



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH – YEAR C

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am

### Weekday Masses

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00am  
Wednesday: 6:00pm

Holiday Masses As Announced

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm  
Wednesday: 5:00-5:30pm  
or by appointment



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**CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25, 2021**

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE AND GOOD WISHES TO ALL!**

Dearest brothers and sisters, this is Christmas! We are here at this moment as a way of returning our love and our way of saying thanks to God for sending His Son Jesus to us, out of love. Jesus came because he loves us, and he wants to gather us into his kingdom where there will be no more suffering or hatred or war or pain, ever.

Beloved ones, we indeed rejoice and celebrate these days God's greatest gift to the world, thus, the giving of His only begotten Son Jesus Christ. In fact, we heard in the 1<sup>st</sup> readings of the Christmas Night, Dawn and Day, the prophecy of Isaiah, the prophet that lived 700 years before Christ, about the coming of a savior and King who would bring redemption, peace, and justice to God's people and whose reign will be forever. And that was fulfilled in the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. This entails that God has proved the depth of his love for us by allowing his own son to be born of a virgin. The Word of God has finally taken flesh (Jn.1:14). It is the celebration is the incarnation and revelation of Jesus Christ. The Word, which was with the Father as Spirit, is now with us as human. Without losing His sacred or spiritual nature, he has condescended to become like us. He did this by taking flesh in a poor, humble and a willing virgin. It takes love to do this. Therefore, what we celebrate today is love because: "God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son... (Jn 3: 16). He comes as the Light to show us the way in the darkness of this world. He invites us to join him in the struggle against the evil in our world. He desires greatly that we would accept his offer of friendship unlike many who refuse this. He became as we are so that he knows us from the inside, our struggles, our difficulties, and our joys too. And finally, he wants us to have the enduring love that he has for his Father, so that here and now we may already start experiencing the deep peace and joy he came to bring us at Christmas.

My prayer for you all this Christmas is that you may experience this Divine peace, hope, joy, and love, in your hearts and homes, in order to gently navigate you into and through the new year. Our world needs this even more in 2022, as it did that Holy Night of the first Christmas, as we face the uncertain times in struggles against the pandemic that is ravaging the world. What child is this? This is our Prince of Peace, the one who lifts our hopes, who gives us joy the type which the world cannot give, a love that leaves us speechless! And who are we to receive this gift from on high? Nothing less than God's holy children! What a joy to celebrate. Merry Christmas once again and a prosperous New Year, in advance! Happy celebrations!

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUN. OF CHRISTMAS, YR. C., DEC. 26, 2021: THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH (1Sam. 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps. 84; 1Jon. 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk. 2:41-52)**

Beloved brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a model of all Christian families. Pope Francis had reflected on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and the Gospel about the image of two families *on pilgrimage to the house of God*. Elkanah and Hannah bring their son Samuel to the Temple of Shiloh and consecrate him to the Lord (cf. *1 Sam* 1:20-22, 24-28). In the same way, Joseph, and Mary, in the company of Jesus, go as pilgrims to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover (cf. *Lk* 2:41-52). The Holy Father therefore declares, "how important it is for our families *to journey together towards a single goal!* We know that we have a road to travel together; a road along which we encounter difficulties but also enjoy moments of joy and consolation. And on this pilgrimage of life, we also share in moments of prayer. What can be more beautiful than for a father and mother *to bless their children* at the beginning and end of each day, *to trace on their forehead the sign of the cross*, as they did on the day of their baptism? Is this not the simplest prayer which parents can offer for their children? To bless them, that is, to entrust them to the Lord, just like Elkanah and Anna, Joseph and Mary, so that he can be their protection and support throughout the day."

Keeping in mind that the family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family, we know equally that one of the major threats facing families today is simply; that we don't spend enough time together. We are so busy working, or socializing, or watching TV, or on the phone calls, that we have less and less time for each other. What a pity! Indeed, in our world today, more than ever, the family is under tremendous attack because the Evil One knows that it is the very basis of society. What a great responsibility for all of you who are parents! You are the first and most important teachers and models in the lives of your children. Your vocation is no less important than that of a priest, religious or lay person. It is just a different way of responding to your baptismal calling. To ensure a healthy family, keep to these 2 guiding principles at the top of your family relationships: keep God first and love one another. May God bless our families!

Thank you all for all your Christmas wishes and gifts to me and Fr. Callistus, our resident priest. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a joy-filled New Year, up front!

**FR. FREDDIE MBIERE**



**PARISH WORKDAY**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR for  
our next Workday on  
Saturday, January 8th 8am - 12pm**



**SJV Adoration  
Adorer Needed**

**Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00am**

We are in need of an Adorer for the time slot from 10:00 to 11:00am. If you can cover this hour, even temporarily, please contact the parish office or Michelle Campbell at (217) 523-1486.

We are also in need of additional individuals to add to our Substitute List.



# MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

## Monday, December 27

**St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**  
8:00am— Bill Collins †

## Tuesday, December 28

**The Holy Innocents**  
8:00am— Marilyn Butchek †

## Wednesday, December 29

**5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
6:00pm— Anna Eleyidath †

## Thursday, December 30

**6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
8:00am— Kris & Cindy Stich (Wedding Anniversary)

## Friday, December 31

**7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
8:00am— All Souls †

## Saturday, January 1

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
8:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

### Vigil

5:00pm— Norma Jean Darovec †

## Sunday, January 2

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
8:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 1 — 8:00am (St. John Vianney)**

**Lector:** Andy Krug

**Eucharistic Minister:** Barbara Doud

**Saturday, January 1 — 5:00pm (St. John Vianney)**

**Lector:** John Ausmus

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kim Ausmus

**Server:** SUB NEEDED

**Sunday, January 2 — 8:00am (St. John Vianney)**

**Lector:** Terry Willis

**Eucharistic Minister:** Larry Hoffman

**Server:** Gage Reedy



**Thank you to everyone who contributed to Cookie Walk 2021.** It was a great success. The planning committee did an amazing job. Special thanks to all the parishioners who baked their finest Christmas Cookies and donated them to us. Please continue to support the merchants and donors who contributed to our Raffle. Without their generosity, our Raffle would not have been possible. Thank you to everyone who bought and sold Raffle Tickets. Finally, we are forever grateful to all the members of the Women's Society. Your friendship makes this effort all worthwhile.

Merry Christmas, Cindy Trainor and Michelle Campbell



**Mon, Dec 27: Parish Office Closed**

**Wed, Dec 29: 7:00am - 6:00pm Adoration**  
5:30pm Rosary

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, December 26:**  
2 Masses - 8am and 5pm

### New Year Day

**Saturday, January 1, 2022:**  
Mass at 8am

**Saturday evening, January 1, 2022:**  
Mass at 5pm as usual

**Sunday, January 2, 2022:**  
Mass of the Epiphany at 8am



A most heartfelt note of THANKS from Molly Ishmael and Family - The love and support from the SJV community has been overwhelming. Thank you to everyone for the support Molly has received and continues to receive, from both the chicken dinner fundraiser and the GoFundMe effort, but most especially for the prayers.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SJV LOVE & LINCOLN**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**Saturday, February 12, 2022**  
**6:00pm**



### St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING December 18 & 19, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$
WeShare	\$
Loose Collections	\$
<b>Total</b>	
Weekly Budget	
Weekly Surplus / Shortfall	
Capital Improvements	\$
Building & Maintenance	\$

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