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AROUND THE ALTAR

Monday – Dec 27 St. John

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday – Dec 28 The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
8:15 am Intentions of faith sharing small groups
by Cathy Breitenbucher

Wednesday – Dec 29 St. Thomas Becket

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
8:15 am †Gordon Linn by Karl & Claire Wycklendt

Thursday – Dec 30 Sixth Day within Octave of the Nativity

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
7:00 am Oates Family

Friday – Dec 31 St. Sylvester I

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
4:30 pm Thanking Jesus for the gifts of
Samuel Augustine Rindfleisch and
Lucas Ethan Blosser by Larry & Sue Gomes

Saturday – Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
10:00 am People of Holy Family
4:30 pm †Margaret Gannon by Kate Meyer

Sunday – Jan 2 Epiphany of the Lord

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
8:00 am People of Holy Family
10:30 am Intentions of faith sharing small groups
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Weekday Masses are offered four days a week at both Holy Family and St. Robert

Masses at Holy Family are at 8:15 am on Tuesday & Wednesday, 7:00 am on Thursday & Friday in the church

Masses at St. Robert are at 7:00 am on Tuesday & Wednesday, 8:15 am on Thursday & Friday in the church

The weekend Mass schedule at St. Robert is Saturday at 4:30 pm; Sunday at 8:30 am, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

High School Religious Ed.

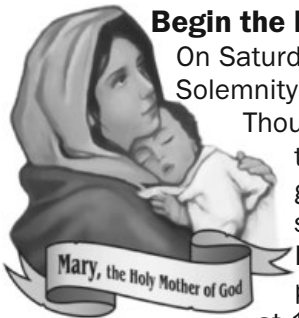
Thank you for joining us for the first half of the program year! We are so thankful to have our students and small group leaders meet together in fellowship and community. We will resume class gatherings on Sunday, January 9th. 7 - 8:30pm. Note, the location change for the spring semester is at Holy Family. Merry Christmas! Have a blessed and safe winter break!

Confirmation Year students and families: Please turn in permission slips for our Confirmation Retreat (Feb. 4 - 6, 2022 at Camp Minikani). If you cannot attend the weekend, please let us know and we will work on finding a suitable alternate arrangement. Spots are limited and fill quickly!

Begin the New Year with Prayer

On Saturday, January 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Though not a holy day of obligation this year, everyone is invited to get the new year off to a great start by joining us for Mass on Friday, December 31st, at 4:30 pm or on Saturday, January 1st, at 10:00 am. We welcome everyone to join us!



Holy Family Back to the 80's Auction

Save the date: The Holy Family Auction is Saturday, February 12th at the Ozaukee Country Club. Please check out the Auction tab on the Holy Family website for up to date information.

The Used Book Sale is Back! Donations needed!

We are happy to announce that the Used Book Sale will take place on January 8th and 9th, 2022. Please consider donating gently used books. We accept all types of books as long as they are in good condition. Please, no magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, DVDs or CDs. Collection bins are in the church vestibule and school lobby. Thank you!



Grief to Healing Support Group

A "Grief to Healing" group will begin meeting in the new year at St. Bernadette Parish (8200 West Denver Avenue, Milwaukee). Meetings will take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am beginning on January 4. Brother Joe Pense, an Alexian Brother, will facilitate this support group. Please contact Sr. Jane Mary at 414-352-1148 or jmlorbiecki@olghparish.org to register or to ask any questions.



My prayer is that all and each one of you may have a Blessed New Year!

I think there's so much pressure to start the year off by making some grand vow to change a major part of our lives for the better. Many of the things we try to change are great things: lose weight, exercise more, start a business, but unfortunately lots of those resolutions are not accomplished for many reasons. Ultimately we don't follow thru with those goals because they do not speak directly to our biggest desire or hunger of God. "The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for" *Catechism of the Catholic Church #27*

So I want you to make your New Year's resolutions that help you increase your faith and build a better relationship with the Lord. Here are some faith-based resolutions you can choose from. Pick one or two that feel doable and commit to them for 2022.

Marian devotion: Devotion to our Blessed Mother is a beautiful way to grow in faith and become closer to Christ her Son. She is truly a mother for all of us if we only turn to her intercession. Two great books to help get you started are "Behold Your Mother" by Tim Staples and "Hail Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God" by Scott Hahn. Start by praying the Rosary!

Spiritual reading: Spend more time reading scripture or good spiritual books and articles. Learning more about our faith is critical to holding onto it in today's environment. (for example the Catechism of the Catholic church)

Be a good steward of your gifts: We are all blessed with gifts. God asks us to share those gifts with each other as much as we can. Volunteer your time, give to charities, use your talents to help your parish and your Archdiocese. Be generous in all you do.

Learn more about the saints: The saints of the Church are our greatest examples of how to live a holy life and get to heaven. Their stories are fascinating, and they're more like us than you might imagine. Pick a specific saint to start a devotion to or learn more about multiple saints.

Start a holy hour: Can you give the Lord one hour a week or daily? You won't regret it. He's waiting for you even now. Spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

Go on a retreat or pilgrimage: The idea here is to do something new. You can find retreats available. Or take a local or regional pilgrimage to a Marian shrine or church you've been wanting to visit. Holy Hill or The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI

Join a Bible study group: Learn and understand more about your faith and make new friends at the same time. This is a great way to meet others in your parish and feel more like a community.

Set aside time for prayer each day: Regular prayer is critical to our spiritual growth. Setting aside even five minutes a day will make a noticeable difference in deepening your relationship with the Lord and it will help in how you treat people throughout your day. Don't forget to spend a few minutes in silence just listening to the Lord.

Fast: If you are able, fasting is a great penance to add all year long rather than just during Lent. Try fasting on Fridays. Or fast from meat every Friday of the year. Don't forget to offer up your penance in prayer for someone else to make it extra powerful.

Go to confession: Seeking forgiveness for our sins frees us from them and gives us peace we otherwise cannot find. Try going every month for the year.

Add another Mass: Go to one extra daily Mass each week. The Lord is waiting for you in the Eucharist.

Change what you hear and see: Much of what comes out of the entertainment world and the media today is not helpful for the spiritual life. Clean up what you allow in your home, devices or car. A good rule of thumb is to eliminate anything you wouldn't watch or listen to in front of your mother or grandmother or priest!

Other: write your own commitment of how you want to work on your relationship with God.

Make a commitment today to spend more time with the Lord. It will change your life in ways you can't imagine. Save this article and maybe come back to it every month to remind you of your commitment to the Lord.

I would like to thank all of our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our churches and setting up for the different liturgies, this season and throughout the liturgical year. And a special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministries in our parish and especially to those few who work quietly, behind the scenes.

My thanks to all of you our parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that we give thanks for the honor of serving as your Pastor and Associate Pastor. Thank you for all your support and prayers.!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Fr. Enrique and Fr. Andrew

Children's Liturgy of the Word Returning in 2022!

In order to do this we NEED adults and/or high school students to lead the children in this ministry. Commitment would be one Sunday every 4 to 6 weeks depending on the number of volunteers who come forward. We supply the materials and training, you pick the Sundays you want to lead. Children's Liturgy of the Word is held in McCormick Hall during the 10:30 Sunday Mass. Contact the Religious Education office to volunteer or get more info - deakinb@hfparish.org or 414-332-8156, x230.



Dear Holy Family,

All of us at the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary thank you for your donation of \$2,991.64 on October 15 from the Fifth Sunday Collection. We are overwhelmed with the wonderful response to my speaking during the Masses on August 21st & 22nd.

Our Welcome Center will be a place "to be, to belong and to become." There is no question we are a crucial resource in the 53206-zipcode (a food desert) with its concentration of people who live in homeless conditions, "doubled-up" homeless, and many who are at risk of becoming homeless.

As the COVID-19 pandemic began we continued to operate our Doorway Ministry, providing essential supplies, nutritious food, and face masks for 100+ guests per outreach event. Thanks to your support and thanks to our heroic core frontline leadership team (20+ economically and racially diverse staff and volunteers) who are risking their lives, the Doorway Ministry is possible.

Please know our hearts are filled with appreciation.

Sister MacCanon Brown, President & CEO

School Calendar Raffle

A calendar raffle is an exciting fundraiser that will earn money for the school. Holy Family School is selling calendar raffles for \$25. All raffles must be sold by Sunday, January 9th. The first drawing is on January 10th. If you're interested in purchasing one or more calendar raffles or if you have any questions, please contact Kris at brienzak@hfparishschool.org or call the school office at 414-332-8175. Thank you for supporting Holy Family School!



This week
we're praying for
all the members
of Holy Family Parish

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 page 2 of the bulletin for schedule changes.)

Baptism

Please contact the parish office for information on scheduling a Baptism

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. Please 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 K3-8, please contact the School Office. Half day and full day options are available for K3, K4 and K5. Please call the school at 414-332-8175 for more information.

Parish Office – Kerstein Center

Phone: 414-332-9220

Please email us at 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. 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.



Prospective K3 Information Night

Please join us on Tuesday, January 4th at 6:30pm in the Holy Family K3 classroom. You are welcome to meet the K3 teacher, ask questions, and learn more about our program. Registration materials will be available. Visit www.hfparishschool.org for more information. Questions: Contact Kris Brienza at brienzak@hfparishschool.org.

Holy Family Book Club

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Wednesday, January 12, at 7 pm in the Kerstein Center Library. We'll discuss "The Autistic Brain" by Temple Grandin and Richard Panek. Please enter by the office door and bring a mask. As always, everyone is welcome to come and share your thoughts.



Bake Sale Success!

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the parishioners who generously supported the annual holiday bake sale. And a special word of thanks to all the bakers who contributed a great variety of tasty treats. The over \$1500 donated will aid St Vincent de Paul in serving needy families in our area. Thanks and Christmas blessings to everyone!

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