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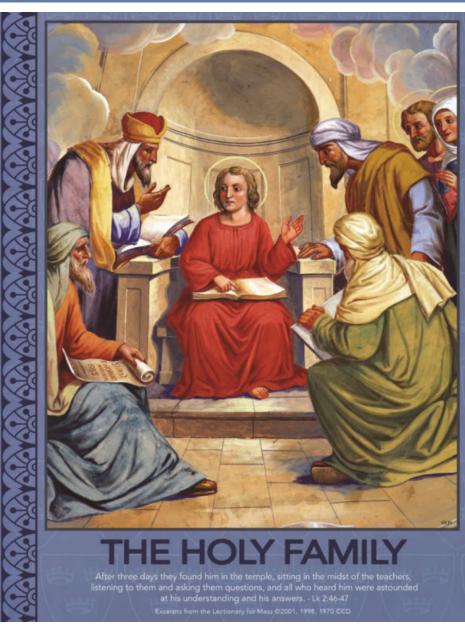
10 am—3pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5 PM & Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 8:30 am

Confessions
Tues-Friday 9:00 am
or by appointment
Call or email the office.



MISSION STATEMENT Our Divine Savior Parish, a Roman Catholic community, nourished by God's grace and the sacraments, embraces the mission of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we live the gospel through our worship of God and through loving service to one another and to the greater community.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK First Reading:

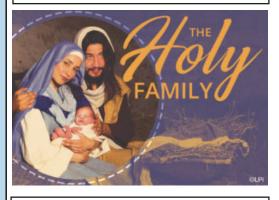
Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

Second Reading:

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

Gospel:

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family? LPi



Weekly Observances

Sunday: The Holy Family Monday: St. John, Apostle and

Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents,

Martvrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop

and Martyr

Thursday:

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

READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS

Cycle C 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

25	5:00	The Parishioners of ODS
26	8:00	Don Nelson, d, (Dick & Laura Hughes)
	10:00	Steve Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks) Maria Fitial, d, (Fitial Family)
27		
28	8:30	Jose Nanez, d, (Esther Marquez)
29	8:30	Don Nelson, d, (ODS)
30	8:30	Parishioners of ODS
31	6 pm	David Muravez, d, (Carol Weigel)
	26 27 28 29 30	26 8:00 10:00 27 28 8:30 29 8:30 30 8:30

There will be no morning 8:30 am Mass or Confession on December 31, 2021. The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2021 and Monday January 3, 2022.

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. ©LPi



Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. 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.

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

PARISH NEWS



From the Pastor's Desk... Cor unum et anima una (Acts 4:32)

Pastor's Mission Statement: Appointed as a servant-leader of Our Divine Savior Catholic Church and in the light of the Parish Mission, I commit myself to empower, inspire and help each parishioner to be in "one heart and one mind" (Acts 4:32) in the liturgical, sacramental, spiritual and social celebrations and prayers to build an Amazing Parish



"According to the plan of God, marriage is the foundation of a wider community of the family since the very institution of marriage and conjugal love are ordained to the procreation and education of children, in whom they find their crowning." (Familiaris Consortio, no. 14)

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Jesus was born into a human family. Jesus is both divine and human. And all of us, we are all human. The Birth of Jesus into a human family, not a natural or traditional

composition of a biological family, tells us that family can be understood in terms of its mission. The Holy Family, the model of all families, is a communion of persons.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*, St. Pope John Paul II unfolds the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World. *Familiaris Consortio* (*FC*) provides us with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the human family sanctified by the birth of Jesus.

According to the plan of God, marriage is the foundation of the wider community of the family, since the very institution of marriage and conjugal love are ordained to the procreation and education of children, in whom they find their crowning. (FC, 14)

In matrimony and in the family a complex of interpersonal relationships is set up-married life, fatherhood and motherhood, filiation and fraternity-through which each human person is introduced into the "human family" and into the "family of God," which is the Church. Christian marriage and the Christian family build up the Church: for in the family the human person is not only brought into being and progressively introduced by means of education into the human community, but by means of the rebirth of baptism and education in the faith the child is also introduced into God's family, which is the Church. (FC, 15)

The family, as exhorted by Pope Saint John Paull II, has its **mission** of *safeguarding*, *revealing* and *communicating* the love of Christ *inwardly* by the mutual love and life shared between husband and life and their children; and *outwardly* through their witness of faith, hope and love as a family to all persons they encounter in their life. (FC, 17).

In lieu of the Synod of Bishops in 2023, Synodality is "the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active part in her evangelizing mission" (*Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church, no. 3*). In this process and journey, the role of the Holy Spirit is key to this preparation and process. Let us be open to His guidance and inspiration.

The Parish is the proper avenue of journeying together. Mary and Joseph listened to the voice of God. They joyfully shared their experiences with God to others. Just as the Holy Family journeyed locally and abroad fleeing to Egypt to escape from the persecution of King Herod, so too are we to journey together in faith. We listen to each other; we share our common faith experiences; and grow journeying together.

Please Keep In Your Prayers										
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Please note: in order to keep our Prayer List current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

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January 9th Bulletin

Due Thurs., Dec. 30th by Noon

Beginning the New Year

A new year is about to unfold With new opportunities to explore Doors will open for new experiences,

New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things, The things of this past year, The Lord will do new things in us, Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us As we put our trust in Him And He will guide our every step By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts.

We find we'll be able to do If we look for the opportunities, We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back

But rise up and take our place And be all that God wants us to

With a fresh touch of His grace.

The Pope Speaks to Us

(Pope Francis wrote the book *Let Us Dream* after Easter, 2020. This space will quote from his book each week.)

"The world is always being made. (Jesus) has invited us to join Him from the very beginning, in peaceful times and in times of crisis The Lord says: Be creators of your future.

"This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities - what we value, what we want, what we seek - and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of.

"We need a movement of people who know we need each other, who have a sense of responsibility to others and to the world. We need to proclaim that being kind, having faith, and working for the common good are great life goals that need courage and vigor; while glib superficiality and the mockery of ethics have done us no good. The modern era, which has developed equality and liberty with such determination, now needs to focus on fraternity with the same drive and tenacity to confront the challenges ahead.

"Let's talk about how. Let's allow God's words to Isaiah to speak to us: Come, let us talk this over. Let us dare to dream."

ON-LINE GIVING

ParishSoft, our on-line giving management service is now ParishSoft Giving Success. If you have any questions or difficulty accessing, changing or updating your online account, please call 866-930-4774, select #8 for *Giving Success* then #2 for *Donor Support*. Be assured that if you have to leave a message, a representative will return your call!

Bible Study of Luke's Gospel

Start the new year with a new habit! The Tuesday morning Bible Study, which meets every week from 9-11, will begin the study of the Gospel of Luke on January 4. We use the Scott Hahn study guide which includes both information about context and questions for reflection to share. All are welcome - no experience required! For now, due to COVID, we meet on Zoom. If you are unfamiliar with the format, we provide instructions! For information call Terry Matthews, 530-591-0398.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation Contact the Religious Education Office for questions, 530-345-6201

Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to feel at home in my church like Jesus did.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself learning about God with your teacher.

Mission for the Week

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.

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ODS Gift Card Tool Wish List

Check out the board outside of church with tags to purchase gift cards for items needed for maintenance and minor repairs of the church property. If you are able, please take a card to help ODS update tools and other items needed to keep ODS looking beautiful. Gift cards can be dropped off at the ODS office or in the collection basket. Any questions, contact Marc Betenbaugh, 530-520-8596 or odsmarc@gmail.com.

Catholic Ladies Relief Society

The next meeting of The Catholic Ladies Relief Society will take place on Tuesday, January 4th in the Social Hall at our Divine Savior Parish. Social hour begins at noon, followed by lunch at 12:30 and a business meeting at 1:00. We welcome new members. Questions? Call Stephanie Beyers at (530) 891-1615.

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

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The "Vocation Cross" program is an opportunity for families to pray daily for vocations to the religious life and priesthood in their homes. The Vocation Cross will be presented at the end of weekend Mass. Along with the cross, suggested prayers will be given. After one week, the family who takes the cross home returns the cross to the Church and another family will have the opportunity to take the cross home. This program will be on-going. Is your family interested in participating? If so, please call or email the parish office.

LIVE THE LITURGY

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.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, our brother, son of God and son of Mary, I thank you for the gift of life you have entrusted to my care. Help me be a parent both tender and wise, both loving and forgiving, able both to discipline and to give freedom.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph, Foster-Father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep this family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. May we be peace-loving and peace-giving. And may we always have God as the center of our hearts and our home. Amen . Editor's Asst. 2009

Holy Graffiti 2022 20 + C + M + B + 22

This year the *Epiphany* is on Jan. 2nd, 2022. Next weekend, chalk will be available at all the Masses to use for the tradition of "Chalking the door,". The "door blessing", as it is known, is seen as invoking Christ's blessing not only on the physical house but on the people who live there and those who visit.

FAMILY ROOM

WRITTEN BY TERRY MATTHEWS

The Synod is Coming to ODS!

On January 22, 2022, from 9:45 to 12:15, the people of ODS are invited to participate in a world-wide Synod on Synodality!! The Pope wants to hear from US!

During this time of COVID, while the Pope was isolated, he wrote the book Let Us Dream to describe his vision for the future. It sums up the many crises facing our world: racism, consumerism, environmental damage, global warming, COVID, and polarization. He doesn't stop there. The best part of the book (and his vision for the future) is that he encourages the church to see the problems, choose what to do, and ACT. The first step in this process is to listen, deeply and without judging, to the voices of all the people of God, but especially to the poor and marginalized whose voices are seldom heard. The Pope says, "We aren't a club of those who have the answers, we are a people seeking our path together."

A synod (pronounced "sin-odd") is one of the Catholic Church's ways of dealing with complex problems. The idea goes way back to the early Christians. Paul tells the story of how the Holy Spirit made it clear to the elders who gathered to seek discernment that gentiles would not be required to be circumcised to become Christians.

There have been synods throughout history, and Pope Francis is reviving the process. He sees the Holy Spirit speaking when Catholics with divergent opinions come together to listen closely to one another. Seemingly impossible problems can be examined in a fresh light. Godly solutions can be discovered. The theme of the Synod on Synodality was chosen for this new synod because the Pope believes that Synodality is the call of God for the church in the 3rd Millennium.

Generally synods take place in Rome and are attended by bishops. This current process started on Oct. 9-10, 2021, in Rome. We are incredibly blessed that for this synod, we are invited, along with the people of the church all over the world, to speak and LISTEN at the parish level. ODS parishioners have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate at our local parish.

One of the members of the Vatican Board preparing for the Synod is Sister Nathalie Becquart. (You can learn more by Googling Sr. Nathalie Becquart synod.) Sister points out that the synodal process is an invitation to work and journey together in communion, participation, and mission. The goal is to pass from the "I" to the "we", the ecclesial "we." Save the date now and watch for more details each week.





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