



DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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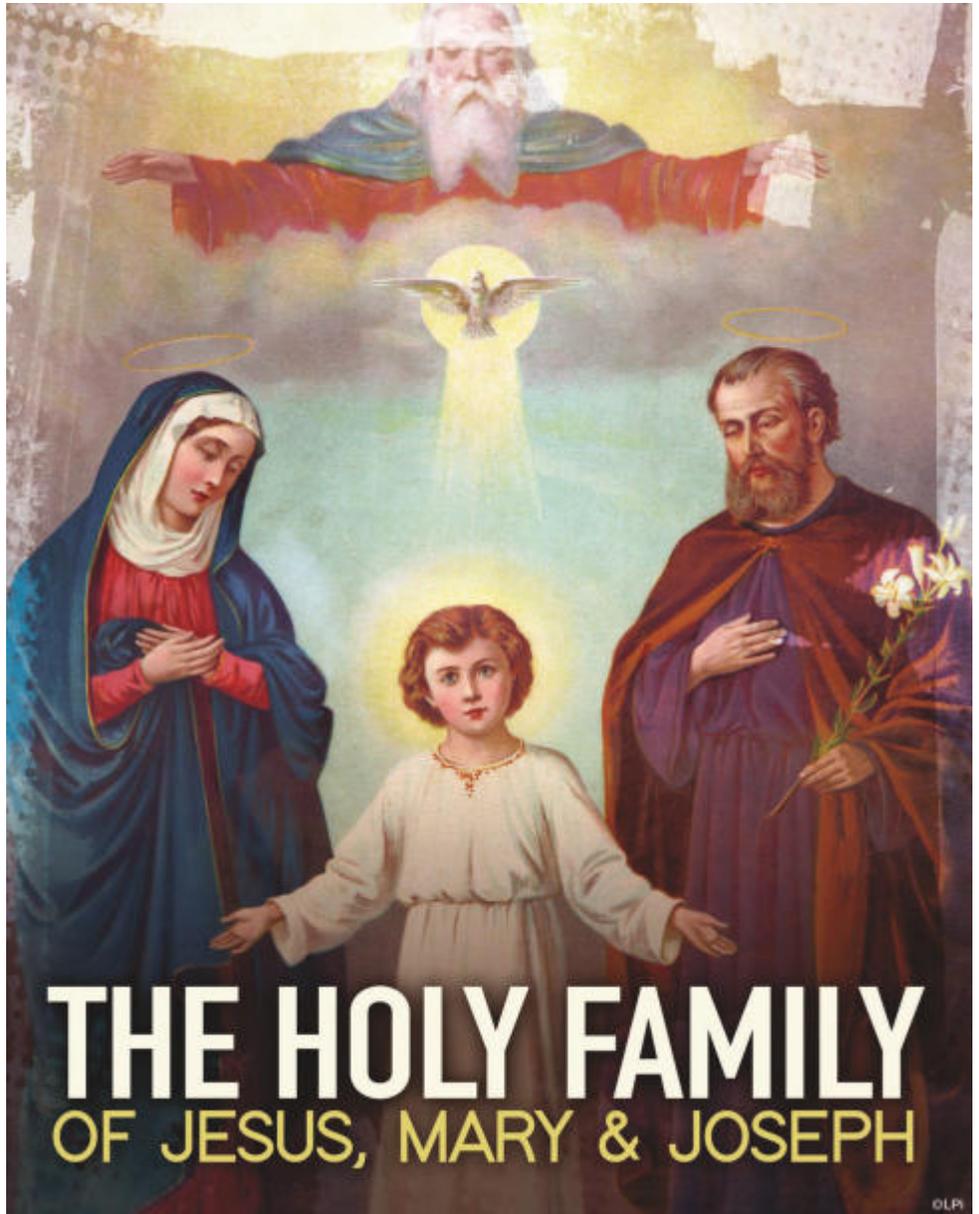
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BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

MARRIAGES: Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION: Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

MASS Intentions

This Week

Saturday	12/26/2020	5:30pm	Cynthia Decker
Sunday	12/27/2020	8:30am	Bev Zalar

Next Week

Saturday	1/2/2021	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes
Sunday	1/3/2021	8:30am	Ray Matejovsky

ATTENTION LECTORS AND USHERS!



A schedule to sign up for January is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Please let us know if you have any questions.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Are you unable to attend Mass right now due to the pandemic, but still hunger for the Eucharist? Specially trained volunteers do not come into your home, only to your door, wearing masks and gloves. The sacrament is safely dispensed along with a short prayer card. Contact Heather Warner in the parish office if you would like to receive Communion.



MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Mass intentions for next year can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. There is a limit to the number of weekend Masses that can be scheduled per person per year. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Year end contribution envelopes for 2020 need to be in the parish office no later than Tuesday, December 29th.

Please note that if you give through WeShare, contributions take a few days to process. Please make sure that if you would like credit for 2020 that you give enough time to process.



MEAL PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to assist St. Mary by the Lake as we serve the Meal Program at the Hospitality Center (located at St Luke's Episcopal Church- 614 Main Street) on **January 4th**. Volunteers come around 4:00 p.m. to start serving at 4:30 p.m.

Food items needed are:

- Pots of Chili
- Shaved Deli ham
- Sandwich buns
- Chips
- Individual Fruit cups
- Desserts

Volunteers are critically needed. Please contact Karen Recupero at nkrecupero@gmail.com or (262) 497-9891 if you can help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a way to get involved in the church in the new year? St. Mary by the Lake is looking for a few volunteers to help vacuum the church on Tuesdays. Can you help? Please call the Parish Office if you have some extra time to give.



FOOD PANTRY



The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:

- Boxes of cereal
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Hand soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

CALENDAR THANK YOU

Thank you to Maresh-Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home for their gift of 2021 calendars to all of our parishioners.

Please pick one up in the vestibule or the breezeway by the restrooms.



May you have a year that is filled with Love, Brightness and Hope.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade



from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation? As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Mary, Mother of God

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There will be a Vigil Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God, at St. Matthew Parish on Thursday, December 31st at 4:00 p.m.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The story of Abram and Sarah and their struggle to have a family centers on Abram's faith in the Lord. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews holds up Abraham as a model for the faith. When have you had to unconditionally trust in the Lord?

Gospel:

Only Luke records the presentation in the Temple of the baby Jesus. Simeon reveals to Mary and Joseph insights into Jesus and his destiny. How do you imagine Mary and Joseph understood Simeon's words?

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We remember in prayer all who are sick or suffering. If you or a loved one would like to be added to this list, please contact the Parish Office. To maintain privacy, please confirm the person submitted is aware their name will be published.

Patricia Bladzick

Kevin Burgey

Eryn

Virginia Fitzgerald

Klara Hanel

Jim Kardos

Jenny Kraase

Elaine Koshere

Christopher Kroes

Sarah M.

Saralee Mayew

James (Jamie) Michael

Carolyn Potter

Frank Potter

Joyce Ramczyk

Barbara and Dan Schuster

Calvin Sustachek

For the children who are not in school, that they continue to receive school support, love and sustenance.

May they stay safe and healthy.

That all affected by the pandemic stay safe, especially the elderly.

For the swift end to this crisis.

For Nancy's daughter who is ill.

For all first responders in Racine County.

For a good friend of Kathy S.

For the daughter of the Guertin family who is volunteering her nursing services in California.



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