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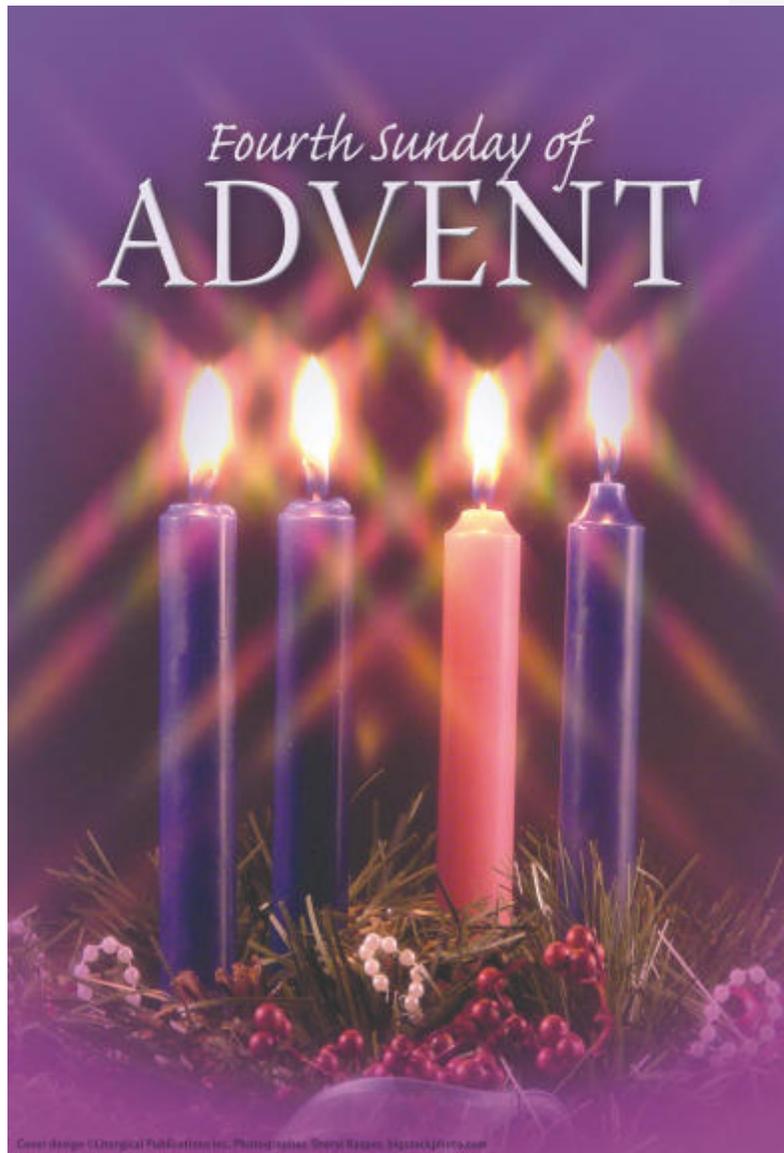
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## Welcome to Holy Family Parish!

*You are a stranger but once; you are a child of God, redeemed by our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. We bid you welcome in His name. Through our loving and praying family may you find friendship, peace and serenity in His house.*

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# AROUND THE ALTAR

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## Monday — Dec 21 St Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/  
Lk 1:39-45

## Tuesday — Dec 22 Late Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

\*8:15 am Intention of Sandy Molter  
by Mary Johnston

## Wednesday — Dec 23 St John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/  
Lk 1:57-66

\*8:15 am Intention of Doris Kresheck  
by Mary Johnston

## Thursday — Dec 24 Christmas Eve

*Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17,  
22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,  
11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.

3:00 pm †Henry Sondej  
by Bonilha & Sondej Families  
5:00 pm †Greg Kelsch by Sarah Kelsch  
7:00 pm †Rev. James Kimla  
10:30 pm †Thomas & Mercedes Volkmann

## Friday — Dec 25 Christmas Day

*Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20.  
*Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-  
18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

8:00 am People of Holy Family  
10:30 am †Chris Steinmetz by Barbara Steinmetz

## Saturday — Dec 26 St Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17  
[6]/Mt 10:17-22

4:30 pm †Frank & Irene Banach  
by Jim & Gloria Shire

## Sunday — Dec 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]  
or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or  
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

8:00 am †Jack Loyda by Pat Gosch  
10:30 am People of Holy Family

\* *These weekday Masses are in the Church*



On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, Pope Francis announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph starting from 8 December 2020 until 8 December 2021, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church.

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the spotlight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year to celebrate the anniversary and “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus.”

The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s intentions) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:

- The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord’s Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. “St. Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us”, the decree reads, “to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God’s will.”



- The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph’s example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. St. Joseph “encourages us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in carrying out our duties,” the decree notes.
- The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences, in order that “all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family.”
- Everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work can also obtain the plenary indulgence. On 1 May 1955, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph “with the intent that the dignity of work be recognized by all, and that it inspires social life and laws, based on the fair distribution of rights and duties.”
- The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who will recite the Litany to St. Joseph, or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church *ad intra* and *ad extra*, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution. Because, the decree notes, “the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt shows us that God is there where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he runs away, where he experiences rejection and abandonment.”



In addition to these, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example, “To you, O blessed Joseph” especially on “19 March, on 1 May, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the memory of the saint according to the Latin tradition.”

### **For the sick**

Amid the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the gift of the plenary indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes. They too can obtain the plenary indulgences if they are detached from any sin and have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions and recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, offering to God the pains and hardships of their lives.

### **The role of priests**

The Apostolic Penitentiary encourages priests to pastorally facilitate the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and the administration of Holy Communion to the sick with a willing and generous spirit. Fr. Andrew and I will be available all year long for you to call us.

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Fr. J. Enrique Hernandez*





### Christmas Flower Fund

If you would like to contribute to Holy Family for the Christmas poinsettia plants to decorate our church for welcoming the Baby Jesus, please put your donation in the box by the church entrance – or in the collection basket or the slot in the office door, marked for Christmas Flowers. Thank you!

### Sacrament of Reconciliation During Advent

- 3:00pm in the church on Saturdays in Advent
- 7:00-8:00pm on Wednesdays and 4:00-5:15pm on Sundays at St. Robert
- By appointment with one of our priests. Contact info is available on the front of the bulletin or call the parish office at 414-332-9220 to leave a message.

We will not be offering a North Shore Reconciliation service this year due to pandemic restrictions.

### Pantry Food Needed

The ongoing health crisis has resulted in an even greater need for food donations to help pantries in our local area. Donations of any unexpired, nonperishable food can be left in the church vestibule or placed in the blue bin outside the front door of the parish office at any time. Many thanks to all those who so generously donate to help our neighbors in need and to those who have faithfully delivered the food to local pantries.



### Last Call for Donations to Advent Collections

- ◇ The Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul Conference is collecting new and like-new towels and blankets for Blessed Savior's Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the red containers in the church vestibule.
- ◇ Warm sock for homeless men at the Guest House can be left in the box by the side door of 4964 N. Marlborough
- ◇ Hygiene Bags to be donated to Capuchin Community Services can be left in the appropriate box in the church vestibule
- ◇ Donations of new gloves or new blue jeans/khakis for distribution by the Ladies of Charity can also be left in the vestibule

### Facing an Unplanned Pregnancy?

Catholic Charities is here to help! We offer free and confidential in-home education and support for mothers and their families. Pregnancy Support Coordinators help connect moms to resources, reach individualized goals, and receive education on topics such as stress management, labor and delivery. If you are in need or know someone who might need help, please call 414-573-5899.

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### Worship

#### Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday at 4:30 pm & Sunday at 8 am & 10:30 am.

#### Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:15 am in the church

Thursday & Friday at 7:00 am in the church

(Check the bulletin for schedule changes.)

#### Baptism

Holy Family Parish takes its sacramental life most seriously. Parents and godparents who wish to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism are required to attend a one-session preparation program. Classes at Holy Family are usually on the third Saturday of the odd-numbered months at 10:30 am in the Kerstein Center. Please contact the parish office to register. Sessions last about two hours.

#### Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. Please arrive promptly. The Sacrament may also be celebrated by appointment. Seasonal communal celebrations of Reconciliation are observed in collaboration with all the North Shore parishes.

#### Matrimony

At least six months preparation is required. Please contact the parish office for more information.

#### Parish Membership

All interested Catholics are invited to register as active members in our parish. Registration usually occurs in McCormick Hall the 1st weekend of the month after all Masses, but until things return to normal you can call the parish office to register by phone. Non-Catholics are invited to call for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

#### Parish School Registration

Families interested in our Parish School, grades K4-8, please contact the School Office. Half day and full day options are available for K3, K4 and K5. Please call the school office at 332-8175 for more information.

#### Parish Office – Kerstein Center

Phone: 414-332-9220

Please email us at [holyfam@hfparish.org](mailto:holyfam@hfparish.org) or call call 414-332-9220

#### Bulletin Deadline

Noon on Monday prior to publication, but subject to change due to holiday printing schedules. Send articles to [holyfam@hfparish.org](mailto:holyfam@hfparish.org). Submission of an article does not guarantee it will appear in the bulletin.

#### Pastoral Council Information

As a parishioner you have a vital role to play in the life of your parish. If you would like to make a suggestion regarding an important aspect of Holy Family Parish please contact one of the parish trustees listed on the front of the bulletin. Thank you and may God bless you.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve: 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 10:30 pm**

**Christmas Day: 8am, 10:30am**

Masses at St. Robert  
will be at 4pm, 6pm, 8pm on Christmas Eve  
12am, 8:30am, 11am on Christmas Day

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