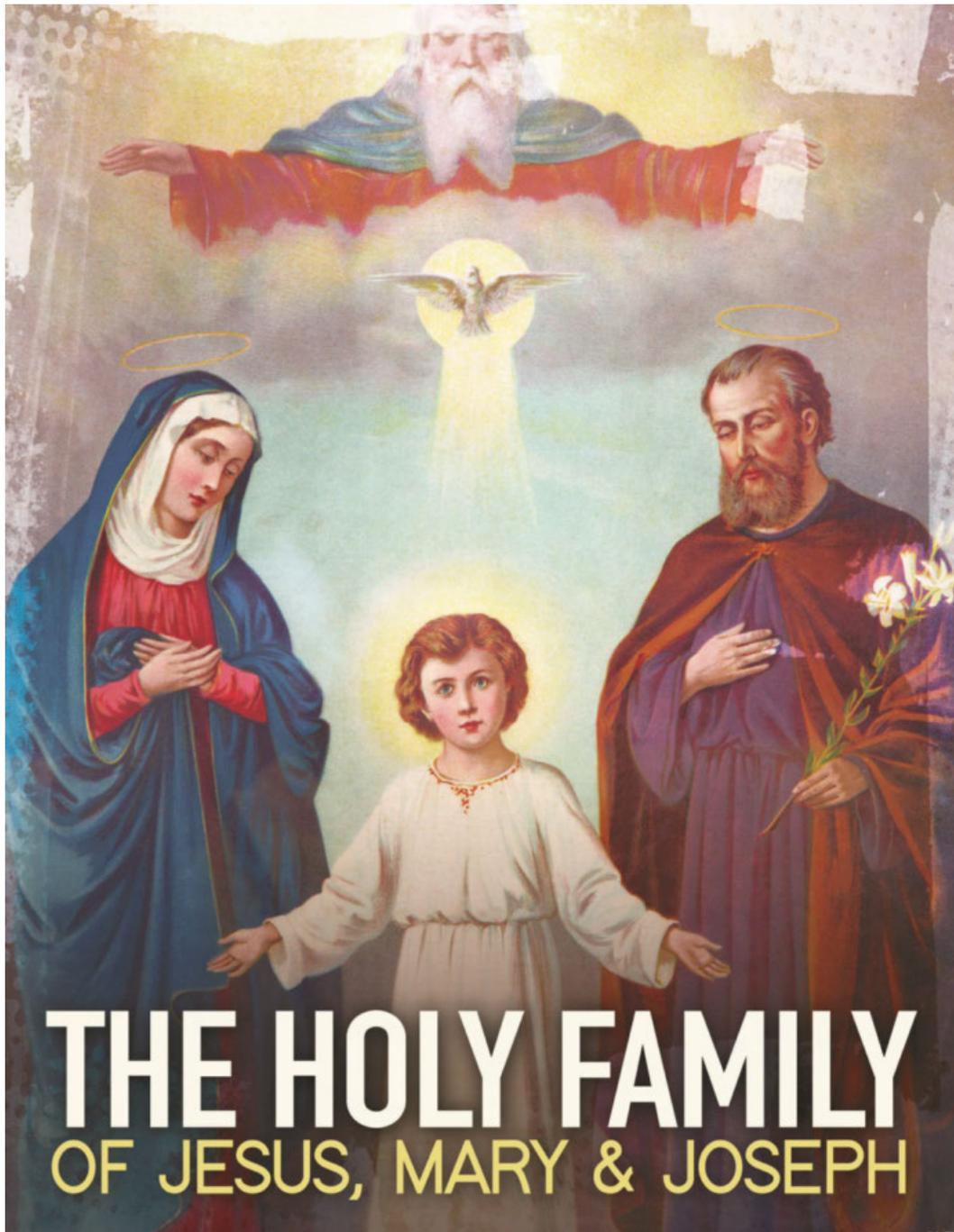


December 26, 2021 † The Holy Family



# THE HOLY FAMILY

## OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### WEEKEND MASSES

Mass Registration  
No Longer Required

Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:00 am,  
9:00 am, 11:00am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 8:00 am  
Tuesday: 8:00 am  
Wednesday: 8:00 am  
Thursday: 8:00 am  
Friday: 8:00 am

### HOLY DAY OBLIGATION

Eve of Holy Day: 7:00 pm  
Holy Day Masses:  
9:00 am and 7:00 pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00—3:45 pm  
and by appointment  
Communal Penance  
celebrated during  
Advent and Lent

### ROSARY

Weekdays before Mass  
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Parishioners call Fr. Jacek Junak, CR at (815) 385-1477, EXT. 202 for information, requirements, and scheduling for baptism preparation classes.

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Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. 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 we see nothing but 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, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Alexandria Arber	Flo Gofron	Dan Oleksa
Jakey Baldassano	Agnes Grams	Bob Osborn
Kinsley Bentz	Amy Hershenbach	Robert Phillips
Diane Berlin	Joanne Hoy	Kathy Posey
Don Berlin	Richard Jastre	Jason Pratt
Larry Blaney	Jim Johnston	Lester Rieck
Susan Boeck	Judy Jonas	John Robbins
Dick Bowe	Michael Jonas	Nancy Roberts
Stanley Butski	Jameson Justen	Roz Ruiz
Carmelita Caifano	Jerome Kehl	Shelia Salemme
Jeannie Caifano	Judy King	Jerry Schillaci
Serenity Carf	Alfred Kohler	Gretchen Short
Toddi Conway	Kristen Kory	Judy Spears
Mike & Sharon Coyle	Connie Kucharski	Robert Spears
Mary Decman	Janet Lacerda	Bill Spellman
Lawrence DiPrima	Richard Laskowski	Pete Spitz
Timothy Duffek	Joanne Laskowski	Kayla Stefka
Suzy Ely	Eloise Leight	Benny Taylor
Paulette Elsey	Dean & Sandra	Ralph Torres
Peter Feyen	Lenard	Christine Turner
Shirley Fix	Carol Madigan	Karen Walker
John Ferraro	Robert Madsen	Gina Wierz
Mark Fischer	Ron Marulewski, Jr.	Alice Zabawski
Tina Fosnacht	Jill McLean	Joanne Zaremba
Glenda Fussell	Sr. Carol Mecko	Brian Zinkel
Carol Gall	Aaliyah Meyer	Diane Zyskowski
Debbie Glen	Bill Nowak	

*We will keep names on the list for eight weeks, and then remove. If you would like the name of your loved one to be on the list for longer than eight weeks, please call the Parish Office to renew. Thank you for your understanding.*

## WEEKLY READINGS

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Dec. 25, The Nativity of the Lord**

12:00 AM	† Deceased Members of the Malnaric & Muich Families (Family)
9:00 AM	† George Brossard (Paul & Gerri Konczak)
11:00 AM	† Jim Blaney (Family)
-No 4:00 PM Mass-	

**Sunday, Dec. 26, The Holy Family**

7:00 AM	Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors of St. John the Baptist (Fr. Jacek)
9:00 AM	† Alan Jastre, <i>Anniversary</i> (Family)
11:00 AM	† Mary Ann DeSimone (Christine Marulewski)

**Monday, Dec. 27, St. John, Apostle**

8:00 AM	† Katie Ball, <i>Birthday</i> (John & Stephanie Ball)
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**Tuesday, Dec. 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

8:00 AM	† Les Klotz & Gene Downing (Kathy Downing)
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**Wednesday, Dec. 29, St. Thomas Becket**

8:00 AM	† Rachele Wojcik (Family)
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**Thursday, Dec. 30, 6th Day of Christmas Octave**

8:00 AM	† James Koath (John & Diane Wysocki)
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**Friday, Dec. 31, St. Sylvester**

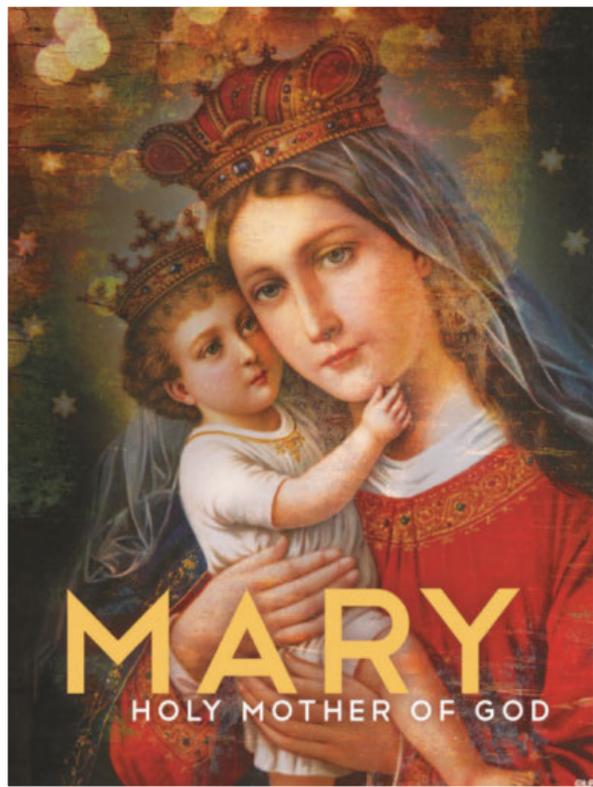
8:00 AM	† Melania Thiel (Family)
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**Saturday, Jan. 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)**

9:00 AM	† Deceased Members of the Neumann Family (Family)
4:00 PM	† Benedict Balsler, Jr. (Katie Schumacher)

**Sunday, Jan. 2, Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 AM	† John Hiller (Family)
9:00 AM	† Leszek Czyz (Halina Korzeniewski)
11:00 AM	† Alina Zegarska (Fr. Jacek)



## Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth,  
you came to us and took our earthly flesh  
through the gift of Mary's yes.  
She is our Mother in faith,  
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you  
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.  
Through her self-giving,  
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year  
and endow us with the desire and ability  
to create a world of peace.

We ask all this,  
through the intercession of Mary to you,  
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

### 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



### St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

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.



#### Upcoming Schedule

##### Mary, Holy Mother of God—December 31st

8:00 AM Morning Mass

7:00 PM Mass

##### Mary, Holy Mother of God—January 1st

9:00 AM Mass

4:00 PM Mass (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

##### Sunday Mass Obligation—January 2nd

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM



### *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

This week, as we celebrate the birth of Christ, and we prepare to welcome the New Year, perhaps consider this challenge. Pick a person or family to “spiritually adopt” and pray for each day throughout the coming year. They could be someone you know or someone you don’t, someone you have encountered at church, the grocery store, or work. They could be your friend, or even more challenging, they could be someone with whom you have a difficult relationship. No matter the circumstance, commit to praying for this person or family and their every need during your daily prayers for 365 days—And don’t tell them! Bear witness to the power of prayer and watch how God works in their lives—and in yours, too!

"GOD IS LOVE.  
WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM."

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE



# SJS STUDENTS BRING JOY AND GOOD CHEER FOR ALL OF THEIR NEIGHBORS TO HEAR

*On Thursday, December 16th, St. John the Baptist School students and staff braved the blustery winds to spread Christmas joy throughout the surrounding community by singing Christmas Carols for all to enjoy! Smiles were brought to so many faces! Spreading the love of Christ through song is one of the many ways that makes SJS a special place to be at Christmastime!*



**SUPPORT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB**



**St. John the Baptist Catholic School**

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Dear Families,

The St. John the Baptist Catholic School Booster Club's goal is to encourage and guide students in competitive circumstances instilling **Teamwork**, **Sportsmanship**, and most importantly **Christian Values**. These principles will have a lasting impression on the students here at St. John's as they become adults.

We count on your **Booster Club Memberships of \$80** per year to fulfill this goal. Your membership dues finance the purchase and maintenance of our playground and physical education equipment. In the last two years your memberships contributed to the purchase of the following equipment: dodge balls, tether ball, yoga mats, large parachute, trapeze ladder for the playground and a teeter totter for our preschool playground.

With your Booster Club Membership you will be eligible to **WIN \$200, \$100, and/or \$50** from our **monthly drawings**. Please return the below form to the parish office or drop in the collection basket to the attention of Kasia.

**God Bless You!**  
**Thank You for Your Support!**

Kasia Placek  
St. John's Booster Club  
815.385.1477 ext 204

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(Please enclose form with your membership)

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## MINISTRY NEWS &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS


**PRO-LIFE PRAYER**

Please join us  
**Saturday, January 1st**  
 at 6:00 am as we pray  
 for the protection of  
 unborn babies and their  
 mothers in the church.

**Please Consider Supporting the  
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul!**

Many jobs in our community have hours that are totally dependent upon clients and their needs. A young single mother who provides in-home assistance to the elderly found her hours reduced to just 5 hours/week when her client was hospitalized. With her income drastically reduced, she struggled to find the funds for gasoline, food and clothes for her growing toddler. St. Vincent de Paul filled her car with gas, provided bags of food as well as an Aldi's gift card and a voucher to purchase baby clothes from Home of the Sparrow. This month, donations of body wash are greatly appreciated.



*"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor."*

*Proverbs 22:9*

Unwanted religious items and mailers are not allowed to be left in the back of the Church. Too many items have been discarded and left in the Narthex. If you would like to donate particular items, please stop by the parish office to see if we are able to repurpose them for parishioners. Thank you for your understanding!

**JOIN US AT OUR NEW TIME!**
**PRAY FOR OUR  
 UNITED STATES**

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**JOIN US FOR THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

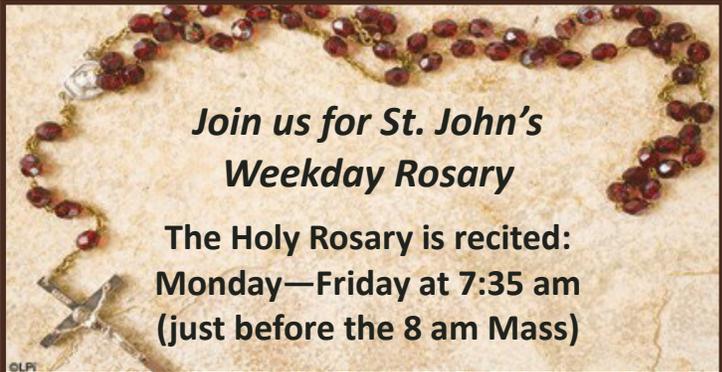
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**FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
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*Masses Intentions are available for 2022!*


The offering of Holy Mass is a beautiful way to honor someone at the Altar of Our Lord.

Please visit the Parish Office if you would like to obtain a special Mass Intention.

**HOLY LEAGUE FOR MEN**
**THURSDAY, JAN. 6TH  
 AT 7:00PM IN CHURCH**

**JOIN US FOR  
 ADORATION,  
 RECONCILIATION,  
 & FRATERNAL TIME.**


*Join us for St. John's  
 Weekday Rosary*

The Holy Rosary is recited:  
**Monday—Friday at 7:35 am**  
 (just before the 8 am Mass)

## MINISTRY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1<sup>ST</sup> WAY LIFE CENTER** – located at 3714 N. Fairfield Ave. in Johnsburg – is a life-affirming pregnancy resource center that assists young women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. As the end of the year approaches, 1<sup>st</sup> Way is low on many of its baby supplies. During this Season of giving, please consider donating new baby items from the **Wish List** below.

- Square laundry baskets for layettes
- Crib sheets (pink, blue, white or yellow)
- Baby blankets
- Disposable diapers (varying sizes from newborn thru 5)
- Wipes, baby shampoo, etc.
- Hooded bath towels
- Bibs
- Onesies (newborn to 2T)
- Sweaters (newborn to 2T)
- Sleepers, undershirts/onesies (newborn to 2T)
- Infant clothing of all kinds (newborn to 2T),
- Newborn socks & both boy and girl newborn gowns)

Please drop your items off at 1<sup>st</sup> Way; hours are: Monday through Thursday 9 - 4 and Friday 9 - noon.

If you would like information regarding volunteer opportunities and other ways you can help 1<sup>st</sup> Way, please contact Director, Judy Cocks, at 815-385-2999, or email her at: [life@1stWayJohnsburg.com](mailto:life@1stWayJohnsburg.com).

Training is provided. Thank you!



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The Bereavement Ministry's next meeting is Monday, January 3rd at 5:00 pm in the Parish Office.

### Cemetery Notice:

**ALL** inverted vases have been put in-ground for the fall and winter seasons. Unfortunately, some inverted vases have been put up again for continued use. Inverted vases are for use in the spring and summer seasons **only**. **Any damage to inverted vases and/or markers that may occur is NOT the responsibility of St. John's Cemetery/Parish. (PLEASE NOTE...Burial equipment may accidentally ride over upright vases and cause damage to vases/markers when buried under snow.)**

Also, candles are **not** allowed in the cemetery.

Christmas wreaths on stands can be placed in the cemetery after leaf pick-up is finished for the season.

Please note...Cemetery seasonal rules are posted on signs throughout the cemetery year round.

**Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**



**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**December 27th—January 2nd**

<b>MON. 12/27</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> 7:35 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass
<b>TUES. 12/28</b>	7:35 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass
<b>WED. 12/29</b>	7:35 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass
<b>THR. 12/30</b>	7:35 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass
<b>FRI. 12/31</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> 7:35 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass 7:00 pm Mass (Mary, Mother of God)
<b>SAT. 1/1</b>	<b>Mary, Mother of God (Nota HDO this year)</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>World Day of Peace</b> 6:00 am Pro-Life Prayer, Church 9:00 am Mass (Mary, Mother of God) 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass
<b>SUN. 1/2</b>	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> 7:00 am Mass 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Patriotic Rosary, Church 11:00 am Mass

PH- Parish Hall (School Gym) PO- Parish Office



**CHURCH FINANCES**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Regular Collection (12/5).....	\$ 9,253.00
Loose Collection (12/5).....	\$ 712.61
Online Donations.....	\$ 1,498.00

**DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP 2021**

<u>2021 Diocesan Stewardship Goal</u>	<b>\$66,550.00</b>
Pledged to Date .....	\$ 55,953.00
Paid to Date .....	\$ 51,972.37
Difference between goal and payments	<b>\$ 14,577.63</b>

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[www.rockforddiocese.org/donate](http://www.rockforddiocese.org/donate)

See if your employer participates in a  
"Matching Gift Program" to double your gift.

**Please remember St. John's in your will.**  
**Thank you for your generous giving!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

- Jan. 3: Parish Office Closed
- Jan. 3: Bereavement Meeting, PO—5 pm
- Jan. 3: RE Classes
- Jan. 5: RE Classes
- Jan. 6: Holy League for Men—7 pm
- Jan. 7: First Friday Mass & Devotions—9 am
- Jan. 9: Children's Choir, Fr. Schroeder—8 am
- Jan. 10: RE Classes
- Jan. 11: BVM Meeting, PO—1 pm
- Jan. 12: RE Classes
- Jan. 12: Choir Practice, Church—7 pm
- Jan. 13: Half Day SJS
- Jan. 14: No School SJS
- Jan. 16: Pack A Sack Sunday
- Jan. 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School SJS
- Jan. 19: Choir Practice, Church—7 pm
- Jan. 20: K of C Meeting, Fr. Schroeder Building—7 pm
- Jan. 24: RE Classes



The Sanctuary Lamp is burning  
**December 26th —January 8th**

For the Special Intentions of  
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Of Jesus' True Presence in the  
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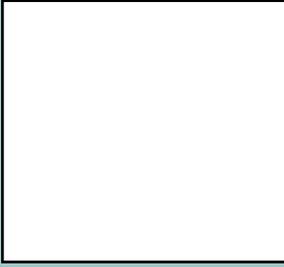
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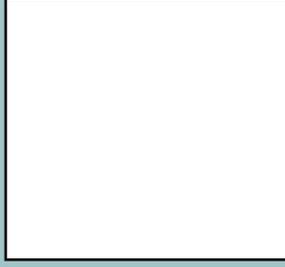
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