

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com).

Jodi Aerts  
 Dylan Anderson  
 Robert Berry  
 Patricia Bonnewitz  
 Sandra Burke  
 Julie Byron  
 Toni Capute  
 Riordan Cavoris  
 Justin Curtis  
 Tony Donehoo  
 Carol Donato  
 Islea Duncan  
 Alan Ekberg  
 John Evans  
 Kathy Evans  
 Earl Fishback  
 Linda Gardner  
 Elizabeth Gillam  
 Lorraine Brennen Gilliam  
 Lynn Goss

Kathleen Hamilton  
 Jeanne Harper  
 Jeannine Iannaco  
 Pablo Ignacio  
 Patrick Ignacio  
 Meja Irvin  
 Leslie Jarrett  
 Margaret MacDiarmid  
 Carolyn Martin  
 Jamie Martin  
 Greg Moore  
 Kathleen Moore  
 Beverly Moyer  
 Chris Moyer  
 Ray Moyer  
 Don Notestein  
 Patsy Notestein  
 Angel Ortiz  
 George Perry  
 Wendy Pessaro

Gary Peters  
 Laurie Peters  
 Frank Powell  
 Nelson Sanchez  
 Princess Sanchez  
 John Seaquist  
 Ray Servis  
 Jane Sliwinski  
 Margaret Smith  
 Chere Tew  
 Fred Toth  
 Amy Tracy  
 Charles Watson  
 Danielle Weedon  
 Laura Williams  
 Louise Williams  
 Michael Williams  
 Travis Williams  
 Betty Jo Wolfrum

# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**December 24, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 24, 2023**  
**Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**  
**December 25, 2023**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**

## December Birthdays

1 Mackenzie Lecco  
 2 Kathleen Hamilton  
 5 Mia Garcia  
 5 Carolyn Conner  
 8 Will McCabe  
 14 Glen Moore  
 15 Bety Joe Wolfrum  
 16 Christine Hamilton  
 16 Chere Tew  
 17 Dory Garcia  
 18 Emely Sofia Alvarado Garcia  
 22 Don Smith  
 29 Mary Metzinger  
 31 Jackie Johnson

## December Anniversaries

29 Tom & Mary Metzinger

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**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**  
**Thursday 12:15 PM**

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## ***A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM***

The first time I heard the song “Mary Did You Know” was in 1986. I was out Christmas Caroling with the St. Thomas More Youth Group when I was a little deacon. We stopped at a home to sing and were invited in. There was a Christmas Special with one of my favorite singers, Amy Grant. I liked the song right away.

The song has been a mainstay at the Christmas Vigil Mass at St. Victoria as a solo by Leah Carwile, Mary Francis Snyder’s daughter. Recently, I was sad to hear on the internet that some priests thought the song was heretical. They felt that the question about Mary knowing everything was an aspect of Original Sin. In other words, if Mary free of Original Sin or any other sin, she would know everything about her son, Jesus. As Joel Olstein would say, “There is always someone trying to steal your joy!”

But knowing or not knowing is not a matter of sin. It is a matter of being human. Mary was human in every way and so was Jesus. This is called “nescience.” Nescience means we go into the future by faith and trust. We are not sure of the details.

“When you got married years ago, did you know how it would all work out? Did you know what sports your child would play? Did you know how you would navigate the changes happening between you and your spouse? I had no idea that I would end up in an assignment for 18 years.

But, we go forward in belief in God and trust. It’s the same with Mary. So, enjoy the song “Mary Did You Know.” She is just like you and me and taking it day by day, trusting that somehow, it would all work out.

“Mary did you know that your baby boy would walk on water? Mary did you know that your baby boy would have our sons and daughters?” Mary knew none of these things because she was fully human and fully alive in her son, The Lord Jesus Christ. She said “Yes” to walking in trust and faith.

You and I have the same opportunity.

## ***PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24th:** Please join us at 6:30 pm for finger foods and fellowship. We will then gather in the Sanctuary for musical presentations at 7:15 in the and our annual Children’s Christmas play, written by Miss Beatrice Heady, at 7:30.

**Christmas Eve Mass:** Sunday, December 24th at 7:45 pm

**Christmas Morning Mass:** Monday, December 25th at 8:30 am

**Fr. Jim Away:** Fr. Jim will travel to Rhode Island following Christmas Masses to visit his dad for the holidays and celebrate Mr. Gallagher’s recent 95th Birthday. Fr. Jim will be back in town to celebrate mass on December 31st. Safe travels, Fr. Jim!

**Craft Club Update:** Beginning January 2024, the Craft Club will meet the 2nd Wednesday and the 4th Friday of each month.