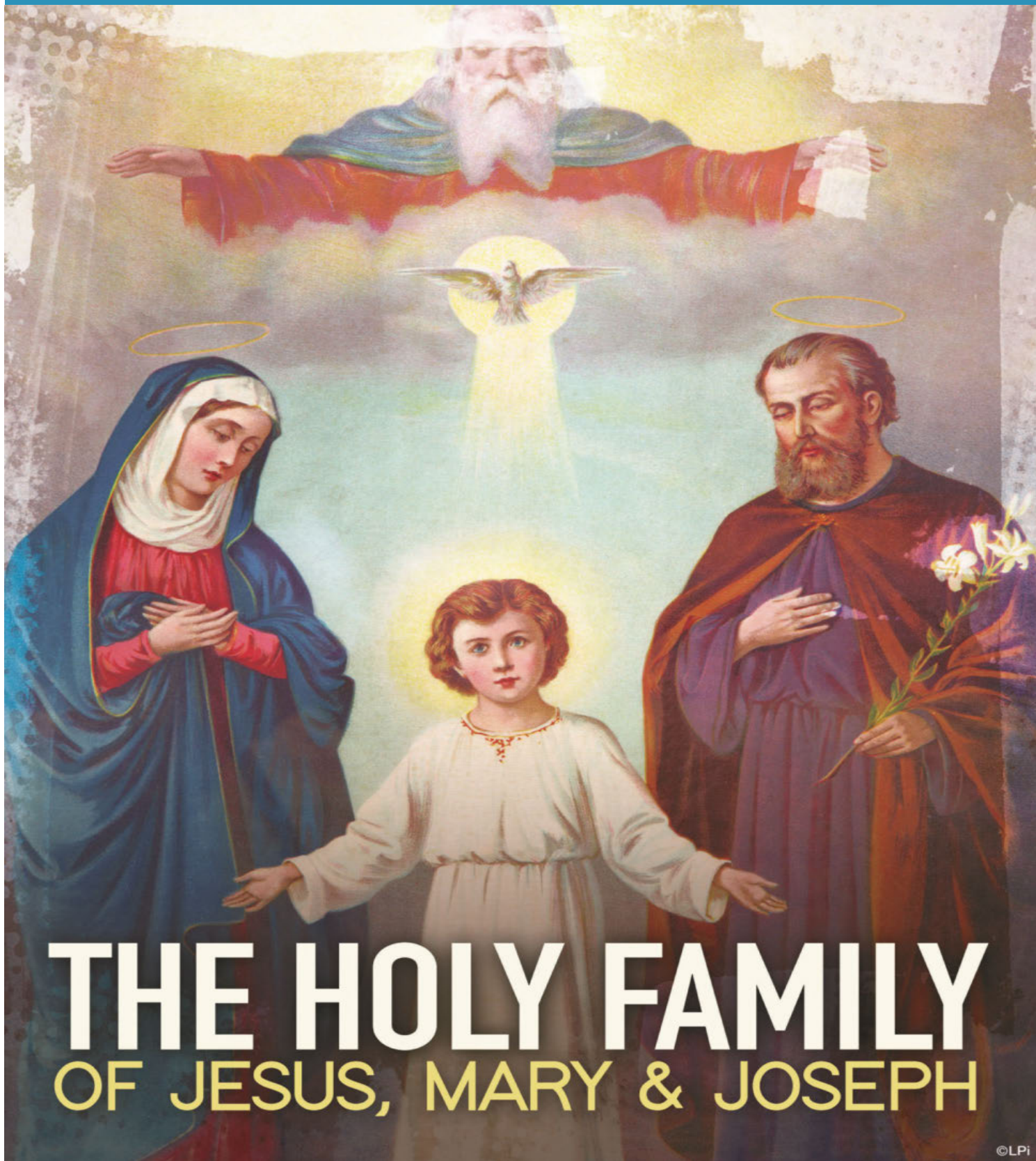


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December 26, 2021



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

# MASS INTENTIONS

## THE HOLY FAMILY

### Saturday, December 25

- 8:00am Shirley B. Saathoff (11th anniversary)
- 10:00am Kathryn Harney
- 4:30pm Kathryn Davis (1st anniversary)

### Sunday, December 26

- 7:30am Richard Brecklin
- 9:00am For the Living and Deceased Members of SVdP
- 11:00am Agnes Lake (4th anniversary)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

### Monday, December 27

- 6:15am Daniel Hicks
- 7:45am Mary Jane Mowbray

### Tuesday, December 28

- 6:15am Special Intention
- 7:45am Paul Berres, Sr.

### Wednesday, December 29

- 6:15am Judith Myers
- 7:45am Mary "Bernadette" Langan (5th anniversary)

### Thursday, December 30

- 6:15am Special Intention
- 7:45am Louis Kouri (1st anniversary)

### Friday, December 31

- 6:15am Carol Wake
- 7:45am Virginia M. Caylo

### Saturday, January 1

- 8:00am Mary Fran Cunningham

## THE HOLY FAMILY

### Saturday, January 1

- 4:30pm Paul Stefanik

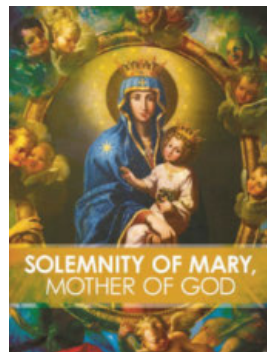
### Sunday, January 2

- 7:30am Richard Boland
- 9:00am Lou Peredetto
- 11:00am For the Living and Deceased Members of SVdP

**Due to the publishing deadline, please see next week's bulletin for the Parish Revenue Report.**



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
Friday, December 31st  
In observance of New Year's Eve



**Saturday, January 1st**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
This year, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God falls on Saturday, and therefore is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Days of Obligation vary from year to year, because the precept to attend Mass is lifted (abrogated) if one such day falls on a Saturday or on a Monday. The faithful, however, are encouraged to attend Mass on those days.

Happy 50th Anniversary  
Dr. Gerald & Kathleen McShane  
December 30, 1971



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# ALL IN THE FAMILY

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother

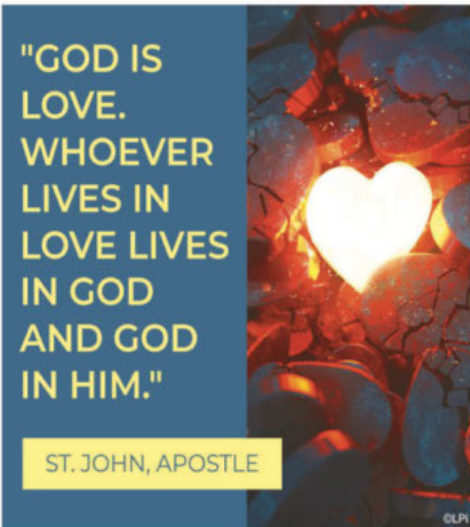
in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**CELEBRATING OUR FAITH****MASS TIMES****Monday-Friday**

6:15am - Daily Mass

7:45am - Daily Mass

(also available to livestream)

**Saturday**

7:45am - Daily Mass

(also available to livestream)

4:30pm - Vigil Mass

(also available to livestream)

**Sunday**

7:30am - Mass

9:00am - Mass

10:00am - Outdoor Distribution of  
Holy Communion

11:00am - Mass

**ADORATION****Tuesdays**

8:15am - 6:00pm

**Wednesdays**

5:30pm - 6:30pm

**CONFESSION****Saturdays**

3:00pm - 4:00pm

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS****Monday - Friday**

8:30am - 4:00pm

**WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY  
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While our parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

As we celebrated, or are still celebrating, Christmas with a fire in the fireplace, gifts under the tree, and plenty of food for all, please remember those less fortunate in our community who are struggling. We continue to get many calls from people with problems that do not have simple answers. People are being evicted because they have lost jobs and have no income. Women are having difficult pregnancies that force them to be unable to work – or they are having babies and the fathers have gone to jail or have left for some other reason. People are missing work and sometimes losing jobs because of medical problems. In this season of “peace on earth, goodwill to all”, landlords still expect to receive their rent. Shelters are often at capacity and there are long waiting lists for subsidized housing. Although we cannot always help financially, we try to provide a listening ear and a compassionate attitude as we listen to their problems. Sometimes it helps just to know that someone cares.

We know that the most wonderful gift of all at Christmas is the gift of Jesus, but let’s think for a minute about a more practical, yet symbolic, gift that we might give to another or might have received ourselves – socks. Socks are an important accessory, especially in this season of cold weather, so they are a very practical gift. In fact, if you see a (homeless) person with a sign asking for help this winter, rather than ignoring him/her, or giving money that might get spent inappropriately, consider giving that person a pair of socks to help warm their feet.

Socks are also a very symbolic gift. When we are hesitating or nervous about doing something that seems out of our comfort zone, we might say that we get “cold feet”. With “cold feet” we might not speak out for justice and we might not walk with those who are lonely or lingering on the fringes of society. With “cold feet” we might not be willing to serve the poor and downtrodden and share God’s love. With “cold feet” we might not have the courage to spread the Good News. Each morning as we put on our socks, we can thank God for their warmth in these cold days of winter, but we might also use them as a symbolic reminder to pass the *warmth* of God’s love on to others in a world that often seems cold.

Thank you so much for supporting our St Vincent de Paul Society in a variety of ways during this past year. We so appreciate your prayers, your financial contributions and your donations of needed food and household items that can be such a blessing to those we visit. Without you, we can’t be effective. May you feel abundantly blessed by God’s great love during this Christmas season!



## Chicago March for Life: Saturday, January 8, 2022

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a bus pilgrimage to Chicago to attend the March for Life 2022! This pilgrimage is open to adults 18+ only. Cost will be \$25.00 for adults and current college Students have a reduced rate of \$10.00. Trip includes Round trip transportation from Peoria to Chicago, participation in the 2022 Chicago March for Life, Sunday Vigil Mass after the March, lunch and dinner and a time for fellowship, community prayer and pilgrimage. For more information, please call: Cecilia Soñe at 309-671-1550 or email: [csone@ccdop.org](mailto:csone@ccdop.org). Online registration at: <https://cdop.weshareonline.org/MarchforLife-Chicago2022>. Seats are limited so register early.



\*Our own Bishop Lou Tylka will be celebrating Mass on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Arlington. If you would like to attend space is limited so please RSVP to Phil Lee at [plee@cdop.org](mailto:plee@cdop.org) \*

\*It has come to our attention that the Museums surrounding the National Mall and many other tourist locations are not accepting groups larger than 6 at this time. Peoria Notre Dame and ISU did due diligence to plan their visits and were given this information. Please plan accordingly or also call ahead.\*

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE Seeking new volunteers:

Come and have fun as a member of the Peace Pal Program at Trewyn Grade school. You will enjoy spending 20-30 minutes with three assigned students in the 1st or 3rd grade. No reading expertise is required. If you love children, you are already a perfect fit. The program begins in January. You can truly make a difference in a child's life. Call Louise McCann at 309-243-5722 or email her at [gjmccann2@gmail.com](mailto:gjmccann2@gmail.com) for more information.

## HOLY HOUR FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

**Date:** Monday, January 3, 2021  
(1st Monday of the month)

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** St. Mark's Church  
(1113 West Bradley Avenue in Peoria)

**What:** Benediction, Rosary, and other prayers.

**Contact:** Patricia @ 692-2450  
[patschwerer@gmail.com](mailto:patschwerer@gmail.com) with questions

Please join us in praying to God for the protection of these innocent lives and the restoration of their Constitutional rights.



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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

### PSALM:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

### SECOND READING:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

### GOSPEL:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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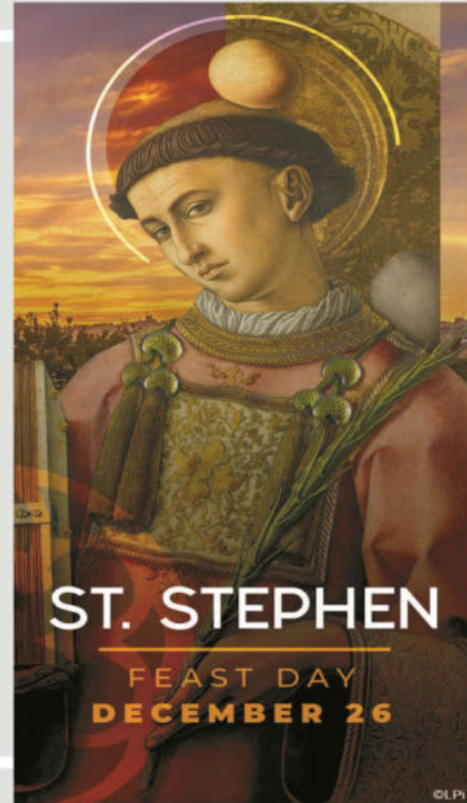
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family  
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist  
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr  
Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve  
Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace  
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church



THE HOLY FAMILY

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## Saint of the Week

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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 Director of Music Dr. Sherry Seckler \*Mon-Th 9:30—12 X 253  
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**Pastoral Care**  
 Homebound Communion Lorraine Abraham 691-3602 ext. 251  
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**Mass Schedule**

Weekend Masses Saturday: 4:30 pm  
 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 am  
 Sunday: Monday-Friday: 6:15 am & 7:45 am  
 Saturday: 7:45 am (No 6:15 am)  
 Weekday Masses School Mass: 9:15 am Mass (as scheduled)  
 Holy Days of Obligation Vigil: 5:30 pm  
 Holy Day: 6:15, 7:45 am, 5:30 pm  
 (Consult the bulletin for the specific Holy Day and Mass schedule).

**Anointing of the Sick** Call the Parish Office anytime, day or night.

**Religious Education Classes** 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm on Wednesdays during the school year.

**Devotions/Prayers**  
 Adoration 8:15 am—6:00 pm on Tuesday  
 5:30 pm—7:00 pm on Wednesday  
 7:10 am Monday thru Saturday  
 2:45 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month when school is in session  
 Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:15 am Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri.  
 Tues. Morning Prayer Group 8:15 am on Tuesdays

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
 Celebration of the Sacrament takes place after the 11 am Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Baptismal class for parents and godparents will be held on the fourth Tuesday evening of each odd-numbered month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the church. Please call the Parish Office to register before attending class.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**  
 Couples intending marriage should call the Parish Office to begin their Marriage Preparations at least eight months preceding their intended marriage. Wedding Coordinator, Sarah Hogan. Please call Sarah at 863-4791.

**Sacrament of Penance**  
 Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm, anytime by appointment (691-3602).

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