

DECEMBER 26, 2021  
*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

# ST. GREGORY

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## Mass Schedule

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday.....5:00 PM

Sunday.....8:00 & 10:30 AM

Weekday (see schedule)

Tuesday .....12:00 PM

Wed, Thurs & Friday.....8:00 AM

## Adoration

Wednesday.....9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

## Sacraments

### Reconciliation

By appointment only.

### Anointing of the Sick

Call before hospital stay, if possible.

### Infant Baptism

Call during pregnancy for dates of preparation class and baptism.

### Marriage

Allow 10 months for marriage preparation.

Please call the Office for an appointment to set the date.

### Annulment & Marriage Validation

Please call the Office for more information.

### Joining the Catholic Church

RCIA process begins each September and leads to Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter Vigil.

## Scripture Readings-Cycle C

### Week of December 26, 2021

Sun: 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

Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tues: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/

Mt 2:13-18

Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/

Lk 2:22-35

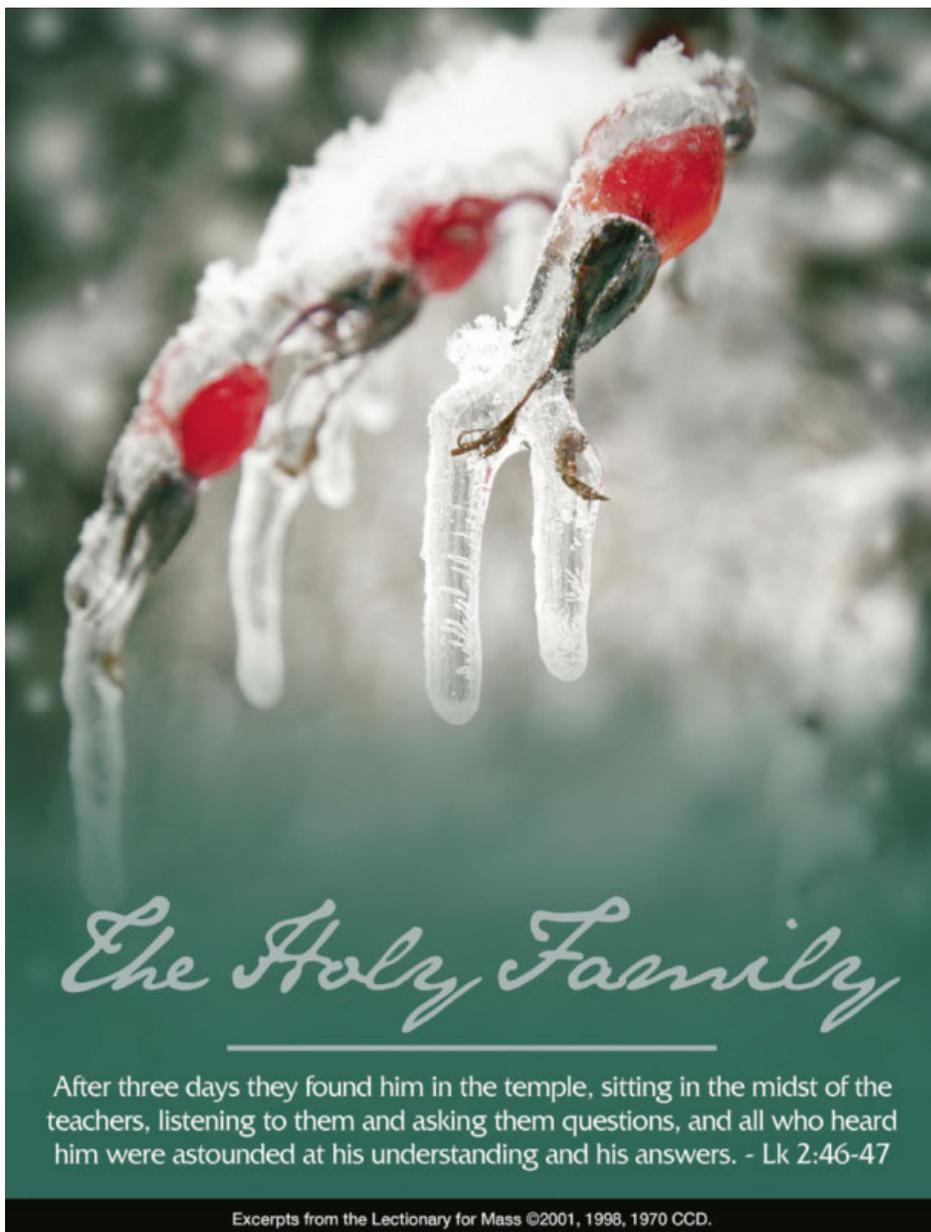
Thurs: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/

Lk 2:36-40

Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Sat: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/

Lk 2:16-21



## *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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*"We, the community of St. Gregory Barbarigo, are called forth in Baptism to follow the mission of Jesus to teach, to love, and to serve."*

Yesterday was Christmas (Merry Christmas to all!), today is the Feast of the Holy Family. It moves the Christmas season along all too fast, but also puts family life and especially children before us. I treasure our families, and would like to promote healthy and holy family life here at SGB. One way of doing that is the way that we educate and develop the faith of our students, both those in our school and those not. Something that I have tried to do is implement a way of teaching religion called **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**. I would like to explain why.

I have noticed that we are having a hard time keeping high school age students active in our parish, as well as getting some children to come to Mass on Sunday. At the same time there is a national trend whereby many people leave the Catholic Church – the second largest denomination in the U.S.A. is “fallen away” (former) Catholics, as the saying goes.

So what does that have to do with CGS? Well, part of the genius of this approach to teaching religion is that it recognizes the religious potential of a little child, beginning at age 3. From the ages of 0 – 6, children are profoundly absorbent, active, and capable of great wonder. They may not conceptualize things or think critically, but they do feel emotions and absorb experiences which are tremendously influential in their lives. These formative years are **CRUCIAL**. At these ages the children have the religious potential to bond with God at a visceral level and spend time with God, independent of moral/ethical or intellectual considerations. If you wait until they reach the age of reason to get children to bond with the Lord, then intermixed in the relationship are ethical/moral considerations of good and bad deeds and the rewards each (for example, Santa Claus asking you if you have been naughty or nice). An analogy might help. The greatest thing that a father can do for his small children is get on the floor and horse around with the children, allowing them to bond with dad. Then later in life when dad has to set boundaries in behavior or discipline the children, it is done in the context of a bond that engenders trust. That is similar to what we all need to do with God, and CGS provides this experience and the time to pray and develop that bond with God at the most appropriate time.

CGS is about experiencing God as a loving creator and redeemer. That is why their guides are called “Catechists,” not “teachers;” why the room where they work is an “atrium” not a “classroom.” The children are not just **learning about** God, they are experiencing God and spending time with the Lord. The method is sensitive to the developmental levels of children, and it expands as their ability to understand does. If we get this right, we hope we will have given our children the greatest gift a Catholic school can give, enabling them to become solid Christians who persevere in the faith confident of the Lord's love.

In the process of implementing this way of teaching, we have discovered something else: the children in their simplicity and innocence often teach the Catechists who are facilitating the experience. Jesus told us that we had to become like little children in order to enter the kingdom of heaven. Catechists come to experience what Jesus meant as the children teach them, to the profit and excitement of both.

I fear that our current manner of teaching religion is not preparing our children adequately for the challenges they will encounter in secular society. We have been trying to introduce CGS as a possible partial remedy. It introduces 3+ year olds to God, especially Jesus the Good Shepherd, at an age that they relate to Jesus as a person, and then continues to build on that foundation in later levels. It provides a better foundation – a personal bond with their creator and redeemer – that allows the children to enter more deeply into the rich sacramental and devotional life of the Catholic Church as they grow older.

In order to continue to develop this method, we will need people to be trained to be Catechists as well as some more atrium space. The interest is growing among those who have been involved – parents comment on the improvement they see in their younger children. I want to give our children only the best, and am hopeful that we can do this as a parish. If you are interested in helping, please contact Megan Johansen or myself. There is a training this coming summer.

May we open our hearts to God's grace this Christmas!

*Father Albert, O.S.B.*

## Parish Notes

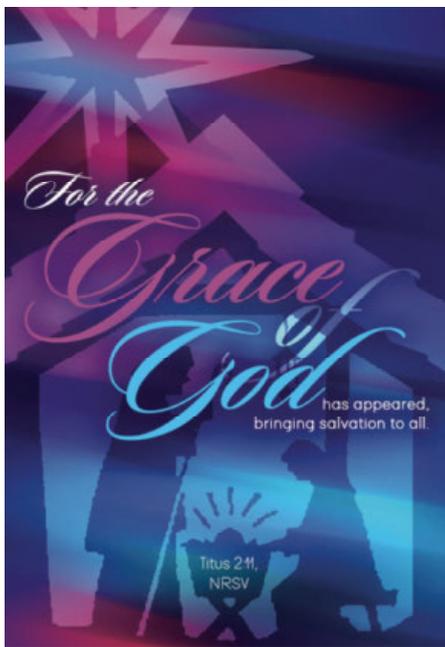
### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ST. GREGORY'S PARISH

Ava Blackford, Janet Degase, Coletta Merrigan, Arlene O'Riley, Fred Schieber, John Schroeder, Curt Jeter, Sheila Luke, Bill Stiens, Pat Wilmes, Beth Schwartz, Bridget Brown, Karen Ceckowski, George Gumm, Pat Schieber, Mike Drew, Fr. Albert Bruecken, Angela Byers, Esther Coffelt, Jerry Wilmes, David Frueh, Paul Stiens, Jr., Charlie Wilmes, Sean Wonderly and Clifton Stiens.

### OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Mike VanSickle, Haley Sheddric, Nada Farina, Frankie Chestnut, Karen Archer, Brad Pickering, Beverly Ingels, Dorothy Mackey, Jason Stoll, Linda Christensen, Jolene Stubblefield, Judy LeRose, Amanda Stiens, Eldon Graham, Shannon Stiens, Kerry Bowman, Todd Sollars, Donna Parmelee, John Hansen, Bess Manesis, Tara Lyle, Jolene Downing, Rich Harney, Pat Briles, Cletus Lager, Jeanne Haverman, Dan Nord, Phil Nord, Leonard Wolfer, Glenda Wolfer, Jess Zielinski, Madonna Strueby, Mary Bomar, Mary Ann Killion, Wyatt Eubank, JoAnn Sturm, Pat Harr, Alyce Bauer, Anthony Nord and Bernard Eiberger.





This is not the church I grew up in. Not just because I grew up in a different smaller parish in rural Missouri, but because the church has changed, and so have I. The church I grew up in did not want to be questioned, it wanted me to follow the rules even if I didn't understand them. I realize a lot of this was related to my home environment, but I believe that it was a more common attitude then, back in the ninetens as my kids say. As I became an adult and made choices not aligned with the church teachings, I felt judged by my family and assumed by my church community. I did not want to participate where I felt judged and condemned. So I left.

Over the years I occasionally attended Mass, Christmas, Weddings, Funerals, or just to make my parents happy. During those Masses I would sit with my guard up, wondering if someone would openly judge me for not being a "good Catholic" (for the record, no one ever did). Even though I was guarded, I always felt the comfort of familiarity, the knowing of the order of Mass, and envied the sense of community that existed in the congregations. In my time away, I saw the church struggle and reform to regain it's dignity in the face of trials. I also gained experience, knowledge, and maturity, and my attitude

changed. I came to understand that the worldly church is made up of humans, and humans are fallible, including me. Seeing the church recover from its past showed me that none of us are defined by our past - not even the church. If the church, and the people in it, can be accountable and ask for grace, so could I.

In returning, I learned that while the church teachings haven't really changed, some practices and the culture have. For example many of the responses during Mass are a bit different than what I memorized as a child. Safeguards are now in place to protect God's children. I grew up hearing that annulments were very expensive, perhaps that wasn't true then, but I know now they are free. If you would like to know more, here is a link to information on the diocese website: <https://kcsj catholic.org/office/tribunal/>. The Synod on Synodality is in progress, I can't yet explain this (or pronounce it correctly), but I understand that the church is seeking to listen to its members. Catechism looks very different now too. Relationship, connection and prayer life are placed before the rules. The rules are still there, but teaching our children that they belong to God is the highest priority. All of these are changes for the better that give me hope for the future of the church.

Coming back to the church was not easy, but it wasn't as hard as I had imagined. I am so grateful to Father Albert and the people of this parish who have offered words of welcome, encouragement, and an attitude that everyone who enters belongs here. Now that I am looking for them, I see so many people here of authentic faith who do not wish to condemn anyone, but want to help them on their journey to salvation. I still have work to do, but I want to be one of them.

So if you are here for the first time, or the first time in a while, know that you belong here and you are worthy of redemption and grace. If you are a practicing member of this parish, know that your attitude toward people you don't know, or haven't seen for a while has a huge impact. Being welcoming and accepting can be the difference between someone returning to their faith, or not.

Thank you for sharing your gifts. Merry Christmas! – Chris Kuhlemeyer



If you would like to know more about what is going on in our parish, please join Flocknote, our communication tool, by texting BECATHOLIC to 84576 . You can also follow us on Facebook.



## A Glance at Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

In our atrium, children learn the liturgical colors of the year. “Purple and green, red and white...are the colors of the year.

Purple’s for preparation.

White is for celebration.

Green is for the growing time.

Red is for Pentecost (and great love!).”



Having taught religious education to young people for over thirty years, I believe that we finally have found a way to truly help our children know Christ and build that relationship with Him in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Children are given time to experience the Word of God using materials that enhance understanding. Not only do the children experience our Good Shepherd, but the catechist as well. This is truly a time for the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts.

For more information on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please contact our Parish Office!

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- 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
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- 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 2:1-12

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

### Ministry Schedule

#### Saturday, Jan 1 – 5:00 pm

**Lectors:** Janice Falcone  
**Sacristan/EM:** Donna Pope  
**Communion Ministers:** Judy Crane, Theresa Groomer  
**Ushers:** Volunteers  
**Live Stream/Projector Tech:** Beth Schwartze

#### Sunday, Jan 2 – 8:00 am

**Lectors:** Michele Starke  
**Sacristan/EM:** Theresa Stiens  
**Communion Ministers:** Deb Henggeler, Dorothy Schafer  
**Ushers:** Mike Driskell, Jason Hall, John Myers, Rick Smail, Larry Stiens  
**Projector Tech:** Monica Conover

#### Sunday, Jan 2 – 10:30 am

**Lectors:** Kelly Quinlin  
**Sacristan/EM:** Mike Casteel  
**Communion Ministers:** Lacy Auffert, Kari Simpson  
**Ushers:** Ed Defenbaugh, Art Filips, Randy Frueh, Joe Meyer, Ed Nielson, Barb Nielson, Kirby Stiens  
**Projector Tech:** Maggie Farnan

### Prayer Against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen

~Pedro de la Cruz

**Sunday, Dec 26**  
12:30 pm Ecumenical Sunday Book Study(PH)  
**Monday, Dec 27**  
Parish Office Closed Thru 12/31  
No School Thru 1/3  
**Tuesday, Dec 28**  
No Scheduled Events  
**Wednesday, Dec 29**  
9:00 am Adoration until 6pm (CH)

**Thursday, Dec 30**  
No Scheduled Events  
**Friday, Dec 31—New Year's Eve**  
No Scheduled Events  
**Saturday, Jan 1**  
Solemnity of Mary Collection  
6:15 am Men's Group (PH)  
**Sunday, Jan 2**  
12:30 pm Ecumenical Sunday Book Study(PH)

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, Dec 25—Christmas Day**  
9:00 am † Martha Pope  
**Sunday, Dec 26**  
8:00 am † Delores Stoll  
10:30 am L&D Members of the Gene & Donna Frueh Family  
**Monday, Dec 27**  
12:00 pm Communion Service  
**Tuesday, Dec 28**  
12:05 pm † Mauricio & Frances Barbosa  
**Wednesday, Dec 29**  
8:00 am † Dan Bohlken  
**Thursday, Dec 30**  
8:00 am † Florentino & Lydia Cruz  
**Friday, Dec 31—New Year's Eve**  
5:00 pm L&D Members of the Gene & Donna Frueh Family  
**Saturday, Jan 1—New Year's Day**  
5:00 pm † Donald & Mary Ann Willis  
**Sunday, Jan 2**  
8:00 am † Bill & Kenny Schafer & Frank Szabo  
10:30 am People of the Parish  
(† Indicates Mass for deceased person)



Della Stiens celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 22, 2021! Her family is requesting a card shower to wish her well. Cards can be sent to Della Stiens, Oak Pointe, Memory Care Unit, 817 South Country Club Road, Maryville,



**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**  
The Parish Office is now closed for our staff Christmas break. We will reopen on Mon, Jan 3. Happy Holidays!

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org) if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [truefrancis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:truefrancis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

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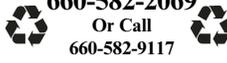
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