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# *The Holy Family*

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After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## Mass Intentions

Week of Dec.25, 2021 – January 2, 2022

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

### Daily Mass Schedule

- Monday** In person & Live Stream from St. Mark @9:30 AM
- Tuesday** 8:00 AM Mass & Live Stream
- Wednesday** In person & Live Stream from St. Mark @9:30 AM
- Thursday** 8:00 AM Mass & Live Stream
- Friday** 8:00 AM Mass & Live Stream
- Saturday** (Mass of Anticipation)  
4:00 PM Mass & Live Stream
- Sunday** 8:00 AM Mass & 10:30 AM Mass

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday 5:00pm - 8:00pm

### Confession

1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month 3:00-3:30PM

### Saturday, December 25, 2021

- 9:00am † Lou Gerou  
† Phil Marlotty  
† Audrey Martin  
† Richard Oscarson
- 11:00am † Rose Aiello  
† Edward Bruno Jaros  
† Dr. William (Bill) Morrissey  
† Dr. Carlos Diaz DiAlbertini  
† Darrell Viola  
† Jack & Doreen Theriault

### Sunday, December 26, 2021

- 8:00am † For the Parish
- 10:30am † Vincent Piché  
† Mary Leitch  
† Willis & Erma Leitch

### Monday, December 27, 2021

In Person & Live Stream at St. Mark  
9:30am

### Tuesday, December 28, 2021

- 8:00am † Wayne Skrzypchak  
† Mr. & Mrs. Byron & Jean St. Peter  
† Gerald Wade

### Wednesday, December 29, 2021

In Person & Live Stream at St. Mark  
9:30am

### Thursday, December 30, 2021

8:00am St. Mark Intentions

### Friday, December 31, 2021

8:00am † Marilyn Casey

### Saturday, January 1, 2022

- 4:00pm † Edward Bruno Jaros  
† Dr. William (Bill) Morrissey  
† Dr. Carlos Diaz DiAlbertini

### Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 8:00am † For The Parish  
10:30am † For The Parish

Sunday, December 26, 2021





# ST. ANDREW DINNER

DECEMBER 28, 2021 | 5 P.M.

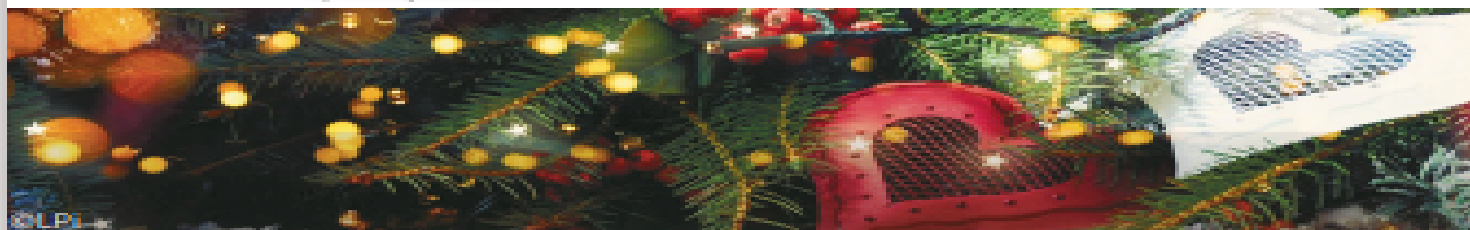
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## 2021 Parish Contributions

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

**Please Note:** All 2021 contributions must be submitted to our office by 12 Noon on December 31, 2021 in order to be reflected on the 2021 IRS Contribution Statement.

**Friday, December 31st**

**8:30am - Noon**



Please join us for Mass and Prayer this wonderful Christmas season to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Our Savior.

**The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve Masses**  
Friday, December 24 ~ 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 9:00pm

**Christmas Day Masses**  
Saturday, December 25 ~ 9:00am and 11:00am  
(No 4pm evening Mass)

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
Sunday, December 26 ~ 8:00am and 10:30am

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
Saturday, January 1 ~ 9:00am  
*(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)*

**The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 1 and 2**  
Saturday, January 1 ~ 4:00pm Mass  
Sunday, January 2 ~ 8:00am and 10:30am

## HOLY FAMILIES

Anyone familiar with the evening news can certainly attest to the variety of tragic images that flash across our TV screens. We experience stories of parents abandoning children, children mistreating elderly parents, children killed by violence, and unwanted babies left in public places. Families in poverty further cloud the picture, where hunger, poor health, inadequate housing and educational concerns erode family bonds. The list of family tragedies is staggering, causing us to wonder what has happened to humanity's basic unit that theologians call the Domestic Church.

The Holy Family revealed in today's Gospel was not without its own struggles. Missionary author, Joseph Donders, reminds us that there were struggles in Jesus' family reflected in the following headlines pulled from the gospels: **"BETROTHED FEELS JILTED."** **"FAMILY FORCED TO FLEE."** **"CHILD MISSING IN JERUSALEM."** **"SON ARESTED AND EXECUTED."** **"MOTHER GRIEVES AT SON'S DEATH."** The family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, like many families today, experienced both sadness and joy; yet, their willingness to challenge tragedy dramatically changed our world.

**Prayerfulness  
and  
forgiveness  
are the glue  
that holds  
families  
together.**

The characteristics of love, kindness, prayerfulness and forgiveness are key in maintaining and strengthening family life. Treating family members with love and kindness allows them to become all that they can be, and nurtures and strengthens family bonds. Prayerfulness and forgiveness are the glue that holds families together, especially during tragic times. These characteristics that made family life formative for the Holy Family over 2000 years ago, are the same characteristics that sustain family life today. The following set of beatitudes may prove inspirational to families today:

"Blessed are those humble enough to remain human; they will thrive with healthy family bonds.  
Blessed are those who have genuine sorrow; the rest of the family will console and support them.  
Blessed are those who can admit their mistakes; they will remain within the family's embrace.  
Blessed are those who hunger to forgive; the family will offer them many opportunities.  
Blessed are those whose lips say, "I'm sorry;" the same will be spoken to them.  
Blessed are those hearts that burn with generous forgiveness; they will know God's forgiveness.  
Blessed are those who work for family peace; they will be counted as members of God's family.  
Blessed are those who are willing to overcome misunderstanding; they will be given a deeper understanding of God's forgiving love."  
----David Thomas

Richard Skiba, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Milwaukee, has often reminded us: **"We are born into a time not of our choosing and given a task not always to our liking. And we will find God there or not at all, for God is nowhere else."** Today's gospel lesson is all about our search for God in the midst of family struggle. Family is the setting where the quest begins, and family is the place where we begin to learn who we are. It's never perfect but it is a powerful force in our on-going relationship with Jesus. In that day-to-day struggle, we hope to remain faithful. Our joys and our sorrows remind us that we are always children of God, at our worst and at our best. That is what being a member of the family and a child of God requires, whether your name is Mary, Joseph, or \_\_\_\_\_ . (Put your name in the blank!)  
----Deacon Wilson Shierk




*Eucharistic  
Adoration*

**Join Us!**

*In The Church  
Thursdays  
5:00pm - 8:00pm*

Give Thanks to the LORD for He is Good; His Mercy Endures Forever  
1 Chronicles 16:34



*Come Pray  
the Rosary*

*Let us pray for the CATECHISTS  
SUMMONDED TO ANNOUNCE THE  
WORD OF GOD: may they be its  
witnesses, with courage and  
creativity and in the power of  
the Holy Spirit.*

**7:00pm | In the Church | During Eucharist  
Adoration in the  
Month of December**



# Welcome to St. Mary!

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4. For 6 months being a registered member of the parish.

*All criteria subject to the discretion of the Pastor.*

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## Our Mission

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We at SJCA wish everyone a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS**, full of peace, hope, joy and love.

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9-Dec through	15-Dec	wk24	YTD
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