Our Lady of Fatima (Redvers) St. Maurice (Bellegarde) St. Anthony (Storthoaks)



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December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve—Sun, Dec. 24 7 p.m. Storthoaks—+Holy Souls by A Parishioner 9 p.m. Bellegarde—Special Intentions by A Parishioner 11 p.m. Redvers—Pro populo Christmas Day—Mon, Dec. 25 10:45 a.m. Redvers—Pro Populo

Tues, Dec. 26-Thurs, Dec. 28-NO MASS

Fri, Dec. 29, 9:30 a.m. (Estates) +Deceased Family by Rene Rogg

Holy Family Sunday Sat, Dec. 30, 5 p.m. Bellegarde—+Raymond Cop by Joel/Collette Marquis Sat, Dec. 30, 7 p.m. Storthoaks—Pro populo Sun, Dec. 31, 10:45 a.m. Redvers Intentions of Family by Jeannette Poirier

> Liturgical Ministries (Redvers)

To ensure your name is still on a ministries list or to volunteer contact <u>Carol Poirier</u> (452-8397).

Sunday, December 31, 10:45 a.m. Hospitality Jerome/Carol Poirier

Lectors Denis Quennelle/Coralie Wolensky

> Collection Todd Garnier Emile Magotiaux Linden Poirier Nathan Poirier

Communion Real Wolensky





Redvers Pastoral Council Chairperson Marc Wolensky 306-840-7282 Parish Hall Bookings Anita Colleaux: 306-452-3868 Caretaker Coralie Wolensky



Bellegarde Pastoral Council Chairperson Guy Poirier: 306-840-7744



Storthoaks Pastoral Council Chairperson Richard Chicoine: 449-2231 Parish Hall Bookings Monique Dumaine: 449-2237

Christmas Season Mass Times

Christmas/Holy Family Sunday/New Year's

<u>Christmas Eve</u> Sun, Dec. 24—7 p.m. Storthoaks/9 p.m. Bellegarde/11 p.m. Redvers <u>Christmas Day</u> Mon, Dec. 25—10:45 a.m. Redvers <u>Holy Family Sunday</u> Sat, Dec. 30—5 p.m. Bellegarde/7 p.m. Storthoaks Sun, Dec. 31—10:45 a.m. Redvers <u>New Year's (Holy Day of Obligation)</u> Sun, Dec. 31—7 p.m. Bellegarde Mon, Jan. 1—9 a.m. Storthoaks/10:45 a.m. Redvers



Thank You Merry Christmas Everyone! Sincere appreciation is extended

to everyone who participated in our parish raffles and fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who sold/bought tickets, donated auction items, supplied baking, and special appreciation to those who organized the parish social and little pageant in Redvers. 2-\$800 prizes from Bellegarde's 50/25/25 Raffle were won by Katy Soroka/Jayden Hamel. 3-\$500 Co-op gift cards from Storthoaks' raffle were won by Barb Gnutel/Wayne Elton/Norman Gaudet. Merry Christmas Everyone!

Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1

Consecration Prayer to the Holy Family

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, didst will to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day.

Do Thou protect us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear, true peace and concord in Christian love: in order that by living according to the divine pattern of Thy family we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to eternal happiness.

Mary,

dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us, by thy kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph,

most holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, help us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal needs;

that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and thee, for all eternity.

(Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory 3 times.)



In St. Luke's Gospel, Mary is first hailed as God's "<u>favored one</u>!" If this title, bestowed by the Almighty's messenger, wasn't honor enough, Mary would later receive the even greater title of "Mother of God." Her cousin St. Elizabeth would confer this title upon her with

the words, "<u>the mother of my Lord</u>." First, of course, Mary had to agree to what God asked of her! Mary may not have understood just how great the decision was that she made, but, despite her youth, she nevertheless had the great gift of faith in God. Because of her infinite trust in God and her famed *fiat*, we can definitively venerate Mary, the Mother of God, and ask for her intercession.

Mary fulfills a unique role in the Mystery of Christ and the Church. Hailed as <u>Theotokos</u> (literally, "God Bearer") by the Church in 431 at the Council of Ephesus, Mary's title reflects not only her role in salvation history, but also asserts the divinity of Christ. Just as the moon does not bear its own light but instead reflects the light from the sun, Mary entirely reflects the brilliance and grace of God.

As we continue our celebration of Christmas, let us consider how, in His mother, God the Son was made Incarnate not only to be *with* us, but also to be *like* us! The Blessed Mother, seen in every nativity scene, faithfully watches over the infant in the manger as the Mother of God and also as mother to each of us! She does so with great love, silently in her heart (cf. Luke 2:51). In Mary we find what really matters—not only during the Christmas season, but in the whole of the Christian life. As her children, may we look upon Mary with love and faithfully call upon her intercession with great affection.

