



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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December 26, 2021

*The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph.*

The people of Saint Joseph Parish, are called to express our Catholic identity in joyful worship and in the responsible sharing of our gifts, as we reach out to others in our community and grow in our faith, knowledge, and love of God.

Eucharistic Schedule

Sunday Obligation Mass

Saturday at 5:00p
Sunday at 8:00a and 10:30a

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and
Friday at 8:00a with Rosary 25
minutes before Mass

Communion Service

Thur. 8:00a

Devotion Schedule

First Friday of the Month

Holy Hour Exposition, Confessions, and
Benediction after the 8:00am Mass

First Saturday of the Month

Litany to St. Peregrine for the aid of
those struggling with Cancer, and
Confessions after the 8:00a Mass

Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays after the 8:00a Mass

Litany to St. Joseph

Wednesdays after the 8:00a Mass
Saturdays after the 5:00p Mass
Sundays after 8:00a & 10:30a Masses

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays after the 8:00a Mass

Holy Hour for Vocations

Adoration and Confessions
Second Wednesday from 7:00p-8:00p

Parish Staff

Pastor

Monsignor Martin Heinz

Deacons

Norm Kocol, Dennis Holian, Albert Dietz

Religious Education Coordinator

Lisa Sachs
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JoLynn Smuda
Edward Varga, PE

Parish Office Hours

Mo. and Tu. 8:30a to 2:30p
We. Th. and Fr. 8:45a to 2:00p



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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Gospel Reflection The Holy Family

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. ©LPi

 **Holiday Mass Schedules**
Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, **New Year's Eve and the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
† 5:00pm Mass with final blessing and ringing of the bell to commemorate the beginning of 2022.

Saturday, January 1, 2022, **New Year's Day and the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
† 10:00am Mass
There will be no 5:00pm Mass on Saturday in anticipation of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 2, 2021, **Epiphany**
for Sunday Obligation
(included is January's special gift for parishioners)
† 8:00am Mass
† 10:30am Mass



St. Joseph Parish Information

New To The Parish Please call or visit the Parish Office to register with our Church. A registration form can also be found on our website (see the bulletin cover for the URL and QR code).

Sacrament of Baptism A Baptismal interview is required for parents and the Family must be registered with the Parish. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., First Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m., First Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass, 2nd Wednesdays during Holy Hour at 7 p.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) If you are interested in becoming Catholic or want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office and a Deacon will be in touch.

Private Prayer in the Church St. Joseph Catholic Church remains open Monday through Friday, on days when the Parish Office is open, from 8:30am to 2:00pm for private prayers. Enter at the Main Street doors or at the accessible entrance on the North Side of the Church.

Sacrament of Matrimony Please contact the Pastor through the Parish Office at least six months before your planned nuptials.

Community Ministry Please notify the Parish Office when sacraments, visits and prayers are desired for those confined to the home, hospital or nursing home.

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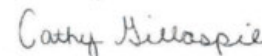
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Msgr. Martin Heinz
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Dear Msgr. Heinz,
On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of St. John's School we thank you for your very generous donation in the amount of Five Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$542.00) to be used for our school. We are truly grateful for your support in helping those families who otherwise could not afford a Catholic education. Once again thank you for your continued support of our school.

In Faith,


Mrs. Cathleen Gillaspie
Building Administrator

Pro-Life Quote of the Week

"I was once pro-choice and the thing that changed my mind was, I read my husband's biology books... At the moment of conception, a life starts. And this life has its own unique set of DNA, which contains a blueprint for the whole genetic make-up... We know there is a life because it is growing and changing." —Kathy Ireland, on 'Politically Incorrect'



Scripture Readings for the Week

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

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6
 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Mt 2:1-1



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We want to thank everyone that helped decorate the Church for Christmas. The plants, garlands, trees, candles, and lights provided a beautiful place to worship and celebrate the birth of the Savior.

The Adoration Chapel at Holy Apostles is in need of volunteer adorers to stay alongside the Blessed Sacrament. Those interested should call Sharon Arnold at 847-254-3529.



Looking for a New Year's Resolution with meaning? Resolve to share your blessings by joining the **Knights of Columbus** or **Altar and Rosary Society**. Both of these organizations help not only our parish but our community as well. Those interested should contact the parish office and leave their contact information.

Mass Intentions for the Week

M 12-27 + Gerald Gleason
Req. by the Rieger Family
Jean Paulson
Req. by a friend

T 12-28 + Bud DeHaan
Req. by Ralph and Judy Tassone
+ Helen Kash
Req. by Eleonore Varga

W 12-29 + Cecile Skozen
Req. by Jim and Ann Adrian
+ Mario Brugioni
Req. by Paige Soule'

Th 12-30 Communion Service

F 12-31 (5p) + Paul Gubin
Req. by Norm and Mary Kocol
+ Charles May
Req. by the Gaylord Family

Sa 01-01 (10a) The Living Members of the Wightman Family
Req. by Pat Wightman Nancy Cooney
The Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus and their Families
Req. by Knights of Columbus Cncl. 8366

Su 01-02 (8a) + Bud DeHaan
Req. by the Wightman Family
The Living and Deceased Members of The Altar and Rosary Society CCW
Req. by the Altar and Rosary Society
(10.5a) The People of God of St. Joseph Catholic Church

Request Mass Intentions by contacting the Parish Office, emailing saintjosephchurch@gmail.com, or leave a note in the mailbox at the office. Provide Name of the Intended, if living or deceased, Requestor Name & phone number. Fee for an intention is \$10.00.

Mark your Calendars!

- Celebration of the Nativity at the Dormition of the Mother Of God Monastery, Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021, 3:00pm.
- No 8AM Mass on Friday, Dec. 31 (see Mass Schedule on previous page)
- Knights of Columbus Mtg., Thur. Jan. 6, 7pm
- 01-12-22 Wednesday, Holy Hour for Vocations 7p-8p Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions
- Altar and Rosary Regular Mtg., Thur. Jan. 13, 7pm




All of the Staff and Volunteers at St. Joseph Catholic Church want to wish all of our friends, family, and fellow worshipers, a very merry Christmas, and a healthy New Year! May God bless you and keep you all the year long.

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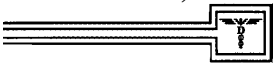

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