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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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26, 2021


SACRED HEART CHURCH	ST. JAMES CHURCH	ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH
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Please join us in saying the Rosary, Chaplet, & Benediction
 This Monday @ St. James - ***6:00 pm - Live Stream (note time change)

St. James Cash Raffle is back again. Grand prize is \$10,000 and 14 other cash prizes for a total give away of \$20,000. The tickets are \$100.00 each limited to 400 sold, and are available at the church entrances. The drawing will be February 25, 2022. They would make a wonderful Christmas gift. Proceeds will go to the St. James Maintenance Fund.

There are signup sheets if you would like to sell raffle tickets before and after Mass. **Reminder** - the person selling the Grand Prize winning ticket gets \$500, all you have to do is put your name on the back of the stub. Thank you

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Christ is born! Our mission is to be **His** heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. The ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal are at the heart of this mission. They provide assistance, education and pastoral care to people throughout our diocese. Please consider a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

 **The annual "March for Life" bus** to the State Capitol will depart from the north parking lot of Coborn's, Little Falls, on January 22, at 730AM and from St. Joseph's parking lot in Pierz at 800AM and Buckman at 820AM. Bring your sack lunch and call Floyd Richmond in Little Falls at 632-2880 or Dale Bierman in Pierz at 360-7100 by January 19 to reserve a space. There will be a Service at the Cathedral at 10:30 and program at the Capitol at noon. We will depart at 330PM back about 5PM. This is your chance to let the Legislators know of your support for the Pro-Life message.

 **Central Minnesota Together Encountering Christ (TEC)** has a full slate of three-day TEC retreats starting in January 2022 and moving forward. It is time for TEC retreats to return. Never has our ministry been more important and more needed, especially as young people and adults seek perspective, peace, direction, community, and closeness with God. TEC is the perfect place to gather a lot of that. We have weekend retreats each month beginning in January of 2022.

The New Parish Council Members

St. James: Kathy Rutz
Tom Rausch

St. Stanislaus: Arnie Selinger
Liz Vetsch

Sacred Heart: Rob Bryce
Carmen Genske




Thank you to our new parish council members for agreeing to take on that roll, and thank you to those who served the church and their community for the last years.

Lighter Side-You Can't Take It with You

There was a very rich man who was just about to die, and he wanted to take some of his wealth with him. So, he started negotiations with God about the matter. God was not sure as it had never been done before and He did not want to set a precedent. Finally, after long talks, God reluctantly agreed to allow him to bring his wealth to heaven.

Just a few days before he died, the rich man converted all his money into gold bullion. He died and the funeral home made sure that the suitcases containing the gold bullion went with him. He arrived at the Pearly Gates with his suitcases and there was Peter. Peter told him he could not bring the suitcases into heaven. But the man said he had already spoken to God, and He had said it was OK. So, Peter got on the God phone, and sure enough it was true. Peter was curious as to what was so valuable that the man wanted to bring it into heaven. So he asked, "Could I look in the suitcases?"

The man opened the suitcases and Peter exclaimed, "Why are you bringing pavement to heaven!" 

St. Stanislaus & Sacred Heart

Weekend Masses will be changing next weekend.

January 1 & 2nd

Sacred Heart will be Saturday 4:30 pm
St. Stanislaus will be Sunday 8:30am

Also St. Stanislaus Thursday Mass time changed to 4:00pm

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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. ~ ©LPi

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPi

Prayer to the Holy Family

Heavenly Father, you have given us a model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic and vibrant with joy. Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow through family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our family, especially in their distressing disguise. May the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus make our hearts meek and humble like His, and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way. May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each others faults as you forgive our sins. Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and to give whatever you take, with a big smile. Help us, O Holy Father, to make our families one heart, full of love, in the Heart of Jesus through Mary. Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us. Amen. -- *St. Mother Teresa of Calcuta*

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Prayer Line

St. Stanislaus—Anna Mae Woltman 632-9039

Sacred Heart— Office 632-6930

St. James—Carmen Maschler 749-2232

Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism: Call pastor to arrange pre-baptismal classes.

Reconciliation: 45 minutes before the weekend Masses or by appointment.

Weddings: Engaged couples should contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Call parish office for homebound/hospitalized.

Prayer Corner



We Pray for... Lorraine Altrichter, Briar Andres, Frankie Andres Jr, Nancy Andres, Walt Andres, Luann Baggentoss, Kristina Becker, Cathy Bygd, Ron Czech, Diane Dembouski, Father Glen Frerichs, Terry Garrison, Renee Gummert, Roger Harakel, Ron Holthaus, Georgie Houle, Anna Grace Jares, Barbara Krebs, Beverly Lemieur, Lois Olson, Jeff Pauls, Bob Mahling, Becky Majerus, Kitty Mazzarro, Lonnie Pantzke,

Erin Petermeier, Cathy Schwientek, Special Intention, Rick Sullivan, Matthew Throener, Christine Thornborrow, Bess Weidenbach, Tim Welter, Joanne Wenning, Norman Williams, Greg Yourczek, Bunny Zimmerman, Brooklyn Kae Zehowski, all our service men and women, and all those who received a **prayer blanket**. (anyone wishing a prayer blanket for themselves, or to give to someone please contact the parish office)

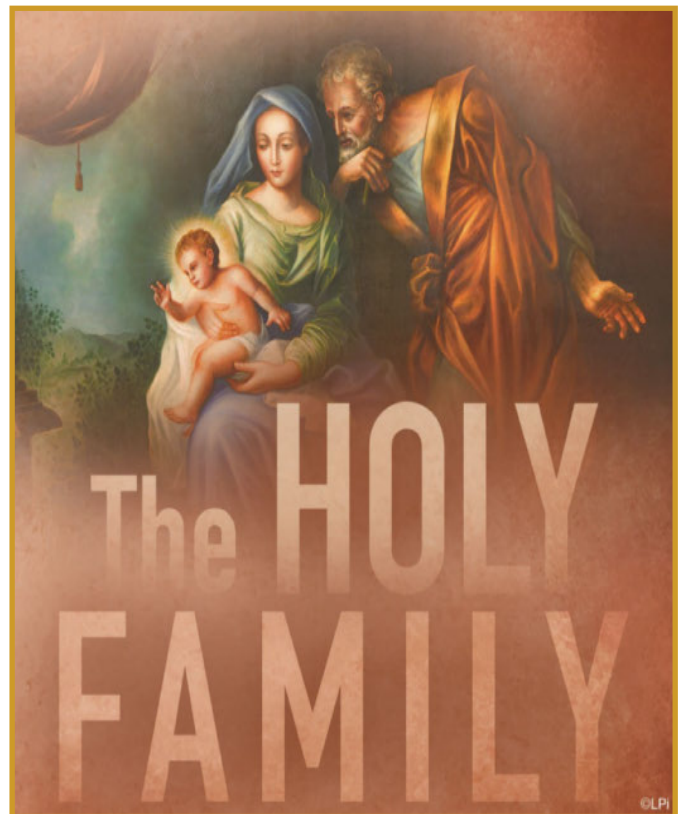
We pray for all those in the nursing home and those who are homebound.

In order to keep the prayer corner current, names will be kept on the prayer corner for **two months** unless requested to come off earlier. If a name comes off that you want put back on, please politely call the parish office or the contact for your parish to have them put back on.

REMINDER: In order for names to be on our prayer corner the **INDIVIDUAL or a FAMILY MEMBER** must inform the parish office or the prayer line contact for your parish. Due to the Privacy Act we are unable to put names without their permission on our prayer list. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 12/27	Rosary, Chaplet & Benediction	
6:00 pm	Live Stream	St. James
Tuesday, 12/28		St. Stanislaus
8:00 am Mass		Special Intention
5:30 pm Mass		St. James
		†Ruth Schultz
Wednesday, 12/29	No Mass	
Thursday, 12/30		St. James
8:00 am Mass		†Agnes Doucette
4:00 pm Mass		St. Stanislaus
		†Ben Kokett
Friday, 12/31	No Mass @	Sacred Heart
8:00 am		
Friday, 12/31		St. Stanislaus
7:00 pm Mass	Mary Mother of God	†Fr. Leo Otto
Saturday, 1/1		
8:00am Mass	Mary Mother of God	St. James
		†Doreen Newman
Saturday, 1/1		Sacred Heart
9:00 am Mass		Latin
Saturday, 1/1		Sacred Heart
4:30 pm Mass		†Ethel Karpinski
Sunday, 1/2		St. Stanislaus
8:30 am Mass		†Ann Woidyla
Sunday, 1/2		Sacred Heart
10:00 am Mass		Latin
Sunday, 1/2	Live Stream	St. James
10:30 am Mass		People of the Tri-Parish



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