



# THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.  
- Lk 2:46-47

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## Pastoral Staff:

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### Baptism:

Parents are asked to schedule an appointment with the Pastor prior to scheduling a Baptism.

### Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30

### Matrimony:

Please call the Pastor at least six months in advance of desired date.

### Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at noon

### Parish Website:

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### Weekend Liturgy:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 P.M.  
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

### Holy Day Liturgy:

Vigil: 5:30 P.M.  
 6:45 A.M & 12:10 P.M.

### Daily Liturgy:

Consult Bulletin for Mass Schedule.

### Pastoral Care of the Sick:

Please notify the rectory if a family member is hospitalized or confined to home.

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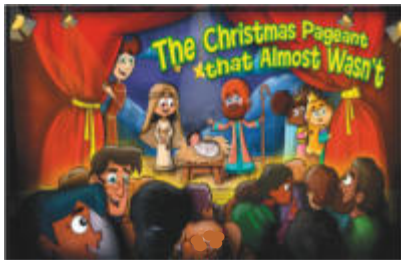


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Monday, December 27  
 6:45 A.M. Kathleen Ann Holderman % James Holderman  
 Tuesday, December 28  
 6:45 A.M. Bill Himes % Cathy & Matt Himes Family  
 Wednesday, December 29  
 6:45 A.M. Marie Potash % Morning Mass Friends  
 Thursday, December 30  
 6:45 A.M. Maurice Prendergast % Gail Maxwell  
**Friday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**  
**5:30 P.M.** Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
**Saturday, January 1 - New Year's Day**  
**9:30 A.M.** Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



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**CHRISTMAS**  
**The Holy Family**  
 Dr. John Sehorn

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. John Sehorn sits down to reflect on the Holy Family of Nazareth—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—and how they serve as the model for families today.

**prayer requests**

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers this week:

**Karen May**



**Sunday, December 26**  
 -- NO FAITH FORMATION  
**Monday, December 27**  
 6:30 P.M. ROSARY for World Peace and Vocations.  
**Tuesday, December 28**  
 -- NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY  
**Friday, December 31**  
 -- NO 6:45 AM MASS TODAY  
 5:30 P.M. MASS OF ANTICIPATION for the Holy Day.  
**Saturday, January 1**  
 9:30 A.M. MASS for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation.  
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 -- NO FAITH FORMATION  
 -- NO CONFESSIONS TODAY  
 -- NO 5:30 PM MASS TODAY  
**Sunday, January 2**  
 -- NO FAITH FORMATION



**2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**  
 For those who would like to make a donation to St. Tobias Church which would be reflected on their 2021 church contributions, please do so no later than January 7, 2022.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL PLEDGES**  
 The CSA pledge year runs from **Feb.-Dec. 2021**. We would like to thank everyone who has made this year such a success. Please make your final pledge payments **no later than** December 31, 2021.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1/2			
	9:30 A.M.	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Servers	*****	Mayson Fremer Delayne Fremer	Audrey Mezser Olivia Clark
Eucharistic Ministers	<b>Greg Castiglione</b>	Patty Huffman	Tom Caruso
Greeters	<b>Mike Swintek Mary Beth Swintek</b>	Patty Huffman Nancy Huffman	Armand Mazzocchi Carol Mazzocchi
Gift Bearers	*****	*****	*****
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Dear Parishioner,

The opening prayer from Christmas Eve Mass expresses so well my prayer for each of you during this **12 Day Season of Christmas**.....“O God, who made this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light, grant, we pray that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven.” The light-darkness image began with the Advent Wreath, continues during Christmas with an array of lights inside and outside our homes, and concludes with the Star leading the Shepherd and the Kings to Bethlehem. In the midst of these lessons from nature, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, the Light that overcomes all darkness. I recently had such a real experience with this image of our Faith. I was baptizing a little girl and, just as I took a light from the Paschal Candle to give to her Godfather, the lights in the church went out...Light shining in Darkness. Allow the many lights to remind you of the Hope that is ours in the face of the many shades of darkness that can often dim that Hope. **Merry Christmas!**

**The Holy Family brings us back to church this day after Christmas.** We know that “family” is such an integral part of our Christmas experience. We can never underestimate the investment we make, day after day, in the lives of each other in our respective families. The variety of pictures and interviews dealing with recent tornadoes could not but touch every heart as we observed from a distance the loss not only of property but sacred lives of family-friends-neighbors. May our individual family experience move us to extend that gift of respect and loving concern to one another.

**Many Thanks** for your generous spirit of giving throughout these last several weeks. The list is long and impressive: Jesse Tree gifts and those who loaded the truck, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Sacrificial Gifts for Retired Religious and your parish Christmas gift, decorating the church, Flower Memorials, our Catechists, Liturgical Ministers for many Masses this weekend and next, our weekly Care & Comfort meal program. The Holy Family helps our “home” experience strengthen the bonds of parish as our larger “Family.”

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

A meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8 at 11:00 am in the School of Religion for anyone interested in being on the committee. It's too much for one person to take on, but with a group, we can do great things! If you've assisted at VBS before, please consider continuing by joining the planning committee or by letting Tara Starr know you are available to volunteer.

### Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 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



## ALL IN THE FAMILY

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the Christ Child intimidating—who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful—perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes

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