

There's a point in every true friendship where you stop being friends and become sisters.

12 Days of Christmas in the Catholic Church

1st day of Christmas - the Nativity of the Lord.

2nd day of Christmas - the Feast of St. Stephen, who died a martyr condemned unjustly.

3rd day of Christmas - the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

4th day of Christmas - the Feast of the Holy Innocents, a day in which we remember all the innocent infants slain by King Herod as he looked for the newborn Messiah.

5th day of Christmas - the Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop of Canterbury and martyr.

6th day of Christmas - the Feast of the Holy Family: Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

7th day of Christmas - the Feast of (Pope) St. Sylvester and New Year's Eve in the secular calendar.

8th day of Christmas - the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, and New Year's Day.

9th day of Christmas - day in which we celebrate the Feasts of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen.

10th day of Christmas - the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, and the entire month of January is dedicated to His Holy Name!

11th day of Christmas - the Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first person born in the United States to be canonized.

12th day of Christmas - the day before Epiphany. Also St. John Neumann's feast day. (January 5).

January 6 - Epiphany is the celebration of the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God – here on earth with us. The feast is also known as “Three Kings Day,” the day the Magi visited Jesus in Bethlehem.



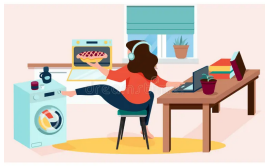
Celebrate His birth from December 25 to January 6!

12/25 The birth of Jesus represents God's love and mercy entering the world in human form to offer hope and salvation from sin and evil. It is seen as the start of a new covenant and a way for humanity to have a renewed allegiance with God through faith in Jesus.

1/6 On this Epiphany, may every blessing find its way to you and your family. May the journey of the Three Wise Men remind you to seek wonder in every day. Celebrate with faith, happiness, and the magic of this joyous season. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a wonderful Three Kings Day filled with love, kindness, and laughter.

President's Report - Linda Lauletta - Dec 2025

*The holiday season is upon us. The Parish is offering several Advent events ... Healing Mission, BSCC Christmas choir program, Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival at Santo Toribio Romo Church, Surviving the Holidays Program, the Holy Land Shepherds Olive Wood Carvings and a Happy St Nicholas Day event. And then there is our own **Holiday Gift Event Dec 20-21**. I think we will be ending the year as busy as ever. I do pray we find some quiet time to reflect on our blessings this past year no matter how small they may have seemed, they were God's blessings. Merry Christmas everyone!*



On The Move ...

December 20-21 CCW Holiday Gifts Sale

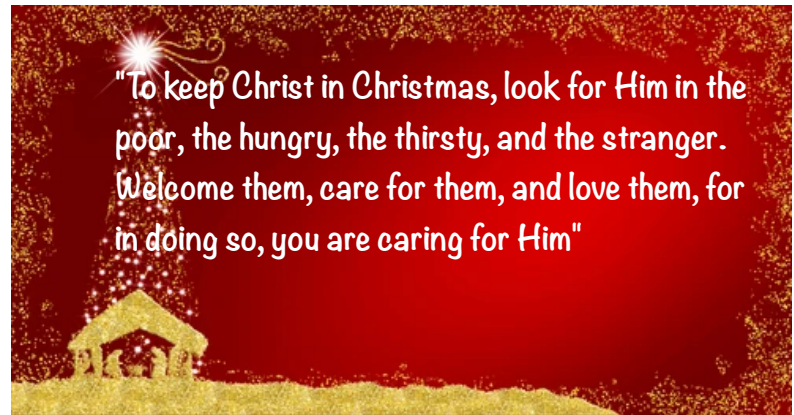
CCW will be selling items including fashion jewelry, pottery, bowl cozies, paintings, handmade bags and more. CCW members have gift items perfect for that last minute Christmas purchase! Join us in the social hall after all Masses on Hospitality Weekend!

December events in town

- Enchanted Forest of Trees: Stroll through Victory Pointe, which is transformed with over 70 decorated trees from Nov. 22 to Jan. 2. Experience the forest during the day and at night to see the twinkling lights.
- Light Up Clermont: Features live music, food trucks, and caroling at the annual tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 5.
- Clermont Christmas Parade: See floats, bands, and local groups in the parade through downtown on Dec. 6.
- Christmas on the Farm: Southern Hill Farms hosts a festival with snow showers, holiday movies, and a Merry Market.
- Chick-fil-A Christmas Spectacular: A music-synced light show at the Florida Citrus Tower from 6-10 p.m. nightly through the end of the year.
- City of Groveland's 2nd Friday Block Party & Tree Lighting Event: Dec. 12 5p.m. An evening of holiday cheer, live music, a tree lighting ceremony, and photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Claus.
- Groveland's 34th Annual Christmas Parade: Dec. 13 10 a.m. The annual parade with the theme "Christmas Around the World & Peace on Earth" invites the community to enjoy colorful floats and marching bands.

So glad we're *sisters*,
so glad we're friends.

Merry Christmas



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Reminder from Barbara Wessels:

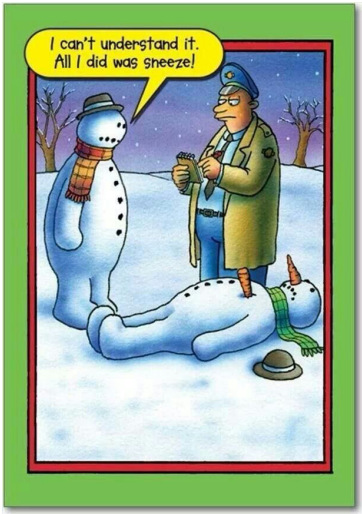
The People of Faith program at Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Social Hall on Wednesday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a light lunch. The theme is **Hope**.

People of Faith is an ecumenical program in the Clermont area that was created in the 1990's by a CCW member, the late Marion Bumferd. People of Faith is held three times a year: in January, at BSCC; in April, at South Lake Presbyterian Church and in September, at Living Hope Church on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

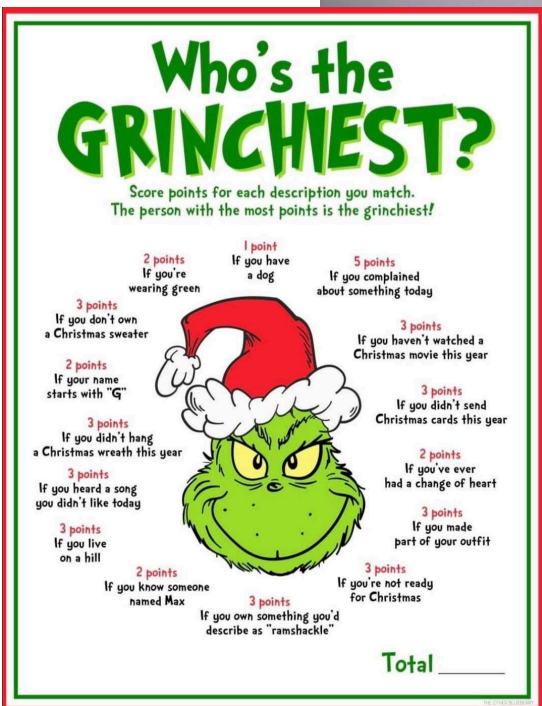


One Christmas my husband put an assortment of beauty products in my stocking. I tried one of the facial masks, and was about to wash it off when my seven-year-old son walked in. I explained to him that it was a present from his dad and it would make me beautiful. He patiently waited by my side as I rinsed and patted my face dry. "Well, what do you think?" I asked. "Oh, Mom, it didn't work!" he replied.

... out of the mouths of babes



Male reindeers lose their antlers in winter and females don't, so Santa's sleigh is actually pulled by a team of women...
Of course it is.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12/1 Suzette Chandler

12/2 Karen Wasem

12/6 Donna Antoniotti

12/15 Diane Owen

12/22 Kathleen Holt

12/22 Marie Perry

12/23 Liz Hammert

12/26 Delia Schley

12/27 Dawn Coyle

12/28 Geri Monatesti



Upcoming Events

Mary's Handmaidens - 1-3pm
Dec 2 - Social Hall

Board Meeting - 1-3pm
Dec 9 - Adult Ministry Bldg

General Meeting - 11am
Dec 16 - Social Hall

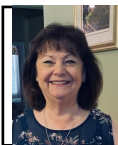
CCW Mass 8:30am second Thursday of month
Blessed Sacrament Church

Important Dates to Remember:

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day - wear blue - 1/11/26

Slavery & Human Trafficking Awareness Month - January

Capital Days at the Capital - 2/10-11/26



Legislative - Loretta Terrana

As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for its Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, the bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years that the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The last message of its kind was issued in 2013 in response to the federal government's contraceptive mandate.

In a vote of 216 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 3 abstentions, the bishops overwhelmingly approved the Special Message, with sustained applause of the body following the vote.

In their message, the bishops wrote: "As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones."

Register Today for Catholic Days at the Capitol, February 10-11, 2026. Make the trip, make a difference!

We pray for all our sisters and their families.



Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses and losses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. Amen



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