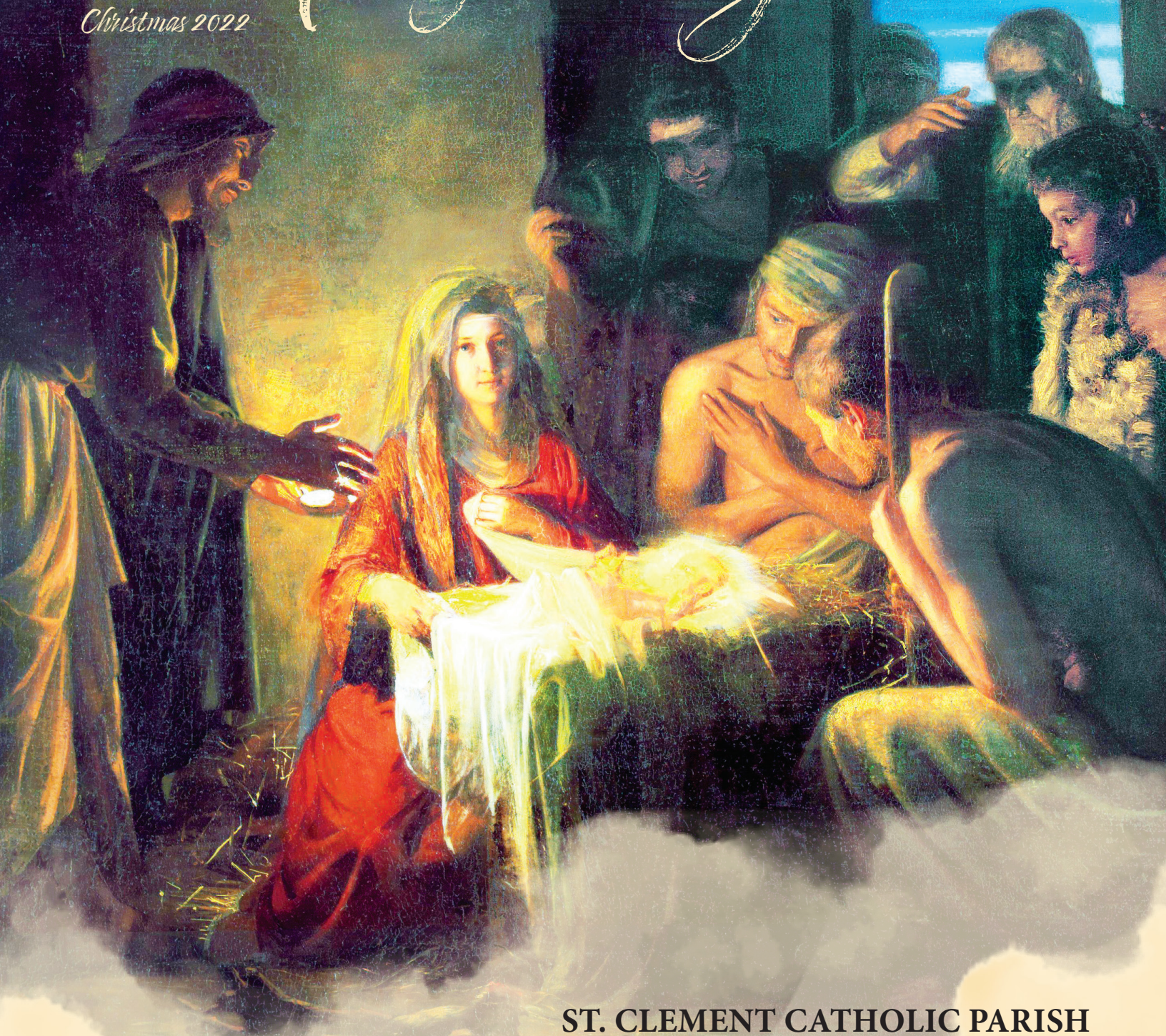


O Holy Night

Christmas 2022



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The Holy Night, Bloch (1867)

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." Luke 2: 1-14



POOR CLARES' PRAYER LINE

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, coworkers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call the Poor Clares' Prayer Line at 216-361-0783.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 6: 8-10 – 7: 54-59; Mt 10: 17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1: 1-4; Jn 20: 1, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1: 5 – 2: 2; Mt 2: 13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2: 3-11; Lk 2: 22-35
Friday:	Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14; Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2: 18-21; Jn 1: 1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6: 22-27; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21

Out of Town for the Holidays?

For nationwide Mass times and locations, visit www.masstimes.org and click "Church Lookups."

The family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph knew all too well the country of fear. Like families of every time and place, they experienced hardship and pain; they worked hard for the little they had; they faced a difficult and unexpected pregnancy; they were forced from their home because of the tyrant, Herod. But they make their way through the country of fear by the love that binds them together as a family. Families are the first and best places where we come to know that compassion that is our light through the country of fear. The Holy Family, in their struggles of fear and anguish recorded in the Gospels, is a model for our own families that the light of God shines for us as we confront those same tensions and crises in our life together.

A Prayer of Blessing for the Family

Bless us, O Lord

Bless the mothers and fathers of the world who, like Mary and Joseph, care for their children with love and do all they can to keep their children safe

Bless the children of the world who give us hope in the future we try to create

Bless all who have no family to support and nurture and love them

Bless those who reach out to create bonds to unite us with each other

Bless us who feel alone, and give them comfort and solace

Bless those who see all humans as belonging to one human family

Bless us, O Lord

Amen

PLEASE NOTE!

The Rectory office will be closed beginning Saturday, December 24th, and reopen after the Christmas and New Year holidays on Monday, January 2nd. We wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 26 - Saint Stephen

5:15 PM † Joe Cabot

Tuesday, December 27 - Saint John

8:00 AM † Wayne Watson

Wednesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents

5:15 PM † David Mino

Thursday, December 29 - Fifth Day within the

Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM The Craighead Family

Living & Deceased

Friday, December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary & Joseph

5:15 PM † Alice Lyons

Saturday, December 31 - Seventh Day within the

Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM Bishop Rolando Alva (Living)

Sunday, January 1 - The Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM † Paul Wagner

Centennial Daily Drawing

\$ 25.00 Winners

Joseph Dippong, Chris Sabolik, Mike Smith
Maureen Tock, Tim Sabolik, Sr., Gary Pandos

Congratulations!

Thank You!

The Lakewood Knights of Columbus want to thank the parishioners of Saint Clement for their support of their Breakfast with Santa on December 4th. We hope all of you have a blessed Christmas.

Save the Date!

The Wine Tasting event is back! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 21, 2023** for an evening of great food and drink. Tickets will be sold after the new year. A limited number of tickets will be sold.

Year End Charitable Giving &

Tax Documentation

All charitable donations received in 2022 will be listed on your 2022 charitable giving statement. A donation that is mailed and postmarked by December 31, 2022 will also be included in your 2022 statement. All donations hand-delivered or placed in the collection basket after December 31st will be credited to your 2023 tax statement. Donations received on Sunday, January 1, 2023 will appear on your 2023 tax statement. This ruling comes from both the Diocese of Cleveland and the Internal Revenue Service.

Finance Corner

Collection for weekend of December 11th - \$ 4,228.00

Monthly Collection - \$ 525.00

Children's Collection - \$ 300.00

Immaculate Conception - \$ 598.00

Religious Retirement Fund - \$ 86.00

Solemnity of Mary - \$ 20.00

Online giving:

Monthly - \$ 1,420.00 - Weekly - \$ 904.00

Religious Retirement Fund - \$ 10.00

St. Augustine Hunger Center - \$ 15.00

St. Vincent de Paul Society - \$ 15.00

Thank you for your continued support
and generosity to the parish.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Classes begin soon for students in grades 7 through 11. Please contact Colleen for more information at 216-226-5116.

We Are Growing by Leaps and Bounds!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ministry, for children 3-6 years old, is growing by leaps and bounds! We are blessed to have a faithful team of volunteers who share their time with the children. We have also been blessed by a generous donation that has allowed us to begin preparing a space for children ages 6-9 years old. If you have visited the Atrium located in the Saint James Parish Center, you know that all the materials are prepared by hand for the children to enter into scripture and liturgy. Countless woodworkers, painters, calligraphers, seamstresses and many other talented folks have shared their time and talent to prepare this sacred space for children. At this time, we are hoping for a person who has a knack for working with sculpey clay to create child-size Biblical figures. Materials and guidelines will be provided. If you have a gift of working with sculpey, or if you'd like to learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please call Colleen Houk at (216) 226-5116.

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