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After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism.

Parents who have never had a child baptized will need to receive preparation for this sacrament.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-5:00 pm or by appointment.

Marriage: Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment at least 6 months in advance.
No date may be set until after this appointment.

Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion for the Sick: Call the Parish Office to arrange.

Funerals: Please call the Parish Office prior to finalizing funeral arrangements.

Weekday Mass Schedule: Tuesday 6:00 p.m. (Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 p.m.),
Wednesday 8:15 a.m. (School Mass) & Friday 9:00 a.m.
(First Friday of the Month Adoration after 9:00 a.m. Mass)

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Parish Office: 4625 N. Kenwood Ave., (317) 253-1461, Office Hours: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

School: 4600 N. Illinois Street, (317) 255-6244

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Parish News



Those in Nursing Homes:

Wanda Strange.

Our Sick:

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*(Family Member of a Parishioner)

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH-DEC. 26

Babies and small children are like sponges. They absorb everything you give them: food and love, stimulation and life lessons of every kind. Children are eager for instruction, new experiences, opportunities to stretch and explore. They thrive within carefully crafted limitations that help shape their souls and character. When supplied with challenges that sand off their rough edges, and enough encouragement to believe in themselves, children become ready to make their own way and to take the reins of their lives into their own hands. The habit of obedience—attentive listening followed by responsive action—is what enables every child to grow into a disciplined, informed, and prepared adult.

In between, of course, they go through this curious phase we call adolescence. Some social theorists say adolescence doesn't exist. It's a false stage invented by the modern world that seeks to delay the embrace of adult responsibilities in order to extend the period of formal education of our young people. In this prolonged intermezzo, those in their teen years are neither fish nor fowl. They're shamed for acting like children, yet forbidden to seek the pleasures and pastimes of adults. Every cell in their bodies tells them it's time to start making their own choices, even if those choices are wrong or ill-informed. Yet they're obliged to continue to behave as they're told, dependent as they still are on their parents and elders. So they resist in every way they can, with what belongs to them most personally: their hygiene and their hair, clothes and skin and sexuality and the threshold of their rooms.

Certainly the ancients didn't talk about their teenagers in the exasperated tones of parents today. For Jewish boys like Jesus who were turning 12, the transition from boyhood to manhood took place in the space of a simple ceremony. The Bar Mitzvah, which means "son of the commandment," removed a boy from the realm of responsiveness to his parents and reassigned his primary obedience to the commandments of God. After his Bar Mitzvah, the ritual duties of an adult male Jew were laid on his shoulders. Formal study of Israel's holy books was part of that duty.

Joseph and Mary knew all this, of course, the day Jesus went missing in the caravans and they began their frantic search for him. Even if a ceremony turns a boy into a man ritually, he remains primarily a son in his parents' eyes. At 12, Jesus was entirely prepared to take his Bar Mitzvah at face value and pursue the will of God without constraints. But instead he relents, returning to Nazareth with his parents. Jesus was never more fully human than when he surrendered to his folks this one last time

The Gospel reminds us that he "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man" (Luke 2:52). This is what every parent raises their child to do: to listen for God's call in their lives. We are called to be a holy---not a perfect---family. What does it mean to be a holy family for you today?

THANK YOU

Thanks to Mark Frieden and all the generous people of STA and Plymouth, IN who made "Socktober" a success. The socks will provide warmth, comfort and may prevent frostbite to the many we treat at Gennesaret Free Clinics.

Parish Life & Activities

“NEW YEAR’S STATE OF MIND” MUSIC FEST

STA Fundraiser Supporting our great Teachers

When: Jan 1, 2022 – 7pm-Midnight

Where: STA Gym

Band Lineup:

1 – The Fabulous Sausage Kings

2 – Doghouse Grove

3 – Streaker

Join us, STA family and all friends, for a 5 hour music festival.

Please bring your own refreshments.



GREEN CORNER

God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son to be a part of it. As we celebrate the Incarnation of God, may we take some time during the Christmas season to bask in that love. May we feel the presence of God in our own lives and share that outpouring of love with others. Hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

RACE MATTERS

Welcome to Race Matters, a weekly recommendation from the Race and Culture Committee meant to inspire us all.

THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE

Watch this from the Christian Theological Seminary – Healing the Wounds of Racism <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeuIcT7sY5w>

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

Parents, while school and religious ed session take a pause, here are some ideas for the Fourth Sunday of Advent to share with your children.

- Set up the Christmas crèche, if you haven’t already done so. Ask a member of the family to offer a blessing prayer that reflects the joy and peace of the season. Talk about how your family will ensure that your holiday celebration will be a joyous event, focusing on the real meaning of Christmas.
- Look at your children’s baby pictures with them. Tell them what a blessing they were when they were born, and what a blessing they will always be. Share with them some joyful memories such as their first tooth, their first steps, etc.
- Plan a time to gather the family together around the Christmas tree. Light the tree and ask each family member to reflect on a time when he or she has known the presence of the Holy Spirit. Allow time for family members to share their experiences.
- Discuss what joys and blessings your family has experienced in the past year. Ask each member of the family to share how each other member of the family has been a blessing or brought them joy in the past year. ~ Our Sunday Visitor

Religious Ed sessions will resume Sunday, Jan. 9.

TITHES & GIFTS

December 12, 2021

Actual	\$ 325,002
Budget	\$ 380,100
Over/(Short)	\$ (55,098)

Haiti	\$ 34,599
SVdP	\$ 16,575

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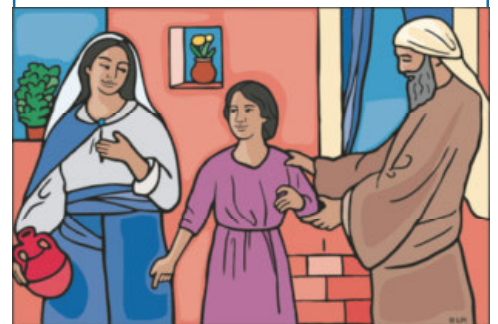
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TORNADO RELIEF

On Friday, December 11, at least six states - Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi and Tennessee – were hit by tornadoes causing casualties and mass destruction. The Catholic Charities USA Disaster Operations team is on the ground assisting the dioceses and local Catholic Charities agencies as they begin to assess the damage and assist the survivors. At this time, the greatest need is for financial donations which will allow the disaster response teams within each of dioceses to purchase the necessary supplies that are needed immediately.

Financial Donations can be made via Catholic Charities USA.

<https://www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051>

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To make a donation to the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, one of the hardest hit regions, visit

<https://owensborodiocese.org/give/>

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is asking parishes communities to NOT collect material donation at this time. More information will be provided to our parish and school communities once the impacted dioceses are able to assess the scope of their material needs. The most effective way to assist those impacted by the deadly tornadoes is through prayer and financial donations.

Prayer for Disaster Relief (CCUSA)

God of hope and mercy, we lift up to you all victims of natural disasters and those responding with assistance and aid. Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of good will respond with compassion and generous hearts. Amen.



Parish Calendar w/ Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 25• The Nativity of the Lord

5:30 pm Mass for † Tom Scanlan

Sunday, December 26• The Holy Family

8:00 am Mass for St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:30 am Mass for † Tom Scanlan

Monday, December 27•

7:45–8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

Tuesday, December 28•

7:45-8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

5:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Mass for † Tom Scanlan

Wednesday, December 29•

7:45–8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

8:15 am Mass

Thursday, December 30•

7:45-8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

7:30 am Mass at M.C. Convent

Friday, December 31•

7:45-8:05 am Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

5:30 pm Mass for † Tom Scanlan

Saturday, January 1• New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

5:30 pm Mass for † Thomas Scanlan

Sunday, January 2• The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Mass for † Kevin McShane

10:30 am Mass for † Stephen Kilpatrick

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

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