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December 27, 2020

Readings for the week

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;
21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps
105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk
2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5,
7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,
5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-
9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12,
13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
[2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

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
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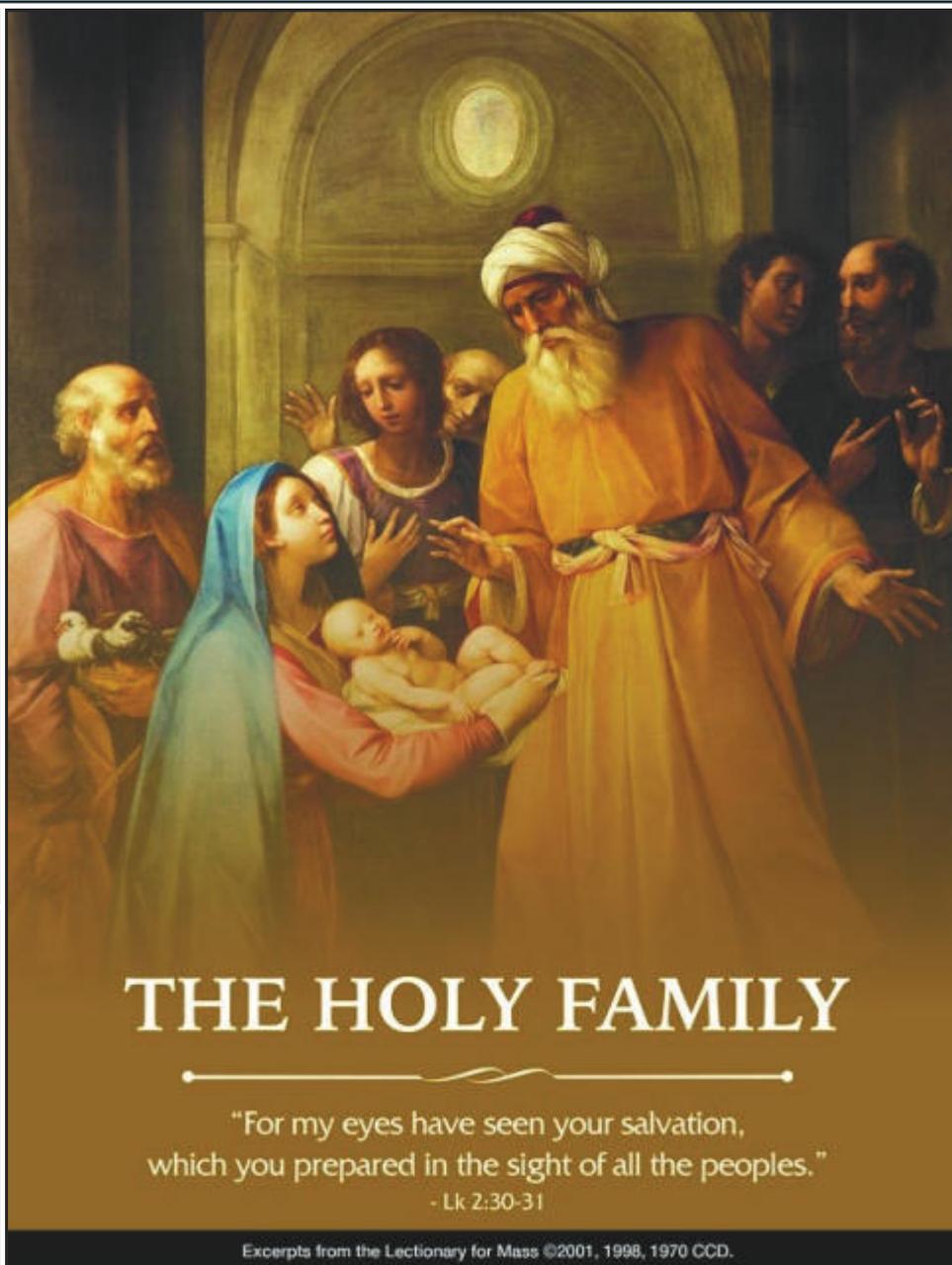
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Mass Schedule:

Monday to Wednesday at 9:00 AM
Saturday at 4:30 PM

Thursday and Friday (No Services at this Time)
Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

This second week of the Christmas Season can be a great help for our daily connections with our Lord. We begin the week with the celebration of The Holy Family. In these days we can ask for the graces each of our families need and turn to Mary, Joseph and Jesus for inspiration and help. The slaughter of the innocents reminds us of the fact that the innocent are so often the victims of political intrigue. We are reminded that the Holy Family becomes a family of refugees, fleeing a tyrant. We have the full and wonderful Solemnity in honor of Mary, in her role as "Mother of God." We can ask her to be our guide all week as we desire to grow closer to her Son. We can also read the Holy Father's words for the World Day of Prayer for Peace. As we go through our daily and often very busy lives, in this time after Christmas, we can continue a sense of this brief season by continuing to ask that our Lord come to us in the ways we still need light and healing and peace. For some of us, this will be an easy prayer this week. Waiting faithfully can continue throughout the Christmas Season. A special grace to ask for this week would be the gift of celebrating our Lord's presence with us. We can ask for it every morning, as we get going and we can enter into brief conversations with our Lord as we encounter some of the places in our life in which we can see more hope, more of an opportunity for peace. This week, we might hold up each member of our family, close friends and neighbors, and those we might work with, seeing and celebrating how our Lord is manifest in them. For some of us, there may be real epiphany moments, when we see what we haven't been seeing, feel what we haven't been feeling or experience a call we haven't felt before. Being watchful for and open to these special post-Christmas moments of grace is very important. The Baptism of the Lord ends this Christmas Season and reminds us of the rest of our lives. As Jesus fully enters our world, by becoming one with us in the waters of baptism, we can ask for a renewed sense of our union with him in baptism - for our salvation and for our mission in this world.

Selections from: Creighton University Online Ministry, Daily Prayer

Hello Everyone,

I sincerely hope everyone is enjoying this Christmas season despite the many challenges that we've faced this year. Hopefully we've gained a deeper and more profound understanding of the true meaning of Christmas and the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To end the year and welcome the New Year the bulletin will start featuring a brief synopsis of the various ministries in the parish and all that's been accomplished in 2020. We do this so that all can see that we continue to move forward in faith and hope. In this weekend's bulletin we will begin with our Faith Formation Ministry directed by Lori Murtaugh. Blessings to you all and I wish you a continued safe, healthy and Holy Holiday Season.

Father Michael

Despite the challenges and changes this year, our faith formation children, teens, families and teachers are going strong! Earlier in the summer, the entire faith formation program was restructured to accommodate home-based and online learning. We're so very grateful for the teachers who not only continue to selflessly volunteer but also completely change the way they teach! With health protocols in place, along with a few adjustments, the community projects are able to continue! We're so lucky to partner with Human Services and Eucharist ministries this year and look forward to joining with other ministries in the future.

The first outreach project with Eucharist, families helped make 75 scarves for Lewis Street Childcare. A special thank you to Emily Silverstein, a student at Our Lady of Mercy High School, who volunteered to finish the remaining scarves!

This Christmas season, faith formation families teamed with Human Services and the Giving Tree to put together Blessing Bags. These bags will be delivered to homebound parishioners and residents at The Legacy. Another special thank you goes out to parishioners who answered the call to help and Isabelle Bennett a college student home for the holidays, for making even more Blessing Bags! Also since October, the parish has welcomed 5 children through baptism with more baptisms scheduled. Such positive things to be grateful for!

As we keep moving forward with our faith and a lot of hope, let's remember to be thankful for many blessings- both large and small- in spite of the pandemic!- **Lori Murtaugh, Faith Formation Director**

Any active lector who has not picked up the new lector workbook, can now get their copy in the business office.

The business office will be closed the week of Monday, December 28. Also, there will be no daily Mass the week of Monday, December 28.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE: In the event of inclement weather or a COVID lockdown, we will update parishioners about cancelling Masses with an e-mail blast. We will also put the announcement on our website, Flocknotes and Facebook page as well as 13wham.com. Please note that it will not be on Channel 13 as the station is only posting news about churches on their website.

CMA UPDATE: We have 131 Donors with \$26,644.00 pledged and 41.85% of our goal. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have it yet given to prayerfully consider doing so.

If you are using collection envelopes, please do not combine offerings for specials (maintenance, second collections, etc.) with your regular Sunday collection as it causes many problematic issues for counting and documenting your contribution. Any questions, feel free to contact Mary in the business office. Thank you for your understanding and, as always, for your donations to St. Christopher's.

CHRISTMAS CRADLE

This year's donations will be going to The Open Door Mission for women and children at Coldwater Road. We will be collecting infant/toddler clothes including socks, underwear, diapers, gloves and hats. They are also asking for personal hygiene items for the adults. The cradle will be located in the front foyer. Donations accepted until January 3rd.

Eucharistia Ministry News

We deliver afghans, blankets, and shrugs on a regular basis to Wilmot Cancer Center, Spencerport Dialysis, and St. Mary's Oncology. Pre-Covid, we delivered to most of the Comfort Care Homes and Assisted Living Facilities in Rochester. Hopefully, in 2021 we'll be able to share with them again.

We're looking forward to our second remotely partnered project with the Faith Formation families in February, 2021. We'll be cutting and pre-sewing and they will be stuffing and hand sewing pillows for folks undergoing chemo or dialysis. Together we made over 6 dozen last year and they were so well received by the patients, we were asked to make more. Faith in action!!

All volunteers who need the Diocesan required SAFE training and/or background check have been contacted by Mary. Please complete the training as soon as possible. If you are not electronically connected, or have any issues with the training, feel free to contact Mary in the parish office and she can advise you how to proceed.

Merry Christmas with love and gratitude from the Faith Formation Team!

"What is Christmas? It is a tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."- Agnes M Pharo

May the PEACE of Christ bring you true JOY this Christmas season and fill you with HOPE in the coming new year!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 26

4:30 PM– Paul Mangione by Dave & Robin Kepler

Sunday, December 27

9:00 AM– David Mack by Dave & Robin Kepler

11:00 AM– The Families of St. Christopher's

Monday, December 28

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, December 29

NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, December 30

NO DAILY MASS

Thursday, December 31

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, January 1

10:00 AM– The Parish

Saturday, January 2

4:30 PM– For First Responders

Sunday, January 3

9:00 AM– The Parish

11:00 AM– Chris McCabe by Robin & Dave Kepler

Prayer Ministry

Please contact the rectory if you would like to be added to the list of people who need prayers. If you or someone you know has been hospitalized and would like to have a pastoral visit, please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext.: 100

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Linda & Robert Springer	Jean LeWalter
Richard Welch	Tom & Pat Schryver
Beulah Reihle	Valerie Brescia
Bob Early	Terrance Collins
Fred Hoehn	Patrick Ford
Dominick Fantauzzo	Fr. Bob Gaudio
Roz Fadden	Mary DiPonzio
Dino Pezzimenti	Robert Eich
Laura Daniels	

Please keep the families of those who have lost loved ones in your prayers.

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by appt.

Baptism: Baptisms are scheduled the last Saturday of each month at 1pm. Please contact Mary to begin the Baptismal process. You must be a registered and active member of the parish in order to have your child baptized.

Marriage: Please contact Church Office at least 6 months before wedding.

First Reconciliation, First Communion &

Confirmation: Contact the Faith Formation Office, 594-1441 ext. 110

Anointing of The Sick: Please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext. 100

Weekly Collection/Attendance

12/12/2020-12/13/2020

4:30 Mass: 62 people

9:00 Mass: 41 people

11:00 Mass: 40 people

Virtual Mass: 52 views

Total Collection: \$3830.00

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