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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 26, 2021



“Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

Luke 2:49

Parish Mission Statement

Blessed Sacrament Parish forms and nurtures active disciples of Christ, who love God and neighbor, through the Dominican pillars of Prayer, Study, Community, & Ministry.

Parish Vision Statement

To be a flourishing faith community, with all parishioners engaged in transforming lives through evangelization and discipleship.

Mass Times

Monday & Friday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:00 & 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM & Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM & 4:15 to 4:45 PM
Sunday: 7:00 to 7:30 AM & 10:15 to 10:45 AM

The Holy Family



Fr. Andy McAlpin, O.P.—Pastor
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Where is Jesus?

The image on the cover of this bulletin is a detail of *Christ in the Temple* by the German artist Hermann Clementz (1852-1930). You can see the whole picture in the St. Dominic Room in the Parish Center at any time. It is a gift received from Pat and Sue Grady, who lived for decades in the family home directly across from the Church's front entrance. This painting hung in that home for many years. It illustrates the moment we hear about in the Gospel reading today.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family, we have many options for the first two readings, but only one for the Gospel. Luke presents the details of Mary and Joseph unknowingly leaving Jesus behind in Jerusalem after the feast days. Luke was clearly close to the Blessed Virgin Mary as he fills in many details that he likely received directly from her lips. This one is a favorite of mine to meditate on and to sit in wonder as to what it might have been like to listen to this boy teach the scholars of Israel on their own turf. Which was actually the house of God the Father!

Many of our families can certainly understand the anxiety and fear that Mary and Joseph would have felt at this moment. They lost the Savior of the World! While you all hold your children in high regard, I doubt you believe they are the savior of the world. Sometimes the best we can hope for them is that they survive the ups and downs of childhood and grow to be loving parents themselves, leaving a legacy of goodness and joy in the imitation of the Holy Family themselves. In a way, Jesus is doing exactly what we hope all of our children will do: fulfill the plan God has for each and every one of them. Jesus begins his public work by staying behind and tending to the souls that are at the Temple and teaching them about the Father. He was teaching them about love!

May all of us continue to foster holiness in our families and to teach our children about what really matters: You are a beloved child of God! Take that love and spread it far and wide!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Andy".



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Saturday, January 1, 2022
(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Masses: 5:00 pm Vigil on December 31,
8:30 am on January 1

Cover art: *Christ in the Temple* by Hermann Clementz

December 26, 2021

New and Noteworthy

**Save the date: St. Thomas Aquinas Dinner
Special 100th Anniversary Celebration
Thursday, January 27
6:00 pm, Friary**

Keep an eye on our bulletins and weekly Flocknotes for more information! If you would like to attend, you can RSVP to Erin in the parish office with the names of all in your party, your phone number, and your email address (more details about price & payment will follow).

New Years Hours

The parish office will be closed for New Years on Friday, December 31.

Next Coffee and Donuts: January 2

Our next Coffee and Donuts will be Sunday, January 2 after all Masses! We will need volunteers in two shifts: one shift helps with set-up and serving after the 7:30 and 9:00 am Masses, and one shift helps serve after the 11:00 am Mass and cleans up. Look for a sign-up in our weekly Flocknotes, or contact Donna if you'd like to help!

**Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 9, 8:00 am—12:30 pm
Friary**

This year's breakfast will be "take-out style," with breakfasts served in take-out containers. Seating will be available in the Friary for those who wish to dine-in, but full table service will not be provided this year. Purchase tickets (\$8 each, kids 5 and under eat free) from the Cub Scouts or at the door. Contact the Scouts at BlessedSacramentScouting@gmail.com to learn more!

**Iconography Workshop with Drazen Dupor
January 14-16, Blessed Sacrament Friary**

Drazen Dupor, a local iconographer who has sold his work at our Christmas Market, is offering an icon workshop at Blessed Sacrament in January! Participants will paint an icon of Jesus. No prior experience is needed. The class will run from 4:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday the 14th; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday the 15th; and 11:30 am on 4:00 pm on Sunday the 16th. The cost is \$200 (payable by check to the artist on the first day of class) and covers the cost of all materials. Wear your painting clothes, or bring a smock or apron. Please also bring lunch or dinner each day. Contact Erin if you have questions or to sign up.

Opportunities to Give and Serve



1216 Annual Fund

You can find envelopes and forms for donating to the Province's 1216 Annual Fund in the parish office and in the back of church. Or, go to opcentral.org/donate/online and apply your gift to "Dominican Friars, 1216 Annual Fund."

Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, January 12

1:00-6:00 pm, Assembly Hall

We're hosting another blood drive in January! Visit redcrossblood.org/give to search for our drive and sign up to donate!

Frassati Fest 2022

February 11th - 13th
Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

All high school teens are invited for a weekend at the Kalahari for an amazing event for teens from all over the Diocese of Madison. It's an opportunity to grow in your faith, meet new people, have fun at the waterpark, and so much more!

For more information visit: blessedsacramentteens.org/FrassatiFest



Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Baptisms

On December 19, we welcomed **John Peter Pac** into the Christian family!

FORMED

**Featured FORMED
content**

Last year, the Augustine Institute released a beautiful short documentary called "Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage," taking viewers to the sites associated with Christ's birth. It's a lovely way to celebrate the Christmas season and to meditate on the wonder of the Incarnation!

Sign up for our FORMED subscription at
blsacrament.formed.org | code: **2RC7NR**

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

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially:

Andy Devine, Alexander Kotloski, David Stiennon, John Ouellette, Paul Werth, Cormac Bower, Helen Karls, Sarah Opitz-Stapleton, Dave Wirka, Ila Elizabeth Scullion, Linda Kelly, Margaret Sommer Szani, Colleen Brown, Br. Vince DiRienzo, Elliott Volin, Larry Lazars, Buffy Stevens, Bob Lunda, and Barbara Chryst.

Prayer/Devotion schedule

Eucharistic adoration: Saturdays, 9:00 am to 10:00 am, and Wednesdays, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

We are in need of Wednesday adorers; please visit blsacrament.org/adoration to sign up for a Holy Hour!

First Saturday rosary: First Saturday of the month, 8:10 am (next rosary is January 1)

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, after the 8:30 am Mass

Stewardship Report

November 2021

Total: \$65,752.02

November 2020: \$81,669.44



Mass Intentions

+ indicates the person is deceased

Saturday, December 25, 2021 — THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
9:00 AM +Doc Hearn (*Celebrant: Fr. Andy*)
NO 5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 26, 2021—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
7:30 AM Our Parish Family (*Celebrant: Fr. Andy*)
9:00 AM The Japlon family (*Fr. Andy*)
11:00 AM +Philip Werner (*Fr. Andy*)
Monday, December 27, 2021—St. John, apostle & evangelist
8:30 AM +Julie Pitot
Tuesday, December 28, 2021—The Holy Innocents, martyrs
7:00 AM +Peter Salerno
8:30 AM +Mrs. Philomena George
Wednesday, December 29, 2021
7:00 AM +Mary Jean Whelan-Iacovani
8:30 AM +Bertha Pitot Hubbard
Thursday, December 30, 2021
7:00 AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:30 AM +Judy Shapiro
Friday, December 31, 2021
8:30 AM Roshni Gil
5:00 PM +John Hollern (Vigil for Mary, Mother of God)
Saturday, January 1, 2022—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
8:30 AM +Rita Kubaritz
5:00 PM +Frank Reale (*Celebrant: Fr. Andy*)
Sunday, January 2, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)
9:00 AM +Amy Haddox Ocasio (*Fr. James Pierce*)
11:00 AM +Gola Finkelmeyer (*Fr. James Pierce*)
Mass intentions are available by calling the parish office at 608-238-3471 or emailing erin@blsacrament.org.



The end of the year will be here before we know it, which means tax season is just around the corner! In order for your donations to

be included in your 2021 giving statement, please make sure mailed donations are postmarked by December 31; mail them to 2116 Hollister Ave. Madison, WI 53726 (attn: Donna). If you give electronically, you may want to allow a few extra days for your donation to process by the 31st. 2021 giving statements will be mailed by January 31. Thank you for your generosity!

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www.school.blsacrament.org
www.blessedsacramentteens.org
Information: info@blsacrament.org

School Happenings

The school is on break until Tuesday, January 4. See you in 2022, and stay tuned for announcements about Catholic Schools Week and our Spaghetti Dinner!

Blessed Sacrament school admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered program.

Annual Men's Retreat at Lake Winnebago Thursday, February 17-Sunday, February 20

Every year for over 40 years, men from Blessed Sacrament and other Madison parishes have been attending a retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago. This year's retreat starts on February 17 with dinner and concludes with lunch on February 20. The JRH continues to honor their commitment to not turn anyone away due to financial constraints. If you'd like to attend, go to www.jesuitretreathouse.org and register for retreat #008. Contact Steve Sadoff for more information: 608-770-9778 or healprint@gmail.com.



Around the Diocese

Tornado Relief through the Diocese

Please consider making a donation to the relief efforts underway in parts of the Midwest and South that were affected by tornadoes recently. You can visit www.madisondiocese.org/donate to make a donation; click on "I want to support" and choose "Disaster Relief Fund—USCCB (US and Kentucky Tornado Relief)". You can also donate to Catholic Charities at www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c535051



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