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Saint Bridget

We choose to be the presence of
Christ on the Northside

The Feast of the Holy Family
December 26, 2021



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Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners

Today's feast of the Holy Family, like Christmas, can be a bittersweet day. On one hand we have the joy of Christ's birth reflected at the stable and in family life. We also know families experience hardships, tensions, estrangement, divorce, the death of a

spouse or a child. It is important we remember people don't experience unbridled joy.

When I lived at St. Alphonsus in Chicago there was a young family in the parish and their daughter attended the school. She was lively and enjoyed being playful. She was an altar server and needed a reminder not to chat with her companions during Mass. What I remember best is how she loved being a child of God and her name was Josie. Josie died tragically after being hit by a car while riding her bike. Her mom and dad suffered so much and mourned the loss of their child. For years, the pain was as real as that horrible day. Her mom signed Josie's name to cards and reminded me that I have a little angel looking after me. Her parents raised Josie as a good kid, and nurtured good qualities like what St. Paul's writes: mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, love, thankfulness. Josie was learning all those qualities, some she handled better than others, but she was kind and loving.

I think of her and her mom and dad on Holy Family Sunday because these days are bittersweet; they miss Josie, and they experience care and love from friends. Thirty years later I have a friendship with them; they share their struggles and I share mine. They still sign cards with Josie's name.

We are a parish community, and we show care and love for others. Maybe there is a family you know that has experienced trauma and find this season difficult; please give them a call, write a card, or bake cookies and let them know you are standing by to help, to listen and to love them.

Blessed Christmas,

Fr. John, C.Ss. R.

Readings For This Week

1st Reading: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Resp. Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.
2nd Reading: Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Gospel: Lk 2:41-52



Community Life



The St Bridget staff wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who prepared our church inside and out with beautiful decorations for the Incarnation Season! Your talents are appreciated by many.



THANK YOU!!



An enormous debt of gratitude to the hard working and generous volunteers that helped clean our church for Christmas!! Many hands made for lighter work. Your time and energy are greatly appreciated. God bless all of you. Thank you!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin on Jan. 9th. The Classes will take place during Sunday Liturgy in the St. Francis Room. Please contact Mary Majkozak if your child would like to attend. More information to follow. You may leave a message at the Church Office, 612-529-7779.



Stewardship Collection

COLLECTION REPORT – NOVEMBER 2021

	NOV. 2021	YTD NOV. 2021
Sun. Collection Income	\$13,513	\$56,417
Elect. Contributions	\$3,066	\$15,456
Total	\$16,579	\$71,873
Budget	\$13,797	\$62,936
Difference	\$2,782	\$8,937

Holy Days Mass Schedule

Mary Mother of God January 1, 9:30 AM Mass
(NO Saturday 3:30 Mass)



Epiphany Mass Sunday,
January 2--9:30 AM Mass



Archdiocesan Update



Unfortunately, as Covid cases continue to rise in Minnesota, Archbishop Hebda strongly urges everyone to renew vigilance in protecting one another through face coverings, distancing and staying home when not feeling well. Hospitals are strained beyond capacity and out of a common care for our health care workers and each other, we should continue to look for ways to physically distance ourselves. You can read the full article in the Catholic Spirit published December 2.

Prayer Request

Annette Haehn, Karron Willis, Jim Carter, Shirley & Richard Peterson, Paul Daugherty, Laura Walsh, Gene Theisen, Carol Wolney, Arlene & Jerry Scherber, Mary Ann Carter, Duane Pfarr, Emmett Mulcare, Rosie Bloomberg, Emmett Peterson, Kiara Kyles, Scottie Kyles Jr., Eleanor Dietrich, Missy Moore-Schmidt, Carol Borman, Kathleen Klath, Phyllis Waverek, Dorothy Woody, Danny Hanley, Donny Cooper, Keith Williams, Kay Stowell, Angel Labrandt and Joe Dubsy .



In Memory



May we keep Margaret Carlisle, in our prayers. May the Angels lead her into paradise, and all of the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mass Intentions

THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sun. Dec.26—Mass 9:30am/Parish Community of St. Bridget and Peace in our city

Mon. Dec. 27— No Mass

Tues. Dec. 28— Mass 8am/ †Harold & Marie Thompson
(John & Judy Neiss)

Wed. Dec. 29— Mass 8am/ †Paula Martinson
(John & Judy Neiss)

Thurs. Dec. 30— Mass 8am/ †Jim Flynn
(John & Judy Neiss)

Fri. Dec. 31— 8am Mass / †Richard Jarvis
(John & Judy Neiss)

Weekend Liturgies



Sat. Jan. 1 — No 3:30pm Mass-Mary Mother of God Mass 9:30am /†Rosalia Preciado
(Family)

WeShare Donor Match Program

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment. For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021. We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift. Please contact the Parish Office at 612-529-7779.

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