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# Assumption Catholic Church

Father David's homilies--[frazeesacredheart.org](http://frazeesacredheart.org)>Homilies.

206 Dakota Street, PO Box 67, Callaway, MN

December 27, 2020



This is the season This is the reason



For unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given. And the government shall be upon his shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6)

(So that He can deliver salvation to us.)

Here are two thoughts from last week's homilies, "Pray for Mike." "Whether you are at home or here, atrophy is the fertile soil for temptation."

I grew up with a two-dimensional Christmas. Here is what I mean.

The family home had a real-fire fireplace. Above it was a long oak mantle. During the Christmas season, there were 11 red and white Christmas stockings hanging from it. They were the traditional stockings, with our names in felt. These stockings were for decoration. They were not receptacles for toys and trinkets and treats. They were single-sided. There was no opening at the top for candy or coal.

It was a confusing moment for me, during my 50<sup>th</sup> Christmas, when a friend gave me a Christmas stocking filled with gifts. I didn't feel cheated or deceived from my family's custom. I felt enriched to know that other people have other experiences of Christmas. It is an exciting thing to have the world turn from two to three dimensions!

Our lives of faith are often two-dimensional. I talk to Jesus, and every once in a while I listen to him. From my perspective, it is like talking to someone on the other end of a string, tied at each end with a Campbell's Soup can. The only thing more two-dimensional would be Morse code. What is the third dimension?

The third dimension is love. When we are in loving relationships, a phone call can be intimate, a sharing in the life of the other. In a word, the third dimension is love.

For some people, it is easy to experience love when holding a new-born baby. There is nothing mystical in holding new life. This Christmas, imagine holding the baby Jesus. He is still Lord and Savior. As you look at him with love, realize that he is loving you back. His love is unconditional and immense. Look into his eyes and see the universe. This is how much he loves you. It is a rich three-dimensional experience.

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### Mass Times

Thursday 7:00 pm  
Saturday 7:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

### CONFESSIONS:

Thursday @ 6:15 pm  
Sunday after Mass

### ADORATION:

Thursdays: 5:00-7:00 pm

Please remember to pick up your 2021 envelopes in the gathering Hall.

It is time to submit your Mass intentions requests for 2021.

*Question of the week: How can I better see Christ in my family members?  
How can I better see neighbors and strangers as my brothers and sisters?*

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW: Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Mark Stalberger (RIP), Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Deb Clark, Rick Flottesch, Brent Pearson, Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Peg Braaten, Connie Collman Bergren, Darrell Beck, Brian Hazelton, Hali Thomas, Chris Fairbanks, Jim Foltz, Pat Hilber (Coleen Tietz's brother-in-law), Ken & Rita Pearson, Ethan Estabrooks, Easton Lammers (grandson of Roger and Sharon Winter), Judy Dwinell, Marlene Scherping, Jerome Jirava, Jr., Josh Janousek and Cleo Baker.

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."

Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

**Sunday, December 20, 2020--\$4,438**

### Mass Intentions

**Thurs., Dec 31:** +Glenice Donley  
**Fri., Jan 1:** +Mark Stalberger  
**Sat., Jan 2:** For the people of Assumption and Sacred Heart Parishes  
**Sun., Jan 3:** In Honor and Petition to Good St. Joseph

### Ministry Schedule for January 3, 2021

Saturday	Lector	Sunday
Julia Steffl		Lori Stalberger
David Steffl	Usher	Rick McDougall