December 26, 2021 St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

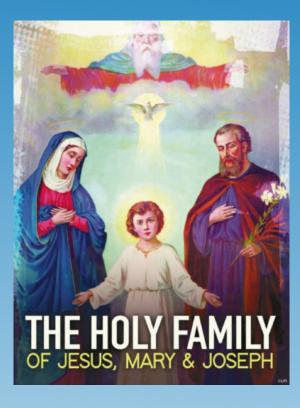
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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.
& 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass

Monday: 5:30p.m. Thursday: 9:00 a.m. First Wed. of the month: 5:30 p.m.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 12:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism Please call the parish office

Sacrament of Marriage Please call six months in advance

to arrange a marriage date. Sacrament of Anointing

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, confined to home, or healthcare facility, contact the parish office to receive the Eucharist and/or Anointing.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8a.m.-3p.m. Wednesday 2p.m.-8p.m. Thursday 8a.m.-3p.m.

Parish Staff

Pastor

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New to the Parish or visiting? We invite you to visit the welcome table in the Narthex to register or contact the parish office.

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 27 5:30p.m. Mass 6:30p.m. RCIA

Wednesday, December 29 No Religious Education

Thursday, December 30 9:00a.m. Mass

Friday, December 31 Office Closed No Mass

Saturday, January 1 11:00a.m. Mass 5:00p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 2 11:00a.m. Mass

12:00p.m. Confession

5:00p.m. Mass



Songs & Readings for December 26

Processional:

438 ~ Angels From the Realms of Glory

Offertory:

457 ~ Sing of Mary, Pure and Simple

Communion:

448 ~ Away in the Manger

Recessional:

455 ~ Once in Royal David's City





PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, who is truly present in the Eucharist. In our day, many Catholics either do not know or do not believe that the bread and wine become Your Son Jesus, truly present to us in His Body, Blood, Soul and in His Divinity. We pray that there may be a reawakening to Christ's presence in the Eucharist, as He dwells, truly present, in all the Tabernacles throughout the world. We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen



The office will be closed

December 22nd-January 3rd.

Normal office hours will resume

January 5th

Youth Faith Formation News

ALL GRADES

CHRISTMAS BREAK ~ DEC 22 - JAN 5 CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 12

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



Sunday, December 26-11:00a.m.

Father's Intentions

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Monday, December 27 - 5:30p.m.

Matthew Welker (Rose Marie Lewis)

Thursday, December 30 - 9:00a.m.

+Maxine Unterreiner (Dave & Vanessa

Unterreiner)

Saturday, January 1 - 11:00a.m.

+Rosie Miles (Joe & Cathy Miles)

Saturday, January 1 ~ 5:00p.m.

Father's Intentions

GOSPEL MEDITATION -ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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

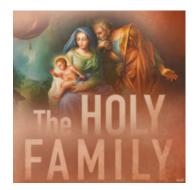
speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spiritrobbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs,

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.





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