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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 26th, 2021



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds

them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost. Source: Loyola press

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKEND MASSES DEC 25– DEC 26

Saturday– Nativity of the Lord-Christmas

9:00am.....Don Goliass
11:00am.....Courtney Weber

Sunday

8:30amThomas Farruggia
10:00am.....Thomas Nichols
11:30amLori Matusek
No 5pm Life Teen Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES DEC 27- DEC 31

Monday

9:00am.....Hugh McLaughlin

Tuesday

9:00am.....Kaleb Vaughn

Wednesday

9:00amPearl Bolman

Thursday

9:00am.....Rebecca Kirschnick

Friday

9:00am.....Rae Marie Butler

WEEKEND MASSES JAN 1– JAN 2

Saturday

9:00am.....Healing Intention for John Lazo

Sunday

8:30am.....George Archer
10:00am.....Patricia Masuga
11:30amDolores Menear
No 5pm Life Teen Mass



Please keep these individuals in your thoughts and prayers.

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*BILL KRIVOS *DIANE STEGMEIER

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BETTY KAMINSKI * THOMAS FITZGERALD * JOHN LAZO. *
AUTUMN EGGERS * JENNIFER BOWERS * BRIAN &
COURTNEY EDMONDS* STEPHANIE RADWANSKI.

Please call the Parish office to add a name to our prayer list.

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MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM
COMMUNION SERVICE
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 6:30PM
WEEKEND
4:00PM VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY
8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM, AND 5:00PM (LIFETEEN)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 5:15PM– 6:00PM
SATURDAY 9:00AM– 10:00AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00am –5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

Thank you **Offertory Collection**
Due to the early submission of this bulletin, December 19th collection will be listed in the Jan 2nd bulletin

COMMUNITY



Senior Christmas Luncheon held December 9th had a great turn out with over 100 guests. The group enjoyed Christmas Carols by two of Strongsville High School's choral groups. What a treat!



Barry joined in with the choir.

Who's in your pew.....



Meet the LePage Family—Luke, Grant, Melissa and Maggie. Grant is an 8th grader at Strongsville Middle School, and he loves baseball, fishing and music. Maggie is in the 5th grade at Chapman Elementary and she loves football, softball and playing the violin. Together the family enjoys hiking, traveling, music, going to sporting events and playing games.

Here's a fun fact about their family: Maggie and Melissa were born in Ohio and Grant and Luke were born in New York!

Their favorite memories of St. John Neumann include the Evening of Hope, the Thanksgiving Dinner Drive and the Giving Tree. Both of their children also received their first holy communions here at SJN.

When asked about some things that have helped them to grow in their faith, their list includes Eucharistic Adoration, Edge and Family Faith Formation, especially the parent talks with Father Barry.

They described SJN as welcoming, generous, peaceful and caring.

Thank you, LePage Family, for being a part of our parish, and thank you for your willingness to be involved!



Christmas

December 25, 2021 - January 10, 2022

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into He is flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones. Source: USCCB



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SATURDAY 2022 JANUARY 29th



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