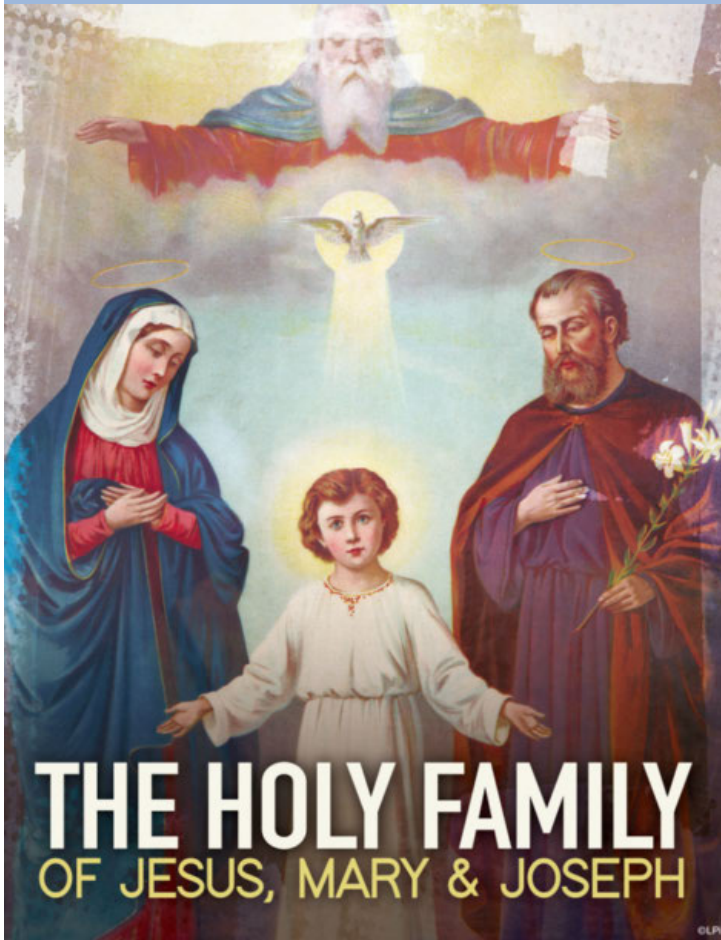


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THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 26, 2021

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WELCOME

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you.
For information about the parish or to register for the parish
Check us out at: www.stmarystpatrick.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Vigil, 4:30 p.m.

Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends - St. Mary Church
September-May - St. Patrick Church

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - St. Mary Church

10:00 a.m. - Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends - St. Patrick
10:30 a.m. - September-May - St. Mary Church

Monday, 7:30 a.m. Communion Service - St. Mary Church

Tuesday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. Mass - St. Mary Church

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

Sunday, 7:30 a.m. - St. Mary Church

First Saturday, 11-11:30 a.m. - St. Mary Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

First Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary Church

Benediction, 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary Church

THE BULLETIN: View the bulletin online at stmarystpatrick.org

Very Rev. Matthew M. Bergschneider, Pastor
Deacon Dick Mulcahey, Deacon Steve Pulkrabek

OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Thrs 8-4, Fri 8– Noon

The Feast of the Holy Family,
by Deacon Steve Pulkrabek

Today's Feast and readings continue the Christmas message. God is truly with us in our lives and in the ordinary events of daily life. On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small.

Family is the foundation of society. The family remains the natural creation of human life. In the family, life is given, received, lived and enjoyed in love. The family is a fountain of love, where love is given and received and shared. It is this exchange of love in the family, the domestic Church and the nucleus of the larger society, that prepares us to experience "the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are" (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24).

Describing the Holy Family, Pope Benedict XVI wrote that, "the Holy Family of Nazareth is truly the 'prototype' of each Christian family which, united in the Sacrament of marriage and fed by the Word and by the Eucharist, is called to realized the stupendous vocation and mission of being a living cell not only of society, but of the Church, a sign and instrument of unity for all mankind." The family itself, sharing perfect union, communion and one nature as God. It is into this community that Our Lord invites each of us. We are welcomed and "imbued" into the very life of God. We share the inner relationship of God as members of God's family.

Know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family.



Religious Education classes will resume Sunday, January 9th, followed by the 16th and the 23rd. Merry Christmas!



UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE*

Dec. 26 (Sun.)	Sunday Obligation and the Feast of the Holy Family 8:00 am Mass @ St. Mary's 10:00 am Mass @ <u>St. Patrick's</u>
Dec 31 (Fri.)	Mary the Holy Mother of God, Vigil [not a holy day of obligation in 2021] 4:30 pm Mass @ St. Mary's
Jan 1 (Sat.)	Mary the Holy Mother of God 9:00 am Mass @ St. Mary's
Jan 2 (Sun.)	Sunday Obligation and the Epiphany of the Lord 8:00 am Mass @ St. Mary's 10:00 am Mass at <u>St. Patrick's</u>

*Bishop Malloy advised priests of the Diocese of Rockford in June of 2021, that the dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation would be lifted on July 1, 2021.

ST. JOSEPH WORK CREW

Members of the St. Joseph Work Crew put up lights and both the indoor and outdoor Nativities. We extend our many thanks to you for your hard work. We greatly appreciate you and these signs of devotion we show for the birth of our Lord and to the Holy Family. For more information about who the St. Joseph Work Crew is and what they do, give Wayne Plasmier a call: 815-248-9383

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

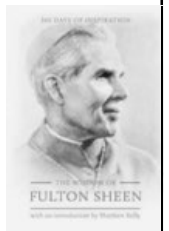
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and on the first Saturday of the month from 11-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church. **No 1st Saturday of the month Confessions will be heard on January 1, 2022.**
- Requests for Anointing of the Sick can be made by calling 815-248-4428.
- For Religious Education information please give us a call at 815-248-2490, or visit www.stmaryspatrick.org. To register for a Wedding or Baptism, register as parishioners, reserve a Mass intention, request Anointing of the Sick, memorial candles or flowers, or for any other parish matters, please stop by or give the office a call, 815-248-2490.
- The Parish Office will be closed on December 27, 31, 2021 and January 3, 2022.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, hear us, O' Lord.



THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

A special "thank you" goes to the anonymous donor who generously provided The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen books for the parish. We appreciate your gift and the 365 daily inspirations inside this book. Merry Christmas!



GIVING TREES, HAT & MITTEN DONATIONS

Many thanks to all those who donated to the DEC Giving Trees at Durand State Bank, Bryden Ford, and via the Parish Religious Ed. Preschool class collection of hats and mittens. Thank you for helping someone near have a special and Merry Christmas.

REQUEST

At this time there is a need for a couple of substitute Religious Education catechist and aides. The parish is also in need of a High School Religious Ed Catechist and an Aide for January through May of 2022.

In the past, the Parish catechists and aides have come from various professions and backgrounds, but what they all had in common was a desire to pass the faith to the next generation of young Catholics. Please prayerfully consider whether you may be called to this essential ministry.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can have difficult situations to negotiate. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as of abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with our family. Our needs, relationships, interactions, and unresolved baggage often color what we have to bring to others.



We have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events in our families. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when there are wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, and can move beyond our wounds in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and we can too, because we are not alone. ©LPi



PARISH PRAYER TREE AND PRAYER CHAIN

Our Parish Prayer Tree and Prayer Chain offer a network of support and prayers not only for our parish, but for the community at large. If you would like someone included on the Parish Prayer Tree which is in the bulletin, please call the Parish Office: 815-248-2490. If you would like someone added to the Parish Prayer Chain, which is a group of parishioners who pray for parish members and their intentions, please call Mary Borgmann, 815-865-5555 or Margie Flynn at, 815-494-4288.

Please remember our homebound parishioners and those in Medina Manor, along with Glenn Busjahn, Ryan Bergschneider, Adrian Book, Regina Borg, Art Block, Terry Brogan, Dave Brown, Lisa Carlson, David DiGvoni, Christine Gignac, Tristan Hendler, Kevin Henze, Carol Hertzner, Jennifer Hicks, Judy Hollenbeck, Kenneth Jason, Tony Jason, Carrie Kieilty, Shelly Wenger Jauch, Mary Joyce, Samantha Kaldohl, Emmanuel Kilb, Nancy Kalina, Carol Kirchner, Joanne Komprood, Bill Kussner, Keith Ludolph, Dominick & Rose Lomanto, Stacey Ludkowski, Mary Terese Lynne, Judy Lynde, Vicki Marshall, Vicky Mathew, Raymond McDade, Theresa Mikosz, Jeff Miller, Isabelle Morales, Kurt Mills, Deacon Dick Mulcahey, Barb Neuzil, Kathy Nielsen, Gracie Nicolosi, Erline Nipps, Holgeir and Karen Oksnevad, Patty Page, Kelli Palmer, Sandra Pauley, Joe Peiffer, Tom Peiffer, Eleferious Prevett, Louis Ropilla, Carol Rosko, Frances Salvato, Brock Scarpetta, JoEllen Sharer, Dennis Shippy, Eugene Siwinski, Dean Simmer, Betty Sorg, Dawson Thomas, Amber Hill Thompson, Lana Todd, Marcie Turner, Jean Walsh, and Laurie Walsh.

Remember our service men and women including; Nic Blum, Will Devore, Will Francis, Lucas Graves, Rev. Bob Keener, Landon Ketchum, Garrett & Jason Kirk, Ashley Kochanski, Chris Miranda, Matthew Moser, Mark Shram, Zeth Willard, and Charlie Wojcik. (11/10/21)

If you or your loved one no longer need our prayers then please let us know so that we can keep the Prayer Tree and Prayer Chain current. Parish Office number: 815-248-2490.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Jan. 1, 2021

YOUTH GROUP BAKED GOODS SILENT AUCTION

We had a great Bake Goods Silent Auction on December 12th. Many people donated baked goods, participated and gave for this fundraiser. Over \$600 was raised the proceeds of which will go toward the Steubenville Youth Conference. Thank you to all of the generous donors for making this fundraiser a success!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More information about the "Who am I to Judge" adult faith formation for small groups will be posted soon. The series is by Dr. Edward Sri consisting of eight sessions and will begin at the end of January. Look for more information and registration in the coming weeks.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dec. 31 Fri. 4:30 p.m. -
 Jan. 1 9:00 a.m. Deacon Steve Pulkrabek
 Jan. 2 8:00 a.m. "
 Jan. 2 SP 10:00 a.m. Margie Flynn

LECTORS

Dec. 31 Fri. 4:30 p.m. John Fisk
 Jan. 1 9:00 a.m. Tom Walsh
 Jan. 2 8:00 a.m. Barbara Ziesk
 Jan. 2 SP 10:00 a.m. Jim Buffo

USHERS

Dec. 31 Fri. 4:30 p.m. Pending
 Jan. 1 9:00 a.m. Moises & Shana Lovato
 Jan. 2 8:00 a.m. Bob Nielsen, Tom Walsh
 Jan. 2 SP 10:00 a.m. Ron & Kate Wilhelms

ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 31 Fri. 4:30 p.m. -
 Jan. 1 9:00 a.m. Abele
 Jan. 2 8:00 a.m. -
 Jan. 2 SP 10:00 a.m. Stache

COLLECTION COUNTERS

January 2, 2022
 After the 10:00am.
 Mass at St. Patrick's Laura McCartney, *Kathy Moran,

SACRISTAN, ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Jan. 2 SP 10:00 a.m. Kathy Moran

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Collection Totals

4th Week of November 2020	4th Week of November 2021
Mail-in & drop-off \$4165.00	Envelopes \$4005.00
Loose: \$75.00	Loose \$121.00

END OF YEAR TAX DONATIONS TO DIOCESAN APPEALS

The letters for donations to Diocesan Appeals will be sent from the Diocesan offices directly to all donors. This is the same as last year. This includes our Diocesan Appeal, National Appeal, International Appeal, and Mission Appeal.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2021

Financial statements for 2021 for the Parish will be mailed upon request. Please call the Parish office at 815-248-2490 for this statement which will be mailed directly from the parish to the donors.

Please have all donations into the parish office by December 31st and dated no later than December 31st to have them applied to 2021. Thank you. Have a blessed New Year.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 25-Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. SM The People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. SP +Fred & Anne Schwartz

Sunday, December 26-The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

8:00 a.m. SM The People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. SP +Kaitlyn Miller

Monday, December 27-St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
7:30 a.m. (SM) Holy Communion Service

Tuesday, December 28-The Holy Innocents
7:30 a.m. (SM) +Deb Seyler, Sue Sterlinske

Wednesday, December 29-Fifth Day within the Octave
Of the Nativity of the Lord
7:30 a.m. +Robert Vormezele

Thursday, December 30-Sixth Day within the Octave
of the Nativity of the Lord
7:30 a.m. +Fred & Anne Schwartz

Friday, December 31-Seventh Day within the Octave
of the Nativity

The Vigil, 4:30 p.m. SM The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 1- The Octave day of the Nativity of
The Lord; Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God [not a holy day
of obligation this year]

9:00 a.m. SM +Jean Brogan

Sunday, December 26-Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 a.m. SM +Otto & Janice Lasack
10:00 a.m. SP The People of the Parish

“+” denotes a Mass intention for the deceased.

Mass intentions can also be for the living.

(SM) = St. Mary Church, Durand

(SP) = St. Patrick Church, Davis/Irish Grove

MEMORIAL CANDLE INTENTIONS

Lighting candles is an ancient practice we continue today to signify our hope and prayers we offer for a particular intention. The intended person could be living or deceased. We have two special ways of burning candles for the sake of prayer. Seven-day candles burn before the Tabernacle and the Icon of The Blessed Virgin Mary inside of St. Mary Church. These candles are available to be lighted for your intention and will burn for one week. While we do ask for a donation of \$10 this cost should not be a prohibiting factor.

Mary Icon Candle

Tabernacle Candle

TABERNACLE FLORAL MEMORIALS

Floral memorials dedicating the two bouquets on either side of the Tabernacle at St. Mary Church are available for loved ones—living and deceased or for special intentions such as holidays, anniversaries or other special events. A donation of \$15 per vase will help offset the cost of these flowers and enable you to have a beautiful floral tribute for one week. Please call the parish office at 815-248-2490, to schedule.

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