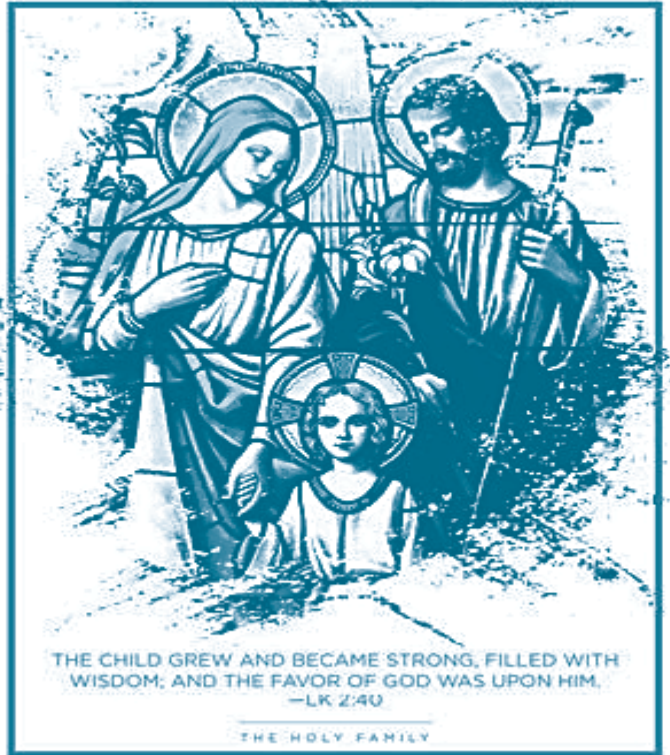




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Feast of the Holy Family



How can I better see Christ in my family members?
How can I see neighbors and strangers as

The Feast of Mary the Mother of God Masses

New Year's Eve, December 31st
4:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, Moravia
5:30 p.m. at Our lady of the Lake, King Ferry
New Year's Day, January 1, 2021
10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, Aurora

Catholic Ministry Appeal Update

As of December 14, 2020

GSCC # of Donors	\$ Pledged	% of goal	Parish Goal
84	\$26,650	70.72%	\$37,686

If you have not yet given this year to the CMA, please consider doing so today in support of our Diocesan Ministries.

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Parish Office Hours (currently during Covid-19) are Monday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - Please call the Parish Office for an appointment

MARRIAGE - Couples must contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the celebration.

RECONCILIATION - Confessions will be held on First Fridays from 8:00am—8:45am at Our Lady of the Lake before First Friday Mass & Benediction; at St. Patrick Church, Aurora on the first Saturday of each month from 4:00pm —4:45pm and at: St. Patrick's, Moravia, before the 8:30am Sunday Mass beginning at 8:00am.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If a loved one is seriously ill or would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Non-Catholics interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith are invited to speak to any staff member or call the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS - Welcome! Please introduce yourselves to the Parish Staff. We want to get to know you.

REGISTRATION - Every family within the Parish should be registered. Please contact the office for a registration form. If you move to another parish, change your address or have additions or deletions to your family household, please notify the Parish Office. Forms are available at each worship site.

GSCC VISION STATEMENT - TO LIVE BY FAITH, TO BE KNOWN BY LOVE, TO BE A VOICE OF HOPE

ST. PATRICK'S
Aurora

ST. MICHAEL'S
Union Springs

ST. PATRICK'S
Moravia



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
King Ferry



Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: The Holy Family 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

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

Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 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: Morning: St. Sylvester I, Pope; 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 **New Year's Eve**

Friday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day;

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

Saturday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord 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

Mass Schedule for December 26 — Jan. 3, 2021

Saturday 12/26 Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family

Mass: 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

Sunday 12/27 The Feast of the Holy Family

Mass: 8:30 am at St. Patrick Moravia

+ For Ruth Ann Wood by St. Patrick, Moravia A.R. Society

Mass: 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

+ For Josephine Quattrone by Thomas & Elizabeth Hagin

Mon. 12/28 Mass 9:00 AM at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Donald Wilbur by John & Cathy Kanalley

Tue. 12/29 Mass 9:00 am at St. Patrick, Moravia

+ For Joe Bilinski by St. Patrick Moravia A & R Society

Wed.12/30 Mass + Christine Curran McDaniel

Thurs. 12/31 Vigil of the Feast of Mary the Mother of God

Mass 4:00 pm at St. Patrick, Moravia

+ For Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

Mass 5:30 pm at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

+ For Thomas Cronin

Fri. 1/1/21 Feast of Mary the Mother of God

Mass 10:00 am at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For June Willis

Sat. 1/2 Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 5:00 pm at St. Patrick, Aurora

+ For Nan & Roy Moorby by Father Bill

Sunday 1/3 The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass: 8:30 am at St. Patrick Moravia

+ For Andrew Doppel by St. Patrick, Moravia A & R Society

Mass: 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry

+ For the Living & Deceased Members of GSCC

VITAL STATISTICS

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

Dec. 12/13, 2020 (Weeks 24)

Thank you for your generosity each week !

Attendance	160
Weekly Budgeted Offering	\$ 4,966.13
Weekly Envelope Offering.	\$ 3,212.00
Loose offering	\$ 148.00
Holy Day	\$ 371.00
Christmas	\$ 525.00
Electronic giving	\$ 955.00
Total weekly offering.....	\$ 5,211.00
YTD Actual Offering	\$ 114,010.00
YTD Budgeted Offering.	\$ 119,188.00

I thank you for your generous support of your parish. You can give your financial support either by mailing your contribution envelope to the parish office or by giving electronically through *WeShare*, that can be accessed on our parish website. www.thegoodshepherd.cc

Parents who practice good stewardship use their time and talents to pass on their faith, to educate, to nurture, and to protect their children.

Growing In Faith Together

Families with children should have received their new GIFT packets and resources in November. Corresponding grade level videos and other resources can be found at : www.GrowingInFaithTogether.org. Contact Dawn if you have any questions: dawn.burdick@dor.org or 607-288-2476.

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, January 4, 5:30pm, GIFT Family In Person Mass and Gathering at St. Patrick, Aurora
- Monday, January 11, 5:30pm, GIFT Family In Person Mass and Gathering at St. Patrick, Moravia
Contact Dawn with any questions: dawn.burdick@dor.org or at 607-288-2476.

Confessions at St. Patrick, Aurora Jan. 2 from 4:00—4:45 pm

This week remember the following in your Masses and prayers on the Anniversary of their Deaths of those who died on the dates December 27—January 2: Roger Alnutt 1970, Anthony Wilmot 1992, Clara S. O'Connell 1991, John Reohr 2000, Dorothy Bickel 2012, Anne Klocke 1998, Gerald "Jake" O'Connor 2014, Charles A. Westlake 1988, William T. Byrne 1996, John McDermott 2005, Mildred Kenny 2010, William Stanton 2017, Effie O'Brien 1973, Paul Quinn 1999, James VanOrman 2002, Deacon John Prave 2008, Joseph Fedigan 1975, Clara Quigley 1986, Bernice Killian 1977, Roger A. Brown 2018, William Muldoon 1978, Mildred Jetty 1997, Marge Lacey 2011, Margaret Haring 2014, William Maloney 2016, Walter B. Redmond 1978, Rebecca Inman 1972, Elizabeth Tratt 1972, Sidney Burrige 2002, Gladys Wilbur 2007

Feast of the Holy Family

Christmas Time Continues: The Feast of the Holy Family

Merry Christmas! Unlike the secular world our celebration of Christmas continues! The shopping malls have been playing Christmas music since before Thanksgiving, some since Halloween, although to many less shoppers this year! The radio stations play carols and Christmas songs all day on December 25, but come the 26th of December, the Christmas theme is put away for another year. Our church, though, continues the celebration of the Birth of the Lord until the final day of the season with the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this time we celebrate the Octave of Christmas, eight days in which we reflect on the Nativity as if time stands still, as if each day is Christmas Day. This highlights the importance of Jesus' birth as our Savior.

During the Christmas season we celebrate special feasts. This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The feast calls us to remember that Jesus was born into a family household as well as into the human family. May we reflect today on the gift of our families; the family into which we were born and our church family, which we entered through our rebirth in Jesus, our Savior.

On Friday, New Year's Day we celebrate the Feast of Mary, The Mother of God. We will have two Vigil Masses for the feast; Thursday, New Year's Eve, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, Moravia and at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Church in King Ferry. On New Year's Day we will have a 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church in Aurora. As the New Year begins let us pray for Peace in our world and an end to the coronavirus pandemic.

On the weekend of January 3/4 we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany is the feast that reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World and that he came to be a light to the nations. As we begin the New Year may we always remember that in spite of the fact that people come from different races, religions, cultures and nationalities, in God's eyes we are all children of God and that Jesus came help us all be one with Him and God the Father.

We will conclude the Christmas season on the weekend of January 10/11 as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. On this feast we are reminded how the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus as he was baptized by John in the Jordan river. Following his baptism Jesus began his ministry on earth, a ministry that would lead to the ultimate giving of His life on the cross for us. The mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection opened for us the greatest gift of God's love, the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have received this gift of God's love through the waters of baptism, a baptism that calls us to continue the mystery of the incarnation in reverse. The Word of God entered into our humanity through the Virgin Mary; we are now called to participate as human beings in the Divine life of God through the power of the Holy Spirit residing in our hearts. As we begin the New Year may we follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, allowing our selves to be Christ for one another by giving ourselves in loving service to our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Merry Christmas & Happy Year
May God bless you & your family,

Father Bill

For those who are unable to attend Public Masses we continue to post the Sunday Mass on-line at our parish website, www.thegoodshepherd.cc and on the parish Facebook page. The following is a prayer you can say at Communion as you watch Mass. The **weekly bulletin** can also be found at www.thegoodshepherd.cc

Spiritual Communion Prayer For those watching Mass online or on the TV.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Fish Bowl Sunday . . . The first Sunday of the Month we ask you to take a slip from the Fish Bowl. It will indicate items that are needed at the Food Pantry. We ask that you purchase the item or items and bring them back to the church next weekend. Thank You for your support of our local Food Pantries.

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