

December 26, 2021

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Mass Times

Tues & Thurs: 5:30 pm
Wed & Fri: 8:00 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession

Wednesday 12pm -1 pm
Saturday 10:30 - 11 am
or by appointment

Adoration

Wednesday: Exposition 5 pm
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2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, Dec 28 Mass for Bill Husak +
WEDNESDAY, Dec 29 Mass for Deceased Priest of the Diocese of Davenport
THURSDAY, Dec 30 Mass for Special Intention
FRIDAY, Dec 31 Mass for Giles Jay +
SATURDAY, Jan 1 Mass for Kathy Llyod
SUNDAY, Jan 2 Mass for Brandon Smith +
 Mass for the People of the Parish



AREA MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church, Newton

Mass: Saturday - 4:00 PM
 Sunday - 9:00 AM
 Mon, Wed - 11:30 AM
 Tue & Thur - 5:15 PM
 Fri - 9:00AM
Confession: Saturday - 3:00 pm

Immaculate Conception, Colfax

Mass: Sunday - 9:00 AM
 Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM
Confession: Saturday - 10:30 AM
 (Church Office)

St. Patrick, Brooklyn

Mass: Saturday - 4:00 PM
 Sunday - 8:00 AM
 Wed & Fri - 8:00 AM
Confession: 1 hour prior the Masses

St. Bridget, Victor

Mass: Sunday - 10 AM
 Tue & Thur - 8:00 AM
 Saturday: 8:00 AM
 First Friday - 5:00 PM
Confession: 1 hour prior the Masses

Traveling?

Find a Mass at masstimes.org

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Next Sunday: 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

Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family
 Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
 Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
 Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
 Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
 Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church



ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES

\$26,360.00

Thank you for your continued generous support of our parish, most especially during these trying times. Thank you and stay well!

WEEK 1 INCOME	\$3,408.31
WEEK 2 INCOME	\$8,937.55
WEEK 3 INCOME	Amount not available at time of publication
WEEK 4 INCOME	\$
TOTAL	\$12,345.86



Friends,

Sometimes there are layers of meaning hidden in plain sight. Here are just a few nativity scene examples...

- Bethlehem literally means, “House of Bread”
 - ◇ Jesus is placed in a manger
 - ◆ A manger is a holder for food
 - ◆ Manger comes from a Latin word meaning, “to eat”
 - ◇ The animals:
 - ◆ The ox is considered a ritually *clean* animal by 1st century Jews
 - The ox symbolizes the Jewish people
 - ◆ The donkey is not a ritually clean animal
 - The donkey symbolizes the gentiles (all non-Jewish people)
 - ◆ Jesus Christ came for all people; not just for Israel, and not just for the gentiles
 - Christ comes from the Greek word for Messiah (Christ means Messiah)
 - ◇ Jesus call himself the “Bread of Life” in John Chapter 6
 - ◆ The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." – Catechism #1324
 - ◆ The greatest gift Jesus left us is the Eucharist, which is Himself, alive and resurrected

God bless you, *Fr. Scott*

SAINT OF THE MONTH

ST. THOMAS BECKET



Do you not know that the largest trees, which have required years to grow, are cut down in one hour? It is foolish to look for their fruits and yet to be unprepared for their fall.

Let it be your consolation, then, that God's enemies, however honorable and exalted they may have been, shall nevertheless fade away like the smoke.



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.



Do you have a gluten allergy? Have you resisted receiving the Eucharist because of your allergy? Low-gluten communion hosts are available at all Masses. Please inform Fr. Scott if you wish to receive a low gluten host **prior** to Mass.

FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation: We look forward to seeing all our families January 5th with a meal beginning at 5:30 pm and our session to begin at 6 pm. Les and Linda will be hosting the meal again with a menu of meatballs, spaghetti, carrot and celery sticks, garlic bread and a dessert.



Confirmation 2022 preparation will be celebrating a Rite of Welcome at the 9 am Mass on January 9th. Preparation to follow in the lower level Church Hall.



K-12 Families Service Sunday Our next event will be January 9th with a meal hosted by Les and Linda beginning at 11:45 am and our session to follow shortly after 12:00 noon.

Junior High and High School Our next gathered session will be January 16, 2022.

We continue seek help with Faith Formation:

- We have leaders for the JH and HS "In Real Life" sessions BUT we are still needing team helpers (small group leaders). This group meets every first and third Sunday of the month from 6-7:30 PM.
- Planning/Serving/Cleaning up the meals served the First Wednesday and Second Sunday of the month.

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION



We are so grateful that we were able to take our trip to NCYC in Indianapolis even though we did not raise the money needed before we left. Please look for future fundraisers to continue to pay for that trip and to replenish our youth activities fund that helps our young people attend such events.



The Parish Library, located in the lower level of church, has been refreshed and re-organized, and is currently featuring books for Advent and the Christmas season. Come check out some good reading! (If you happen to have books at home that were checked out pre-pandemic, please return them at your earliest convenience.)



Mass for the Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God,
will be celebrated on Friday,
December 31 at 5:30 PM and
Saturday, January 1, at 4 PM.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

December 26, 2021
The Holy Family
Luke 2:41-52

The Holy Family

Jesus lived a rather ordinary life with his family. We have only one story from his childhood: Luke's account of Jesus being left behind in Jerusalem. I love this story because it makes the Holy Family seem so human, and it reminds us that even the holiest of families have problems.

Mary and Joseph are coming back from Jerusalem in a large caravan of relatives. After traveling for a full day they realize Jesus is missing. Imagine the scene. They are scared to death. Maybe they even argue a bit about what to do. Perhaps Joseph allows his fear to sound like anger as he questions Mary about when she has last seen Jesus. They turn around and retrace their steps to and through Jerusalem.

For three days they search for Jesus, concerned that he is afraid, alone and lost. Instead, they find Jesus in the temple, sitting comfortably with the teachers. Their relief turns to the very human emotion of frustration, as Mary asks her son, "Why have you done this to us?" Jesus answers like any other twelve-year-old: "I thought you'd know...."

Like all families, the Holy Family probably had times when their communication was less than perfect. Like all strong families, they probably said their "sorrlys" and learned from their mistakes. I jokingly like to say that we don't hear about Jesus for the next eighteen years because he was grounded, but I'm just projecting a mother's frustration. More seriously, we know this was an important event for Mary, because she kept it forever in her heart.

FAMILY RESPONSE: All families have problems. Handling problems in a positive way, and not letting them dissolve family unity, is a trait of strong families. And so is good communication. Ask family members to talk about positive ways of solving problems.

PERSONAL RESPONSE: All parents hold things in their hearts regarding their children. What are the really special things about your child or children that you do not want to forget?

Help us reach our goal!



ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Appeal Goal	\$54,313
Pledges So Far	\$38,153
Remaining	\$16,160
Number of Donors	104

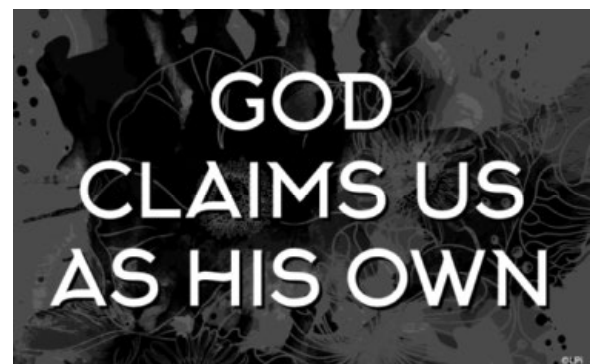
If you haven't yet responded to the Annual Appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so.

Ideally we would LOVE to have the Appeal wrapped up by the end of this calendar year.

If we don't reach our pledge goal, the parish will need to pay the difference directly out of our operating funds.

Please realize that your gift is important.

Every gift, regardless of size,
is vital to the success of the Appeal.



Liturgical Aide Schedule

Usher Schedule

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Jan 1/2	Dennis Phelps Neal VanErsvelde	Tomma Lou Jay John Little	Tom Kriegel Brian Cranston

Reader Schedule

Date	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Jan 1/2	Joe Cummins	Amy Blanchard	Vickie Gorman



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