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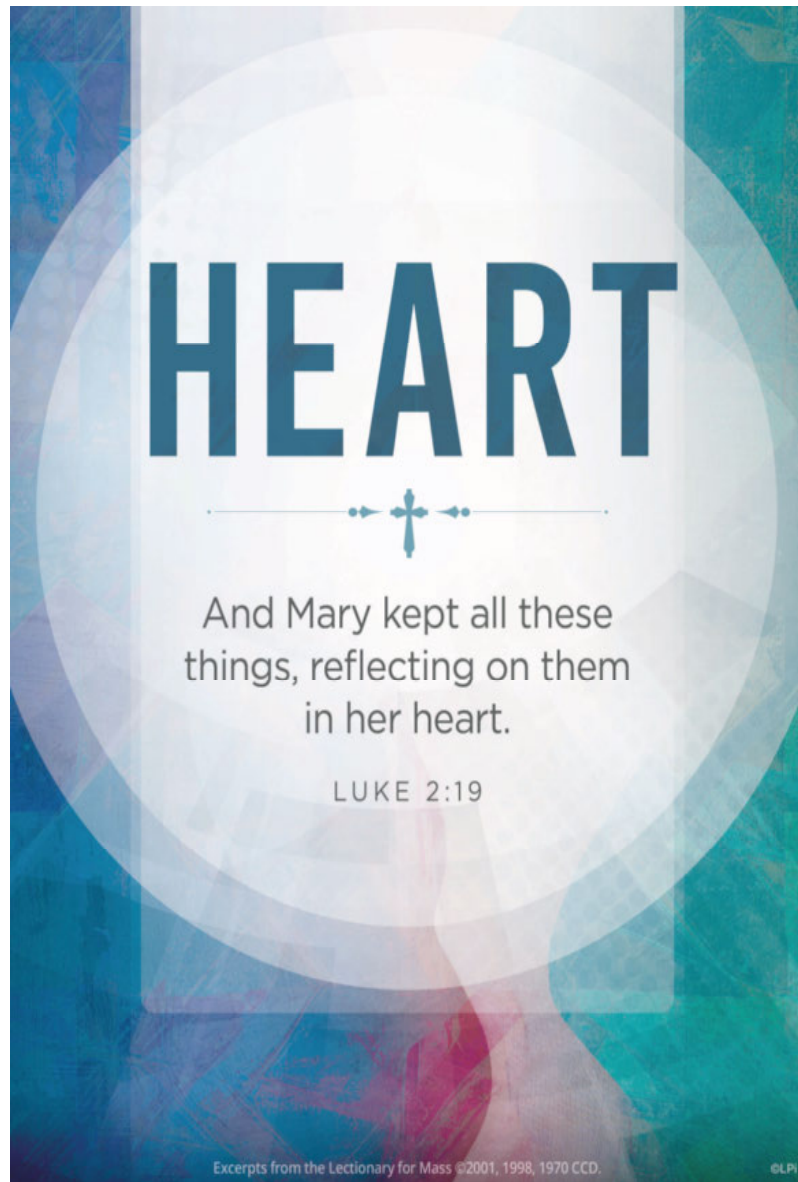
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## Welcome to Holy Family Parish!

*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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# MASS INTENTIONS

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**Monday — Jan 2 Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**  
1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday — Jan 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
\*8:15 am Special Intention

**Wednesday — Jan 4 St Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42  
\*8:15 am †Norm Balthasar by Family

**Thursday — Jan 5 St John Neumann**  
1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51  
\*7:00 am Health of Doris Kresheck  
by Mary Johnston

**Friday — Jan 6 St André Bessette**  
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk  
3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
\*7:00 am †Patricia Woyach by Family

**Saturday — Jan 7 St Raymond of Peñafort**  
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11  
4:30 pm †Maxine Oates by Tuesday Prayer Group

**Sunday — Jan 8 Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5  
-6/Mt 2:1-12  
8:00 am People of Holy Family  
10:30 am †William (Messy) Mesenbrink  
by Judy Cichy

# PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

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- **Kindergarten Open House** Save the Date: January 4, 2023 from 6:30-7:30pm. Questions? Please contact Kris at brienzak@hfparishschool.org.
- **Used Book Sale 2023!** Come and shop Holy Family's annual Used Book Sale on Saturday, January 7, 9:00-3:00, and Sunday, January 8 from 9:00-2:00 in the school cafeteria. This sale is open to the public and features a wide range of titles for all ages and interests. Proceeds benefit Holy Family School. See you there!
- **32nd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Service** - "A Letter from the Birmingham City Jail", Saturday, January 14, 2023, All Saints Catholic Church, 1:30pm Musical Prelude, 2:00pm Prayer Service, Blessings by Most Rev. Jerome E. Listeki, Archbishop of Milwaukee. Keynote presenter: The Honorable Judge Kori Ashley
- **Senior Circle of Friends** - Lunch Monday, January 16, 2023, at 12 noon in McCormick Hall. Presentation: The North Shore Fire/Rescue Department will present North Shore Community Connect, a system to assist our fire department with information about you in case of a fire or other emergency, such as how many people live in the house, do you have pets, are you disabled, etc. All information is password protected with bank level encryption. Come and learn more about this valuable tool for better serving you in an emergency. Watch for more details about menu and cost and registration in future bulletins.
- **Pancake Breakfast** - Please join us on Sunday, January 8 from 8:30am-noon for our Annual Pancake Breakfast in McCormick Hall. \$6/adult and \$4/child. Children under 3 are free. This is a great way to start your week off with a delicious breakfast while spending quality time with family, friends and community. Share a bit of your time! Volunteers are needed on January 7 and 8. Alumni needing service hours are encouraged to help out! To sign-up please contact Nicolle Grassl & Valerie Peterson (414-791-3336 or [nicollegrassl@gmail.com](mailto:nicollegrassl@gmail.com)).
- **Open Door Café Desserts** - The January deadline to drop off desserts is Noon on Friday, January 13th at 4961 N. Woodruff Ave. Open Door Café remains unable to accept home baked goods at this time. Please donate any of the following boxes of individually packaged: Granola Bars, Snack Cakes, Single Serve Bags of Chips/Crackers/Cookies. Your generosity is much appreciated.
- **Spiritual Adoption** - Holy Family began a Spiritual Adoption program in October, but participants are welcome anytime. Please consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion by praying Archbishop Sheen's prayer everyday. Prayer cards are available at the display in the NW corner of the vestibule. "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion." <https://www.archbalt.org/respect-life-2/spiritual-adoption-program/>



Feliz Navidad! Merry Christmas!

This year, on December 30th we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. To reflect on the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, it helps us to better understand the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. This is more than God simply taking on a human body. In Jesus, God unites himself to an entire human nature. He fully enters into the human experience, with all its highs and lows, and one part of that human experience is family. Today we are challenged to look at what it means to be family, and our eyes turn toward the Nativity.

During this time of year, we tend to minimize the Holy Family. They become just figures of plaster and paper, not a family of flesh and blood like us. We forget they were not that different from us. They were holy, yes, but they were also human.

The story of the Holy Family is the story of life not always turning out the way one humanly expected. It's the story of a teenage mother, conceiving a child before she was married. It's the story of an anxious father, confronting scandal, and planning on divorce. As we read in the Gospel, it's the story of a family forced to become refugees, living as immigrants in the land that once held their ancestors as slaves. It's the story of a missing child, and three days of anxious searching by his parents. It's the family that experiences the death of Joseph. Years later came the violent death of Jesus; the one his mother watched with helplessness and almost unimaginable sorrow. This family was holy, but it was also human, and we need these reminders; especially now.

The Church calendar shows us that the Christmas season is one of light in the midst of difficulty and pain. The day after Christmas, we celebrate the feast of the first martyr, St. Stephen. Then a couple days later, we mark the feast of the Holy Innocents, the children slaughtered by Herod. The joy of Christ's birth is suddenly tempered by tragic reminders of what the Incarnation cost and how the Holy Family shared in that. Joy and sorrow are almost side by side, linked by sacrifice, by faith, and by love. It is the story of our salvation and it is the story of the Holy Family.

We realize that when we speak of the Holy Family, we speak of a family that struggled and suffered, like so many of us; but this family also knew profound hope. They trusted completely in God and they call all of us to that kind of trust. They are with us and they stand beside all who worry, who struggle, who search, and who pray.

The Holy Family stands beside parents anxious about their children, praying for their well-being. They walk with immigrants and refugees separated from those they know and love. They comfort teenage mothers and single parents. They console the prisoner, the outcast, the bullied, the scorned - and the parents who love them. And they offer comfort and compassion to any mother or father grieving over the loss of a child.

The Holy Family shares our burdens, but they also uplift us by their example. Jesus, Mary and Joseph were never alone, they had each other and God. They endured through the grace of God. They prayed. They hoped. They trusted in God's will.

Where can we find that kind of peace and purpose in our own families, and in our own lives? One answer is in Paul's beautiful letter to the Colossians. This passage that we hear today is about how to form a healthy and holy Christian family. Paul tells us to put on compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience, forgiveness, and love.

It is that simple - and that difficult. I'm sure the Holy Family had moments when living those virtues seemed hard, very hard, but they did something most of us don't. They gave themselves fully to God.

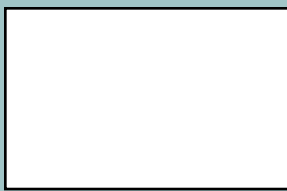
I wish all of you a Blessed New Year!

*Fr. Enrique*

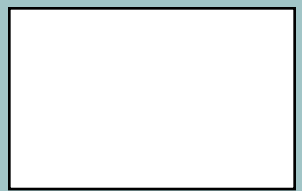


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