

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY-DECEMBER 26, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am

Weekday: Monday, Wed.- Friday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Sat. @ 6pm & Sun. @ 8:30 Masses are live-streamed

Holy Days of Obligation

7:30 pm (vigil), 6:00 am, 8:00 am & 5:30 pm

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday following Mass 8:00 am

Adoration

Every Tuesday beginning at 7:00 am.

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays at 6:45 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm

First Saturday Devotions

Rosary 7:45 am • Mass 8:00 am

Confession

Sat. 5:00-5:45pm, Sunday 6:15-6:45am & 9:50-10:15am

7:00-7:30am Monday thru Thursday, Tuesday 6-6:30pm
or by appointment.

Baptisms

Parishioners are asked to please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages

Parishioners are asked to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline

Please contact the Pastor or Sara Maune, Parish Secretary, at 636-583-2488 or email stjohnsgild@yhti.net by **Noon on Wednesday.**



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

Parish Meetings

MON: 12/27 None

TUES: Quilting all day by the ladies of the parish. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend and enjoy the day with them.

WED: no-PSR 6:30-7:45

WED: no-Bible Study 6:30-7:30, Music Rm.

Mass Time Change

Due to the voting that took place a few weeks back, the Saturday evening Mass will be begin at 5:30p.m. starting on Saturday, January 1, 2022. It will go back to the 6pm time on March 19 to follow Daylight Savings time.

St. Johns is looking for someone to clean our church on a weekly basis. Duties would include but not limited to dusting, vacuuming, as well as mopping the floors. Please talk to Fr. Foy or call the rectory 636-583-2488.



HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

With the upcoming holidays, please submit bulletin articles by the following deadlines:

Jan. 2 bulletin due Monday, Dec. 27 @ 9am



WANTED: Fig Fest Participants. Everyone is welcome to try your hand at making a Figgy pudding for the **Fig Fest on January 1st after 5:30pm** Mass. Europeans called All desserts pudding so it's a bit confusing but its really more of a cake!

Everyone votes and the winner is awarded the Golden Fig! Come join the fun and Give Me Some Figgy Pudding!

SAINT JOHN'S REGISTRATION FORM

If you have not registered, please join our parish by filling out this registration form and dropping it off in either the collection basket or the parish office. If you have any questions about how you can participate in the spiritual or sacramental life of our Church, please call Father Foy or the Parish office 636-583-2488

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

These organizations/ministries are available, if interested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Linen | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Sodality | <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musician & Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Youth Aide | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Religious Ed. (PSR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands Outreach to the Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA Team or Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Mary | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |

Upcoming Parish Event

Dec. 29 No PSR or Bible Study

Jan. 1 Happy New Year!!

Jan. 1 New Year's Day Country Church Tour, 11am-3pm

Jan. 1 Fig Fest after 5:30pm Mass

Jan. 8 Polar Plunge, Union MO 10am

Jan. 9 Poland Pilgrimage Info Mtg, 12:00pm, Music Rm.

Jan. 29 Ribbon-Cutting Mass with Archbishop at 5:30pm

Liturgical Ministers

Dec. 31 & January 1-2, 2021

Lectors:

Fri 5:30 p.m. Rose Rosebrock

Sat. 8:00 a.m. Don Brinker

Sat. 5:30 p.m. Jerry Holway

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Gail Bader

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Jerry Holway

Sun. 10:30a.m. Karen Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers: Only One MAY be needed

Fri 5:30 p.m.

Sat. 8:00 a.m. Joe Tobben

Sat. 5:30 p.m. Larry Ley, Mary Holway

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Mary Patke

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Bob & Cindy Hayden, Mary Holway

Choir- Carol Cates

Sun 10:30a.m. Gail Schierhoff, Angie Weidemann

Ushers:

Fri 5:30 p.m. Volunteers

Sat. 5:30 p.m. Volunteers

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Tim Straatmann, Kevin Maune

Sun. 8:30 a.m. John Busch, Bernie VanBooven

Sun. 10:30a.m. Tom Pfohl, Vernon Brinker

Servers:

Fri 5:30 p.m. Audrey Schmelz, Ann Dinger

Sat. 8:00 a.m. Kendyl Straatmann, Trenton Tobben, Emoree Williams

Sat. 5:30 p.m. Lane & Emily Derner

Sun. 7:00 a.m. Wayne Sahn, Dave Patke, Tim Nevills

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Everett Jacquin, Josie & Maddie Kluesner

Sun. 10:30a.m. Henry Maune, Riley Zeitmann

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December 19, 2021

Information not available at the time of publication

Readings for the 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



Christmas Card Recycle

Anyone that would like to recycle their Christmas cards please set them in the back of church, box provided. These cards are used the following year for new tags on the Jesse tree. Thank you!!

Pilgrimage to Poland Informational meeting, Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 12:00 (shortly after 10:30am Mass) in the Music Rm. This pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Foy in August 1-15, 2022.



"REFRESHING WINTER AQUATIC BAPTISMAL RENEWAL EXERCISE!"

a.k.a. Polar Plunge

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022, 10:30AM-11:00AM

AGES 10 AND UP!

LOCATION: VETERAN'S MEMORIAL LAKE, UNION, MO

Come out to celebrate the Feast of Jesus' Baptism and
Chill out!

\$10 registration fee benefits St. John's Helping Hands

Pre-register at www.christplunge.com or register that day. Registration begins at 10:00am and is \$10 per person, T-shirts are \$20 each, plunging or not, which can be paid by logging in to your OSV account or via "Quick Give" or by check or cash. All proceeds benefit the St. Johns Helping Hands Community Outreach.

THERE'S A REASON FOR THE FREEZIN'!!



Dec. 27-Jan. 2, 2021

Mon. 8:00 a.m. Rev. Robert Lampert (Rectory)
Tue. 7:00 p.m. Jim Hellmann (Rectory)
Wed. 8:00 a.m. Fr. John Hallemann (Rectory)
Thur. 8:00 a.m. Mary Cranmer (Rectory)
Fri. 8:00 a.m. Priest Purgatorial Society (D) (Rectory)
5:30 p.m. For the People (Church)
Sat. 8:00 a.m. Diana Brinker (Church)
5:30 p.m. For the People
Sun. 7:00 a.m. Roberta Maune
8:30 a.m. Geraldine Werths
10:30 a.m. Erwin Brinkmann



Jesus, I Trust In You

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Donations are being accepted to cover the cost of the beautiful new Christmas decorations that were purchased and set up this year. These replaced very old dilapidated decorations that have been around many years. Drop donations in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Christmas decoration donation". Thank you!



REMEMBER
in your prayers

SICK IN THE PARISH: Willie Kessler, Vernon Brinker, Debbie O'Malley, Bob Hayden Sr., Allen Gephardt, Rich Skiljan. We ask the Lord to bless all those who are sick or injured in our community, those who are in a nursing home, and those homebound.

HOMEBOUND/SHUT-IN: Please keep in mind if you or someone you know is convalescing or returning from the hospital and would like Communion at home, please call the rectory.

PRAYER CHAIN: Don't forget to get help from our Prayer Chain. It's been around for a while now, so it's easy to take it for granted and overlook the POWER of united prayer. When you have a pressing need, please don't forget to make use of this resource of people who care and want to be there in prayer with you. Call Laverne Schwoeppe at 636-742-5754 or 636-288-6382. She will get the Prayer Chain members to pray with you. You do not have to be a member of this Prayer Chain to make a prayer request.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Merry Christmas! Yes, I missed my column last week....but it is just the beginning of the true Christmas Season. You are fully authorized to awkwardly wish people Merry Christmas along with me all through January 9th! In fact there is really no law against Merry Christmas-ing people after January 9th....you are just on the late side for this Christmas or early for the next Christmas!

A big thank you to the people who decorated the Church for Christmas! It looks better than ever – and the new vestibule with operational restrooms is something we were only dreaming of last year. Thank you to all who have made all of this possible!

We have a parish Christmas themed party coming up on Saturday, January 1st at 6:30 pm. Everybody is invited to the 4th Annual Fig Fest! Competitors will turn to their ovens and bake their best confections and then literally bring us some Figgy pudding, as the ancient yuletide carol commands. Then everyone gathered will have the chance to try all of the puddings and help determine who wins the Golden Fig! Ahh, but you say you are going to that 5:30 pm Mass that evening, because it is the first 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil and after you are at Mass you will want some protein...something with a heartier meatier taste before you can participate in this friendly figgy festivity with Father and friends....have no fear. We will have bratwursts and hot dogs ready to go to give your digestion the right balance. Please come to the feast! We can do better than “free smells.” After trying it all out, you will have had “free food, free figgy pudding, and free smiles!”

Okay, Christmas is more than cake. It flows of course from the single greatest reality intersecting with the history of humanity: God’s love. Jesus Christ born in the flesh makes Himself accessible to us for all time. Hence His Name, Emmanuel, which means, God with us. When Christ becomes flesh in Mary’s womb, our humanity (handed onto Jesus by Mary) is married to Christ’s divinity. Since she was sinless, she gave Him the fullness of our humanity and so He has the capacity of being joined to every human being and enabling every single one of us to be joined to God through Him, with Him, and In Him...like we say at Mass. Again, through Jesus Christ, God has married the humanity that is embodied by each and every one of us. In our baptism, we say “yes” to this union and entrust ourselves to Him in response. One interesting way to consider how irrevocable and intimate this covenant is can be found in a fully human marriage. Consider how a daughter-in-law truly becomes the daughter of the father of the bridegroom. She has become one with his son through the marriage. So it is with us being so united to the Son.

Well, with all that being said....and considering how great Baptism is....and how it is traced back to Christ’s baptism....what better can we do than have another Polar Plunge and celebrate Christ’s humility and sacrifice for us. You can make a donation to the Helping Hands Outreach program!

Another way to celebrate the baptism of Christ this year is to pick an hour during our new Christmas 40 Hours of Adoration! Stay tuned for the times, but it will be spanning the weekend of January 8 and 9th.

Come out if you can for an information meeting on the pilgrimage to Poland on January 9th at 12 pm. The pilgrimage will take place from August 1 to 15th of this year and we will see many of the favorite places of St. John Paul II.

Archbishop Rozanski is coming out for a Mass on January 29th at 5:30 pm. He will also bless the new addition and cut the ribbon to officially celebrate the achievement and give the glory to God. We will have some kind of refreshments following the Mass....to be determined. Please come out and join us!

May God bless you and be your Strength!

Father Foy

BIBLE PLAN

Dec. 26 Psalms 131-134, [Acts 18:18-28](#)

Dec. 30 Psalms 142-143, [Acts 20:17-38](#)

Dec. 27 Psalms 135-137, [Acts 19:1-20](#)

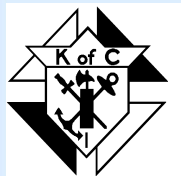
Dec. 31 Psalms 144-146, [Acts 21:1-16](#)

Dec. 28 Psalm 138, [Acts 19:21-41](#)

Jan. 1 Psalms 147-148, [Acts 21:17-40](#)

Dec. 29 Psalms 139-141, [Acts 20:1-16](#)

Jan. 2 Psalms 149-150, [Acts 22:1-16](#)



Monday, January 3, K of C meeting 7pm, Music Rm. Refreshments to follow

KC Mass, Sat. January 8 @ 5:30pm

For all **First Degree members**, it's now easier than ever to get your Second and Third degree and can be done from the comfort of your own home. For the time being, this is being held online at select times and takes approximately 45 minutes.

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Jon Derner at 314-808-2400.

St. John's School Lunch Menu

Dec. 27-31, 2021

Monday: Christmas Break!

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Christmas Break!

Thursday:

Friday: See you January 4!



Adult Bible Study

Bible study returns on Jan. 5

Where: Music room **Time:** 6:30-7:30pm

When: Wednesday evenings

Come join the Deacons for an open forum discussing the Bible plan laid out by Fr. Foy in his weekly bulletin article. *If you have any questions, contact the rectory at 636-583-2488.*

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****Also, if you would like to join our parish we would love to have you!** Just give us a call, 636-583-2488, Or, register on line at www.sjg-parish.org. Thank you!

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Join us for a day for visitors to travel around to the local parishes and enjoy their beautiful Christmas décor and traditions.

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Wyatt Morgan, son of Rod & Christina Morgan, is needing to raise money to complete his Eagle Scout Project. He is planning to build 4 cabinets in the school workroom which will allow for additional storage for the teachers. If you are interested in donating to Wyatt's Eagle Scout Project please contact Christina 314-603-9002 or drop donation in collection basket marked "Wyatt's Eagle Scout Project".



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