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## The Feast of the Holy Family

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Like the Holy Family, we, too, are called as a family and as individuals to grow in holiness. Some years ago, *Reader's Digest* carried a family quiz. It contained 12 questions addressed to parents. One of the questions read, "With guests at your Christmas dinner table, would you feel comfortable asking any of your children to say grace?" That question calls attention to one of the key concerns of every family – its prayer life.

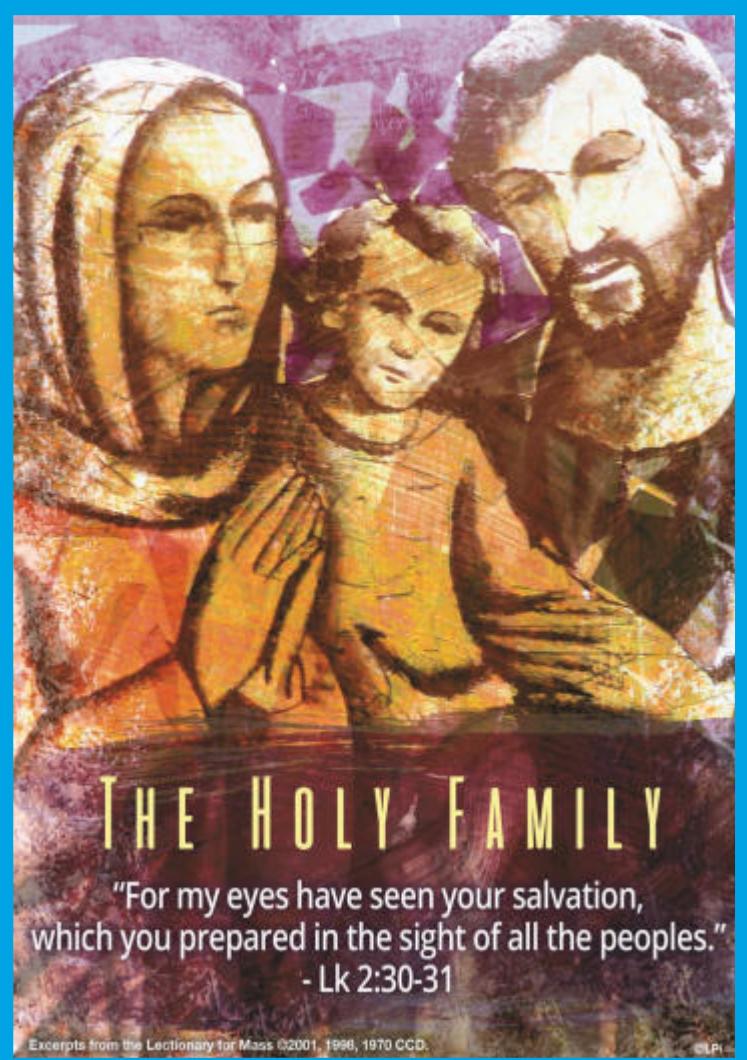
One of the most precious gifts a parent can give to a child is an appreciation of personal prayer, family prayer and group prayer. And there is no better way to do this than by example.

Sundays are communal prayer days when we meet as the big family of God. Of course, it is not always possible for families to celebrate the Lord's Supper together as a complete family. But there should be times when the family makes an effort to do this. Jesus prayed often in this setting as we hear from the gospel of Luke: "Jesus went to Nazareth, where he has been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue" (Lk 4:16).

Today's Feast of the Holy Family invites us to ask ourselves about the quality of our family prayer life. In particular, it invites us to ask ourselves how well we – fathers, mothers, sons and daughters – are contributing to the prayer life of our family.

Like the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, our family is the natural garden where human and spiritual values are sown and nurtured in children's hearts. A question that Christian parents have to ask on this feast day is whether they are busy only in working hard to feed and educate their children, or equally concerned about inculcating values, wisdom and character into them; whether their families are modeled on the Holy Family of Nazareth where Jesus grew in strength, wisdom and God's favor. If we consider this model as our family's mission, then we can depart in peace from this world when our time comes to hand over our spirit to the Lord.

Like Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna, our Christian family is called to be righteous and devout. Like Simeon, we too should have an intense desire to meet the Lord and experience his salvation. This will happen when the words of St. Paul to the Colossians comes alive in our lives: "Brothers and sisters put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection" (Col. 3:12-14). *Fr. Peter Patrick*



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**The Feast of Holy Family**



**December 27, 2020**

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## **The Week Ahead**

<b>Sunday, December 27</b>	9:00 am Mass (Church)
<b>Tuesday, December 29</b>	8:30 am Mass (Church)
<b>Thursday, December 31</b>	4:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)
<b>Friday, January 1</b>	9:00 am Holyday Mass-St. Sebastian
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>	9:00 am Mass (Church)

## **Spiritual Formation**

The pastoral staff is gifting parishioners with the book "The Search" this holiday season. The hope is that it will be a reflective tool for your personal formation. Inside the book you will find a bookmark with some helpful dates and an opportunity to sign up for Lenten formation groups centered on topics in the book. Books can be picked up in the back of church after Mass.

Young Adult Ministry: Brew City Catholic is promoting a new initiative called "Base Camp." This is a programs for Catholics in their 20's and 30's to have a daily commitment to "climb higher in their faith" from January 3- April 4 (Easter). Those interested in learning more can check out the Archdiocese webpage or search [www.brewcitycatholic.com/base-camp-2021.html](http://www.brewcitycatholic.com/base-camp-2021.html)

*Jon Metz*

## **Reflections of Faith — Open the Door**

How can we open the door to reconciliation in our personal relationships, in our society, in our Church? Share story of reconciliation that you witnessed. Send articles to [secretary@saintcatherine.org](mailto:secretary@saintcatherine.org)

## **Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, December 27** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

9:00 am † Joey Badura & Maria Buhler (Julie Ristow)

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

**Monday, December 28** *The Holy Innocents*

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday, December 29** *Saint Thomas Becket*

8:30 am All Children

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday, December 30**

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday, December 31** *Vigil of the Solemnity Of Mary*

4:00 pm Peace In The World

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Friday, January 1** *Solemnity Of Mary, Mother Of God*

9:00 am St. Sebastian

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Sunday, January 3** *Epiphany Of The Lord*

9:00 am † Gerry Narus ( Marianne Hondel)

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## **Liturgical Ministers**

**Sunday, December 27** - 9:00 am — **Fr. Peter Patrick**

Lector Gael Cullen

**Thursday, December 31** - 4:00 pm — **Fr. Peter Patrick**

Lector Kathy Hazen

**Sunday, January 3** - 9:00 am — **Fr. Larry**

Lector Brendan Holahan

## **Interested in Joining our Centennial Celebration Committee?**

Take the lead in recognizing all the people who have brought Saint Catherine Parish to its 100th Anniversary coming in 2022. We need individuals who are interested in telling our history by bringing together all the stories and events that have contributed to making this community what it is today, including the history and events of the parishes that have merged with Saint Catherine. Planning will begin at the end of January. If you want to be part of the planning committee, contact Carole at [cpoth@saintcatherine.org](mailto:cpoth@saintcatherine.org) or 445-5115, ext. 204.

## **Christmas Gifting—St. Vincent de Paul**

Your St. Vincent de Paul conference invites you to fill a shoebox with personal care items. The boxes will be given to neighbors when we visit them. A list of suggested items is in each box. You could also purchase a blanket or sheets and leave your gift under the tree. Cash donations for SVDP are also welcome. Please return these gifts by January 3. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Social Distancing In The Office**

To respect the health of our workers in the parish office, we are asking that no more than two people occupy the reception area at one time and that they maintain 6-foot distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Ellie Cunningham, Elaine Fernando, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

## School News

Tis the season of giving and the staff at St. Catherine School wants to be a blessing to all of our families. Monday, December 21, we will be having a GIFT GIVEAWAY and each student will receive two gifts as well as something for the entire family. Thanks to Mrs. Shenora Jordan and our US Marine Toys 4 Tots Program for allowing us to participate in this wonderful giving experience!

## Senior Ministry

We wish all of you a peaceful start to 2021 and a return to our pre-COVID lives. We conclude Robert Best's reflection on the holidays. "Holidays can help us to look beyond the superficial and focus instead on the things that really matter. Experience teaches us that power and influence will end, status and position will be lost, physical strength and vitality will fade. But, love will always remain. Even if the pandemic takes away some of our favorite traditions, this season presents an excellent opportunity to express love and caring. (...) Love is wonderfully healing. So, seize this moment and celebrate it! Love unused will fade away until someday we find that all we ever really had was what we gave away in love."

## Sustainability Tip

If anything has been the lesson of 2020, it is that our health is our wealth. Resolve to focus on health, well-being and sustainability in 2021 by: lessening the distance that your foods travel to be consumed; finding a healthcare professional; and exercising more by driving less. More: [justeildh.com/lifestyle/three-simple-tips-for-being-more-healthy-and-sustainable-in-2021](http://justeildh.com/lifestyle/three-simple-tips-for-being-more-healthy-and-sustainable-in-2021)

## Racing Racism

People know about the Klan and the overt racism, but the killing of one's soul little by little, day after day, is a lot worse than someone coming in your house and lynching you. *Samuel L. Jackson*

## Poinsettia Thank You

A big thank you to all who contributed for poinsettias to beautify our church for the Christmas season this year. The list of people to be remembered or honored will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

## Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am            AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Friday 6:30 pm

## Prayer for Peace

"Salve, Madre Santa!"

Virgin Daughter of Zion,  
how deeply must your Mother's heart suffer for this bloodshed!  
The child you embrace has a name that is dear to the peoples of  
biblical religion: "Jesus," which means "God saves." So the Arch-  
angel named him before he was conceived in your womb (cf. Lk  
2,21). In the face of the newborn Messiah, we recognize the  
face of all your children, who suffer from being despised and  
exploited. We recognize especially the faces of your children, to  
whatever race, nation or culture they may belong.

For them, O Mary, for their future, we ask you to move hearts  
hardened by hatred so that they may open to love and so that  
revenge may finally give way to forgiveness.

Obtain for us, O Mother, that the truth of this affirmation -- *No peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness* -- be engraved on every heart. Thus the human family will be able to find the true peace, that flows from the union of justice and mercy.

Holy Mother, Mother of the Prince of Peace, help us!  
Mother of Humanity and Queen of Peace, pray for us!

*This was a prayer of Pope John Paul II for the World Day of Peace on January 1, 2002.*

## Just Engagement: The Power to Change

Through the lens of your faith, this is an eight-week program that invites you to look at different ways to engage in your own grassroots advocacy efforts. The program will be offered virtually on Thursdays beginning January 14. To register for this program, contact Carole Poth at (414) 445-5115, ext. 204, or at [cpoth@saintcatherine.org](mailto:cpoth@saintcatherine.org).



**Eucharistic Liturgies** are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation and Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

**Confessions/Reconciliation** —Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.

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