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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.
With Limited Seating - No Reservations Required At This Time

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday & Friday: none
Tuesday - Thursday: Noon

Parish Office

Hours: Monday-Friday,
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Phone....(816) 436-9200
Fax.....(816) 436-8049

Reconciliation

By appointment only. Please contact the parish office.

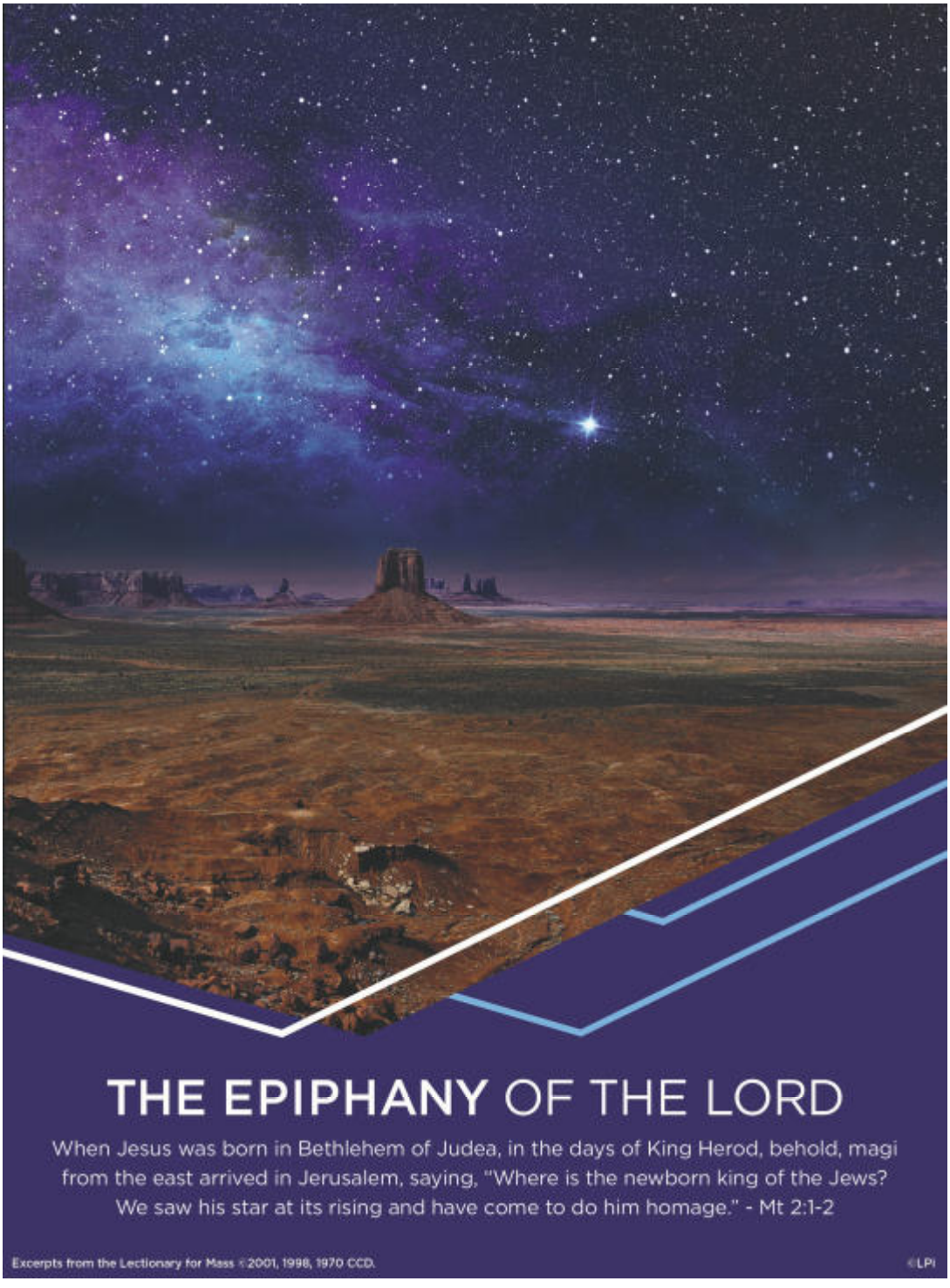
Rosary Prayer

Please say the rosary in your home.

Adoration

In Room 212 on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

January 3, 2021



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Parish Registration/Membership
Holy Family welcomes all who worship with us. We'd like to invite you to join our parish family, especially if you live in this area. A registration form can be obtained through the parish office or online at holyfamily.com.

We currently have **1,026 registered families**

A Report of our Stewardship

Offertory	
December 20, 2020	$28,973.10
Jan. 1– Dec. 20, 2020	$1,349,630.87
Building Fund	
December 20, 2020	$7,206.00
Jan. 1– Dec. 20, 2020	$406,623.56
Youth	
December 20, 2020	0
Jan. 1– Dec. 20, 2020	$791.97

Give online or set up automatic giving at holyfamily.com

Reconciliation
By appointment only. Please call the parish office. Communal penance services are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Baptism
Because of COVID-19, we are not offering an in-person Jordan program class. Instead, we are having families complete an online course. For more information about the on-line Jordan Program, please call the parish office.

Marriage
Couples intending to marry should contact the parish at least nine (9) months before the anticipated wedding. Contact Fr. Phil to schedule the preparation sessions.

Ministry to the Sick or Homebound
Please notify the parish office when a member of your family is hospitalized or confined to home. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to homes on a regular basis and the hospital as scheduled by the patient.

Helping Hands Program
Should you or someone you know be in need of assistance with home repairs, a ride to a doctor's appointment, meals while you are recuperating or anything similar, Holy Family wants to help. Please contact Phyllis Font at 816-582-9507 or email at pfont1@yahoo.com to receive the help you need.

Are you a "handy person" and would be willing to help others with repairs? Contact Phyllis or Henry Font with your information and area of expertise.

Together We Grow
Prayers for each of you for the healthiest and happiest New Year! We are grateful to be able to continue providing Mass online for those who are unable to join in person. For those who are able to come to the parish, we appreciate you being vigilant about social distancing, wearing a mask and washing your hands frequently.

With a new year, comes the mindset of what is ahead of us! Hopefully your household received your letter from Fr. Phil and are taking the time to pray over your commitment. Since we are each called to share the blessings that God has given us., we ask you to continue to give from your treasure to the annual parish budget and loan reduction fund. To all at Holy Family, we ask you to continue to pray for the parish. Know we are praying for you and grateful for your continued support. Here is to great things in 2021!

Sexual Abuse
The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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, 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 Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at chastain@diocesekcsj.org or 816-392-0011 for more information.

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 3
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
Monday, January 4
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
(No Daily Mass on Mondays)
Tuesday, January 5
1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Mary Lee Bogenschutz ✞
Wednesday, January 6
1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Carol Lauf ✞
Thursday, January 7
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Lydia Westhues
Friday, January 8
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
(No Daily Mass on Fridays)
Saturday, January 9
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
5 p.m. Carol Lauf ✞
Sunday, January 10
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
10 a.m. Tracey Schaffnit ✞

SHARING THE GOSPEL
The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

Living as Disciples

A Moment With Pope Francis

A Spirituality of Exclusive and Free Love

Marriage is also the experience of belonging to another person. Spouses love each other and grow old together, and in this they reflect the face of God. So every morning we reaffirm before God our decision to love; every evening, likewise, we place our trust in God's leading hand.

The spiritual journey of each spouse, while joined, is also separate. Only God truly sees into the depths of each one's heart. By trusting in this, the couple lets go of unrealistic expectations and walks alongside each other, as God walks beside us each day. We learn that we do not so much belong to each other as to God alone. A great freedom results.

— Excerpt from *The Joy of Love*

Jeannie Archuleta, Paul Bixler, Gail Bloom, Alaina Bonacorso, Rick and Tina Branstetter, Gene Bustamante, Joe Cento, Betty Clinton, Sophia Cooper, Ben Cuda, Carl DiMartino, Jr., Glenn Duncan, Peg Fleshman, Laurie Frawley, Debbie Goins, Doral Goodsell, Jaci Leigh Gwin, Richard Hadel, Juliana Harvey, Scott Henderson, Bob Happe, Linda Hernandez, Joe Hoppenthaler, Marge Jeffries, Jerry Jenson, Tracy Jones, Andy Kaminski, Judi Lester, Bev Lindenfelser, Gary Marquardt, Sean Miller, Tanya Mitchell, Irene Moser, Sara Norton, Barb Ogle, Kristen Omecene, Patti Ries, Sam Scivona, Rick Scola, Jacob Sellhorst, Jean Stemmermann, Phyllis Stieb, Vincent Taibi, George Wan, Esther Wandersee, Bob and Theresa Weekes, Helen Zager.

Please also continue to pray for the members of our parish families who are serving in the armed forces.

Mark's Gospel and the Challenge of Discipleship

Lectionary Year B focuses on the Gospel of Mark, the first gospel to be written somewhere between 67-73 CE. Mark is the first evangelist to give Jesus a human face along with a mission to proclaim the realm of God. St. Sabina Parish is offering scripture study sessions on **Wednesday evenings, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. and repeated sessions on Thursday mornings, January 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.**

Come with a bible and invite a friend along to explore Mark's gospel together and to be better prepared to enter more deeply into this lectionary year. All Christian churches and other faith traditions are most welcomed. The sessions will be conducted via Zoom and facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Belton, Mo.

For more information, or to register please e-mail Biagio at biagio46@gmail.com. Once registered, you will be sent a Zoom link to the sessions. You do not need a Zoom account to participate. You do need a computer or a phone/tablet of some kind that has camera and audio capabilities.

Thank You!

Thirteen amazing ministry volunteers on our liturgical Art and Environment team have helped make Advent and Christmas seasons come alive visually for our community at prayer. A special thanks to:

Barb Bloemker, Nancy Diekhaus, Jane Bromberg, Dave Hlllix, Susie Hillix, Brian Hillix, Phyllis Ganaway, Sue Bibbs, Rlta Jacobsmeyer, Vicky Otto, John Winkels, Sandi Shaw, Dee Carver, Tina Villavicencio and Fr. Phil Egan.

Shop With Scrips Turn Shopping Into Earnings

Holy Family has joined the Shop With Scrips program. With the program, you can buy gift cards and get the full value on the card. No extra money comes out of your pocket but Holy Family receives a percentage of your purchases.

It is very easy to get started. Just download the RaiseRight mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet. Then, enter the enrollment code to join and support Holy Family. The code is 8FC8DAA972623. You can also go to ShopWithScrip.com on your computer.

There are over 750 of your favorite brands, including Amazon, Buffalo Wild Wings, Starbucks and Home Depot. Our local grocery stores, Price Chopper and Sun Fresh, are also on the list of participating vendors.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Penas at epenas@kc.rr.com, Patty Rose at patty@holyfamily.com or 816-436-9200.

Commit to One Hour of Prayer in Adoration

Do you desire a better prayer life? Why not commit one hour of your week for quiet, peaceful meditation with Jesus.

Holy Family has Adoration of The Holy Eucharist each Thursday in Room 212. **We currently need adorers from noon to 1 p.m.** If you are interested in becoming involved, please call Madonna Davis at 816-454-1501.

Support Our Seminarians (SOS)

We need your help to make this year's Support Our Seminarians (SOS) event the best yet. This will be their final SOS, and sadly due to the pandemic, they won't be able to gather in person; they will be gathering virtually. They need your help to make this final SOS event their most successful ever! You can support seminarians and the future of the Church by making a donation, purchasing raffle tickets, praying for vocations and joining online at **6 p.m. on Friday January 29** for the event. To donate or purchase raffle tickets, visit www.supportourseminarians.com or contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com.

Increasing Vocations - You Can Help!

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. Would you consider adding a daily or weekly prayer to promote vocations to the priesthood or religious life? Simply pray that young men and women will discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life and that they respond courageously to follow God's call.

The Serra Club of Kansas City North consists of members from 12 Northland parishes. They meet monthly with a mission to support existing priests and religious; promote new vocations; and grow in our own faith. For more information, contact Steve Van Keirsbilck email stevevankeirsbilck@gmail.com or call 816-462-7918.

Book Club

After a pause because of the pandemic, the book club is again meeting at Holy Family. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 19, at 7 p.m.**, in room 202. They will be discussing *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*, by J. Ryan Stradal. Social distancing will be practiced so everyone stays safe. For more information, please contact Vicky Draftz at vhadel2008@gmail.com.

A Word of Thanks from the O'Toole's

Karyn and I would like to thank the staff and our extended family here at Holy Family. Karyn is well on her way to recovery after her accident. The thoughts, prayers, meals and support have been so over whelming. We are truly blessed and grateful. Many thanks to all of you!

Mike and Karyn O'Toole

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NEWS

HAPPY 2021!
Our PSR virtual classes resume January 10th! Please remember to check the PSR website for the class schedule.

SECOND GRADE PARENTS
First Holy Communion is scheduled for March. We will be providing more information in a few weeks.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A Message from Catholic Charities

Each new year, we honor our Blessed Mother, who in her "yes" to God brought our Savior into the world. There is a beautiful spiritual significance in celebrating Mary during the heart of the Christmas season as we renew our adoration for the newborn Prince of Peace.

Catholic Charities KCSJ would like to wish the peace of Christ to all of you in this new year. For information about their programs and services please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266.

Question of the Week - The Epiphany of the Lord Overcoming Jealousy

Key Passage: Then Herod sent the [magi] to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." (Matthew 2:8)

Adult Question: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Child Question: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

Lighting Candles in Church

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer: Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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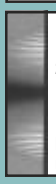
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