



SPARK Elementary Religious Education

Nativity Skit 2023

based on the Gospel according to Luke

(to be presented after the homily during **6 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass**)

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church (Erath)

Notes:

- Our Nativity skit script was found online and, because the dialogue is quoted from Scripture, it states that “All are welcome to use this script without restriction.” (*Karen O’Mara, December 2011*)
- During Christmas Eve Mass, **“Reading” students (Grades 3-5)** will dress in nice clothes to read from the script at the ambo while **“Acting” students (Grades 1-5)** will wear costumes and act out the roles in the skit.
- **If your child would like to participate**, please reply to the **ElemRelEd Fam Flocknote** or contact Mrs. Frances directly (937-6888 at the church office, ftoups@gmail.com; or by text or phone call on her personal cell phone).
- We will “draw names out of a hat” to determine specific reading and acting roles at our **October Sunday Session for Grades 3-5!**



Cast of Characters:

Reading roles:

“Readers” (in **Grades 3-5**) will not have to memorize the script, but must be able to read well and project their voice with confidence! (They will stand at the ambo and use the microphone. A sturdy stool can be provided to help increase their height towards the microphone.)

- Narrator
- St. Luke
- Gabriel the Archangel
- Zechariah
- Elizabeth
- Mary
- Angel

Acting (non-speaking) roles:

Actors/Actresses in Grades 1-5

- Zechariah
- One or two other priest(s)
- Gabriel the Archangel
- Mary
- Elizabeth
- Joseph
- Angels (preferably 5-6 angels)
- Shepherds (preferably 5-6 shepherds)
- If necessary, optional “animal actors” (donkey, 2-3 sheep, goat, etc.)

Schedule of Rehearsals for Nativity Skit

NOTES: (1) As soon as cast members have been selected, Mrs. Frances will attempt to begin scheduling “**character rehearsals**” with two children at a time (the reader and actor for each role). These rehearsals will provide the opportunity for the readers to review the script as well as enable the actors to practice movement and gestures that follow the script. **(2)** Full cast rehearsals will be held in church, however, if a funeral must be scheduled in church, a **Flocknote** message will be sent to our **Nativity Skit Families group** to notify parents of a change in location (i.e., the parish hall or Big Classroom) for any given rehearsal.

- **Character rehearsals:** Mrs. Frances will contact parents of children involved to schedule these appointments.
- **Full cast rehearsals:** Saturdays at 10 a.m. on December 2, 9, and 16
- **Dress Rehearsal for full cast:** Saturday, December 23, at 10 a.m.