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DECEMBER 26, 2021 · THE MOST HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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Pastor: Fr. Matt Koperski
Parish Secretary: Celena Varga
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Altar Society: Mary Yardley 487-5682, Julie Kresl 487-3603

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Pre-Baptismal classes are on the first Tuesday of every **even month**, at 7pm in the Parish Center. Contact Parish Center Office or Theresa Dykes 760-1122.
Marriage: Please begin preparation at least 4 months in advance. Contact Parish Center Office.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4pm Holy Rosary, Sunday 7:30 am St. Bridget's

Website: www.bbccatholic.com



Knights of Columbus Council 975: Meets every second Wednesday of the month 7 pm in the lyceum meeting room.

Weekend Mass Schedule:
(HR—Holy Rosary, SB—St. Bridget)

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. HR
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. SB
10:00 a.m. HR
2nd Sunday: 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass HR
*See inside for weekday mass schedule.

COLLECTION BASKET (903 Big Horn) 762-3343

New Hours
Mondays and Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.



We invite each new family and/or individual to register with us by calling the Parish Center Office. Registration enables the parish staff to assist you at the time of Baptism, Marriage, Illness or death. All 18 and over please register at the parish office.

PASTORAL VISITS: Contact the Church office for pastoral visits at home or in the hospital. 762-2009

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I pray that you have been celebrating our Dear Savior's birth with great joy and peace. We continue in our Christmas season with the celebration of the Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph which will hopefully call us to rejoice in the blessings of our families, and to find hope and direction to bring healing to any brokenness we experience in our family lives.

We might say that they had it easier than most because Jesus is God and Mary was without sin, so how difficult could their life together be? I imagine giving birth in a stable, being sought to be killed, and fleeing to a foreign country with a newborn child would be some challenges few of us would ever experience.

Christ has come to be with us and to help us know we are not alone in our difficulties. The Holy Family is light for us to see how God's presence is with us to guide us into great ways of being together as family and church. May we have the courage to follow more closely the Holy Family's example, and know in intercession of the Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph her spouse.

Thank you for your many kindnesses this Christmas, and may you know my special prayers for you and your families.
Fr. Matt

PARISH NEWS

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Saturday, January 1st is a Holy day of obligation –The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass times will be **6 PM on Friday, December 31st at St. Bridget's** and **9 AM Saturday, January 1st at Holy Rosary**. Regular weekend mass schedule will follow.

DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity towards our Diocesan Appeal goal! We are getting close to our goal of \$41,375. If you haven't already given, please consider donating so we can meet our goal this year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week of December 27

Monday, December 27

- Communion Service, Marian 7:15 AM
- Bible Study, PC Library 9:30 AM

Tuesday, December 28

- Mass, Marian 7:15 AM

Wednesday, December 29

- Mass, PC Chapel 9:00 AM

Thursday, December 30

- Mass, Marian 7:15 AM

Friday, December 31 NEW YEARS EVE PC OFFICES CLOSED

- Mass, St. Bridget's, 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

- Mass, Holy Rosary, 9:00 AM
- Confessions, Holy Rosary 4:00 PM
- Mass, Holy Rosary, 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 2

- Confessions, St. Bridget's Church 7:30 AM
- Mass, St. Bridget's Church 8:00 AM
- Mass, Holy Rosary Church 10:00 AM

SCHOOL NEWS AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

NOREN PLACEK, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 762-2830.

ST. AGNES ACADEMY 762-2315, RODNEY WILHELM, PRINCIPAL, JANE MCGHEHEY, SECRETARY

No Faith Formation Classes on Wednesday, Dec. 29th. We are on Christmas break. Classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 5th.

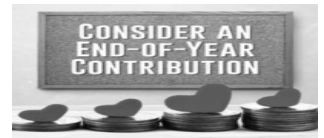
Please view the Christmas Pageant slideshow at the faith formation website www.holyrosaryalliance.weebly.com It will be under the Children's Program K-5.

PARISH CENTER HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center will be closed on New Years' Eve day, Friday December 31st and will resume normal hours Monday, January 3rd.

END OF YEAR DONATIONS

If you are wanting to give an end-of-year donation to Holy Rosary, please have it to the church office by Thursday, December 30th. Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who donated a poinsettia in memory/ honor of a loved one! It sure helps to make the Church look festive for the Christmas celebrations!

Poinsettias given in honor/memory/thanksgiving of the following:

James Cornette	Gilbert & Frances Hall
Tami & Matt Oligmueller	Barb Ligan
Collins Family deceased members	Mike & Betty Manning
Liewer & LeMunyan deceased family	Hayden Tooley
Jarod Johnston	George B Ackerman
Harry & Madlyn Rusk	Eleanor R Gardner
Dick Broad	Thanksgiving for health
Jim Rodell	Blanche Essay
Mel & MaryAnn Ritzdorf	Don Roes
Jeannette & Swede Lierk	Albert & Mary Peters
Tom & Katie Dillon/ Sr. Kathleen	Mary Shiers
Dorothy & Donald Brown	Sarah & Fred Alvarado
Holy Rosary and St. Agnes Academy	Tony Campos
Leo Murphy family	Marcos Alvarado
Mary Gould	Virginia Garcia
Ival Wolvington	Isiah Garcia
Rebecca Beardsley	Jack Burke
Jennifer Kyle	Richard Gonzalez
James E. Smith families	Bernie Ridenour
Ben Risse families	Teresa Gorman family
Emma & Al Cheatile	
Farritor/Haslow deceased family	
Mark & Bret Walcott	
Leonard & Helen Annen	
Don & Helen Rice deceased family	
John Beiber	
Tom, Dennis, Bill Manion, Colleen Messersmith	
Cliff & Rita Dress	
Charles & Vivian Sherlock	
Lonnie & Don Sherlock	
Patrick & Marcella O'Connor	
June Applegarth	
Alice Collis	
Bernard & Dee Becker	
Richard Gaccetta	
Jon W. Hall	
Schmeits/Ketchmark families	

Parish Support

COLLECTION OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

Adult	\$	4,364.00
On-line Giving	\$	1,015.00
Youth	\$	34.00
Plate	\$	506.60
Candles	\$	13.00
Building	\$	111.00
Building Insurance	\$	97.00
All Saints Day	\$	10.00
Christmas	\$	450.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	863.00
TOTAL	\$	7,463.60
Haiti	\$	18.00
Religious Retirement	\$	447.00
Latin America	\$	12.00
2021-2022 weekly budget	\$	11,538.46
Amount needed YTD	\$	276,923.04
Total Amount rec'd YTD	\$	220,440.49



Holy Rosary Parish/Alliance

Parish Goal: \$41,375
Total Raised: \$30,243
Total Received: \$26,756
Donor Goal: 120
Current No of Donors: 98

HELP!

Outreach Ministry is in need of volunteers to take communion to homebound parishioners. For more information and training call Theresa Dykes at 760-1122.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners!
 \$200 to Roger Applegarth, \$100 to Paula Egnoske of Grand Island,
 \$50 each to the following: Virginia Carr, Patty Heitz, Bob Heitz, Todd Bengston of York, Gina Ackerman, Gert Potmesil and Chris Galbraith of Pennsylvania.



We have begun our weekly sessions of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) with our candidates. We meet Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center Library. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. They are: Seth and Leslie Hulquist, Melody White, Jeff Maddox, Tracey Hamilton, Diane Marstellar.

December 30

NEW YEARS BREAK

ST. BRIDGET'S NEWS

Parish Support

December 12, 2021

Envelopes	\$	897.00
Plate	\$	111.00
Youth	\$	38.50
Building	\$	100.00
Poinsettias	\$	132.00
Retired Religious	\$	32.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	72.00
TOTAL:	\$	1,382.50

2021-2022 weekly budget	\$	1,650.00
Amount needed YTD	\$	37,950.00
Actual Amount rec'd YTD	\$	40,136.87

Diocesan Appeal	Goal:	\$9,435.00
	Received:	\$2,835.00
	Needed:	\$6,600.00



Morning Prayer Service with Communion

Services on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

December 29	Kathey Andersen
January 5	Jeannine Gasseling
January 12	Kathey Andersen

Full time cook position. Sisters of St. Francis, Marian Residence, is a private retirement home. We have an immediate opening for a full time cook, which includes alternating weekends, and offers an attractive benefit package. We are a caring team of professionals working in a rewarding and fulfilling quite environment. Join our caring team players by contacting Marian Residence, 1104 Toluca, Alliance, NE or phone 308-762-4408 for an application.

Part time housekeeping position. Sisters of St. Francis, Marian Residence, is a private retirement home. We have an immediate opening for a part time housekeeper. Benefits are available according to hours worked. Join our caring team of professionals working in a rewarding and fulfilling quite environment by contacting Marian Residence, 1104 Toluca, Alliance, NE or phone 308-762-4408 for an application.

Full-time Medication Aide position. Sisters of St. Francis, Marian Residence, is a private retirement home. We have an immediate opening for a full time Medication Aide which includes alternating weekends, and offers an attractive benefits package. We are a caring team of professionals working in a rewarding and fulfilling quite environment. Join our caring team players by contacting Marian Residence, 1104 Toluca, Alliance, NE or phone 308-762-4408 for an application.

Faith Formation is in need of subs for when teachers are unable to teach class. If you are able to help out, please call Micki at 430-2605.



MONDAY, 7:15 am	DECEMBER 27 Marian – Communion Service
TUESDAY, 7:15 am	DECEMBER 28 Marian –Carl Vacanti
WEDNESDAY, 9:00 am	DECEMBER 29 PC Chapel - Joann Burke
THURSDAY, 7:15 am	DECEMBER 30 Marian –Frank Murphy
FRIDAY, 6:00 pm	DECEMBER 31 NEW YEARS EVE St. Bridget's –Julie Kresl
SATURDAY, 9:00 am 5:00 pm	JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY Holy Rosary - Snyder Deceased Holy Rosary -Jim Rodell
SUNDAY, 8:00 am 10:00 am	JANUARY 2 St. Bridget's –Ken Andersen Holy Rosary –People of the Parish

**++ WEEKEND
++ MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

January 1st & 2nd, 2022

IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN SCHEDULED, PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A
SUBSTITUTE

Lectors

5:00 pm PLEASE COME FORWARD
10:00 am Denise Harris

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm PLEASE COME FORWARD
10:00 am Maria Alvarado

Altar Servers

5:00 pm PLEASE COME FORWARD
10:00 am Zachary and Allison Montgomery

Greeters

5:00 pm PLEASE COME FORWARD
10:00 am Lori Walla, Sally Drumheller

Music

5:00 pm Choir
10:00 am No Music

Outreach Ministers

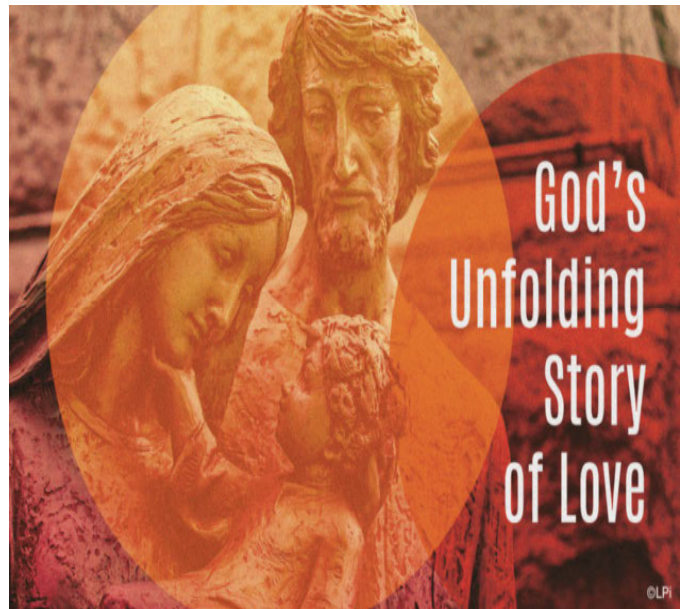
Shari Harris (1)
Theresa Dykes (2)

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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.

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