STAJUDE CATHOLICCHURCH

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26, 2021



Merry Christmas! Our Savior is born! It is a great celebration of our hope and joy, a time to rejoice with family and friends. During this season when we reflect on the gift of Christ, we often give and get gifts. Gratitude is the word that resonates with me most these days; gratitude for the gift of our faith and Savior, of course, but also gratitude for our parish. So many have been generous in our capital campaign that will allow us to worship for years to come and engage future generations for Christ. I want to thank you again and lay out the next steps in the process. Our architect continues to work on construction documents, and soon we will be getting permits, etc. Over the months of January and February, initial pricing will be finalized for site preparation, moving utilities, etc. A committee has been put together for the artistic plan of the church, and we will be meeting with the diocese on the details. By April, we will have the pricing for the Church itself. The plan is to start construction after First Communion in mid-May and be worshiping in Hettinger possibly starting in late May or early June. I am truly amazed at the generosity and commitment of so many that allow us this monumental opportunity. For those of you who haven't given yet, consider a gift for this effort. Simply put, the more money we raise, the more beauty we add which can aid our worship. May God bless you and your families during this Christmas season! May we be thankful in the gifts that we have been given; in our faith and in our parish! Merry Christmas!!!

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Fr. Henehan

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PARISH UPDATE

CATCH UP ON THE LATEST NEWS



Every First and Third Sunday @ 6 p.m. in Hettinger Hall!

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PARISH OFFICE

IS CLOSED

ALL High School students are welcome. Join us, and bring a friend!!

Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn

Make a New Year's resolution to join the Knights of Columbus and other area pro-lifers for a Holy Hour for the Rights of the Unborn on Monday, January 3, at 7:00pm at St. Mark Church, 1113 W. Bradley Ave., in Peoria. The Holy Hour consists of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and Benediction. For more information, contact John Wikoff, KofC Life Director, at jpw61552@gmail.com.

Parish office will be closed

December 24 to January 3 Our offices will be closed to allow our staff time with family for the holidays. Thank you.

New Women's Program!

Magnify – Pursuing Virtue as a Feminine Genius is a 90 day program to help women grow in knowledge of the saints and virtues as well as developing habits of prayer and mortifications which will help you grow closer to Christ. It is based on a book – Magnify by Kaylene Brown. Additionally, we will meet weekly (or as your schedule allows) to check in with each other, support each other in our walk, and grow in community. The goal of the program is not perfection, but progress. We will begin with the virtue of Humility and St. Gemma Galgani on January 17th and finish on Easter! If you are interested, we will have an introductory meeting on January 10th at 6 pm in the small room of Hettinger Hall. Points of contact are Karen Flaherty, Meg Jennetten and Julie Stedwill. We will have books available for \$10. You can email Karen Flaherty at karenandboys2002@yahoo. com to reserve a book or to ask questions or check out www.mag90.com for all the details. We pray you will join us!

High school students: need service hours?

We are looking for new volunteers to help serve Coffee & Donuts each Sunday after the 7:30 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. Masses. It's easy and fun! Families can choose which Mass time they prefer to serve. Students earn Chrisitan service hours!! If you are interested, please contact Daryl Wilson at dwilson@stjudecatholic.com or the parish office at stjude@stjudecatholic.com.



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH PARISH SCHEDULE

Mass Times

Daily Mass:

Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30 AM - Mass Monday through Friday 8:30 AM - Mass (also available to live stream)

Saturday: 4:00 рм - Mass 6:30 рм - Mass (Masks Required)

Sunday:

7:30 AM - Mass* (also available to live stream) *Communion distributed outside immediately following conclusion of Mass 9:00 AM - Mass 11:30 AM - Mass

Adoration

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - 9:00 ам to 9:00 рм Fridays - 9:00 ам to 5:00 рм

Confession Times

Wednesdays: 5:00 PM - social hall Saturdays: 9:00 AM - parking lot Sundays: 20 minutes before Masses - confessional

Sacraments

Baptism for Infants

Call for an appointment to schedule Baptism preparation for your family.

Holy Matrimony

Please arrange an appointment with a priest at least eight months prior to wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick Call the Parish Office any time day or night.

Please Pray for Our Sick

If you or a loved one has a serious illness, please contact the parish office. It is both our duty and privilege to administer sacraments and pastoral care.

Dorothy Barrath Joan Button Jacques Elloye Ellie Meyer Len Nevitt Ed O'Neill James Tucker Marilyn Wargo Jackie Gillam Wolke

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

from the Gospel of Luke

The Birth of Jesus.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with

Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this

will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The Visit of the Shepherds.

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the

shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his

circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.







PROJECT GOALS

- Fix Structural Problems
- Expand Seating
- Aesthetic Improvement

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray Promote Participate!

Use the prayer on this page to support the capital campaign daily!

(Clip around the dotted lines and place in an area where you will see it daily!)

Heart OF THE PARISH CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all of your blessings and for your unfailing love that makes us your sons and daughters. Your providence has guided our steps each and every day. Through the hands of St. Joseph, we offer our church project to you. May it bring glory and honor to your name, and inspire the conversion of souls for generations to come.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and open our hearts to generously respond to your call, so that, like St. Jude, we might set the world on fire with your love and truth.

We ask this through the intercession of Saint Jude and in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS celebrating our faith

Feast - the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph

Saturday, December 25 - No Vigil Masses Sunday, December 26

7:30 AM John Willi [Larry & Frances Solomon]
9:00 AM Bob & Diane Parrish 40th Wedding Anniversary
11:30 AM + Elwyn Hunter [Dcn. Roger & Linda Hunter]

Weekday Masses

Monday, December 27

8:30 AM John Son [Hoisan Kim]

Tuesday, December 28

- 6:30 AM + Jesse Flores [Jan & Dave Garrison]
- 8:30 AM + Gene Schumacher [Kathy Schumacher]

Wednesday, December 29

8:30 AM + Kathryn Hopkins [Jim Hopkins]

Thursday, December 30

- 6:30 AM + Mark Hardesty [Ray & Bonnie Busam]
- 8:30 AM + Deceased Members of the Faley Family [Marcatelli Family]

Friday, December 31

- 8:30 AM + Adam Becker [Kathy & Ron Becker]
- 6:00 PM Andrew Kleczek [Marcatelli Family]

Epiphany

Saturday, January 1

- 8:30 AM + Kazimierz Przybylowski [Jacques Elloye Family]
- 4:00 PM + Edmond & Helen Rozario [Children & Grandchildren]
- 6:30 PM + Roger Kaiser [Tim & Mary Lou Jones]

Sunday, January 2

- 7:30 AM + Theresa Day [Mick & Barb Sullivan]
- 9:00 AM + Bernadine "Bea" Catalanello [John & Susan Klemm]
- 11:30 AM Our Entire Parish

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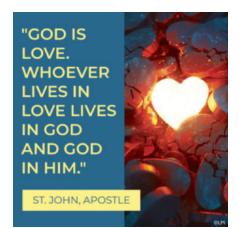


SVDP SOCIETY UPDATE

Warm feet, warm hearts

As we celebrated, or are still celebrating, Christmas with a fire in the fireplace, gifts under the tree, and plenty of food for all, please remember those less fortunate in our community who are struggling. We continue to get many calls from people with problems that do not have simple answers. People are being evicted because they have lost jobs and have no income. Women are having difficult pregnancies that force them to be unable to work – or they are having babies and the fathers have gone to jail or have left for some other reason. People are missing work and sometimes losing jobs because of medical problems. In this season of "peace on earth, goodwill to all", landlords still expect to receive their rent. Shelters are often at capacity and there are long waiting lists for subsidized housing. Although we cannot always help financially, we try to provide a listening ear and a compassionate attitude as we listen to their problems. Sometimes it helps just to know that someone cares.

We know that the most wonderful gift of all at Christmas is the gift of Jesus, but let's think for a minute about a more practical, yet symbolic, gift that we might give to another or might have received ourselves – socks. Socks are an



important accessory, especially in this season of cold weather, so they are a very practical gift. In fact, if you see a (homeless) person with a sign asking for help this winter, rather than ignoring him/her, or giving money that might get spent inappropriately, consider giving that person a pair of socks to help warm their feet.

Socks are also a very symbolic gift. When we are hesitating or nervous about doing something that seems out of our comfort zone, we might say

that we get "cold feet". With "cold feet" we might not speak out for justice and we might not walk with those who are lonely or lingering on the fringes of society. With "cold feet" we might not be willing to serve the poor and downtrodden and share God's love. With "cold feet" we might not have the courage to spread the Good News. Each morning as we put on our socks, we can thank God for their warmth in these cold days of winter, but we might also use them as a symbolic reminder to pass the warmth of God's love on to others in a world that often seems cold.

Thank you so much for supporting our St Vincent de Paul Society in a variety of ways during this past year. We so appreciate your prayers, your financial contributions and your donations of needed food and household items that can be such a blessing to those we visit. Without you, we can't be effective. May you feel abundantly blessed by God's great love during this Christmas season!

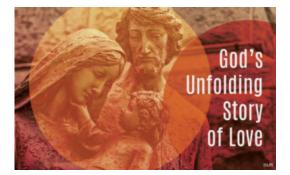
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognizing God in Ordinary Moments

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.



But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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SHARING IN THE WORK OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Thank you for your generosity in support of our mission. Our parish is dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to continue its ministries, and we can't thank you enough!

Gifts from our parish family for the week of December 19 will be reported next week due to early Christmas bulletin deadlines.

Lay Ministry Schedule for January 1-2

Saturday – 4:00 PM

Altar Servers: Will Goldammer Ushers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Lector: Louise McCann

Saturday – 6:30 PM

Altar Servers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Ushers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Lector: Darryl Brincks

Sunday – 7:30 AM

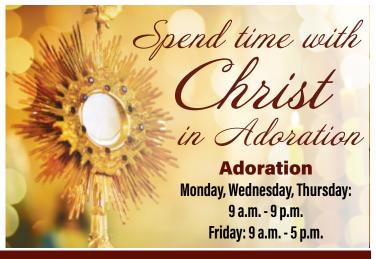
Altar Servers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Ushers: Joe Mulay, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Lector: Joan Willenborg Coffee & Doughnuts: Just Faith 1

Sunday – 9:00 AM

Altar Servers: Sean Magner, Owen Magner Ushers: Rocky Piletic, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Lector: Tim Bertschy Counters: Carol Castagna, Calista Reed, Deanne Short Coffee & Doughnuts: Just Faith 2

Sunday – 11:30 AM

Altar Servers: Benjamin Mullens Ushers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Lector: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



PARISH UPDATES



Make a difference in a child's life

Seeking new volunteers: Come and have fun as a member of the Peace Pal Program at Trewyn Grade School. You will enjoy spending 20-30 minutes with three assigned students in 1st grade. The goal is to help improve reading achievement. No reading expertise is required. If you love children, you are already a perfect fit. The program begins the first week of January. You can truly make a difference in a child's life. Call Louise MCann at 243-5722 or email her at gjmccann2@ gmail.com for more information.

Accompany the Gala Decor team as they take "A Walk in the Woods"

The Gala Decor team is in need of your ferns at the end of the season! Instead of tossing them out consider donating to help make our venue an Enchanted space in February. Do you have a greenhouse or sunroom at your home? Would you consider wintering our ferns until the event in February 2022 and then be our guest at the event? Please contact Sheris Catton at (309) 397-8680 or sheris.catton@gmail.com with any plant donations or space to keep them warm. Thank you so much!

Sponsorships: Please consider supporting the St. Jude Fire and Ice Gala. Donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated. To make a donation, please contact Christen Bergstresser at (309)258-7110 or henbycm@gmail.com. Did you know you can also sponsor the event? There are several sponsorship levels available! For more information on becoming a sponsor, please contact Erin Pike at (402)250-41050r empike@gmail.com.

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St. Clement Council #12407 Event Calendar

- Dec 19 Christmas decorating, 12:30 1:30 p.m., sanctuary
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve parking assistance, 3 4:15 p.m.
- Jan 3 Holy Hour, 7 8 p.m., St. Mark Church
- Jan 4 Planning meeting, 7 8 p.m., A108 & Zoom
- Jan 11 Membership meeting, 7 8 p.m., Hettinger & Zoom

Join Our Knights!

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Since 2018, the **Empower Illinois** program has provided nearly 100 students with tuition assistance at St. Jude! Want even better news? The amount donated was **all eligible for a 75% tax credit back to donors!** Many of our donors used corporate match programs from their employers such as CAT, RLI, Merrill Lynch and more.

The Empower Illinois/Invest In Kids Scholarship program allows you to direct your tax dollars to your parish school and impact children in your community. We are welcoming donations through 12/31/21 to qualify for credit on your 2021 tax return. Need help sorting through the process or understanding the details? We can help! Visit empowerillinois.org/donate, scan the QR code below, or call the school office at 309-243-2493. Thank you for your support!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

LOOKING DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE

December 25, 2021 The Nativity of the Lord

"He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188)." The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God's beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.

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