



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“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.”

Luke 2: 51-52



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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. (Saturday)
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Sunday)

DAILY MASS: Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

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Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

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BAPTISMS:
Parents desiring Baptism for their children must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the Parish Office for info.

MARRIAGES:
Contact the parish 8 months in advance of your proposed marriage date for Marriage Prep information.

NEW PARISHIONERS:
Welcome! Please register by stopping by the Parish Office.

Sunday - December 26
7:00 am †Don & Marcie Whitley
by: The Whitley Family
9:00 am For the Parishioners of
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
11:00 am †Frank Schoeninger
by: Irene Schoeninger
5:00 pm Teens of Our Lady of Fatima

Monday - December 27
6:30 am †Thomas J. Moorehead
by: Joe Moorehead
8:15 am †Joan Young
by: Rebecca Sopkin

Tuesday - December 28
6:30 am †Alpha & Frances Sinclair
by: Eugene & Lucille Beaudrie
8:15 am †Olga Bryce
by: The Catholic Foundation

Wednesday - December 29
6:30 am †William Dale Sinclair
by: Eugene & Lucille Beaudrie
8:15 am †Berta Kopp
by: Lore

Thursday - December 30
6:30 am †Rudolph Sporcich
by: Eugene & Lucille Beaudrie
8:15 am †Ted Neimi
by: Rebecca Sopkin

Friday - December 31
6:30 am †John & Anne Perko & Baby
by: Eugene & Lucille Beaudrie
8:15 am †St. Anthony of Padua
†Pat England
by: Joan England

Saturday - January 1, 2022
8:15 am †Clementine & Adam Weissbeck
by: The Weissbeck Family
5:00 pm For Brayden de Besche
by: The Bacon Family

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12
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Parish Offertory		
December 12, 2021		
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		
Total Registered Families - 1011		
General Offertory 12/12	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Last Year 2019/2020	\$18,598	\$440,074
This Year 2020/2021	<u>\$23,520</u>	<u>\$444,985</u>
This Year versus Last Year	\$ 4,922	\$ 4,911
		(-1.1% VS Last Year)
Children's Collection \$0.00		Balance \$2,440.89
Please continue to use your offertory envelopes so we are able to acknowledge your giving at the end of the year. Thank you for your continued generosity.		
Electronic giving is available at our website		
<u>www.fatimalakewood.org</u>		



Come, Spend Time With the Lord in Adoration

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is available to you in our Adoration Chapel daily from 6 am to 8 pm. To sign up as a scheduled adoror go to www.Adorationpro.org/Fatima and click "Weekly Commitment" or to sign up as a substitute adoror, click "Become a Sub".

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Please remember our school and parish in your will.

Please continue to pray for the dead.
 Kevin Green

Please continue to remember these people when you Pray for the Sick:
 John Daly, Marcia, Sherry Addy, Bob Simpson and for all those who are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

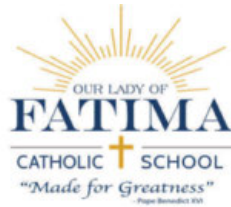
You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Give Your Children the Gift of a Catholic Education

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School's enrollment for the 2022-23 school year begins in February. Contact the school office to set up a personalized tour with our principal or plan on attending our open house **on Sunday, January 30 from 10:00-11:00 am.**

Information on the Archdiocesan curricular standards, staff and faith formation can be found at www.olfcs.com. Fatima parishioners receive priority enrollment during the month of February.

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JOIN US
ON A BIBLICAL
ADVENTURE!

LEGO

Do you have any **LEGO** pieces at home that you no longer use?

The Children's Religious Education Ministry is requesting donations to start a new **LEGO Club** in Spring 2022 for all grade school children.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

*Please drop donations off in either the main parish or school office.
ATTN: Christy Gompert*

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE Thursday Night Scripture Study

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion and controversy from the very beginning. *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* is a new eight-week Bible study we are offering that will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive and simple way to understand this challenging epistle.

We will begin *Romans* on **January 20th at 7pm**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register contact the Religious Education office, 303-233-1283.

We hope you can join us!

**Gospel
Meditation
December 26,
2021**



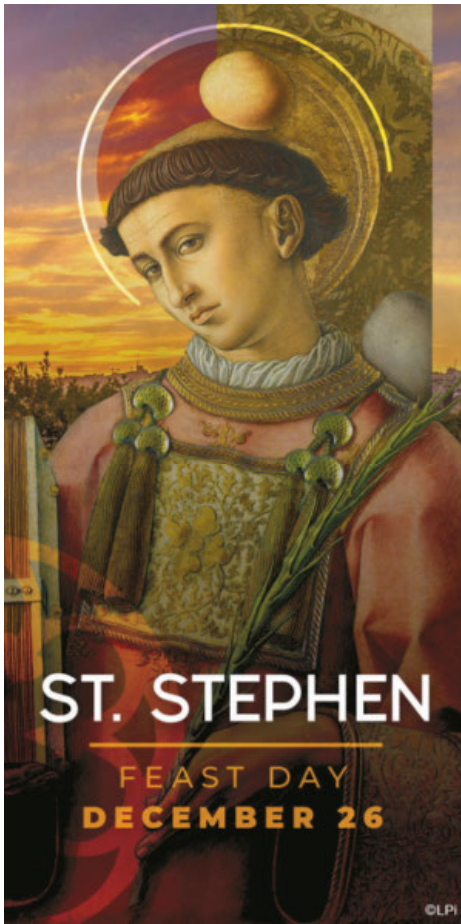
Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving 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.



Wishing you
a *blessed*
New Year



St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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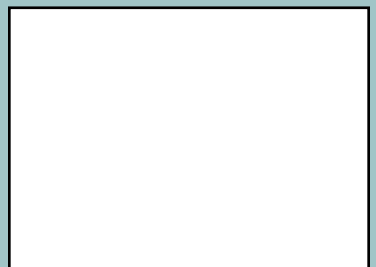
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