

saint **J**oseph church
December 26th, 2021



Mission Statement

St. Joseph Catholic Church strives to be a living, growing community of prayer, support and service formed by the Gospel. We try to live out these Gospel values in our Catholic heritage and pass them onto the upcoming generations. In the spirit of Jesus we try to reach out to those among us who are in need of our support and care within our parish and beyond.

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The Nativity
OF THE LORD

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11



Mass Intentions

December 24 Jason Martin
Mildred Mueller Hogg

December 26 Justin & Gera Thacker
For the Partnership Parish

January 2 Vincent Hogg & Family
Blessing & Good Health

Dear Friends in Christ,
As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: "we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us." My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion, and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

Heavenly Father we pray for. . .

Christina Fairlie	Father Jim Margason
Jerry Ohanian	Theresa Keepper
	Diane Sonneman

We also pray for their loved ones and caregivers.
May they never lose sight of the love of God.

For those serving in the Military -
May God protect those who protect us!



A Very Warm Merry Christmas from Father Jim and the Staff of St. Joseph & Corpus Christi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



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 ©LPi

Joseph House News! WOMEN'S WRESTLING FINISHES THIRD AT NORTH CENTRAL OPEN.... The Bearcats had a total of six Top-3 finishers at last weekend's North Central Open. Kayla Marano won the 155-lb. weight class, while Sydnee Kimber and Jaycee Foeller topped the 191-lb. class. Joye Levendusky was the runner-up at the 170-lb. class while Skye Realin was the runner-up at the 136-lb. class. The final top -3 finisher was Natalie Reyna at the 109-lb. class. As a team the Bearcats collected 91 points to finish third overall.



Weekly Readings Week of December 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

Holiday Kindness ReKap



Thank you St. Joseph & Corpus Christi for your Kindness once again this year! You put smiles on the faces of 30 Griffin Center Children & 15 Local Lebanon Children with Christmas gifts. 150 Bags of Goodies were given to the local residents in our Care Centers, 5 bags to our own Homebound.



You hosted the Bishop with a Beautiful Reception, not only for the Parish Mass but also Joseph House !



Thank you to all who donated to the Holiday Hilltop. Holiday Hilltop makes "Miracles Happen." In the 10 years of assisting local "recipients" - they have raised over \$285,000.00!

Now that is EXTRAORDINARY!
Come Home Soon Little Ford. . .
We are praying for you!



\$105 raised from Giving Tree for Holy Angels Shelter

St. Joseph's always comes thru with such Grace & Kindness to those less fortunate.

Thank you for opening your hearts again this year!



December 26th – Today's Gospel tells of Jesus starting the work of His "vocation". He begins His teaching at the age of 12. Our vocation starts (maybe even earlier than age 12) as an indwelling, with the quiet whisper of God's pull on our heart.

It's often personal and difficult to describe to others and often takes much prayer and discernment to see clearly. St. Francis de Sales reflected on this individual nature of our call, "We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."



Help our aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others-educating the young, comforting the sick and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care and more.

Please give generously.



December 27	Sara Baer Brody Colon Nathan Hustedde
December 28	Callie Jensen
December 29	Adam King Colin Lampkin Emily Ruma Kyle Suydam
December 30	Lelani Wilhelm
December 31	Mary Hogg Dennis Jensen



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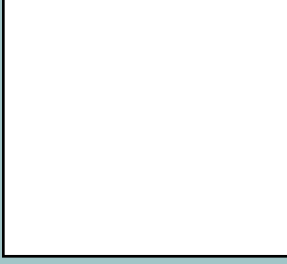
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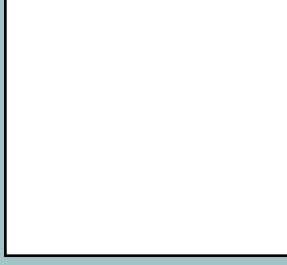
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