

**The Holy Family of Jesus
Mary & Joseph
Dec. 27, 2020**

Wed.	Dec. 30 th	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	Dec. 31 st	4:00pm	St. John
Fri.	Jan. 1 st	9:30am	St. Ignatius
Sat.	Jan. 2 nd	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Jan. 3 rd	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Jan. 3 rd	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Readings for the Week

Monday, Dec 28th

1 John 1:5-2:2 Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday, Dec. 29th

1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35

Wednesday, Dec. 30th

1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40

Thursday, Dec. 31st

1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18

Friday, Jan. 1st

Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

Saturday, Jan. 2nd

1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28

Sunday, Jan. 3rd

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



We will be having a rosary on Wednesday's at 7:00pm
in the Parish Center.

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$5430.00

Loose - \$72.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

103 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of Dec. 26 & 27

Saturday St. John: + Marshall Briolat

Sunday St. Joseph: + Robert Tulin

**Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd
Parishioners**

Donations for Christmas Flowers:

In memory of Willard (Bill) Allen, Isadore & Gert
O'Parka, Todd Allen, Clarence, C.J., Bob, Jerry, Elwood,
Dean by Rose Allen

In memory of Roy & Clara Peters, Bill & Dan Peters,
Chris & Dennis, Martha & Ed Heleski, Dolores &
Marlene, Bernice & Jim Weber, Eileen Trepkowski by
James & Emilie Heleski

In memory of Joe & Helen Radomski, Harley & Vernita
Salisbury by Joe & Ellen Radomski

In loving memory of our parents Merlin Stacer, Doug &
Dolores Rice, our brother & sisters Don Stacer, Kay
Goebel, Pat Tabereaux by Richard & Cathy Stacer

In memory of Gary Franzel, Chris Franzel, Paul Keller
by Greg & Kim Keller

In this Sunday's Reading

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also
do." -- Colossians 3:13

Forgiving can be very hard. We need grace and mercy
to forgive. But, God has given us those to us in His
forgiveness of us in the sacrament of Reconciliation. If
God can forgive us, certainly we can forgive others.

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Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Tuesday & Wednesday program includes: Kindergarten through 6th grade. Classes will begin again starting in the New Year 2021.

Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting again in 2021. Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Youth group is for all 7th thru 12th graders. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held on Sunday, Jan. 3; Sunday, Jan. 17; and Sunday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm at St. Columbkille church in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please call Dana Irion at 989-553-0585 or Fr. Nate at 989-658-8145.

Christ's Mission Appeal 2020

Our Parish is conducting the annual Christ's Mission Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$56,548 as of this week our Parish has pledged \$34,773. Please be generous to the Christ's Mission Appeal by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to Christ's Mission Appeal is a way of serving our brothers & sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

Holiday Parish Office Hours

The office will be closed on December 28th, 31st and Jan 1st. Please plan accordingly. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Happy New Year!!

From The Parish Staff

May God grant you the gift of peace and love as you celebrate Jesus' birth. We would like to thank everyone who helps throughout the year.

It is greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

Dec. 29: Jeanene Schmidt, Carol Beaudin, Kathy Beaver
Monday Jan 4: Shirley Piontkowski, Jeanene Schmidt, Judy Messing
Jan. 11: Kathy Beaver, Charlotte Baker, Del Czewski

New Year's Day Schedule

4:00pm Thursday Mass Dec. 31st St John

Lector: Carol Beaudin

EMHC: Judy Messing

Ushers: Curly Messing, Glen Peruski, Whitey Pawlosky

9:30am Friday Mass Jan. 1st St Ignatius

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Rick Vogel

Ushers: Volunteers

4:00pm Saturday Jan. 2nd St. John

Lector: Del Czewski

EMHC: Del Czewski

Ushers: Jim Czewski, Tom Murray, Glen Peruski

8:30pm Sunday Mass Jan. 3rd St. Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Ushers: Kevin Hessling, Chuck Izydorek, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Mass Jan. 3rd St Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Marge Messing

Ushers: Todd Gingrich, Rob Kubacki



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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Remember when COVID-19 first either forced us together or apart last spring? For most people, this meant a radical change in our family's usual circumstances. Perhaps we've had too much togetherness? Or we've been kept apart? Whatever our experience, the Feast of the Holy Family in the midst of the Christmas season is a poignant reminder that families are the bedrock of our faith; a domestic Church; the primary transmitter of the faith. Jesus, God's promise fulfilled for us, both fully human and fully divine, was born into a human family. We are to imitate the Holy Family through sacrificial love for one another. Sirach speaks of the honor and respect that children and parents must have for one another. And while we are not divine, we can celebrate the Divine presence in our midst, as Simeon did in today's Gospel, when he said: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

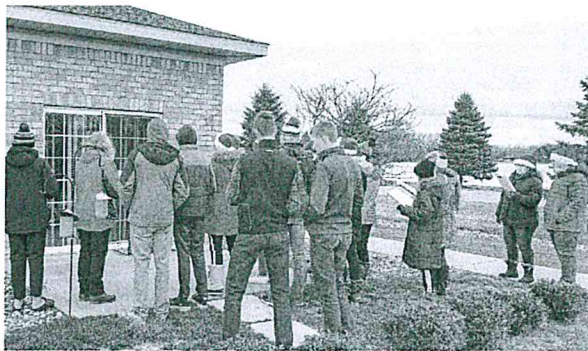
I like to joke that at times, lately, it seems that our family is "apart together." My husband takes the family-room sectional, my teen sons hunker down in their rooms, and I grab the swivel chair in the living room. And so we instituted "Forced Family Fun" Sundays, albeit with mixed success. Yet, these activities make a difference. They remind us how to be family. Today, as we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, let us take a moment to remember that all families are called to be holy. Families are meant to be refuges of unity and peacefulness in an imperfect, sometimes harsh world. As members of a family, we are called to be patient and kind with one another. Let us pray for the grace to emulate the Holy Family. Like us, they certainly faced their challenges and disappointments, and yet they listened to God's voice in their lives and followed his will. Pray to Mary and St. Joseph for their intercession, and trust in the presence of God in your family.

STUDY Extra-credit opportunity! The Church gives us several options for the readings for the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Quiet your mind and heart and read them all. See what insights the Holy Spirit may have in store for you and your family.

WW Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst?

Fr. Nate's Update



(Good Shepherd Youth Group spreading Christ's joy through Christmas caroling outside the windows of residents at Meadow Lane Assisted Living. The smile on some of their faces was priceless! Some of them sang along. Thank you to the staff of Meadow Lane who assisted.

Afterwards, the youth went to our Parish Center and transformed into Santa's "elves" who wrapped the book gift given out at Christmas, then enjoyed pizza, hot cocoa, and cookies! Thank you to the book donors and food donors)

Dear Reader, fellow
Saint-in-the-Making, MERRY
CHRISTMAS, and Blessed New Year!

First, some humor: What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar?
He got 25 days!

What carol is heard in the desert?

O camel ye faithful!

What did Adam say the day before Christmas? *It's Christmas, Eve!*

Gratitude for ANOTHER New Microphone: The new microphone and receiver at our St. John Church is partially funded through donations from Anna Kubacki in memory of Raymond Kubacki and Jarred Glaza, and from Evelyn Romzek in memory of husband Eugene Romzek. We are seeking more donors to finish paying for the new equipment; contact the office if interested. May God reward our donors!

Interruptions ARE Real Life: CS Lewis wrote, "The great thing, if one can, is to stop regarding all the unpleasant things as interruptions of one's own', or 'real life. The truth is of course that what one calls the interruptions are precisely one's real life—the life God is sending one[,] day by day..." However, "not everyone who knocks on the door is sent from God", to paraphrase St. John Vianney. Every interruption is permitted by God, but not necessarily desired by God; regardless, we need to pray and ask God how He's calling us to respond when our plans are interrupted.

Let Us Pray...

**(Pope's DECEMBER Intention):* We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer (Lord, hear our prayer!)

God loves you, I love you, I pray for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg