

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8 each year. The Feast commemorates the birth of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion. According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks. As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary. The feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, therefore, is a glorification of Mary's birth, of Mary herself and of her righteous parents. It is a celebration as well of the very first preparation of the salvation of the world. For the "Vessel of Light," the "Book of the Word of Life," the "Door to the Orient," the "Throne of Wisdom" is being prepared on earth by God Himself in the birth of the holy girl-child Mary. Thus, on the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, as on all liturgical celebrations of Christ's Mother, we proclaim and celebrate that through God's graciousness to mankind every Christian receives what the Theotokos receives, the "great mercy" which is given to human persons because of Christ's birth from the Virgin.



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# Our Weekly Bulletin

## Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!  
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of Sept 3 to Sept 10, 2023

<b>Sunday, Sept 3</b>	14th Sunday after Pentecost	Mary Catherine Hoover - health
<b>Sept 4</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sept 5</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sept 6</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sept 7</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sept 8</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sept 9</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, Sept 10</b>	15th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Catherine Lutak

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

## 14th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Matthew 22:1-14

### *Troparion (Tone 5)*

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

### *Kondakion*

You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.

### *Theotokion*

Rejoice, O impassable door of the Lord! Rejoice, O rampart and protection of those who have recourse to you! Rejoice, O tranquil haven and Virgin, who gave birth in the flesh to your Maker and God! Fail not to intercede for those who sing and worship the Child you bore.

### *Prokeimen*

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.

*Verse* Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.

### *Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever;  
from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* For You have said: Mercy shall be built up forever;  
In the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### *Communion Verse*

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

## PARISH NEWS

**Weekly Collection** - August 27, 2023 - \$158.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Relief for Ukraine** - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

**Relief for Ukraine** - Financial help to Ukraine can be done by writing a check to:

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine.

**Potato Fest** - The annual Ebensburg Potato Fest will be September 30th.

**Ukrainian Classes** - There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for basic Ukrainian Language Class. The class will be for 3 days - Sept. 22 & 23 from 5:00 to 7:00PM and Sept 24 from 1:30 to 3:30. No fee but a donation for Ukraine will be appreciated. Please sign-up because class will depend if there is enough interest.

**Basket Party** - Our sister parish will have their annual basket party on September 10 from 10-2. Please help support the event.

**Saturdays with Jesus** - Catechism classes will resume on Oct 14. Adults 10-12 and Kids 1-2:30.

**Thank You** - Thank you to all who helped with the 4,464 pyrohy and 2,200 Gob preparation for the Potato Fest.

### **Prayer List**

**Parishioners:** Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

*To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

### **Joke of the Day**

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip. After eating their dinner around the campfire they retire to the tent to go to sleep. A few hours later Sherlock wakes up. "Watson, are you awake?" He asks. "Yes, sir. What is it?" Answers Watson. "Look up and tell me what you see." Asks Holmes. "I see billions of stars," says Watson. "And what does that tell you Watson," asks Holmes. "Well," says Dr Watson, "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow." "Why? - What does it tell you, Holmes?" Holmes is quiet for a moment then says: "It tells me that someone has stolen our tent."