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DECEMBER 26, 2021



**Parish Staff**

Barb Aarhus, SH Secretary  
Crystal Nelson, SC Secretary  
Alice Spinler, HT, SH, SC  
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507-451-1385

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5:00 pm, SH  
Sunday: 8:15 am, HT  
Sunday: 10:00 am, SC

**Reconciliation**

**Baptism**

Please call the office to register a date for baptism. First time baptisms requires preparation with priest.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Classes are held at St. Columbanus from September through April.

**Marriage**

Contact the SC Parish Office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required.

**Care of the Sick**

Call the office

**Christian Burial**

SC Parish Office, 507-583-2784

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



<b>December 31 – January 2, 2021</b>		
<b><u>Solemnity of Mary</u></b>		
<b>Friday, 12/31 – SC 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Hannah &amp; Matthias Lager</b>	
<b>Regular Weekend Masses</b>		
<b>Saturday, 1/1 – SHC – 5 PM</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>	
<b>Sunday, 1/2 – HT – 8:15 AM</b>	-----	
<b>Kathy Meier</b>	<b>SC (BP) – 10 AM</b>	<b>Keith Doerhoefer</b>

<b>Liturgical Roles</b>	
<b>WEEKEND OF January 1-2, 2022</b>	
<b>Sacred Heart, Hayfield – Sat. January 1 – 5 PM</b>	
<b>Epiphany of The Lord</b>	
Lector:	Roger Hahn
EM:	Barb Aarhus
Greeter:	Dave Samuelson's
Ushers:	Jim Laumann, Don Simon Ron Vogel, Tom Walerak
<b>St. Columbanus, BP~Sunday, January 2, 10:00 am</b>	
Lector:	Michelle Krell
Euch. Min.:	Rodney Krell & Peter Vogt
Ushers:	Dayton Peterson
Counters:	Team 2
<b>Holy Trinity</b>	
LEC –	Monica Anderson
EM –	Tom Wencil
SERVERS –	Connor Louks & Laura Herget
USHERS –	Chris Deml & Clint Seykora
GREETERS –	Keith & Carol Holman

**Weekly financials**

December 11/12, 2021 - \$1,810.11

St. Columbanus 12/12 4434.00

Holy Trinity 12/12 \$1513.00

# Cluster Faith Formation News

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### HOLY TRINITY:

1/2/22: No Children's Church  
 1/9/22: Children's Church. *Helper: Lily Schammel*  
 1/12/22: Faith Formation Classes resume @ 6:30 pm

### SACRED HEART:

Sat. & Sun. Jan. 1 & 2: No Classes  
 Sat. Jan. 8 – Preschool Class  
 Sun. Jan. 9 – Faith Formation Classes

### ST. COLUMBANUS

New Class Times:  
 Elementary 6-6:45  
 High School 6:45-8

### HELP NEEDED!

St. Columbanus is in need of substitute teachers for Wednesday night faith formation classes. Please contact Krystal at 507-475-1425 if you're able to help out!

## American Red Cross Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Sacred Heart Church on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 4 PM. Please give if you can as they are short of blood. Mark your calendar, schedule an appointment with the American Red Cross or call Ruth Santjer at 477-2339.

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