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December 26, 2021

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IN HIM."

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Sunday 8:30 AM @ Sacred Heart
10:30 AM @ Ss. Mary & Joseph

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM
Daily Masses alternate locations,
please see inside of bulletin for location

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to weekend Masses or
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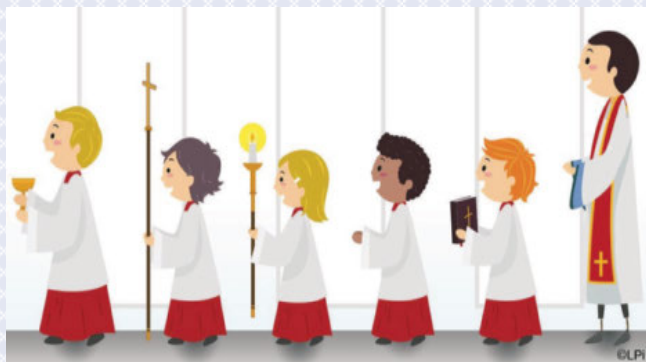
THANK YOU!!



Fr. Joseph and the staff would like to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts. We pray you have a happy Christmas season and a blessed 2022.

ALTAR SERVER CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party for children and adult servers is scheduled for Sunday, **January 2nd**, after the 10:30 AM Mass at McAleer Hall. All servers and their families are invited. Please RSVP to Joe at 470-8702 before **December 30th**.



Poinsettias were purchased and donated to Holy Family Parish for decorating, given in memory/honor of:



Steve Aguirre, Brigido, Elissa, and Natalia Becerra, JoAnn Blind, Mary Jo Boeding, Jim "Pete" Castagna, Delbert & Caroline Derr, Ed Dettmer, Luella & Jim Dunlay, Dean Forquer, Carol Hardin, Bill Helling Family, Ralph & Florence

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CHRISTMAS
— THE SAVIOR IS BORN —

OFFICE CLOSED



The parish office is closed through Sunday, January 2nd. Regular hours will resume on Monday, January 3rd.



| Day/Date | Time/Location | Intention | Saint of the Day | Scripture Readings |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Saturday December 25 | 9:00 AM @ SsMJ | For the Parishioners | The Nativity of the Lord | Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 |
| Sunday December 26 | 8:30 AM @ SH 10:30 AM @ SsMJ | For the Parishioners Bud & Glorine Pieper | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph | Sirach 3:2-14 Col 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52 |
| Monday December 27 | | No Mass | St. John | 1 John 1:1-4 John 20:1a-8 |
| Tuesday December 28 | 6:00 PM @ SH | Caroline & Joseph Walljasper Family | The Holy Innocents | 1 John 1:5-2:2 Matthew 2:13-18 |
| Wednesday December 29 | 8:00 AM @ SH | Yvonne Mertens | St. Thomas Becket | 1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35 |
| Thursday December 30 | 8:00 AM @ SH | Joan Stellern | Weekday | 1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40 |
| Friday December 31 | 4:00 PM @ SsMJ | Joe & Jackie Thompson - 20th Anniversary | Vigil of Mary, the Mother of God | 1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18 |
| Saturday January 1 | 9:00 AM @ SH 4:00 PM @ SH | For the Parishioners Ed Dettmer | Mary, the Mother of God Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord | Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12 |
| Sunday January 2 | 8:30 AM @ SH 10:30 AM @ SsMJ | Chris Reed and Paul Wilmesmeier For the Parishioners | The Epiphany of the Lord | Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12 |

| | January 1 | January 2 | January 2 |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|
| MINISTRY | 4:00 PM | 8:30 AM | 10:30 AM |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Barb Pickard Dick Pieper | Kathy Nelson, Laurie Riddle, and Deacon Stein | Kay McGushin Donna Bohnenkamp |
| Lectors | Dick Pieper | Kristi Roach and Peggy Hirte | Madeline Taylor |
| Altar Servers | Noah Krogmeier & Sawyer Rhoades | Mason & Malani Roach, & Michael Hollister | Anthony Young and Christian Hollister |
| Ministers of Hospitality | Paul & Betty Mohrfeld, Joyce Burton, & Kim Albers | Cindy Adkins, Mark Hirte, and John & Thelma King | Charlene Sallen, Kay McGushin, and Herb & Judy Pauly |
| Kensington | | Ed Soto | |
| SCRIP | | Kathy Pence | |

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE Sunday, December 12, 2021

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| Regular Envelopes | \$10,667.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 555.00 |
| Offertory | \$ 425.00 |
| Holy Trinity Schools | \$ 195.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$ 15.67 |
| Restricted Gift | \$ 320.00 |
| Youth Ministry | \$ 100.00 |
| Christmas | \$ 265.00 |
| TOTAL PARISH GIFTS | \$12,542.67 |

Also received:

- Human Development - \$10
- Solidarity for the Church in Africa - \$40
- Thanksgiving - \$15
- Votives - \$196
- Retirement Fund for Religious - \$2,085
- Brown Bag - \$82
- Helping Hands - \$152.50
- Gethsemane - \$150
- Immaculate Conception - \$385

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special thank you to those who continue to mail in or drop off their contributions during this ongoing global pandemic.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has donated or pledged to the ADA. We still need people to make payments on their pledges to reach 100% of donations received. We are currently at 82%. If you have not made a pledge, it's not too late to do so. Thank you

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At this time, we only have enough stewards to start selling SCRIP at the 8:30 AM Mass. As more people sign up to sell at the other Masses, we'll begin selling at

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

Wishing everyone blessings in the new year! Make a New Year's resolution to attend this meeting! The next Altar and Rosary meeting will be Thursday, January 6th, at 9:00 AM at McAleer Hall. All ladies of the par-

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Any contributions that you want to be counted for 2021, **HAVE** to be **IN** the parish office **NO LATER THAN** December 31st. Any contributions received **on or after** January 1st will be counted for 2022.

WOULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW LIKE A VISIT?

Would you or someone you know like a visit from Fr. Joseph or Sister Peggy? Either of them would be more than happy to visit and bring Jesus in the Eucharist if invited. Fr. Joseph would also be happy to give the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick if wanted. Please call the parish office, 372-2127, if you or someone else would like a visit.

Any information that can help staff better stay connected to those in need is greatly appreciated.



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO:

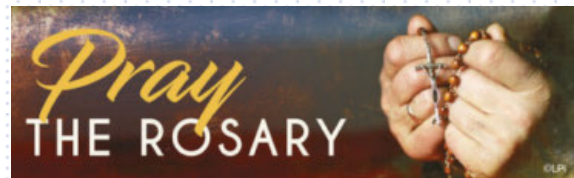
- Schedule a visit with Fr. Joseph or Sister Peggy
- Add a family member
- Set up a wedding or baptism
- Register as a new parishioner
- Change phone number, address, e-mail, etc.
- Start or change donation giving
- Sign up for Stewardship activity
- To receive The Catholic Messenger

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The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our

ROSARY AT HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

Beginning in January, the Frassati Group at HTC High School will be leading a monthly rosary before the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The first one will be held on Friday, January 7th, at 11:45 AM in the high school chapel. Everyone is welcome to come



PRAYER SHAWL



Prayer Shawl will resume meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM at the parish office

WORLD-WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic faith-based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Find out what you've been missing by attending one of these upcoming experiences: February 11 - 13th in Ankeny and April 23 - 24th in Epworth. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2021 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS *Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation*

~ cont'd from last week's bulletin

For Saint Joseph, service – as a concrete expression of the gift of self – did not remain simply a high ideal, but became a rule for daily life. He strove to find and prepare a place where Jesus could be born; he did his utmost to protect him from Herod's wrath by arranging a hasty journey into Egypt; he immediately returned to Jerusalem when Jesus was lost; he supported his family by his work, even in a foreign land. In short, he adapted to different circumstances with the attitude of those who do not grow discouraged when life does not turn out as they wished; he showed the *willingness* typical of those who *live to serve*. In this way, Joseph welcomed life's frequent and often unexpected journeys: from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the census, then to Egypt and again to Nazareth, and every year to Jerusalem. Each time he was willing to face new circumstances without complaining, ever ready to give a hand to help resolve situations. We could say that this was the *outstretched hand* of our heavenly Father reaching out to his Son on earth. Joseph cannot fail to be a model for all vocations, called to be the *ever-active hands of the Father*, outstretched to his children.

I like to think, then, of Saint Joseph, the protector of Jesus and of the Church, as the *protector of vocations*. In fact, from his willingness to serve comes his *concern to protect*. The Gospel tells us that "Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night" (Mt 2:14), thus revealing his prompt concern for the good of his family. He wasted no time fretting over things he could not control, in order to give full attention to those entrusted to his care. Such thoughtful concern is the sign of a true vocation, the testimony of a life touched by the love of God. What a beautiful example of Christian life we give when we refuse to pursue our ambitions or indulge in our illusions, but instead care for what the Lord has entrusted to us through the Church! God then pours out his Spirit and creativity upon us; he works wonders in us, as he did in Joseph.

Together with God's call, which makes our greatest *dreams* come true, and our response, which is made up of generous *service* and attentive care, there is a third characteristic of Saint Joseph's daily life and our Christian vocation, namely *fidelity*. Joseph is the "righteous man" (Mt 1:19) who daily perseveres in quietly serving God and his plans. At a particularly difficult moment in his life, he thoughtfully considered what to do (cf. v. 20). He did not let himself be hastily pressured. He did not yield to the temptation to act rashly, simply following his instincts or living for the moment. Instead, he pondered things patiently. He knew that success in life is built on constant fidelity to important decisions. This was reflected in his perseverance in plying the trade of a humble carpenter (cf. Mt 13:55), a quiet perseverance that made no news in his own time, yet has inspired the daily lives of countless fathers, labourers and Christians ever since. For a vocation – like life itself – matures only through daily fidelity.

How is such fidelity nurtured? In the light of God's own faithfulness. The first words that Saint Joseph heard in a dream were an invitation not to be afraid, because God remains ever faithful to his promises: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid" (Mt 1:20). *Do not be afraid*: these words the Lord also addresses to you, dear sister, and to you, dear brother, whenever you feel that, even amid uncertainty and hesitation, you can no longer delay your desire to give your life to him. He repeats these words when, perhaps amid trials and misunderstandings, you seek to follow his will every day, wherever you find yourself. They are words you will hear anew, at every step of your vocation, as you return to your first love. They are a refrain accompanying all those who – like Saint Joseph – say yes to God with their lives, through their fidelity each day.

This fidelity is the secret of joy. A hymn in the liturgy speaks of the "transparent joy" present in the home of Nazareth. It the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbor. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade our seminaries, religious houses and parishes! I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the *dream* of your lives, *servicing him* in your brothers and sisters through a *fidelity* that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy. May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!

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