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December 25 & 26, 2021

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Mass Schedule

St. John's Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am
Thursday: 5:30 pm
St. Aloysius Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm

Weddings

Please make arrangements with
the pastor eight months in advance.

Baptisms

Please make arrangements by contacting
the office at 937-2017.

Funerals

Please make arrangements with the pas-
tor or with the funeral director.



THE HOLY FAMILY

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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASS Intentions

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Saturday, December 25, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M. at St John the Baptist Catholic Church
The Nativity of the Lord

In honor of: *Bernard Mbidoaka for better health **Lector:** *Janice Warren*
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Lee Parker **Giftbearer:** Volunteer

Saturday, December 25, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph: Vigil

In Memory of: * Frank & Mary Lou Sakonyi **Lector:** Barbara Glodich
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Theresa Renik **Giftbearer:** Volunteer

Sunday, December 26, 2021 @ 8:00 A.M. at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church

In Honor of: * Fr. Peter Hsu **Lector:** Shirley Jones
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Joe Blazine

Sunday, December 26, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

In honor of: St John the Baptist Parish Family **Lector:** Leonard Hopkins
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Bill Levanti **Server:** Ben McCord

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart 5:30 P.M.
NO MASS

Thursday, December 30, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
NO MASS

Friday, December 31, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
NO MASS

Saturday, January 1, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. at St. John the Baptist Church
Mary, the Mother of God

In Memory of: *James Brown by Jim and Jacqueline Brown **Lector:** George Hopkins
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jim Wangler **Giftbearer:** Volunteer

Sunday, January 2, 2022 @ 8:00 A.M. St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
Epiphany of the Lord

In Honor of: * James Leposky by Kevin & Maria Nix **Lector:** TBA
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: TBA

Sunday, January 2, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

In memory of: *Deane Christian **Lector:** Janice Warren
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Kay Levanti **Giftbearer:** Mary Snider and Emerson



Our Sanctuary Candle for the month of December is in memory of:

Elizabeth McLaskey
Vincellette

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace



Our Gifts to God



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
December 18 & 19, 2021

St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Catholic Church
December 19, 2021

Enve-

Due to the holidays and early submission of this bulletin, there will be 2 financial reports in the next bulletin.

School & Church Upcoming Events

- Saturday, December 25: 10:00 A.M. Nativity of the Lord @ St. John the Baptist Church
5: 00: Mass: Vigil The Holy Family @ St. John the Baptist Church
- Sunday, December 26: 8:00 A.M. Mass: The Holy Family @ St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
10:00 A.M. Mass: The Holy Family @ St. John the Baptist
- Saturday, January 1, 2022 Vigil Mass of Epiphany of the Lord at 5:00 St. John the Baptist
- Sunday, January 2, 2022 Mass Epiphany of the Lord 8:00 at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
- Sunday, January 2, 2022 Mass Epiphany of the Lord 10:00 at St. John the Baptist
- Monday, January 3, 2022: Teachers Workshop
- Tuesday, January 4, 2022: School Resumes!
:PSR class 5:15-6:15
- Wednesday, January 5: No Weekday mass at St. Aloysius
: PSR class: 4:30-5:30
- Thursday, January 6: 7:00: Parents Association Zoom Meeting
- Friday, January 7: School: NO SCHOOL MASS
End of 2nd Quarter. Early dismissalal 1:30 P.M.
- Saturday, January 8, 2022: 5:00 Mass: Baptism of the Lord: Vigil @ St. John the Baptist Church
- Sunday, January 9, 2022: 8:00 A.M. Mass: Baptism of the Lord @ St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
- Sunday, January 9, 2022 : 10:00 A.M. Mass: Baptism of the Lord @ St. John the Baptist Church
- Monday, January 10: PSR Confirmation Class
- Tuesday, January 11: PSR 3rd Grade and Kindergarten Class
- Wednesday, January 12: PSR 1st Communion Class
- Friday, January 14, 2022: No 8:30 School Mass

Please pray for our sick:

- Virginia Calonne
- David Dobill
- Carolyn Freeman
- June Glenski
- Billy Glodich
- Mark Glodich
- Delores Grosco
- Karen Jamrozek
- Jonny King
- Dale Krepel
- Jeanie Kretz
- Dr. Art Lenzini
- Dick McPhail
- Fr. Urban Osuji. C.M.



Bernard Mbidoaka
 Peter Popit
 Alben Rice
 Jim Wangler
 Eric Westray

December 28, 2021:
Topic: NO Class. We will resume
Classes on January 4th.

RCIA Rite of Christian
 Initiation for Adults



Diocesan Christmas Collection
December 24 & 25th

The 44th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2022 to assist those in need of food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able. Thank you so much.

Please keep in your prayers our Pastor and his sister Kaycee as they make plans to travel home to see to their father's health. He has been sick for several weeks and a major surgery is scheduled. We pray to their safety in their travels and well as for better health for their father.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
 THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



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If you need us, please call and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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.

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Readings for the week of Dec 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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Observances for the week of Dec 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday:

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

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