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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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Eternal Father,

*I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.*



BYTES OF FAITH

By FATHER STEVEN J. McLOUD

Dear Parishioners,

Within our Catholic tradition, the Sunday following the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord is always the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On this day we pray and reflect upon Christianity's "First Family."

We live in an age with a diverse description and opinion about the family. Everything from the traditional family, single parent families, adoptive families, dysfunctional families, the modern family, and those from a broken home are all part of today's culture. Our annual celebration of the Holy Family is an important reminder of what being family is all about. Mary teaches us the importance of "keeping things in our hearts," praying and searching for God's presence in the midst of the

anxiety of family life.

The word "family" connotes many different things for different people and situations. But, no matter what our family circumstances may be, our second reading recalls that we all belong to one family that is indeed holy; the family of God. God made each of us with a unique love and with a future beyond imagination.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is held up as an example for us today so that we might try to imitate their love in the world. Let us pray for our families and the values & morals of family life, for the entire human family and for the family of the Church.



Synod 2021 – 2023 Phase Two

As the Diocese moves forward in its synodal process related to Synod 2021-2023, I would like to express my appreciation to all of our parishioners who took time to attend the parish meeting in the Phase One Process at the local level on November 30 and share their thoughts and wisdom.

The next phase in our Diocesan Synodal Process is for the Diocese to host Deanery-Wide Listening Events which are twofold. These Listening Events are for pastors and their parish representatives to share directly with the Bishop what they heard at their parish gatherings and for the faithful and those in attendance to have the opportunity to add to those comments and conversations. **The Deanery-Wide Listening Events are not sounding boards for specific complaints or concerns about any particular parish grouping but are designed to listen to the thoughts and recommendations as to how the Church Universal should proceed and move forward. In addition, these sessions are designed for the Bishop to listen, to process and to take note of. They are not occurring for him to give answers, debate or otherwise comment.**

It should be noted and is important to know that the Deanery-Wide Listening Events in addition to having the pastors and their representatives present are open to the public both Catholic and non-Catholic. The meeting for our Northeast Deanery will be held on **Thursday, 13 January at the Divine Mercy Parish -St. Cecelia Church Hall.** The agenda and timeline are as follows. The Prayer, Conversations / Listening will be facilitated by our Directors in the Office of Evangelization.

FATHER STEVEN J. McLOUD

Synod 2021 – 2023 Phase Two

Agenda

5:00pm	Prayer in Church
5:30pm	Meal or Snacks
6:15pm	Conversation – Listening
7:45pm	Adjourn

Saturday, January 1, 2022, is not a holy day of obligation this year. However, two Masses will be offered at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning in the parish for those who would like to attend a Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.



When schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, Mass, Religious Education Classes and other parish events and activities are also cancelled. If weather and road

conditions begin to deteriorate after normal school hours and on weekends, a notification alert will be sent out on the Parish App, Facebook page and area radio stations.

Thank You from Mike Berte - I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the funeral dinners in 2021. It is truly appreciated. If any person would like to help in 2022 please contact me Mike Berte at 515.395.1194 or the Divine Mercy Parish office at 515.295.3435. God Bless You!



Week 14 - Winners: Book 55 - Mike Dean and Jeff Nemmers

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

BULLETIN DEADLINE | If you would like to have your announcement posted in the weekly bulletin, please email Lori Geitzenauer at geitzl@dmparish.org. All articles need to be submitted **by 12:00 pm Noon on Fridays**. **Holiday deadlines are 1 to 2 weeks earlier.**

Communion to the Homebound - Divine Mercy St. Cecelia is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to take communion to the homebound on Sundays. If you would be interested in this special ministry please call the parish office (515.295.3435) and let us know.

Parish Financial Books: Per IRS Regulations, donations can only be deducted in the year they are actually made. Please make all donations intended for 2021 by December 31. *Thank you!*



Congratulations to Dayton Jenniges, 12th grade student attending Algona High School, who received his Eagle Scout award at a ceremony held on December 5, 2021 at St. Cecelia. Dayton is in the front row blue neckerchi



Openings in the Adoration Chapel at Divine Mercy - St. Cecelia

Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Fridays 7:00-8:00 p.m. 8:00-9:00 p.m. 9:00-10:00 p.m.
Saturdays (4th Saturday of Month) 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturdays (1st, 3rd, 4th weeks) 8:00-9:00 p.m. and 9:00-10:00 p.m.
Contact Patti Thilges at 515.341.1398

+ RITES +

BAPTISM

We welcome those who have been newly baptized. Please pray that they will continue to grow in faith.

Holton Thomas Deitering
Son of Blake Deitering & Hali Smith

MARRIAGE

Congratulations and Blessings to all couples joined together in the Sacrament of Matrimony and those preparing for marriage.

Matt Koppen and Kendra Roethler
Levi Gardewine and Cady Steinman

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL MASS

May the angels lead those who have died into eternal paradise and count them among the saints in Heaven.

Colleen C. Hegarty
Francisco Frank C. Cantu
Philip E. Eischen

+ SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION +

BAPTISM

Parents need to be registered in the parish and actively practicing their faith. First-time parents are required to take a Pre-Baptism class. Call the Rectory at 515.295.3435.

MARRIAGE

Diocesan and Parish policy require that couples planning a wedding must contact the parish at least six (6) months in advance of an anticipated marriage. No date is scheduled until it is confirmed by the pastor. Couples will need to meet with the priest or deacon to complete a Pre-Nuptial Investigation and attend two diocesan classes: "Called to the Wedding Feast" and "Walking in Love." To make arrangements for an upcoming wedding contact Deacon Bill Black at 515.295.3435 or blackb@dmparish.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

R.C.I.A. is for those who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith. It is a time to learn about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches and gives you the opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have about Catholicism. RCIA is open to anyone unbaptized, baptized in another faith or baptized as a Catholic, but have not received any of the other sacraments. For more information, contact Deacon Bill Black 515.295.3435 or email blackb@dmparish.org.



Join the Divine Mercy Prayer Team
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
for the Holy Rosary
on Facebook



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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

JANUARY 1 & 2 ~ 2022

Altar Servers	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Alice Casey, Addison Kuper
		5:00 pm	SJW	Alyssa Haugland, Corbin Darling
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Carlee & Levi Allen
		8:30 am	SJB	Avery & Kegan Berte
		10:30 am	SSPP	Wesley Anderson, Mitch Stevens
		10:30 am	SC	Gabbie & Hunter Penton
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Mary Foth, Lynn Miller, Myra Miller-Choir
		5:00 pm	SJW	Rodney Vitzthum
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Brian Goodman, Ron Kenyon
		8:30 am	SJB	Phil Meyer, Lori Nickel, Johanna Vaske-Back/Choir
		10:30 am	SSPP	Kathy Montag, Carol Eoriatti
		10:30 am	SC	Duane & Jane Erpelding, Amy Penton-Choir
Gift Bearers	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Joe & Mary Kay Courtney
		5:00 pm	SJW	Sylvia & Larry Hildman,
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Kevin & Tina Berte, Dan Hansen
		8:30 am	SJB	Family of Donald Doocy
		10:30 am	SSPP	Jeff & Pam Bonstetter
		10:30 am	SC	Jerry & Mary Buscher
Lector	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Carol Eischeid
		5:00 pm	SJW	Richard Studer
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Harry Bormann
		8:30 am	SJB	Rachel Vaske
		10:30 am	SSPP	Megan Miller
		10:30 am	SC	Doug Miller
Sacred Music	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Anita Gerhardt, Denise Walker
		5:00 pm	SJW	Bev Klein, Choir
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Colleen Kenyon, Mia Bronk
		8:30 am	SJB	Deb Govern, Choir
		10:30 am	SSPP	Luan Bargman, Gary Yoch
		10:30 am	SC	Ellen Gatton, Renetta Seiler
Ushers	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Glen Eischen, Don Walker, Andy Kuper, Steve Nelson
		5:00 pm	SJW	Dale Lappe, Mark Studer
	Sunday	8:30 am	SM	Tim Allen, Ryan & Jill Nelson
		8:30 am	SJB	Drew Merron, Brian Berte, Brad Arndorfer, Pat Merron
		10:30 am	SSPP	Tom & Janet Hartman, Brad & Courtney Ruppert
		10:30 am	SC	Pat Kuper, Ethan Gisch, Chuck Stetzel, Kevin Bleich
Greeters	Saturday	4:30 pm	SC	Joe & Lisa Bartolo, Vicki Mallory, Conrad & Maureen Meis
	Sunday	10:30 am	SSPP	Jeff & Pam Bonstetter
	Sunday	10:30 am	SC	Brandon & Cassie Rowley, Bill & Kim Murphy
Holy Communion to Homebound	Sunday	8:30 am	SJB	Joyce Hatten
		8:30 am	SM	Pam Kollasch





SCHOOL NEWS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

“MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERYDAY”

BISHOP GARRIGAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

January 4 8:40 am BG Student Mass [SC]



It's that time again! The Divine Mercy Parish Youth Ministry Team is planning a trip to the summer Steubenville Conference. This year we plan to make the trip to Rochester, MN. We will work on an itinerary to include a service project and an activity. Speakers: Fr. Agustino Torres, Bob Rice, Megan Mohan, Pete Burds, Mari Pablo, with praise and worship by Sonar Worship. All are welcome to attend regardless of school or worship site! Contact Deacon David Penton or Rachel Vaske at the parish office 515.295.3435 to seek further information or to register.

\$\$\$\$\$\$ Scholarships are available! \$\$\$\$\$\$

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- January 5 6:30 pm Grades 7, 8, 9 Faith Formation [SC]
Family Formation K-6
- January 5 6:30 pm Religious Ed Rosary followed by Class [SSPP]
- January 5 7:00 pm Religious Education Class [SJB]
- January 5 7:30 pm Divine Mercy Youth Ministry
Meet in the Divine Mercy Parish Office

The Divine Mercy-St. John Altar Society would like to say Thank You to all who furnished cookies, helped setup, and bought cookies on Sunday for the successful Cookie Walk. Also thank you to Circle 3 for serving coffee and rolls during the cookie walk.

Thank You to all who donated items of food, paper products, can goods, gift cards, and cash for our CDA Food Drive. Many people had a brighter Holidays because of you. Thanks again.
Court St. Francis Xavier Cabrini #1797

Sock Religious - Thank you to all for purchasing socks from the Youth Ministry Sock Religious fundraiser. Stay tuned in for the next fundraiser.

The St. Peter & Paul Church at West Bend PFAH Group will have their 3rd Annual Breakfast / Bake Sale & Games for the kids on January 9, 2022. Menu: Breakfast burrito, biscuits & sausage gravy, sausage, ham, rolls and baked goods. Circle 1, 2, and 3 Please bring \$15.00 worth of baked goods. Circle 4 bring 2 jars or bags filled with goodies for jar stop game. Circle 5 bring 1 dozen rolls, coffee cake, or doughnuts for the breakfast. Please bring all jars and food to the church basement before Mass on January 9 or drop off anytime the day before. All proceeds go to the cost of the food we package and send to our Twin Parish. We are excited to welcome all of our Divine Mercy family to attend this event!! Breakfast starts immediately after 10:30 Mass until 12:30 p.m.

Taize Prayer Service
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silence and contemplation.

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Sunday, January 23
6:00 PM
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Collection	\$21,891.00
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Cemetery	\$100.00
Building/Utilities	\$216.00
Flowers	\$340.00
Haiti/PFAH	\$8,097.45
Immaculate Conception	\$1,154.61



MASS INTENTION



Sunday, December 26 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- 8:30 am SM †St. Michael Parish, Tom Steier
- 8:30 am SJB †Jim & Carol Goche, John & Lois Stein, Elmer Hellman, Deceased members of Louis & Margaret Laubenthal Family
- 10:30 am SSPP †Kay Blair, Kevin Doty, Juanita Yoch
- 10:30 am SC †Barb Buscher, Maureen Lentsch, Gladys Thill, Peter C. Reding, Katie Thilges

Monday, December 27 ~ Saint John

- 7:30 am BGC Bishop Garrigan Chapel

Tuesday, December 28 ~ The Holy Innocents

- 8:40 am SC †No School Mass
- 5:30 pm SJB †No Mass
- 5:30 pm SC †No Mass

Wednesday, December 29 ~ Saint Thomas Becket

- 8:30 am SJB †No Mass
- 4:00 pm NH †No Mass

Thursday, December 30

- 8:30 am SJW †No Mass
- 6:00 pm SSPP †No Mass

Friday, December 31 ~ Saint Sylvester

- 7:00 am SC †No Mass
- 8:30 pm SM †No Mass

Saturday, January 1

- 8:30 am SC †Suzanne Stoffel, Maxine Platt
- 8:30 am SJB †Paul Elsbecker, Steve Elsbecker
- 4:30 pm SC †Merle Laubenthal, Jim Fickbohm, Lori Detrick, Steve Schindler
- 5:00 pm SJW †Joan Guarisco, Luella Lickteig, Deceased members of John & Katherine Hamilton Family

Sunday, January 2 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30 am SM †Janet Muller
- 8:30 am SJB †Dick Deitering, Rosella Kunkel, Rita Ray, Florence Haag, Donald Doocy
- 10:30 am SSPP †Bernard Hartman, Eddie Grimm
- 10:30 am SC †Living & Deceased members of Robert & Phyllis Bormann Family, Kay & Duane McCleish Edward, Anita & Mary Thilges



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

- 8:30 am Mass [SM]
- 8:30 am Mass [SJB]
- 10:30 am Mass [SSPP]
- 10:30 am Mass [SC]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 7:30 am Mass [Bishop Garrigan Chapel]

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 8:40 am No BG School Mass [SC]
- 2:00 pm No Divine Mercy Staff Meeting [Office]
- 4:30 pm No Eucharistic Adoration | Sacrament of Penance [SJB]
- 5:30 pm No Mass [SJB]
- 5:30 pm No Mass [SC]
- 6:00 pm No Sacrament of Penance [SC]
- 7:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Team Rosary [Facebook]

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 8:30 am No Mass [SJB]
- 1:00 pm Kossuth County Food Pantry [Algona]
- 4:00 pm No Mass [NH West Bend]
- 6:30 pm No Religious Education [SSPP]
- 6:30 pm No Religious Education [SC]
- 7:00 pm No Religious Education [SJB]
- 7:30 pm No Divine Mercy Youth Ministry [SC]

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 8:30 am No Mass [SJW]
- 9:00 am No Eucharistic Adoration | Sacrament of Penance [SJW]
- 5:30 pm No Eucharistic Adoration | Sacrament of Penance [SSPP]
- 6:00 pm No Mass [SSPP]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 7:00 am No Mass [SC]
- 8:30 am No Mass [SM]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 8:30 am Mass [SC]
- 8:30 am Mass [SJB]

Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord

- 3:15 pm Sacrament of Penance [SC]
- 4:15 pm Sacrament of Penance [SJW]
- 4:30 pm Mass [SC]
- 5:00 pm Mass [SJW]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 8:30 am Mass [SM]
- 8:30 am Mass [SJB]
- 10:30 am Mass [SSPP]
- 10:30 am Mass [SC]

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