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Baptism and Marriage

Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls

5.30pm St James Saturday evening

Or call Parish Office to schedule your confession

Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Merry Christmas!

What does December 26th mean to you? For most people it means that Christmas is over. Our rhythm of celebrating Christmas is very much along the lines of the secular celebration.

We put a massive amount of effort into preparing for December 25th...then, the very next day, we feel a bit blue. "It's over," we think. We take down our Christmas lights, drag the tree out to the curb, and return to our everyday lives.

Stop right there!

For the Catholic Church, it means the celebration has just begun! The carols, the feasting, the lights, the joy, have only just commenced. We are about to rejoice in a long celebration of the birth of Christ, the Messiah.

There is a reason why Christmas is called a season. It does not last for a single day. This is now Christmastide! What is Christmastide? Have you heard of the twelve days of Christmas?

These 12 days refer to the Christmas octave as well as the four subsequent days which take us to the feast of Epiphany. But wait there's more! The entire Christmas season (Christmastide) lasts 40 days.

It begins with the vigil Mass said on Christmas Eve, and ends on February 2nd, Candlemas, which is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Jesus' presentation in the temple.

Today, December 26th is usually the Feast of St. Stephen the martyr. But this year the 26th is a Sunday, so it is the feast of the Holy Family. We celebrate that God wanted a familial relationship with us.

The family is designed in the image of perfect love and the perfect family; the Holy Trinity. The role of both father and mother are indispensable and, as exemplified in the temple scene, rooted in mutual respect. As the blessed Mary humbly refers to Joseph even before herself, Joseph also remains humbly silent, allowing Mary, instead to speak.

We are to look to Jesus as the constant model for our behavior. Note His respect and humble obedience toward Mother Mary and St. Joseph, and His underlying seeking of the Father above all things.

It can be easy to take family for granted, especially after so much "closeness" at Christmas. This week be intentional about your relationships in your family. Have gratitude and say "thank you." Have humility and say "I'm sorry" (if need be). Kids: Spend time with your siblings, sit and talk with your mom, hang out with dad. Do some extra chores or follow through on what your parents ask without complaining. Think how your attitude affects your family and note what happens when you love your family more.

For the next forty days remember: keeping company with the Christ Child in our hearts is the gift that He desires from us.

I beseech the powerful aid of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, to bless your families with peace and good health this Christmastide,
God Bless you and Happy New Year,
Father Letona

Character Builds Families

Celebrating Christmas for the FULL 12 days is exciting and yet can be a bit stressful with young children.

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. Mary was young (by today's standards) and she was forced to leave her home to have her child in a stable.

Thinking about what she endured and how gracefully she endured it, trusting in God. Let us celebrate today with our children.

Bake a Christmas cookie you may not have had time to bake.

Add two new decorations to your beautifully be-decked home.

Talk with your children about the birth of Christ and how special it is.

Share the story of the fourth wise man with them. (Don't know it?

Jump on Formed.org and find this timeless classical movie)

Remember Christmas isn't one day, (Dec 25th) it's 12 days of celebration and this year it ends January 9th.



Please remember our Military and their Families

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Sgt Ethan McKay	Maj. Barbara Schulz
MSgt Rick Nelson	SMSgt. Julie Walton USAF
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Michael Haske	Leonard Blondeau	Ruth Frohmader	
Troy Lewis	Fr Clayton Elmhurst	Bruce Quist	
Barb Mock	Valerie Dziejewior		

For our Deceased

Clayton Hansen	Frank Machnik	Ellen Henthorne
Marcella Hirt	Wilda Paulson	Walt Weber
Sue Georgenson		

Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.

Secretary's Corner

Fun facts about craving out family mealtime together (an electronics free zone). Reduces depression, anxiety and stress. Reduces obesity in your children as adults.

Develops healthy eating habits and manners in children, improves self-esteem, improves communication.

Some main days in Christmastide:

26th: St. Stephen - the First Martyr: a martyr in will and in deed.

27th: St John the Apostle: A martyr in will not in deed.

28th: The Holy Innocents: Martyrs in deed not in will.

29th: St Thomas Beckett: Martyr in will and deed.

January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not obligatory this year).

January 2nd: Epiphany of the Lord: The arrival of three wise men following the star. (This was usually celebrated January 6th, but is in modern times moved to the Sunday after Holy Family.)

January 9th: the Baptism of the Lord

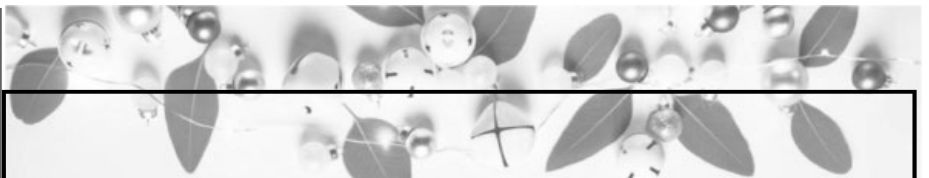
February 2nd: Candlemas- the Presentation of the Lord. This is the last day of Christmastide, 40 days of celebrating would have passed since Christmas. Candles are blessed to remind us that Christ is our light.

Why is Mary called the Mother of God?

Catechism 495 Called in the Gospels "the mother of Jesus", Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the mother of my Lord".¹⁴⁴ In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (*Theotokos*).¹⁴⁵

¹⁴⁴ Lk 1:43; Jn 2:1; 19:25; cf. Mt 13:55; et al.

¹⁴⁵ Council of Ephesus (431): DS 251.



Attend in person

6 pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas
8am St Michael's Indian Creek
10 am St Paul's New Lisbon

Holy Family Feast Sunday Dec 26
Father Letona
Readings
1 Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28 Ps 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24 Lk 2: 41- 52

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St James Schedule Jan 1

Lector Money Counter

Dorothy Tambornino

We are looking for volunteers for usher, read and money count... PLEASE CALL Kris @ 608-562-3135

St. Paul's Schedule Jan 2

Lector Eucharist Minister

Jim Nicksic Janet Barrett

Ushers Money Counter

Tom Heindl Mary Peterson/Karla Quist

(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

St. Michael's Schedule Jan 2

Lector Ushers

Wenzel Felber Kevin Kriigel/John Ollendick

Money Counters

Penni Zabinski/Lisa Powell

Saint of the Day for December 29

Saint Thomas Becket's Story

A strong man who wavered for a moment, but then learned one cannot come to terms with evil, and so became a strong churchman, a martyr, and a saint—that was Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, murdered in his cathedral on December 29, 1170.

His career had been a stormy one. While archdeacon of Canterbury, he was made chancellor of England at the age of 36 by his friend King Henry II. When Henry felt it advantageous to make his chancellor the archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas gave him fair warning: he might not accept all of Henry's intrusions into Church affairs. Nevertheless, in 1162 he was made archbishop, resigned his chancellorship, and reformed his whole way of life!

Troubles began. Henry insisted upon usurping Church rights. At one time, supposing some conciliatory action possible, Thomas came close to compromise. He momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court and prevented them from making direct appeal to Rome. But Thomas rejected the Constitutions, fled to France for safety, and remained in exile for seven years. When he returned to England he suspected it would mean certain death. Because Thomas refused to remit censures he had placed upon bishops favored by the king, Henry cried out in a rage, "Will no one rid me of this troublesome priest!" Four knights, taking his words as his wish, slew Thomas in the Canterbury cathedral. Thomas Becket remains a hero-saint down to our own times.

Reflection

No one becomes a saint without struggle, especially with himself. Thomas knew he must stand firm in defense of truth and right, even at the cost of his life. We also must take a stand in the face of pressures—against dishonesty, deceit, destruction of life—at the cost of popularity, convenience, promotion, and even greater goods.

Announcements for Tri-Parish

General Announcement

On Formed.org watch

Dec 29– St. Thomas Becket *To Be a Pilgrim: The Canterbury Way*

Dead Theologian's Society

Meeting January 2nd @ St James 6 pm

DTS is for 8th—12 grade students, come and learn about the saints.

St Michael's

We wish to thank everyone for their donations and all the lovely raffle items for our annual PCCW Christmas raffle and cookie social.

We netted \$1,196 so that is awesome! Also thank you to the CCD students and teachers for the delicious cookies and refreshments.



Family Builder Idea:

Christmas Break is here!!

How do you plan on spending it?

With your children?

With your spouse?

On vacation?

With relatives and extended family?

Here is the moment that you have been waiting for and working toward for months... Showing your children how to enjoy and take time away from the school, work and extra activities schedule. Take this time to learn what your child has been doing these past few months of school. Ask key questions about how they are enjoying the extra activities (sports, dances ect) Take some time to make a meal together and experiment with new flavors and dishes you would not have time to prepare during your normal schedule.

Happy New Year!



ST. PAUL

Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Sunday Dec 26
7.30 am @ St Michael's
 +Robert Schuh by Doris Hall
9 am @ St James
 For the People of Sts Michael, James & Paul's Parishes
10.30 am @ St Paul's
 +Wilda Paulson by Nancy & Arnie Mitzey

Monday Dec 27
NO MASS

Tuesday Dec 28
+Owen Lewis by Joanie Connor

Wednesday Dec 29
Living & Deceased members of Connor & Quist families by Marge Quist

Thursday Dec 30
Special Intention for Gabrielle Glavin by Angela Dziejwior

Friday Dec 31 Happy New Year
+Frank Michnik by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
@ 8.30 am First Saturday Mass St Pauls
 Living & Deceased members of Connor & Quist families by Marge Quist
6 pm @ St James

Sunday Jan 2
8.00 am @ St Michael's
 For the People of Sts Michael, James & Paul's Parishes
10.00 am @ St Paul's
 +Fr Jim Lesczynski by Pat White

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Offertory	\$ 61.00	Envelopes	\$ 2497.02
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St. James

Sunday Dec 26
 For the People of Sts Michael, James & Paul's Parishes
Sunday Jan 1

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Dec 11, 2021

Offertory	\$ 135.00	Votives/improvements	\$ 0.00
Envelopes	\$ 60.00	Total	\$ 265.00

St. Michael

Sunday Dec 26
 +Robert Schuh by Doris Hall
Sunday Jan 2
 For the People of Sts Michael, James & Paul's Parishes

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Dec 12, 2021

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