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*We Welcome you to this community of faith Which is ever attempting to follow our Lord Jesus Christ
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MAINTENANCE

OFFICE HOURS (Except Holidays)
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

For Holy Days & Weekdays consult bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISM

Parents, please call office for
Sacramental preparation

MARRIAGE

Please call office to begin preparation at
least 4 months before your proposed
wedding.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call office (or rectory 436-4000)

For Scripture Groups, special needs, etc.

Call 436-2290

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308-672-2334

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY, 10:00 A.M.

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PRAYER GROUPS

1) For special needs, Prayer Tree,

Gina Mattley 436-2388

Carol Lopez 436-5778

2) Eucharistic Holy Hour, Fridays, 6:00 a.m.

3) Eucharistic Prayer Day, First Fridays.

APOSTOLIC

Legion of Mary Mary Klemp

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY of COMMUNION

Call the Parish Office if you or someone you
know needs added to this ministry.

Call Marah ~ Shai 436-4008

CATECHUMENATE

For those interested in the Catholic Faith
or for an upgrading, September thru Easter
information call 436-2290

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

Church Etiquette: Priest Should be last in, and first out of Church

DAILY MASSES ~ INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 27
7:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 28
7:00 a.m. Jim & Jolyne Koenig † †

Wednesday, Dec. 29
5:15 p.m. Billy O'Shea †

Thursday, Dec 30
7:00 a.m. Ken Phillipson ~ Health

Friday, Dec. 31
5:00 p.m. HOLY DAY ~ VIGIL MASS
Tony Marez †

Saturday, Jan. 1
9:00 a.m. MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
Bob Gifford Sr. †

~ **EPIPHANY SUNDAY** ~

Sunday, Jan 2
10:30 a.m. Carmello Reyes †

OFFERINGS FOR WEEK OF DEC. 12TH

Envelopes \$3961; Plate \$328.; Youth \$23.....Total \$4042

Holy Day \$1027; Christmas \$770; Other \$2070

December Goal	Amount Received	Amount Needed
\$95,000	\$11,603	\$83,397

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than YOU, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship

LITURGICAL MINISTERS DECEMBER 31ST & JAN. 1ST/ JAN. 2ND

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Isiah & Christian Murillo
9:00 a.m. Nick Roberts/ Emily Hutton
10:30 a.m. Jan. 2. Macey Kautz/ Brendan Trautman

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

5:00 p.m. (H) Neal Johnson
9:00 a.m. (H) Gina Mattley
10:30 a.m. Jan. 2 (H) Matthew Kautz

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Debbie Wademan
9:00 a.m. Barb O'Boyle
10:30 a.m. Jan. 2 Ann Connelly

MUSICIANS:

5:00 p.m. Mixed Choir
9:00 a.m. Mixed Choir
10:30 a.m. Jan. 2 Micki, Madi & Hannah Walker

USHER LEADERS:

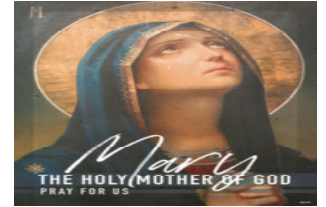
5:00 p.m. Ron Bordeaux
9:00 a.m. D'Angelo Murillo
10:30 a.m. Jan. 2 Joe Sanchez

TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS FROM 3:00—4:00 P.M.

OR BY APPOINTMENT

Holiday Office Hours
Closing at noon on
Dec. 30th closed
Dec. 31st.
Happy New Year!



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.

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

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

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist; **Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents; **Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop;
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.

~ NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME...PLEASE COME BY OR CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER, 436-2290 ~

2022 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS COMPLIMENTS OF CHRIS & JIM REYES, "PRINT BROKER". MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE GATHERING AREA. BE SURE AND THANK THEM FOR THIS KINDNESS.

Provide warmth for children in need during cold winter months. The goal of the *Coats for Kids* program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada, hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since program inception. Our Council has coats for boys and girls in various sizes and colors. These coats are brand new and available at no cost to any child who needs a coat. Point of contact is **Grand Knight Alphonso Hernandez at 308-765-0129.**



Faith Formation

Elementary Grades

Sunday, Dec. 26-January 2– NO CLASS
 Classes resume Sunday, January 9, 2022
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1st Communion Parents please mark your calendars for the **MANDATORY** parent meeting, Sunday, January 16th at 9:15 a.m.

Once again, we are having a Sunday night meal after Mass for our youth. Can you take a turn to cook and serve a meal?

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for dinner last Sunday!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

LEGION OF MARY Not meeting at this time.
FRIDAY HOLY HOUR before the Blessed Sacrament this week at 6:00 a.m.. This hour is dedicated primarily to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for the return of lapsed Catholics to the Church.
STATUE OF OUR LADY The statue of Our Lady in the home of: Alphonso & Corina Hernandez, 110 Spring Valley Ln., Gering. December escorts are: Lee Trautman & Neal Johnson. If you would like to schedule a time to have the Statue in your home, please call Neal Johnson at 672-0535

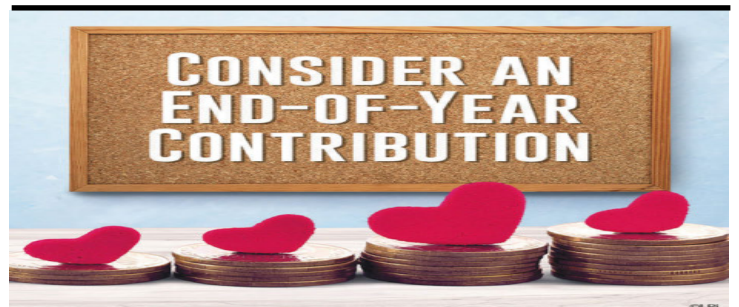
If you would like the Vocation Chalice in your home please call the office, 436-2290



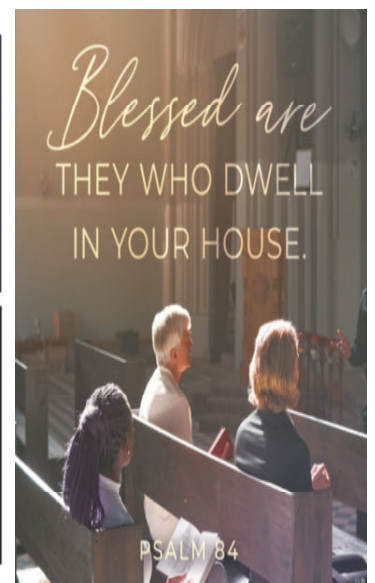
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we pray

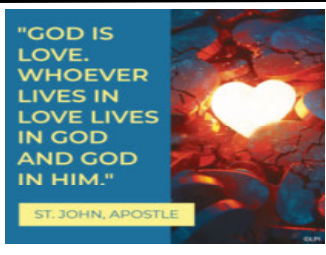
WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND STUDY. Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Chapel to pray the Rosary followed by a study of the upcoming Sunday readings in the church basement. Everyone is welcome!

IT'S NOT OVER! We see the remnants of used Christmas trees on the curb, after Christmas sales, and lights no longer burning bright. Christmas is over in the secular world. However, Christmas for Catholics begins with the vigil on December 24th and continues through the Baptism of the Lord. We have another 2 weeks to celebrate this great season of Christ's birth. By sharing our joy and gratitude, continuing to rejoice with prayer and our festive decorations can be a statement of our belief in the real Christmas. The birth of the Lord is too great and glorious to limit it to one day!



\$\$\$ Year end Giving... As you take into account your blessings for 2021, and if you are in a position to make an extra financial offering, would you, so that your parish may take care of it's obligations? It will also give you credit for your 2021 giving. If you haven't discovered it, then experience it for yourself that you can't out do the Lord's generosity. Books will remain open until January 15 for year end giving. Thank you for your continued support.





EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - 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



THOUGHTS ~

“I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted my request.”
~ 1 Samuel 1 ~

“Blessed are the who dwell in your house, O Lord.”
~ Psalm 84 ~

“...we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.”
~ 1 John 3 ~

“And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.”
~ Luke 2 ~

“We must judge and e must have faith in the inscrutable mercy of God.”
~ St. Benedicta of the Cross ~

“ When we work, we work. When we pray, God works.”
~ J. Hudson Taylor ~

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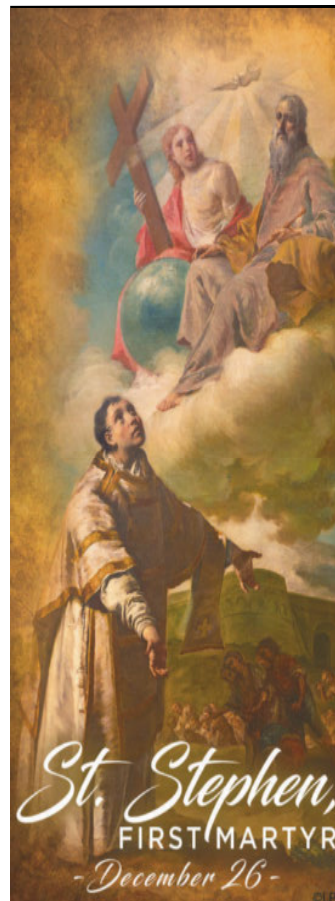
Joy TO THE World

Health & Wellness

Natural Light... Natural light provides measurable health benefits. If you're among the many who crave more sun, here are [health benefits of natural light](#); **Boosts vitamin D** When exposed to sunlight, the skin absorbs vitamin D, a critical nutrient that prevents bone loss and reduces the risk of heart disease, weight gain, and various cancers. Increasing natural light where you spend the most time is equally important.

Wards off seasonal depression Getting as much natural light as possible can help keep these mood changes at bay. **Improves sleep** Since mental health and sleep often go hand in hand, it's not surprising that natural light affects both.

How to get more natural light Help light bounce around a room with a mirror. Curtains may be lovely but their beauty pales compared to the health benefits of natural sunlight. Plus, letting the sun be your alarm can help your circadian rhythm maintain your sleep-wake cycle. **Get out when you can** Break free of your four walls by taking your lunch break outside, squeezing in a morning walk before work, or winding down on your patio at the end of the day. **Exercise outdoors, or by the window at your gym** Exercise is known to improve mood, and recent research actually links it with increased vitamin D, those who exercised vigorously have higher levels of vitamin D as well as higher levels of HDL (good) cholesterol. hsph.harvard.edu Lord God, Creator of light, at the rising of Your sun each morning, let the greatest of all lights, Your love, rise, like the sun, within my heart. catholicdoors.com



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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