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ST. FRANCIS BORGIA CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

Parish

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School

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636-239-2590 • (Fax) 636-239-3501
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Mass Schedule

Monday: 7:00 am
Tuesday: 7:00 am, 6:30 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 am
Friday: 7:00 am
Saturday: 8:00 am
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am

Masses Livestreamed

All Masses are livestreamed and can be viewed from our parish website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday: After 7:00 am Mass
Tuesday: After 6:30 pm Mass
Saturday: After 8:00 am Mass & 3:30-4:15 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays after 7:00 am Mass until 6:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Other arrangements can be made by calling 636-239-6701
Fr. Mike at ext. 1422
Fr. Tony at ext. 1513

SFB Mission Statement

The Catholic Faith Community of St. Francis Borgia Parish strives to live according to the gospel through worship, education, and service, and to create a parish environment where all may feel welcome, affirmed and part of this Christian family.



SAINT FRANCIS BORGIA PARISH WELCOMES YOU!

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a new friend, visitor or neighbor, we are so grateful that you chose to share this time together with us.

We are always happy to welcome new Borgia parishioners! If you are new to the parish and would like to register, you may call the office during regular business hours (M-F; 9am - 4pm) and ask for Donna. For school information, you can call and ask for Kelli.

We have assisted hearing devices available at the east door and center vestibule and a space for wheelchairs and walkers halfway up the aisle.

Children are welcome to sit with their families near the front of church where it is easier to see and hear. If they squirm around or are a bit noisy, that's okay! If it is more convenient for families with children, we also offer a Family Chapel (Cry Room) to the right of the Sanctuary and a vestibule in the back of church that is equipped with speakers and windows.

Restrooms are conveniently located in the Jesuit Hall Gathering Area. Feel free to ask an usher for directions.

You are invited to our parish website which offers much information about our history, parish life and the many ministries and service groups that keep St. Francis Borgia an active, vibrant Catholic parish! Please contact us with any questions you may have about our parish. Again, welcome!



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SCHOOL OFFICE: 636.239.2590 | BORGIAGRADESCHOOL.ORG

Parish Staff Contact Information

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Maintenance Manager		
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Baptism Preparation

Baptism class for new parents are done on an individual basis. Please call the parish office for more information (636-239-6701). Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass.

Marriage Preparation

Call the Rectory or Parish Office at least six months before the wedding.

Christian Initiation of Adults

For more information on becoming a Catholic, call Deacon Dave Tobben at 636-357-0436 or the Parish Office.

Pre K-2nd Grade - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children are dismissed at the beginning of Mass with volunteer catechists to reflect on the Gospel at different levels: Pre K-through Grade 2. They return to their families after the homily. On Sundays at the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses.

Infants

Family Chapel on west (right) side of sanctuary.

SFB Parish Library

Located on the 1st Floor of Jesuit Hall next to the Blessed Mother Room. For more information email at sfblibrary@borgiaparish.org

Prayer Tree

The members of the Prayer Tree express their love for their neighbor by praying each day in the comfort of their home for intentions that are given to them over the telephone. If you have an intention that needs prayers, please call Dot Filla (239-6463) or Debbie Goheen (636-667-8172) Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Prayer Tree Ministry, please contact one of these ladies.

Home Visits

If you would like a priest or deacon to visit you at your home or bring you communion, please call Deacon Dennis Meinert (573) 619-8741.

Prayers for Expectant Mothers

If you or someone you know is expecting a child, and you'd like to have a rose placed on the altar as a reminder for prayers throughout the pregnancy, please contact the Pro-Life Committee at 636-432-6781. Ask for Jane Maune.

Prayers for the Sick and Dying

Divine Mercy Cenacle Group is available to pray with the sick, the dying and their families at their bedside or in their home. Please call Donna Brown at 636-239-4176.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office hours are 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, unless stated in the bulletin. There is normally someone available during the lunch hours, however, on occasion we may have to close at lunch due to special circumstances. Any donations can be dropped off at the parish office, 115 Cedar Street, and put through the mail slot.

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Please submit bulletin information via e-mail to dholdmeyer@borgiaparish.org by 9:00 am on Monday.

Cemetery Clean-up

March 1-15 and September 1-15.

Food Pantry Hours

Thursdays 4:00-5:30 pm (314 West 2nd Street).

Divine Mercy

To order Divine Mercy signs please contact Bill Gegg at 636-667-7867 or Ken Obermark at 636-358-3053 or 636-239-7456.

SFB Roundtable

Parishioners that would need help with minor projects around the house, transportation, home visits, or other needs. Contact Bill Gegg at 636-667-7867.

Pastoral Council

Matthew Becker	Sue Holdmeier	Emily Mueller
Christy Bleckman	Mary Kleeekamp	Scott Obermark
Katie Bohle	Gwen Mauntel	Betsey Schulze
Ellen Clark (Chair)	Les Logan	Dan Sullentrup (Vice Chair)
Tim Eagan	Mary Ann Moosmann	

School Board

Jodi Baumker	Kathy Haddox	Kristy Stoyer (Chair)
Marie Gillen (Secretary)	Nicole Larrison	Danielle Unnerstall (V Chair)
Connie Groff	Linda Pahl	Justin Voss



Dear Parishioners,

I hope you enjoyed your celebration of Christmas Day and that you continue to enjoy celebrating the Christmas Season! What a great opportunity afforded to us by our Church to celebrate Christmas until January 9th so we can let the truth of this Season of Christ's Birth soak into our hearts. May these days bless us and deepen our faith in Jesus, the Word Made Flesh.

Our Church looks beautiful and I want to thank so many folks who came to help decorate this past week. Thanks, also, to our wonderful crew of Church Cleaners who come in every week to make sure our Church looks great! They are all volunteers and put so much time and effort into their cleaning of the Church. We are so blessed!

I hope you get to enjoy this week with family and loved ones. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the day after Christmas, let's join together to pray for the strengthening of our families here in our parish and around the world. Jesus, Mary, & Joseph, pray for us!

Just a reminder that this coming Saturday, January 1st, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year due to the fact that it falls on a Saturday. We will celebrate that day, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, at 8:00 a.m. Mass. Our regular weekend schedule will kick into gear that evening with 4:30 p.m. Mass. Sunday, Jan. 2nd, we will be back to our regular schedule of Masses at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Our Sunday evening Youth Mass will also be celebrated at 6:00 p.m.

As we close out 2021 and reflect back, it's a good time to recognize the blessings we have enjoyed this year and offer a prayer of thanks for them. It's also a good opportunity to ask the Lord to help us where we need to change. Please know of my gratitude and that of Fr. Tony to be assigned here to Borgia. We love it and we love you! May God bless us as a parish family as we turn the calendar to 2022.

A reminder that there will not be a 6:00 p.m. Mass this evening (December 26th).

Have a blessed New Year. Be safe!

Fr. Mike Boehm



Please note there will be no 6:00 pm Youth Mass on Sunday, December 26 and no High School Youth Group Meeting.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY (12/26) THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am | Masses

MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:30 am | Rosary
7:00 am | Mass

MONDAY (12/27)

7:00 pm | No Grateful Hearts (JH Library, 1st Floor)

TUESDAY (12/28)

After 7:00 am Mass | Confessions
7:30 am - 6:30 pm | Eucharistic Adoration
8:00 am - 2:00 pm | Quilters (Middle School Bldg)
6:30 pm | Mass (Church)
After 6:30 pm Mass | Confessions (Church)
7:00 pm | RCIA (JH Franciscan Room)
7:00 pm | Pastoral Council Meeting (NDH)

WEDNESDAY (12/29)

7:45 am | Cenacle Meeting (JH Choir Room)
3:15 pm | No Children's Choir Practice (JH Choir Room)
6:00 pm | No PSR (Grade School)
6:30 pm | Cenacle Meeting (JH Library)
7:00 pm | No Choir Practice (JH Choir Room)

THURSDAY (12/30)

7:45 am | Bible Study (JH Choir Room)
4:00 - 5:30 pm | Food Pantry (314 W 2nd Street)

FRIDAY (12/31) NEW YEAR'S EVE

SATURDAY (1/01) MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8:00 am | Mass (Church)
11:00 am—3:00 pm | Open House (Church)

SUNDAY (1/02) THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am | Masses
6:00 pm | Regional Youth Mass (Church)
7:00 pm | High School Youth Group Meeting (NDH)



A Christmas Blessing

May the Lord bless you and your family this Christmas Season.

May the Christ Child's birth bring great joy to you and those around you.

May that joy bring you great health and happiness in the New Year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
St. Francis Borgia Staff



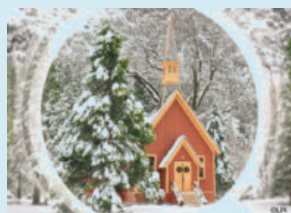


May His love surround you
this Christmas season,
and may the New Year
bring many blessings
to you and your family.

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.

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



New Year Day Country Church Tour

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

January 1, 2022 from 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Churches that will be participating in the church tours are

- ✧ Assumption Church, New Haven
- ✧ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Haven
- ✧ Immaculate Conception Church, Augusta
- ✧ Immaculate Conception Church, Union
- ✧ Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Washington
- ✧ St. Ann Church, Clover Bottom
- ✧ St. Anthony Church, Sullivan
- ✧ St. Francis Borgia Church, Washington
- ✧ St. Gertrude Church, Krakow
- ✧ St. John the Baptist Church, Villa Ridge
- ✧ St. Joseph Church, Neier
- ✧ St. Vincent DePaul Church, Dutzow

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Rigg at St. Ann
Church (636) 239-3222 or email: stann.mills@yhti.net

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 7:00 PM – MIDNIGHT

You are cordially invited to usher in the New Year in a different
way this year. On December 31, New Year's Eve, there will be
exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church at 7:00 PM until
midnight. All are invited to spend time in prayer in adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament. At the beginning of each hour there will
be vocal prayer such as the rosary, litany or other group prayer.
Silent meditation is offered the remainder of the time. There will
always be someone in church adoring the Blessed Sacrament.
Socializing is encouraged for the times you are not at prayer. Ta-
bles will be set up in the Choir Room with snacks and refresh-
ments. People can come and go as they wish. A short prayer will
be offered at midnight followed by repose of the Blessed Sacra-
ment. This is a deanery event. All are welcome. In-
vite your friends and neighbors. If you can commit to a
specific hour of prayer please contact Deacon Leon at
636-221-1531 or email at: Inoelker@charter.net.



Parish Breakfast will start up again on January 16, more information next week.

Looking for committee members and volunteers to help with the
Parish Breakfast. Please contact Dominic Gildehaus at 314-402-
2490 or Ann Kopp at 636-390-3861 for more information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 26

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 2:1-1



The Knights of Columbus Fr. Seisl Council 1121 will be having it's annual Roses for Life Campaign. On the week-end of January 8-9. Postcards which will later be mailed to our local and national leaders, will be available after each weekend Mass in Jesuit Hall to be signed. In addition the Knights will be accepting donations which will go to our local Pregnancy Assistance Center. We thank you in advance for your support of Pro Life and protection of the unborn.



Please Pray For All Those Serving In Our Military and Especially For...

Owen Buchheit	Jessica K. Lamecker	Coty Ruether
Travis Branson	Derek Marquart	Bailey Scherer
Patrick Feldmann	Jacob Maune	Jamie Skornia
Eli Garcilaso	Ben Meyer	Ken Stallmann
John Heisler	Keaton Nabors	Jacob Willett
Lindsay Heisler	Amber Ortmeier	Shayne Yenzen
Zak Hill	Peyton Struttman	
Kelly Kosewicz	John Rudlof	



Mike Hamann	Dennis Noelker
Charlotte Heimann	Nicole Parrott
Ray Hilke	Carolyn Peck
Barb Hill	Neal Peters
Sheila Jenkins	Nathaniel Pfingsinger
Mary Ann Kamler	Barbara Philipp
Marian Kampschroeder	Cloyce Phillips
Marylee Kimminau	Joan Piontek
Ken Kimminau	Karen Scheer
Randy Kleinheider	Marian Schelich
Steve Kluesner	Christine Skornia
Diane Koirtyohann	Connie Steinhaus
Larry Konys	Robyn Stockhorst
Wanda Konys	Florence Tenholder
Paul Kopp	Herb Tobben
Annette Kossman	Marlene Tobben
Juanita Lauchstaedt	Richard Toben
Donna Lindsey	Shae Veach
Dr. Jake Lippert	Collin Warrender
Doug Magac	Judy Wyatt
Sr. Reine Marie Martin	Ann Wessel
Bill Mattson	Mark Wessel
Anna McLean	Ken Westhoelter
Kristian McDonald	Patty Westhoelter
Bev McKee	Katie Wright
Myles McLaughlin	Jackie Zeitzmann
Richard K. Meyer	<i>For all shut-ins and all those in nursing homes.</i>
Don Murphy	

Randy Alfermann
 John Avooske
 Mary Bay
 Marilyn Beanblossom
 Steve Brunsman
 Lisa Buhr
 Julie Konys Colson
 Msgr. Jack Costello
 Jeff Todd Dieckhaus
 Regina Dutkiewicz
 Charles Eckelkamp
 Sr. Michaelanne Estoup
 Francis Filla
 Cindy Finder
 Sharon Fischer
 Cole Fletcher
 Ella Furjes
 Keith Gansmann
 Gus Garbs
 Leslie George
 Allen Gephardt
 Rosalie Gerschefske
 Ralph Gildehaus
 Connie Hagedorn
 Barb Haley

Sunday, December 26 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

7:00 am People of the Parish
 9:00 am Norwood Amos Family
 11:00 am Thanksgiving



Monday, December 27 *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

7:00 am Henry & Anna Gaasch, Alvin & Minnie Strubberg

Tuesday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

7:00 am Bernadette Jean
 6:30 pm Tyler Filla

Wednesday, December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*

7:00 am Barb Noelker

Thursday, December 30

7:00 am Velma Swoboda

Friday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

7:00 am Lyle Howell

Saturday, January 1 *Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

8:00 am Richard, Jeffrey, and Darlene Westhoelter

Sunday, January 2 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

7:00 am People of the Parish
 9:00 am Moe Bleckman
 11:00 am Melvin Hecktor

Stewardship Reflection

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Feast Day Tip—Holy Innocents

On December 28th, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents, those babies killed by Herod in his effort to kill the newborn King. It has been common to illustrate their martyrdom with food by topping a white dessert, symbolizing their innocence, with a raspberry sauce to represent the blood they spilt. A perfect example of this would be panna cotta topped with a raspberry sauce.

Visit feastday.com for more help celebrating the feasts and seasons.



Anna Rose Holdmeier

Daughter of David and Abby (nee Landa) Holdmeier

Eleanor Jae VanLeer

Daughter of Blake and Abigail (nee Holdmeier) VanLeer

Due to early submission of the bulletin, the offertory figures for December 19 will be in next week's bulletin.

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?

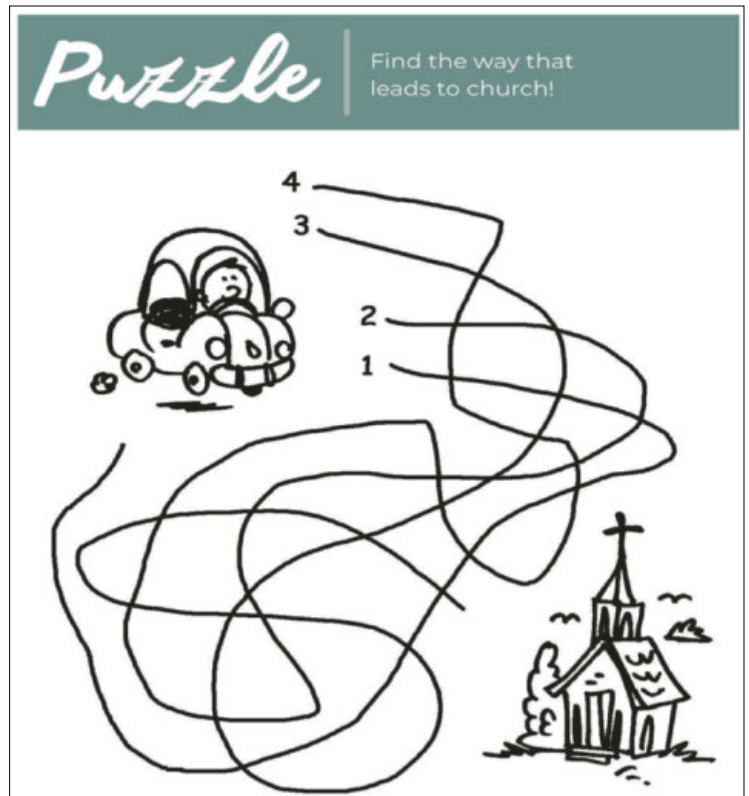
Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

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



Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* – Spiritual Leadership

Joseph is a model of spiritual leadership. Humility and obedience are not things that are praised in our culture today. But, remember, our goal is not possessing more things on earth, rather our goal is eternal life with God! Spiritual warfare is real. Through silence, we are able to discern God's will for us and our families. Studies show that when dad takes his faith seriously, so do his children. Men, the best thing we can do for our families is to be the men God is calling us to be, to be the spiritual leaders for our families. The best gift we can give our families is to teach them how to pray. archstl.org/dynamic



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December 26, 2021

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FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



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FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DR. SCOTT HAHN

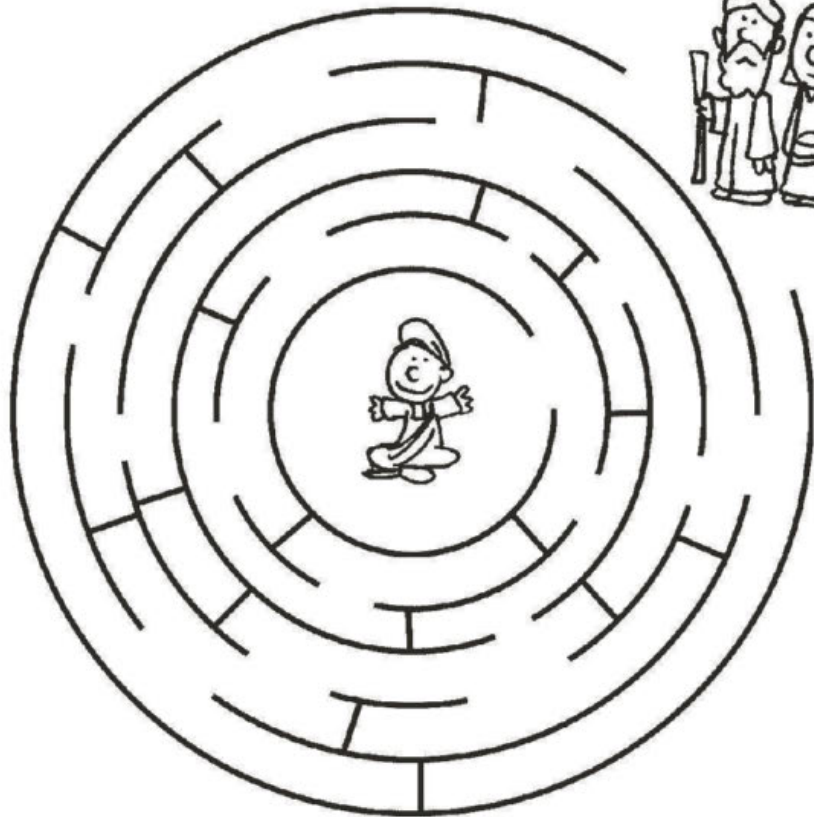


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**READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!**

KIDS CORNER

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus



**SHARING THE
GOSPEL**

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to feel at home in my church like Jesus did.

**MISSION
FOR THE WEEK**

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.



Naming & Commendation: Find Comfort, Healing & Hope...

Sunday, January 23
St. Francis Borgia Church
1:00 p.m.

"I am the Resurrection and the life." - John 11:25



All are welcome to attend **Naming & Commendation**, a prayer service developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth for any reason (including miscarriage, accident, abortion or still birth). Parents and families of any religious background are invited to attend, whether the loss was recent or long ago. Naming & Commendation will start at **1 p.m. at St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington on Sunday, January 23**. The rite, celebrated by **Fr. Michael Boehm**, will offer parents and families an opportunity to name the child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Jane Maune at janemaune@hotmail.com or 636-432-6781.

To help spread the word about the January 23 event on social media, click here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/256748876234329>

To learn more or bring this rite to your parish, email pro-life@archstl.org or visit (click, then scroll): <https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/pastoral-care>



Shop and Earn Looking for Volunteers

Shop and Earn is looking for some volunteers to sell scrips 1/2 hour after Saturday 4:30 pm Mass and 2 hour shifts on Sundays from 8:00 am - 12:15 pm.

Please email at shopandearn@borgiaparish.org for more information and open slots. Thank you in advance.

ENCORE (224 West Main Street)
Monday - Friday 10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM

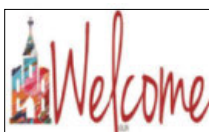
FOOD PANTRY

Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

(Use the back parking lot. 314 West 2nd Street)



Thanks for your continuous generosity. Ron Kuebler, Coordinator



New Parishioners

Rosemarie Fischer

Michael & Brianna Clift and their son Theodore

We hope you will feel at home at Borgia!



*Christmas
Flowers*

Audrey Aholt
Christina Aholt
Joseph Aholt
Wilfred & Dolores Aholt
In Honor of Rich Altemueller
Marlene Altemueller (2)
Leanne Baer
Patrick Baker
Peyton Baumgarth
Dave Benyo
Denise Benyo
Evelyn & Andrew Benyo
Tom Benyo
Joe & Lorraine Beste
Elfrieda Bieker
Dec. Members of Biermann
Family
Walter & LaVerne Biermann
Eddie & Marce Bleckman
Jim Bleckman
Leo & Margaret Bleckman
Jim & Peggy Boland
Nadene Branson
Breitenbach Family
Alfred & Alice Brinker
Fred Brinker
Pete & Lavern Brinker
Thomas Brinker
Jerome Brinkmann
Jerry Brinkmann
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Brinkmann
Ted & Euline Broeckling
Becky Broeker
Ryan Buchheit
Harold & Agnes Buenemann
Brian Bullock
Mae & Buel Bullock
Linda Broeckling Bynum
Calvin Families
Don Calvin
Cynthia Crawford
Vernon & Lucille Derner
Ervin & Gertrude Dieckhaus
Dec. Members of Dierking
Family
Mr. & Mrs. H.V. Dill, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Les Eckelkamp
Robert Eckhoff
Mary Ann Eckhoff, SSND
Glen Edler
John Elbert
Kyle Elbert
Ralph & Elizabeth Elbert

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Emke
Clyde Feegle
Marge Ferguson
Fick Families
Andrew & Paulina Filla
Dalton Filla
Donna Filla
Gertrude Filla
Richard Filla
Tony & Dolores Filla
Edgar & Irene Frankenberg
Roger Garbs
Al & Susie Gildehaus
Fred & Odelia Gildehaus
Tony Gildehaus
Norman Goldbeck
Don Gumpenberger
Rose Mary Gumpenberger
Jill Haberberger
David & Frances Hagedorn
Bernie, Montie & MaryBeth
Haddox
Willard & Joan Halmich
Walter & Dolores Hamann
Clarence & Rose Hanneken
Della Hecktor
Edwin Hecktor
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More memorial names next week.



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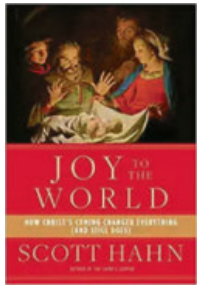
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Gospel Meditation

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 spirit-robbing 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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