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The innocent child of the manger is a warrior who has come to set us free. You cannot nail the Son of God to a tree unless he allows it. They don't make nails that big! Jesus is the predator who played "possum" in pursuit of the enemy, so as to ransom us captives from the slavery of Original Sin. He has allowed himself to be captured so as to visit the dead and open the gates of heaven...because he loves you more than we will ever know. This infant child created you...perfectly you...so rejoice on this day, as our Savior is born.

On behalf of the entire staff we would like to wish you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. Pax Christi,

Fr. Mark

Feast of the Holy Family *December 26, 2021*

The Epiphany of the Lord *January 2, 2022*

SUNDAY'S READINGS

DECEMBER 26, 2021

FIRST READING

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

SECOND READING

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

GOSPEL READING

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

SUN 12/26: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

MON 12/27: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

TUE 12/28: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

WED 12/29: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

THU 12/30: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

FRI 12/31: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

SAT 1/01: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

SUN 1/02: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

JANUARY 02, 2022

FIRST READING

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

SECOND READING

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

GOSPEL READING

The visit of the magi is a well-known story from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 02, 2022

SUN 1/02: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

MON 1/03: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUE 1/04: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

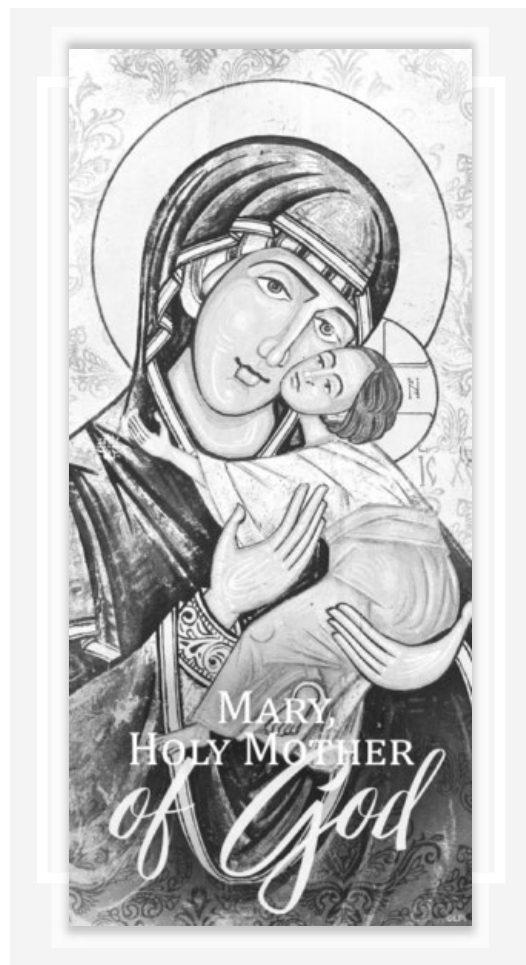
WED 1/05: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

THU 1/06: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

FRI 1/07: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

SAT 1/08: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

SUN 1/09: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

Habitat for Humanity Trivia Night is coming!
Save the date for a great night of trivia fun. Put together your team of eight and mark your calendar for Saturday, February 5, 2022. Look for details and sign-ups in the gathering space starting January 15th.

Knights Chili Cook-off coming on Saturday, January 22nd, following 5 pm Mass. Hone your favorite chili recipe and watch for more information coming soon!



Vacation Bible School 2022!
Coming June 19-23! Mark your calendar and watch for more information coming soon!

FOOD PANTRY FOR JANUARY

When you shop in January, pick up some Hamburger Helper for the *Caring Hands Food Pantry*. Cash donations are also used to help with rent, utilities and other necessities. While donations increase during the holidays, they usually drop off in January, although the need remains great. Please keep these folks in your prayers, and thank you for your generosity!

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

Mon., Dec. 27: No Mass

Tues., Dec. 28: 5:30 pm

for +Sarah Geiger

Wed., Dec. 29: 9:00 am

for +Jackie Hoffner

Thu., Dec. 30: 9:00 am

for +Laura Stefani Wharff

Fri., Dec. 31, holy day vigil: 6 pm

for all mothers

Sat., Jan. 01: 5:00 pm

for the people of the parish

Sun., Jan. 02: 8:30 am

for +Tom Duer

Sun., Jan. 02: 10:30 am

for +Michaela Funaro

Mon., Jan. 03: No Mass

Tues., Jan. 04: 5:30 pm

for teachers

Wed., Jan. 05: 9:00 am

for +Rosemary Assink

Thu., Jan. 06: 9:00 am

for +Steven Davisson

Fri., Jan. 07: 9:00 am

for +Nello Stefani

Sat., Jan. 08: 5:00 pm

for +Jack Schauz

Sun., Jan. 09: 8:30 am

for +Jim Bartels

Sun., Jan. 09: 10:30 am

for all SSJP parishioners



LITURGICAL ROLES

JANUARY 02, 2022

Sat., Jan. 1: 5:00 pm

Feast of the Epiphany

(Sunday obligation)

Sun., Jan. 2: 8:30 am

Feast of the Epiphany

(Sunday obligation)

Sun., Jan. 2: 10:30 am

Feast of the Epiphany

(Sunday obligation)

Ministers will sign up



HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Friday, December 31 at 6 pm.

Because this solemnity falls on a Saturday this year, it is not observed as a holy day of obligation.

Feast of the Epiphany (Sunday obligation)

Saturday, January 1 at 5 pm

Sunday, January 2 at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Liturgical ministers are still needed. Please sign up to help at ssjohnpaul.org/christmas-liturgies.



BAPTISM PREPARATION JANUARY 18



Are you expecting a baby or have you recently added to your family? The next session for parents seeking baptism for their child is Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30 pm. Due to Covid-19, this preparation session may be held virtually. A decision will be made closer to the date. To register contact Laurie Delvaux, 967-3796 or ldelvaux@ssjohnpaul.org. Visit our website, <https://ssjohnpaul.org/baptism>, for more information on the celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

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Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

10:30 am

Online: *1st Sunday/mo.* 8:30 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 8:30-9:30 am

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm

and by individual appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

every Monday 7:00 pm

every Tuesday 6:00 am

Wednesday-Friday 6 & 8 am

Prayer Chain: 967-3796 or
ssjohnpaul@ssjohnpaul.org

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 27 in observance of Christmas. The office will be closed on Friday, December 31st in observance of the Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God. Have a safe and blessed holiday!

PARISH CALENDAR

Mon., December 27:

*Parish office closed
Adoration, 7 pm, day chapel*

Tue., December 28:

*Holy Hour, 6 am, church
Staff meeting, 10 am,
K of C Officer's meeting, 7 pm, FDC social room*

Wed., December 29:

*Holy Hour, 6 am, church & 8 am, day chapel
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 11:30 am, off campus
NCYC wrap-up meeting, 7 pm, "The Rock"*

Thu., December 30:

Holy Hour, 6 am, church & 8 am, day chapel

Fri., December 31:

*Parish office closed
Holy Hour, 6 am, church
Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass, 6 pm, church*

Sat., January 01:

Mass for Sunday obligation, 5 pm, church

Lord's Day, January 02:

*Mass livestreamed, 8:30 am
Mass for Sunday obligation, 8:30 and 10:30 am*

Mon., January 03:

Adoration, 7 pm, day chapel

Tue., January 04:

*Holy Hour, 6 am, church
Council of Catechesis, 6:30 pm, conference room*

Wed., January 05:

*Holy Hour, 6 am, church & 8 am, day chapel
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 11:30 am, off campus
Faith Formation Training & Planning, 6:30 pm,
Francis Hall
Mixed Choir, 6:45 pm, church
JYM, 7 pm, FDC social room
Teen Group, 7 pm, FDC "The Rock"*

Thu., January 06:

*Holy Hour, 6 am, church & 8 am, day chapel
Kindermusik, 10 am, FDC rooms 3-4
Kindermusik, 11:30 am, FDC rooms 3-4
K of C meeting & family potluck, 6 pm, Francis Hall*

Fri., January 07:

Holy Hour, 6 am, church & 8 am, day chapel

Sat., January 08:

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am, FDC room 10

Lord's Day, January 09:

*Parish Faith Formation LIVE, "See, I Make All
Things New"-Rev. 21:5, 5 pm, Francis Hall*

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



TEEN GROUP & JYM MEET JANUARY 5TH

Teen Group and JuniorHigh Youth Ministry will meet Wednesday, January 5th from 7 to 8:30 pm. Please join us for a fun, faith-filled evening. If you want free food, come early for a light meal and social time beginning at 6:30 pm, before we split into our respective sessions. Hope to see you there!

Masks are strongly encouraged for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

JANUARY INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

"See, I Make All Things New" 2020

Yes We Can **BEGIN AGAIN**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 | 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 | 5:30 PM

This month's menu

TACO LASAGNA	RICE KRISPIE TREAT
APPLE SAUCE	MILK, COFFEE & WATER

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MEETING TIMES
 First Thursday of Month
 6:00pm Rosary
 6:20pm Dinner
 7:00pm Meeting

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