



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

4200 Delor St.
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Sunday, December 26, 2021

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Monday~Friday 8am~3pm

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Mass Schedule

Weekend 4:00 pm Saturday

7:00 & 10:00 am Sunday

Weekday 6:30 am

(Monday ~ Friday)

Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Day As announced in
bulletin.

Bulletin Notices

Must be presented in writing or
email before 3:00 pm on Friday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm

At other times upon request

Sacraments of Baptism & Marriage

See Father after Mass

Pre-registration necessary

Marriage: Please contact the

rectory at least 6 months in
advance.

New Parishioners

Please register as soon as
possible after any of the Masses or
contact the rectory.

Devotions in Honor of the

Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Friday after the 6:30 am

Mass

First Friday Rosary and

Benediction 6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Perpetual Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

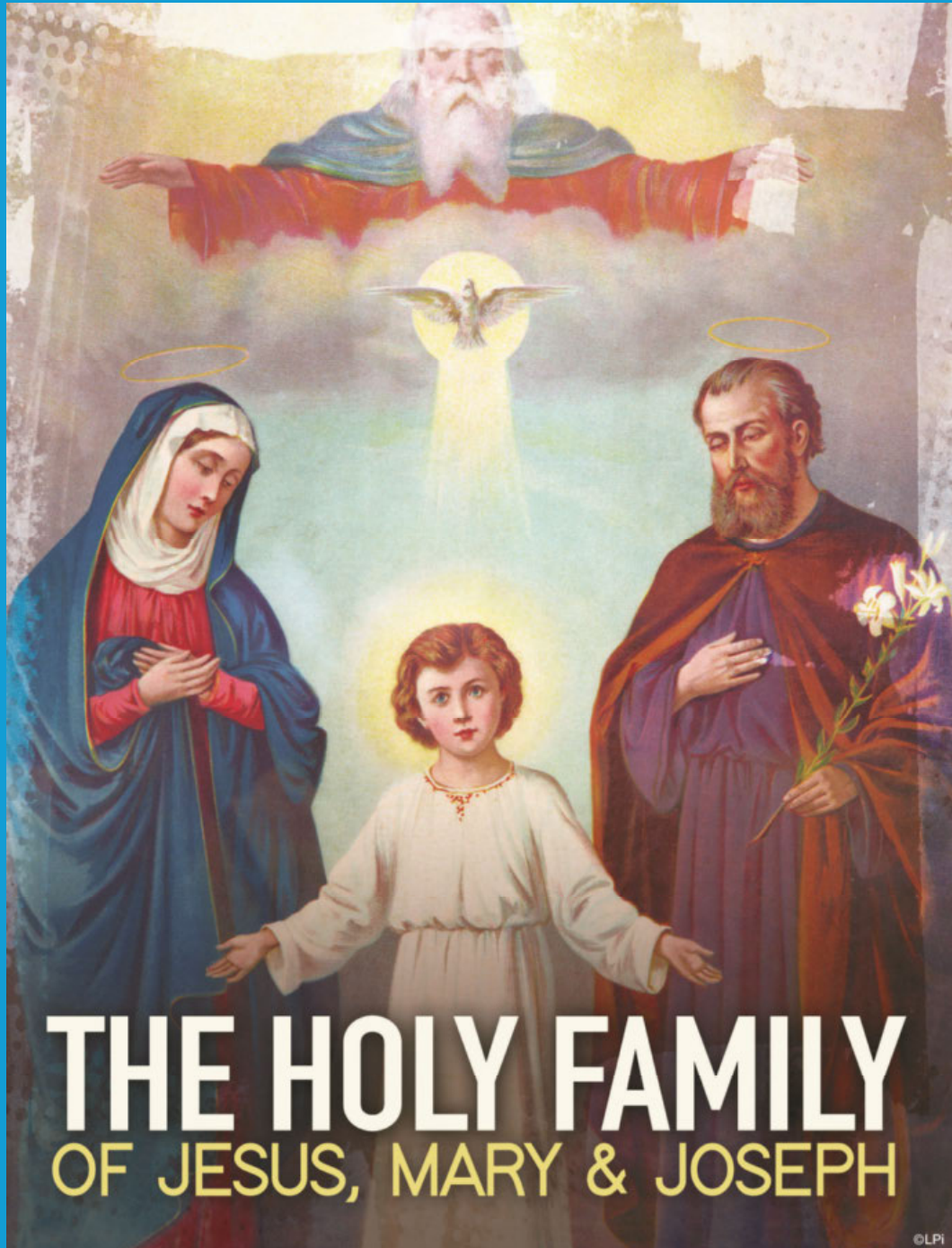
Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday after the 6:30 am Mass

Rosary

After 8:00 am Mass Saturday

9:40 am Sunday



THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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We come together to worship God, serve our neighbors, and make disciples.

From Fr. Mitch

faith

HOLINESS IS FAMILY

Many of you remember the practice of school children writing the initials “JMJ” at the top of every paper used for school assignments. Asking Jesus, Mary and Joseph to help us at every turn is a very good idea. The Holy Family is a model for us. While each one of us is called to be holy, not one of us can become holy without the love and support of community. Part of the deepest understanding of holiness is family. We frequently speak of holy saints as individuals who lived lives of exemplary faith; the truth is none of them could have been holy without help.

In our culture we have seen an exaggerated emphasis on individual rights and individual freedom. As important as all that is, we must remember that we are, together, the children of God; together we are the body of Christ. While each person is a unique reflection of God's glory, not one person can live alone. We are created for intimacy with God, for communion with one another in the heart of God. The Holy Family is comprised of Father, Mother and son, yet none of them have a full identity apart from each other. Mary is mother of Jesus; Joseph is husband of Mary; Jesus is son of Mary and son of God.

Let us strive together to be holy. Let us be willing to assist one another in the work of becoming holy. Let us risk vulnerability so as to remain more deeply connected with our brothers and sisters. Sometimes I want to be detached and isolated because the work of intimacy is often accompanied by fear. Let us have courage enough to remain in community as we strive to be holy as our heavenly father is holy, living always in holy communion. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



May His love surround you
this Christmas season,
and may the New Year
bring many blessings
to you and your family.

On behalf of the staff of the
Archdiocese of St. Louis,
I wish you a Christmas
filled with the wonder
of the birth of Christ.

I will remember you
and your loved ones
in the celebration of Mass
on Christmas Day.

+ Mitchell T. Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



Saturday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

7 am Willie Lee Sessoms †

10 am Patrick Sean Doyan †

4 pm Ken, Bob, Elmer & Alita Mick †

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family

7 am Parishioners of SJB

10 am Poor Souls In Purgatory †

Monday, December 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30 am Barbara Moore †

Tuesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

6:30 am The deceased members of the Corona Family †

Wednesday, December 29

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 am Joseph D. Grana †

Thursday, December 30

6:30 am Tony & Ralph Michaels †

Friday, December 31

St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

6:30am The Friends and Families

of the Sisters of St. Joseph

Saturday, January 1

New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God;

World Day of Peace

9 am Ken, Bob, Elmer & Alita Mick †

4 pm Ruth Zelle †

Sunday, January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

7 am Parishioners of SJB

10 am Barbara Moore †



This Week at SJB

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: AA, West Lot Mtg. Room, 11 am

Thursday: Quilters, Cafeteria, 8am

Friday: NA, Parish Center, 12pm

Saturday: Mass 9am

Confessions 3-3:45 pm

Mass 4 pm

Sunday: Mass 7am

Mass 10am

Readings for the Week

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

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 2:1-12

*****IMPORTANT TAX REMINDER*****

Per IRS Guidelines, all 2021 donations must be received by December 31, 2021. Any donations received beginning January 1, 2022 will appear on your 2022 Contribution Statement.



Collection for November 2021

November	
Loose Cash	\$1462.00
Parish	\$18,310.00
St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry	\$3426.00
Archdiocesan Special Collections	\$1095.00

Lectors

Saturday, January 1

9 am M.J. Matejka

4 pm N. Beasley

Sunday, January 2

7 am L. Ross

10 am C. Engelhardt

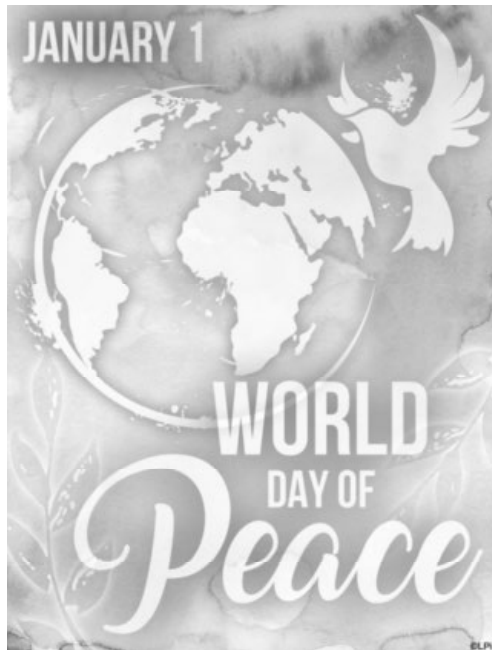


INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday after 6:30am Mass



Please bring one food item (can/box) to Mass each week to support our local food pantry.

Needed items include: Pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned or boxed 'ready' meals, and soup.

*Drop donations in the boxes at the entrances of church.
Thank you!!*

Due to the Holidays, the Rectory will be closed this week through Friday December 31, 2021. Regular office hours will begin again on Monday, January 4, 2022.



Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!



In your charity, please pray for the soul of

*Rest in
Peace*

Linda Bohnenkamp
Parishioner

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, O Lord.....

Holiday Mass schedule

Saturday, December 25, 2021

7am 10am

Sunday, December 26, 2021

7am 10am



Friday, December 31, 2021

6:30am (no evening mass)

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9am 4pm (Sunday vigil)

Sunday, January 2, 2022

7am 10am

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