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## LITURGY SCHEDULE:

### MASSES:

Saturday 5:30 pm - Sunday 9 am

### RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday 4:30 - 5 pm or by appt. (641-472-4375)

**Daily Masses:** See enclosed calendar

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** Marriage: please call the parish office 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

# December 26, 2021



## *The Holy Family*

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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## A WELCOMING FAMILY OF FAITH™

Blessed Trinity, we thank you for helping us become a welcoming family of faith. Smile on us as we greet each other and all visitors to our Church. Hear us sing your praises at Mass and in our daily lives. Embrace us as we support growth in love for You.

Guide us as we study Your Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and work in Your Service. We ask for your forgiveness and grant our own to others. Inspire us to respond to the needs of our world today. Amen

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.** We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our Church. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished and that you will share your special gifts with us. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome. **Parish registration forms are in the church Gathering Space. Fill one out and give it to Father Nick or drop it off at the church office.** We take this opportunity to welcome all of you, our parishioners and visitors, to church today. We thank you for making us a part of your day.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**Monday, Dec. 27**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, Dec. 28**  
NO MASS

**Wednesday, Dec. 29**  
5:15 pm Mass — Rita Goldstein†

**Thursday, Dec. 30**  
8:30 am Mass — Don Pacha†

**Friday, Dec. 31**  
5:30 pm Mass — Norbert Hammes†

**Saturday, Jan. 1**  
9:00 am Mass — Rita Hammes†

**Sunday, Jan. 2**  
9:00 am Mass — For The People



**Scripture Readings for the Week**

**Dec. 27:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Dec. 28:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Dec. 29:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Lk 2:22-35




**Dec. 30:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/ Lk 2:36-40

**Dec. 31:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Jan. 1:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

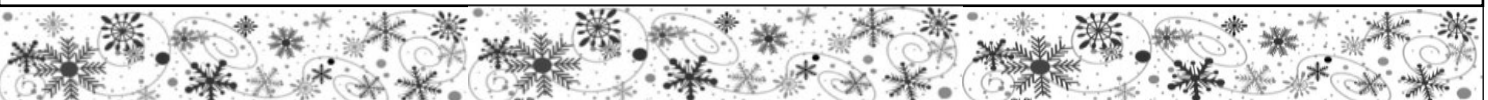
**Jan. 2:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



<b>D E C E M B E R</b>	26 SUN 9 am Mass 	27 MON No Mass	28 TUE <b>NO MASS</b>	29 WED 5:15 pm Mass	30 THU 8:30 am Mass	31 FRI 5:30 pm Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of Mary	1 SAT 9:00 am Mass of The Solemnity of Mary  <b>NO 5:30 pm Mass</b> 
	<b>J A N U A R Y</b>	2 SUN 9 am Mass 	3 MON No Mass 3 pm—6 pm Hall Impact Life Blood Drive in the Parish Hall	4 TUE 5:15 pm Mass 6:30 pm RCIA	5 WED 5:15 pm Mass Religious Education Class Grades 6-11 Meal: 5:30 pm—6 pm Class: 6 pm—7:30 pm	6 THU 8:30 am Mass 9 am—7 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting	7 FRI 8:30 am Mass

**Liturgical Ministers for January 2, 2022**

**Lectors:** (1) Annette Simonson  
**Eucharist:** (1) Janet Ho  
**Servers:** (1) Will, Henry & Leo Adam  
**Cantor:** (1) TBA



## *Notes from Father Nick...*

Please note that we will have Mass on December 31 at 5:30 pm and January 1 at 9:00 am. This is a special Mass that is dedicated to Mary, the Holy Mother of God. I hope you will consider coming to one of these Masses, both as a way to honor our Blessed Mother and as a way to begin our new year.

Today we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As they are a symbol of the relationship, we are called to have within our own families and with one another, let us pray especially for those families who are in need of healing, reconciliation and understanding. May the grace of the Holy Family shine upon them and sustain their needs.

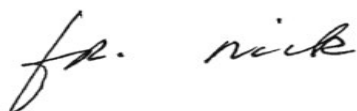
I offer you this New Year's prayer.

Let us live each day in the most loving ways,  
the God-conscious way.

Let us serve all who are in need,  
regardless of race, color or creed.

May your year be filled with peace,  
prosperity and love.

May God's blessing shower upon you  
and bestow upon each of you a bright,  
healthy and peaceful new year.



### **BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, ROCK ISLAND, IL**

Contact Sr. Jackie Walsh, OSB at 309-283-2108, [retreats@smmsisters.org](mailto:retreats@smmsisters.org) or online at <https://smmsisters.org/retreats> to register for the programs mentioned below.

**3-Day Directed Retreat (on-site only):** Sun. Jan 16-Wed. Jan. 19, 2022. Participants will meet daily for an hour with a spiritual director who will guide your experience. Spiritual directors: Fr. Mark DeSutter, Toni Petersen, SMM Oblate and Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB. Arrive after 4:00 pm; begins at 5:30 pm with soup supper; ends at 4:00 pm the last day. Fee: \$375 (includes private room, all meals and all direction sessions.)  
Space is limited, register soon.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Find out what you've been missing by attending one of these upcoming experiences. February 11 - 13th in Ankeny; April 23 - 24th in Epworth. For more information or to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305.**

If you wish to be placed on the prayer chain or if you want your names removed, we respectfully ask that you make that request to the Parish Office or Dot Hellkamp (641-919-3566).

**Advertiser of the Week** *from the back of our bulletin:*

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**As we prepare for the year end,** please be mindful that donations must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by December 31, 2021 in order to be deductible in 2021. If posted after December 31, 2021, regardless of when the check is dated, the donation is deductible in 2022.

Please remember that all ADA payments for 2021 must be postmarked by December 31, 2021 and received at the Diocese by January 4, 2022, to be credited for the 2021 tax year.

### **St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26**

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.



Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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**Protecting God's Children** These sessions are open to all adults and are mandated for all employees and volunteers who work on a regular basis with children. Register on-line at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) or P.O. Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

**To report child abuse contact:** Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.



**Dec. 26:**  
**Dec. 27:**  
**Dec. 28: Holston Hamm**  
**Dec. 29:**  
**Dec. 30: Chad Huff**  
**Dec. 31: Julie Huff, Carson Lovelady**  
**Jan. 1: Barb Hammes, Mary Ling, John Reindl, Natalie Sequa**

*If we have missed your name it was not intentional. Please call the parish office and we can correct the error.*



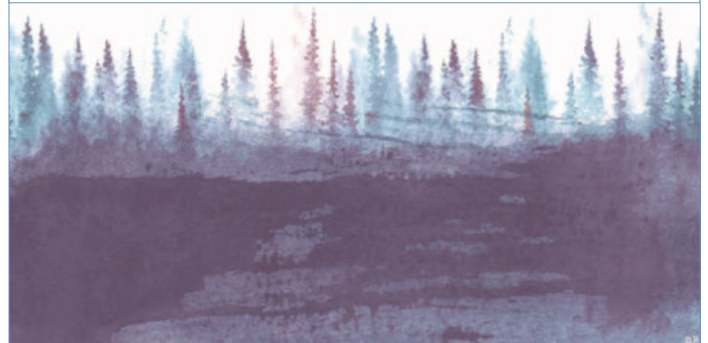
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**FINANCIALLY SPEAKING:**

November 2 thru November 8, 2021  
67 Families Contributed

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Balance	13563.00
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