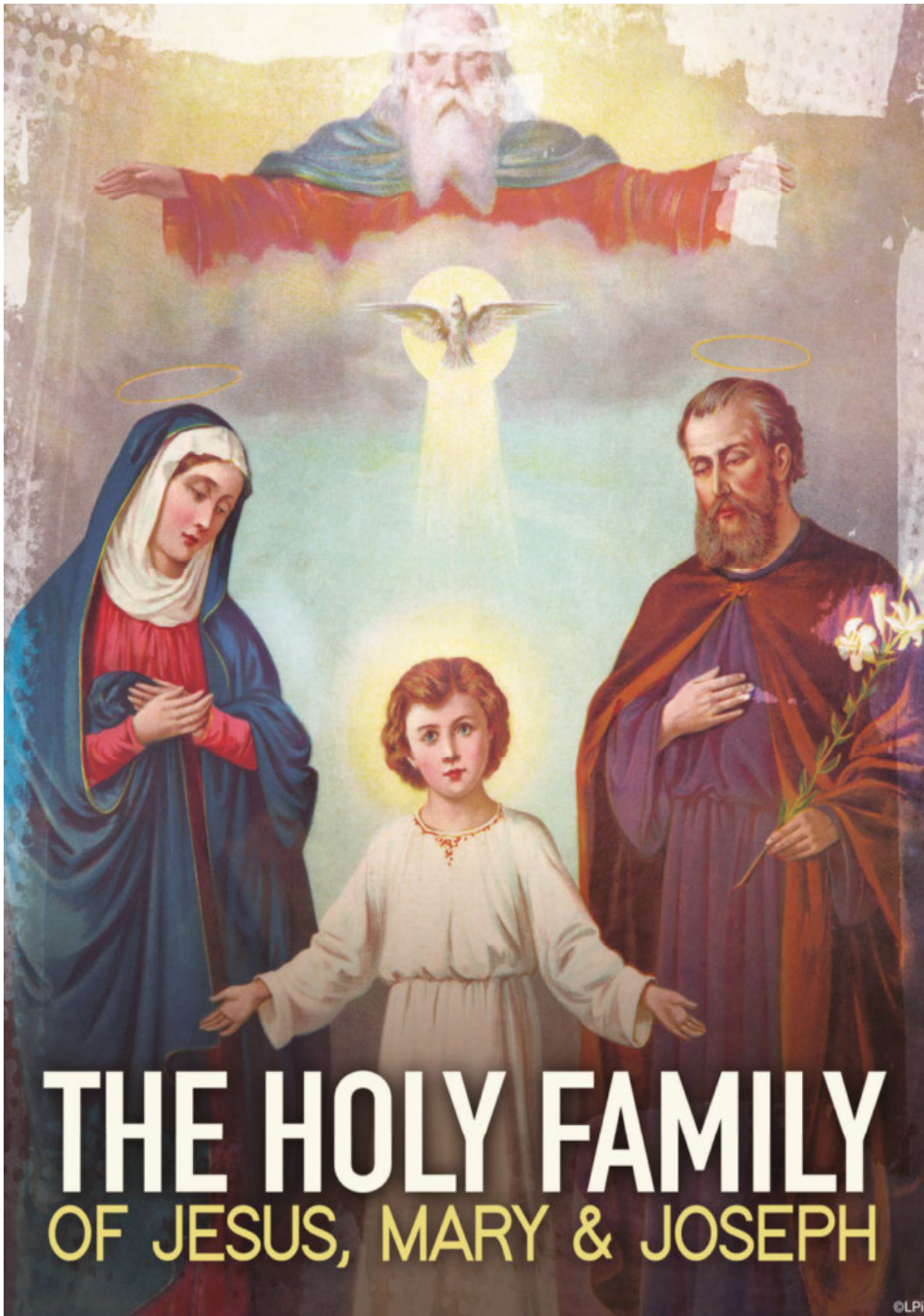


# Sacred Heart

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



### Parish Information

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### Office Hours:

**Mon. - Thurs.** 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Fri.** - 8:30am - 12pm

### Sacraments & Liturgies

#### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish)

Sunday: 10:30 am

#### Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

#### Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed, & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

#### Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

**Baptism:** By appointment, contact Parish Office.

**Weddings:** Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am

Friday 6:00-7:00pm

December 26th, 2021 • The Holy Family

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 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.

### Catechetical Corner

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

*All classes resume Sunday, January 9th, 2022*

### **Prayers for the Sick:**

#### **Please pray for:**

Juan Franco, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Irvin & Katie Kroll, Judy Diskin, Richard Contu, Evangelina Harly, Donna Esko, Jolinda Contu.

#### **Happy Birthday to:**

Karen Sontag (26); Jackie Chalfant (27).

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?*

*Please contact the office so we can update our information.*

### **Mass Intentions: December 25th - 31st, 2021**

**Saturday** Catherine Ritchie / John & Karen Sontag  
**Sunday 8:00** Special Intentions of Jackie Chalfant  
**Sunday 10:30** Special Intentions of Karen Ritchie  
**Tuesday** Tom Ritchie t / Sontag & Ritchie Families  
**Wednesday** Special Intentions  
**Thursday** Special Intentions  
**Friday** Special Intentions



### **Readings for the week of December 26th, 2021**

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128/Col 3:12-21/  
Lk 2:41-52  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96/Lk 2:36-40  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18  
**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Dec 25th	- K Sontag	D Cavenah / M Neises
Jan 1	- M Tanner	D Hancock / M Hancock
Jan 8	- J Everard	J Sontag / D Young
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Dec 26th	- Volunteer	C Lawson / B James
Jan 2	- N Wise	K Lawson / W Haney
Jan 9	- M Chapman	R Mulvihill / C Lawson

### **DONUTS**

December 26th - No Donuts

January 2022 - Volunteers Needed

**Contact Linda Haney to Volunteer**

### **Sacred Heart Church Collections**



#### **December 19th, 2021 Collection**

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 Loose .....\$ Available  
**Total Weekend Collection .....\$**

**December 12th, 2021 .....\$ 5,091.00**

*Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7*



**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

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

**Parish Staff**

**Jennifer Rumsey**, Secretary  
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**Virginia McCoy**, Music Director  
**Jeff Everard**, Coord. of Religious Education

**Parish Organizations**

**Knights of Columbus:** The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Contact Grand Knight Rick Rumsey at 918-200-3201

**Prayer Network:** For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.

**Women's Bible Study Group:** Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30 - 12:00. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

**Fatima Ladies:** Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.

**Grief Support Group:** 8 wk sessions/Dates: TBD

Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to all those who helped decorate the Church for Christmas and those who served as a Lector, Usher or Altar Server during the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

Thank you to all those who helped trim the tree with warm hats, scarfs, gloves/mittens, and socks. We will continue to collect coats through the middle of January.

The office will be closed on Monday, December 27th, 2021.

Daily Mass will only be celebrated on Tuesday's at 9:00 a.m. beginning December 28th through January 14th, 2022. The regular daily Mass schedule will resume the week of January 17th, 2022.

*Mary, Mother of God*



*Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on  
January 1st, 2022*



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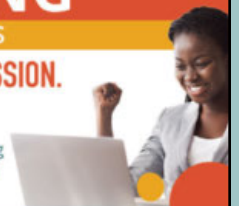
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