





**Mass Intentions**

**Friday, December 24, 2021 *Christmas Eve***  
**No Eucharistic Adoration on December 24th**  
 4:00pm Welfare of the Parish by  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society  
 9:00pm For All Parishioners & Intentions

**Saturday, December 25, 2021 *Christmas Day***  
 10:30am The Tillman Family  
 by Mark, Tom & Families  
**No 5:00pm Evening Mass**

**Sunday, December 26, 2021 *Holy Family***  
 8:00am Arthur & Minnie D'Amico  
 by the Arnold D'Amico Family  
 10:30am Elizabeth "Betty" Rush, Birthday  
 by Family

**Monday, December 27, 2021**  
 No Services

**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**  
 8:00am Elizabeth, Reynold, Arlene Monacelli  
 & Geri Marble, Birthdays  
 by Cory & Family

**Wednesday, December 29, 2021**  
 8:00am For those who died in October 2021

**Thursday, December 30, 2021**  
 8:00am Mary Csizmar — by Family

**Friday, December 31, 2021 *New Year's Eve***  
**No Eucharistic Adoration on December 31st**  
 5:00pm For All Parishioners & Intentions

**Saturday, January 1, 2022 *New Year's Day***  
 10:30am James Saraceni—by Father Dick  
 5:00 pm James Bohn by Fr. Dick

**Sunday, January 2, 2022 — Epiphany**  
 8:00am For All Parishioners & Intentions  
 10:30am Jim Eade by the Eade Family



Dear Parishioners & Friends,  
 The wind has been wild this December. It provided a unique "candlelight Mass" opportunity at all the Masses on the weekend of December 11th & 12th. Many parishioner found it to be a very inspiring time, with simple lighting and just a different atmosphere. Thanks to all those who provided extra

help to make it so wonderful.

Now our plans are for a most inspiring church atmosphere during our Christmas Week and New Year's celebrations, which also includes our 14th anniversary as Holy Family Parish and the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

This season is one of great inspiration for so many, a time when they feel the love of God so present in their lives. Being on the altar, looking out at you all, joined with your family members back home for the holidays, it's just thrilling to be a priest, leading you in prayer. It certainly is so heartwarming and encouraging to pray with you, and for you and your loved ones.

I'm so blessed also for all the staff and volunteers who devote so much time to making our celebrations beautiful. In all this, we see the workings of Jesus in our midst, guiding and enlivening us.

With so much love & many prayers,  
*Father Dick*

Did you ever hear this before? On Christmas Eve in 1906, Reginald Fessenden, a radio pioneer and former colleague of Thomas Edison, was experimenting with a microphone and the telegraph. As he was transmitting, he used his own rendition of "O Holy Night", the first song ever broadcast over the radio.



December 11-12 we had quite the storm roar through Albion. Many were left in the dark as high winds took down trees and powerlines. Our Holy Family Parish complex was not spared from this storm. The power went off a few minutes prior to 5pm Mass. With help from Parishioners, many candles were lit to give enough light to celebrate Mass. Following Mass, a Baptism by candlelight took place, welcoming Ella Grace Oberther, daughter of Matthew Oberther and Lindsey Snyder.

Mass was also celebrated by candlelight at the 8am and 10:30am Masses Sunday morning.

**In Remembrance**

Fr. Gary Kibler & Anna Bellittiere

Starting the New Year, is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Starting the New Year to honor our Blessed Mother, who in her "yes" to God brought our Savior into the world to redeem us. These events of Bethlehem fill us with wonder, awe and excitement. Masses will be celebrated on New Year's Eve at 5:00pm and on New Year's Day at 10:30am and 5:00pm. It is not a Holyday obligation this year.



**Prayer REQUESTS**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

David Albanese, Gary Armida, Bob Blackburn, Greg Blodgett, Ann Boe, Amy Bowers, Carolyn Budynski, Patrick J. Burgio, Michael Brune, Alexandria Renee Bush, Laurene Canale, Chris Cioffi, Richard Connelley, Justin Cooper, Mary Coveney, Ryan Cunningham, Fran D'Agostino, Laura Dibley, Mary DiGuilio, Brittany Dodd, Nancy Donahue, Barbara A. Dunham, Patty Foote, Gail Forquell, Leah Gaddis, Robert Gadsby, Bob & Rita Galbreath, Betty Geiger, Margaret Golden, Maryann Hildreth, Steve Karas, Sue Kirsch, Gloria Kuhn, Wayne Litchfield, Herman Lorenz, Sally Lusk, Debbie Magliocco, Mark & Susan Mazzatti, Janice McMullen, Gert Metz, Jacoby Miller, Marian Moore, Pat Murray, Gloria Neilans, Mary Jane Nenni, Elizabeth Aldaco Novak, Rita Lang Owens, Isabelle Parvis, Carol Passaniti, Alan Penna, Kim Peltz, Mary Ann Peterson, Carol and Fred Pilon, Linda Rebadowd, Danielle Ries, Carol Riviere, Wendy Sanders, Bill Sargent, Carolyn Sisson, Gary Spitz, John Stirk, Mark Swindon, Lynn Tomasino, Betty Tower, Sue Toke, Lisa Vergiza, Maureen Watt, Pat Weber, Chris Wing, and Nancy Zambito.

Once again this year, Christopher Mitchell Funeral Home has gifted us with the Holy Family Parish 2022 Calendars. They are available for pick-up at the entrances to the Church or at the Parish Office.

**Christmas Blessings**

Thank you for your continued support to Holy Family Parish.

On behalf of the entire staff,  
 we wish you & your loved ones  
 a Very Merry & Blessed Christmas!



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

December 19- January 1, 2022  
 Families of Steve & Sally

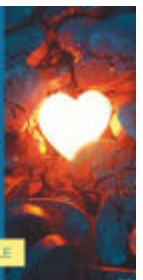
December 26- January 8, 2022  
 Weslowski, Czubak, Jankowski & Gusciora  
 Families by Ed Weslowski

January 1-January 15, 2022  
 Suzanne Boyce & Kelly Ricker  
 by Corinne Pahura



"GOD IS LOVE.  
 WHOEVER LIVES IN  
 LOVE LIVES IN  
 GOD  
 AND GOD  
 IN HIM."

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan. 3 - Parish Council - McCabe Rm., 7pm  
 Jan. 4 - Knights of Columbus - B6, 7pm  
 Jan. 15 - Catholic Daughters, Lyceum, 11:30am

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**REMINDER:** Registration for the WINTER Session of Faith Formation is taking place now. There are 6 spots open for enrollment in this session. The Winter Session begins Jan. 9 - Mar. 13, 2022. You can register at the Parish Office.

**HOLY FAMILY GIVING TREE**




**THANK YOU** to all for your donations to this year's Giving Tree. Once again, parishioners and friends have shown great generosity. The gifts have been distributed throughout the community, to the school and organizations and ministries that deliver to families in need. With a grateful heart for all you have done to help our neighbors in need. Wishing you a Blessed, Merry Christmas.

**Christmas Coloring Contest**

The Knights of Columbus is doing our Keep Christ in Christmas Religious Ed coloring posters again this year. The age groups for the contest are: Age 5-7 (grade K-2), Age 8-10 (grade 3-5), Age 11-14 (grade 6-8). You can pick up an entry in Church or at the Parish Office. Entries are due to the Parish Office by Jan. 3rd.

**The Holy Human Family**



God gives us a Holy Family that is human in its imperfection. The family we venerate today is not one of wealth or privilege but a family that from the beginning is beset by problems: a crisis pregnancy, a traumatic childbirth, a flight for their lives to a foreign land, a resettling in an unfamiliar town. Yet this family is the spiritual role model for all families, because the thing they get right is love.

The story of the Holy Family inspires us to dwell in the homes we create for our own holy families. We will surely face problems and challenges, but the way we love is how our children learn to love and trust in the holiness of all God's family. When we honor each other and treat each other with respect, our branch of the family tree grows healthy and hardy. We show how to heed God's tender call.

As much as I struggle with the gender-bound roles outlined by St. Paul and other biblical writers (e.g., "fruitful vine in the recesses"), I am heartened by Paul's advice to all God's children: "put on . . . compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience," and practice forgiveness and gratitude. These are wise and worthy goals for both parents and children. "And over all these," Paul writes, "put on love." There is no better recipe for raising a holy family. - Valerie Schultz

**ROAD TO RENEWAL** - Last week you received a flyer outlining the Pilot Period for Parishes as we embark on this journey. We have also been invited by our Holy Father Pope Francis to participate in a 2 year journey of renewal through a universal Synod defined as: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." Stay tuned for more information on this historical journey.

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>				
<u>Dec. 11-12</u>	<u>5:00pm</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	61	70	101	232



**COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 11-12, 2021**

Sunday Offering.....	\$4,046.00
Fuel.....	40.00
Improvement Fund.....	240.00
Cemetery Fund.....	65.00
Christmas Flowers.....	105.00
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	946.00
Initial Offering.....	59.00
Christmas.....	25.00
Immaculate Conception.....	455.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$5,981.00.</b>

Due to the early publication of these bulletins, we will post weekend offerings for Dec. 18-19 & Dec. 25-26 in the January 1-2, 2022 bulletin.

*WeShare* - Interested in online giving? It is safe, simple and convenient. If you have questions or would like to sign up for online giving please call Liturgical Publications at 800-950-9952.



Be a winner! Don't forget your WARM & FORM lottery ticket(s). A great Christmas Stocking stuffer idea that lasts the whole month long. Donations \$5. per ticket with chances to win daily. Tickets available in the Parish Office. **Anyone interested in selling Warm & Form tickets in Church or on your own, PLEASE contact the Parish Office, Thank You.**



**Christmas Wafers (OPLATEK)**

A traditional Eastern European custom which family and friends share by breaking off a piece, wishing each other best wishes, and passing it on during the Christmas Eve activities, are available. Each packet contains three wafers. Available at the Altar Rail. Donations, if you wish, can be placed in the basket next to the wafers.

**"IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE" BUT DO WE SOMETIMES MISS THE POINT?**

Christmas brings out the best in us—especially when it comes to giving. We like to think of ourselves as basically decent, charitable people, and this season moves the hearts of even the "Scroogiest" among us to generosity and kindness.

But despite our emphasis on giving at Christmas, what we celebrate is about the blessedness of "receiving".

Receiving is hard for most of us. Giving manifests our competence and self-sufficiency—not bad things in themselves. But to receive—that's another dynamic entirely. To receive is to admit our own poverty: that we can't do everything ourselves. To receive with an open and grateful heart requires humility: that there are limits to our power, that we don't have all the answers, that we are indebted to others for the wisdom and support they provide. To receive inspires gratitude: another's gift is a sign that we are loved.

We are better givers than "getters."

What brings us here on the midst of our holiday giving frenzy is the realization that we are the receivers at Christmas. In all the Gospels, God is the only one who is truly giving, because He is giving us Himself.





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