

THE BACK-STORY: Creating a Video with Our Children Performing The Christmas and Epiphany Stories by Deacon Tom Giacobbe

We experienced the African proverb – *It takes a village to raise a child* – in reverse: It takes children to raise a village of parishioners to create a video of the Annunciation, Christmas and Epiphany stories.

The pictures and explanations below provide the back-story of the “village” that worked with our children: the Parents; Parish Staff; and Cinematography Team.

PARENTS



Diane Bielen as production coordinator (center) recruited most of the children and their parents. Katarzyna Musielak(left) and Iwona Jaje (right) are viewing the script on Diane’s phone.



Monika Ramirez adjusts the costume of her daughter, Veronika



Sasha Miller adjusts the costume of her son, Quinn



Chris Cebula waits with sons, Matthew and Jason



Maria Kurasinski adjusts costume of son Alex

PARISH STAFF



Charlotte Snow, the parish DRE, selected and laid out all the costumes; and she helped fit the costumes as shown here. Deacon Tom Giacobbe was the screenwriter.

CINEMATOGRAPHY TEAM

Caz Bielen, owner of Premiere Media, our talented cinematographer-editor, was assisted by Deacon Tom Giacobbe. Directing and guiding children always brings surprises, including, silliness, and shyness. Caz. – our own “Mr. Rogers” – overcame the surprises and made it all work well. Listed below are the children and their roles in order of appearance.

CHILDREN

ROLE	PLAYED BY:
Narrator	Alicia Bielen
Mary:	Scarlet Miller
Gabriel:	David Ramirez
Joseph:	Quinlan Miller
Inn Keeper:	Patryk Jaje
Shepherd #1	Matthew Cebula
Shepherd #2	Jason Cebula
Shepherd #3	Veronika Ramirez
Herod:	Patryk Jaje
Wise Man #1	Alex Kurasinski
Wise Man #2	Kamil Jaje
Wise Man #3	Krzysztof Musielak



Alicia Bielen as Narrator takes us back to the time Jesus was born



Mary sees Gabriel who tells her that she will have Jesus



Joseph and Mary travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem



Caz Bielen video-recording the Inn-Keeper, who tells Joseph and Mary that he doesn't have any room



The Shepherds visit the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem



Herod tells the Wise men that the new born King is in Bethlehem



The 3 Wise men worship Jesus bringing gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

Father Stan concludes this video that a *village* of parishioners – Parents; Parish Staff; and Cinematography Team – made possible that features our children presenting the entire miracle of the Incarnation.

***The worldwide premier of this video is coming in 12.2020
on
YouTube and Facebook***