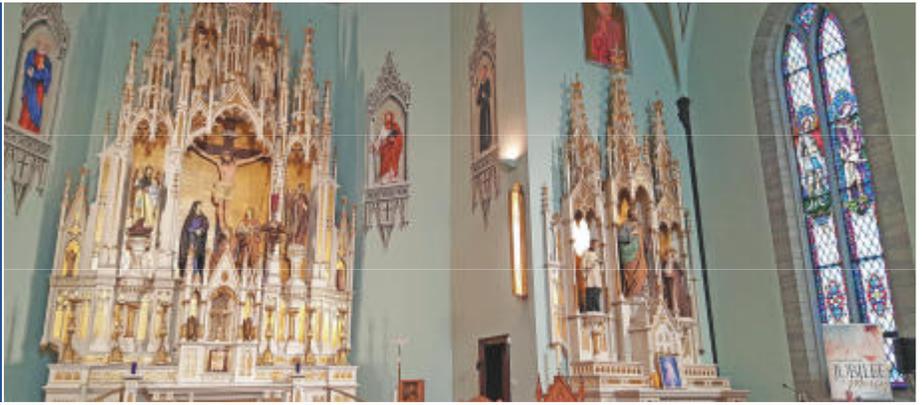


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## The Feast of the Holy Family

On this first Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In our society, family plays big role. If we want to experience peace and joy in the world, it must begin in the family. The feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the role of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph in God's plan of salvation for us. The Holy Family continues to inspire us and guide us in their faithfulness to the will of God and their loving fidelity to the newborn Savior. Let us ask the Holy Family to pray for all families, especially those struggling in their married life.

## Happy New Year

We will begin the New Year with the celebration of **Mary, the Mother of God**. As a holy day of obligation, we will have **New Year's Eve vigil Mass at 7 pm & New Year's Day Mass at 9 am**.

The year 2020 has been difficult due to the pandemic. In the coming year, 2021, let us offer the whole world into the hands of God through the intercession of Mary the Mother of God, so that we may mitigate the virus and begin our normal way of life.

On behalf of the Parish Staff, it's my honor to wish you **A HAPPY NEW YEAR & THE FEAST OF 'MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD'** and offer my prayer for you:

**May Yahweh bless you and keep you. May Yahweh let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May Yahweh show you his face and bring you peace. (Nm 6:24-26)**

## Parish Office

In commemoration of the celebrations, the parish office will be closed **December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The parish office will reopen on January 4, 2021, at 9 am.

Usually, every year after Christmas celebrations, I take my vacation to go to India to see my mum and siblings. But due to COVID-19, I am unable to go. So, I will be in my office and rectory. If you need to leave any urgent message, please do so and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks for your understanding.

## Words of Appreciation

Kindly know I am grateful for the gifts and greetings I have received from you. It's my first year Christmas here in our parish and moreover its pandemic time. In spite of that, you are so generous and kind. I greatly appreciate your generous hearts. I assure you that I shall acknowledge your cards and send you 'thank you' notes.

I would also take this opportunity to thank those who contributed in making these celebrations of faith truly remarkable in spite of COVID-19. Thanks to all who cleaned and prepared the church, the liturgical environment group, musicians, choir and cantors, lectors, altar servers, sacristans, ushers, and the sanitizing group. I'm sorry if I forgot anybody. Thank you for your service.

Once again, I wish you all a **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

May child Jesus bless you all. Stay safe

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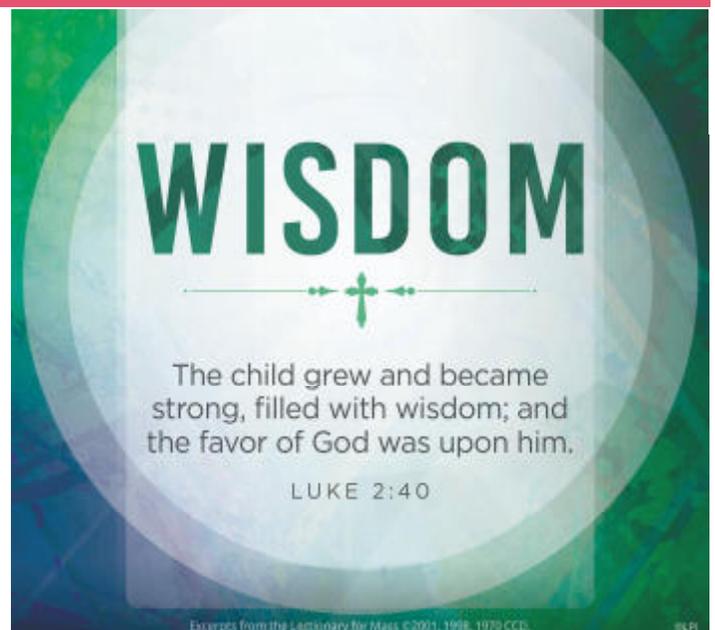
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Luke 2:40

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.

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I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

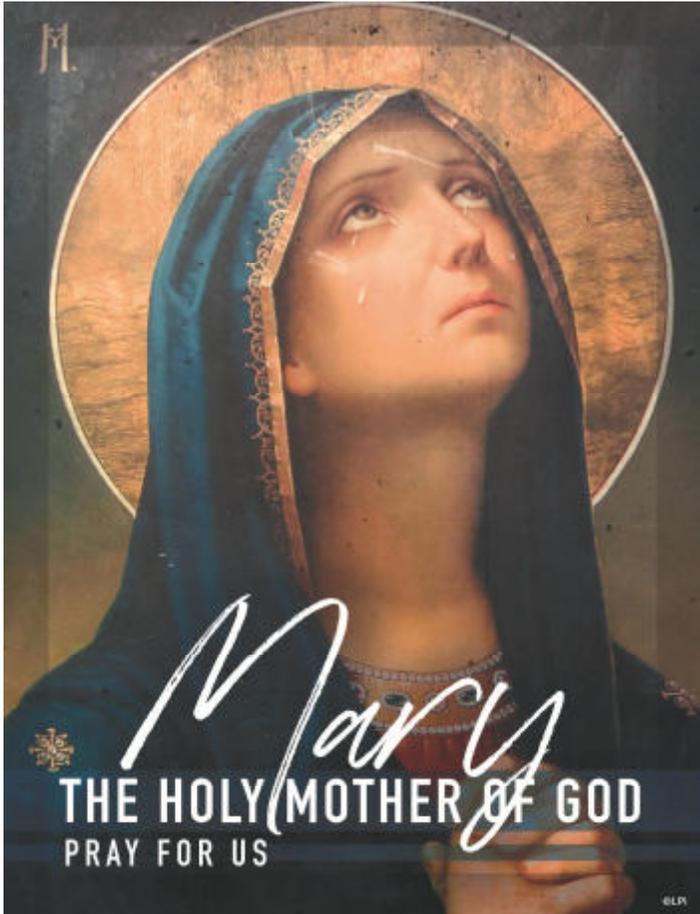


The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

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Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 31st - 7 pm  
Friday, January 1st - 9 am



*In your charity*, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gloria A. Collingsworth**, 88, wife of George, mother of Edward Joseph (Robin) Collingsworth and Laura Lee (Paul) Breyer, sister of James (Marilyn) Savage, grandmother to four, and great grandmother to three.



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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**Readings for the Week of December 27, 2020**

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 2:1-12

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**THIS WEEK DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 3**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28**

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

Mass 8:15 am - church

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

*St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**

*St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve*

Mass 7 pm - church

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**

*Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

*New Year's Day*

*World Day of Peace*

Mass 9 am - church

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**

*Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*

Confessions 3:30 pm - church

Mass 5 pm - church

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

*The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week*

Mass 8:00 am - church

Mass 10:30 am - church



**LITURGY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 3**

DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS
<b>Monday 8:15 am</b>	✠ Eileen Craven ✠ Alexander Bloniarz
<b>Thursday 7:00 pm</b>	✠ The People of St. Michael
<b>Friday 9:00 am</b>	✠ The People of St. Michael
<b>Saturday 3:30 pm 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b> ✠ Gasper Giarmo ✠ William Barron
<b>Sunday 8:00 am 10:30 am</b>	✠ The People of St. Michael ✠ Maddalena & Guiseppe Piccione ✠ Angela Furnari Vitale

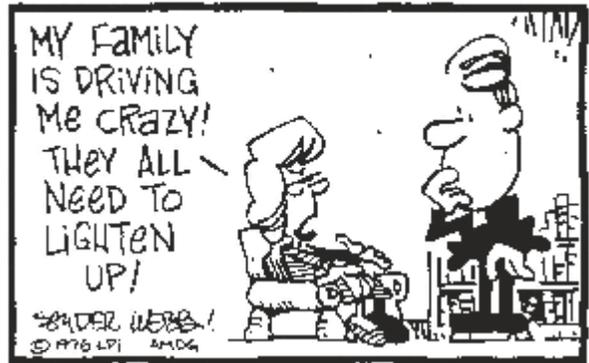
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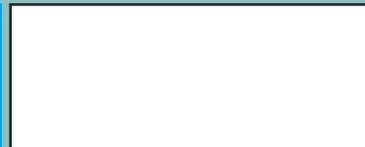
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