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December 26, 2021 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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#### Mass Schedule

K—Saturdays	4:30 PM
KSundays	7:30 AM & 8:30 AM
PSundays	10:15 AM

#### Daily Mass and Reconciliation

Please contact Fr. Jim to schedule time & attendees

#### **Baptisms**

Please email Fr. Jim at frjimtrempe@gmail.com during pregnancy (prior to the birth of your child) to make arrangements.

#### Weddings

Arrangements are to be made with Fr. Jim at least 8-MONTHS in advance of your wedding. You should not set your date until you know the church and Fr. Jim are available.

#### Ministry to the Sick

If you or a loved one are hospitalized, in a nursing home/ in assisted living center or homebound & would like a pastoral visit from Fr. Jim please notify him at 715-693-3120

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### Holy Mass Intentions

Sat Dec 25	†	Everett Dudzik	
Sun Dec 26	†/S	Deceased and living members of the Lewandowski Family	
Mon Dec 27	†	Parishioners of SFX & SJB who have passed in the last 5 years	
Tue Dec 28	†	Deceased members of the Simonis	
Wed Dec 29	†	Diané Wasniewski	
Thu Dec 30	Ť	Carol Trempe	
Fri Dec 31 Sat Jan 1 Sun Jan 2	† † †	David Stark Joseph Babiak & Ann Walters Joan Gerads	
† - Deceased	Н	-Health	S-Special



## **Appointments**

Ministries appointments have not been scheduled as of yet. So for the weekend of January 1 & 2 please volunteer your services.



#### **Brinks**

Wed Dec 29 Patti Klinger, Rita Olson, Tom Wiczbicki

### Sacrificial Giving

Offerings:

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Amounts will be given January 2

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#### Paper Pulpit

The Sunday following Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph) has always been regarded by the Church as the model for all families. Not only were they holy, saintly and virtuous, they also lived a human life like ours which makes it possible for us to seek to imitate them. We look to Mary as the most perfect disciple who brings us to Jesus.

We are all part of a family. My family changed when my mother passed away five years ago this week. I have two sisters. I get together with Julie and her family several times a year as they live in Wisconsin. My oldest sister, who lives in Idaho, and I do more chatting over the phone or texting than visiting. It was good to have both my sisters attend my Jubilee is past July, with Jean spending a good part of the week. It was great to catch up.

Families are unique in their own way. Some families are happy while others seem less so. Most have a combination of tension and happiness. Some seem to thrive on chaos and drama while others seem to get along well. Some overlook faults and others seem to find fault. Families that seem the happiest have priorities. They pray together, spend time together, forgive one another, and overlook faults. They keep in contact even if they don't live near each other. That's pretty easy with modern technology with text, Zoom has become really popular and simple phone calls.

Some families get priorities wrong. Some work like dogs to fulfill their wants, and then are spiritually shallow because in the process don't fulfill needs. Some parents are so busy with their kids, they don't have time for God or don't give God much time. Some parents let their children be part of every team, sport, etc. By the end of the day they don't have the time or the energy to enjoy their home or even each other. Some families allow their teens to play sports or to work weekends allowing them to miss Mass. Sports are great, but when they take precedence over God they become God. Sports are great, but you got to give God an hour. God commands that after all. That's why the Church has always taught missing Mass, even once, is a moral sin. Of course, this is speaking out of covid. You've heard me say a million times "what keeps us from God becomes our God." Think about the next time you miss (or are tempted to miss) Mass.

We need strong, loving and caring relationships that make the presence of God real. Forgiveness and overlooking faults of others is at the heart of that. This week please reflect on the Holy Family in fulfilling the basic need we have to allow God into our lives. This Christmas season it is a good time to reflect on priorities for our families. Are you praying together? If not, why? Do you attend Mass each week? If not, why? Is it because you are too busy? Are you happy? If not, why? Are you too critical? How about your family? Are you forgiving? It is a good time to make amends. With covid, it may be difficult to hug and hold, but a simple call can go along way. Do you have a relative you need to call or visit today??? Call or visit now. Make their day and yours!

Have a great and blessed, Fr. Jim Trempe

#### Calendar of Events

EVERY TUESDAY
December
Dec 29

Holy Hour 6:00-6:30pm; Mass 6:30pm Choir Practice every Thursday 6:30pm No Faith Formation Classes-Merry

Christmas

Dec 30 Finance Council 6:30PM meeting



#### Stewardship

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took the stewardship of their time seriously. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our time with God and worship Him, we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to stewarding our families well in 2022, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.





Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly

#### Merry Christmas



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Feast of the Holy Family is a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church, as well as in many Lutheran and Anglican churches, in honor of Jesus, His mother, and His stepfather, Saint Joseph, as a family; it has been observed since 1921 when it was inserted by Pope Benedict XV. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. There are many churches dedicated to the Holy Family



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# Pray for Dobbs, Pray for our Supreme Court Justices by Name

Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health is the Supreme Court case that could overturn Roe v. Wade—the decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. The hearing began Dec. 1, with a ruling expected in June. Please fast and pray for God's grace to touch our Supreme Court justices. Pray for them by name: John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Brett Kavanaugh, Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and Stephen Breyer. For more information and resources, visit PrayforDobbs.com.

# Help Catholic Charities love our neighbor in need this Advent

Thousands of Afghan refugees are being housed temporarily at Ft. McCoy near Tomah, and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is right there helping them. Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbor in need in many other ways as well, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst, to assisting families in need as the Christmas season approaches. Find out more, and how you can help, at <a href="cclse.org">cclse.org</a>. Let your heart be touched this



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