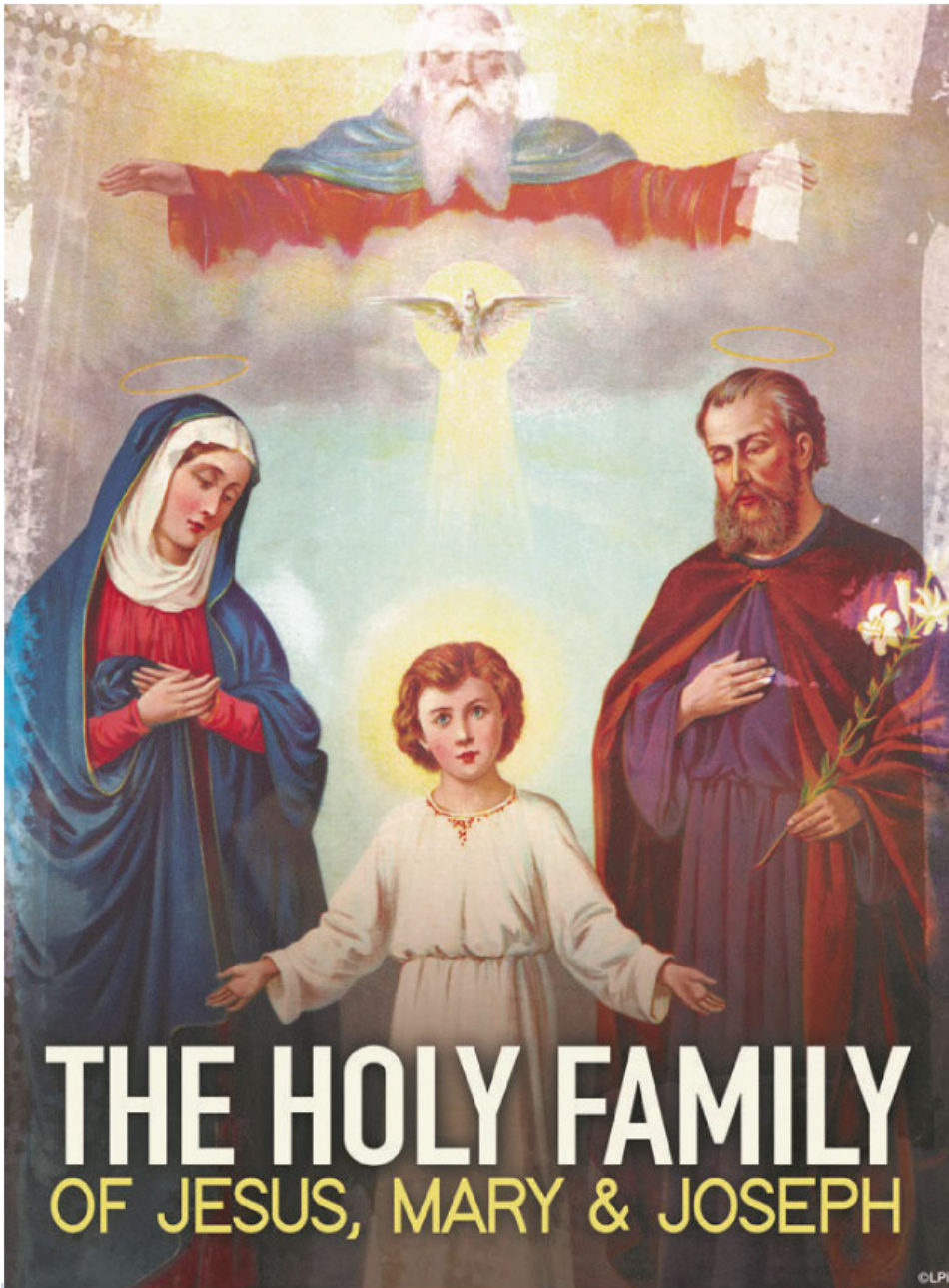


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Monday 7:00 am
 Tuesday 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:00 am
 Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 6:30 & 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Saturday after Morning Mass
 Saturday 3:00 until 3:45 pm

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Wednesday 8:00 am
 Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 9:45 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 until 3:45 pm

December 26, 2021
The Holy Family

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.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING, ST. MARY

For December 11-12, 2021

Total Received..... \$2,794.00

Thank you!

- December 26 The Holy Family
Sunday
- December 27 Parish Offices Closed
Monday
- December 29 6:30 pm Rosary at Nativity BVM
Wednesday
- December 31 Parish Offices Closed
Friday
- January 1-2 The Epiphany of the Lord
Sat./Sun.

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, MTS

MASS INTENTIONS - ST. MARY

Monday, December 27, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
7:00 AM Ken Hoftenter (Carol Klinkhammer)

Tuesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
5:30 PM Donald Oliver (Carol Dolan)

Wednesday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop
7:00 AM Peter Leibold (Family)

Thursday, December 30
7:00 AM Mary & Tom Sheehan (Carol Dolan)

Friday, December 31, St. Sylvester I, Pope
7:00 AM Geri O'Connor (Jean & Paul Rettig)
6:00 PM Lucille & Don Jackson (Family)

Saturday, January 1, Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00 AM Mike Powers (Bernie & Dick Halvorson)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1
4:00 PM St. Mary & Nativity BVM Parishioners

Sunday, January 2
6:30 AM Tom Sheehan (Patsy & Kirk Lee)
8:00 AM Delores Ginter (Family Friends)

LITURGICAL & VOTIVE MEMORIALS

The Blessed Mother & St. Joseph Candles are lit this week in celebration of Skip & Mary Jean Lange (Family).

The Eucharistic Bread and Wine being used this week is given in celebration of Skip & Mary Jean Lange (Family).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekdays, December 27- January 1
Server..... Tom Francois

6PM FRIDAY, December 31
EM/MC..... Deacon Jamie
Lector..... Al Troupe
Servers..... Volunteers

4PM SATURDAY, January 1
EM/MC..... Deacon Doug
Lector..... Gina Lange
Servers..... Mike Bigelow

6:30AM SUNDAY, January 2
EM/MC..... Deacon Jamie
Lector..... Kathy Herting
Server..... John Herting

8:00 AM SUNDAY, January 2
EM/MC..... Deacon Doug
Lector..... Gerarda Keppler
Servers..... Thomas & Luke Williams

MASS INTENTIONS - NBVM

Monday, December 27, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
No Mass

Tuesday, December 28, the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
No Mass

Wednesday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop
8:00 AM Joe, Tony & Mary Hargrafen (Joseph McCormick)

Thursday, December 30
No Mass

Friday, December 31, St. Sylvester I, Pope
8:00 AM Heitkamp Family (Linda Heitkamp)

Saturday, January 1, Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:45 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1
4:00 PM Lucille & Dave Coates Family (Julie Cannistra)

Sunday, January 2
9:45 AM Betty Tatro (Kathy & John Williams)

ROSARY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

We pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in church, for all who are sick and for any other special intentions that people may have. To everyone, both men and women as well as children, all are welcome to come and join us.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

9:45 AM Saturday, January 1
EM..... Volunteer
Lector..... Volunteer
Ushers..... Volunteers

4PM Saturday, January 1
EM..... Lee Donar
Lector..... Vickie Middendorf
Ushers..... Bob Bussan, Richard Ploessl

9:45AM Sunday, January 2
EM..... Lois Wubben
Lector..... Natalie Berning
Cantor..... Melissa Kenkel
Ushers..... Bill Muchow, Ed Kuhle

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