



# THE HOLY FAMILY



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Weekly amount budgeted for 2020-2021 . . . . . \$3,462.00  
 Offertory from December 6 thru December 13. . . . \$2,846.00  
 CSA 2021 Campaign Parish Goal. . . . . \$33,199.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged . . . . . \$21,380.00  
 CSA 2021 Total Pledged Amount Received . . . . . \$20,600.00

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“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.” Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



**Mass Schedule**

**(from Feast of the Holy Family thru the Baptism of the Lord)**

The Holy Family	Sunday, 12/26	9:15 am
Mary the Mother of God	Friday, 12/31	5:30 pm
Mary the Mother of God	Saturday, 1/1	9:00 am
Vigil of the Epiphany	Saturday, 1/1	5:30 pm
Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday, 1/2	9:15 am
Vigil of Baptism of the Lord	Saturday, 1/8	5:30 pm
The Baptism of the Lord	Sunday, 1/9	9:15 am

**St. Joseph “Prayer Chain”**

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 814-787-7593.

**“Care & Concern”**

Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? Call 814-787-4151 #3

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us keep in our hearts all the holy innocents in the womb of women around the world.



**Mary, Mother of God**

Mary’s divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spot light. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God’s invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: “Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

(Luke 1:42-43)

The precise title “Mother of God” goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos* (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church’s teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the Holy Virgin *Theotokos*. The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary’s role in the Church, Vatican II’s *Constitution on the Church* calls Mary “Mother of God twelve times.

(Saint of the Day, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor, pg 5, 1990)



**Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is indeed a Holy Family uniquely blest by God like no other family ever was and ever will be. However, having said this, it is also important to know that as blest by God as they were in Nazareth, they still had to deal with many issues and situations that had to be worked through like any other family. They were not immune from problems. For example, we recall that they had to leave Bethlehem and go to Egypt because Herod was in “search of the child to destroy Him. (Matthew 2:13). Also, when Jesus was twelve years old, He had been lost for three days, but Mary and Joseph found “Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions.” (Luke 2:46)

The life of Mary and Joseph was tremendously blest by living and being in the presence of Jesus in His formative and young adult years. After the event in the temple, the Scriptures tell us that “He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His Mother kept all these things in Her Heart. Jesus advance in wisdom and age and the favor of God and man.” (Luke 2:51-52) May each of our families be tremendously blessed by the Holy Family as we pray the following . . .



**Family Prayer**

- We need one another.**
- We love one another.**
- We forgive one another.**
- We work together.**
- We play together.**
- We worship together.**
- Together we learn God's Word.**
- Together we grow in Christ.**
- Together we love all people.**
- Together we serve our God.**
- Together we hope for Heaven.**
- These are our hopes.**
- Help us obtain them, Father,**
- through Jesus Your Son, Our Lord.**
- Amen.**

(Family Prayer (angelfire.cGod made us a family.)

**Reminder: Church Office closed until Monday, January 3**



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, December 27, 2021 No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday, December 28, 2021 No Mass	No Communion Service		The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday, December 29, 2021 No Mass	No Communion Service		Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr	1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
Thursday, December 30, 2021 No Mass	No Communion Service		Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40
Friday, December 31, 2021 5:30 p.m. Mass Only	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Mary the Mother of God	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Saturday, January 1, 2022 9:00 a.m. Mass Adoration and Benediction	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	Mary the Mother of God	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Saturday, January 1, 2022 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord	(see below)
Sunday, January 2, 2022 9:15 a.m. Mass	Francis Coccimiglio	Family	The Epiphany of the Lord	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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Church Hours

St. Joseph Church: **Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Wed. 8 am — 4 pm; Sat. 9:00 am — 7 pm**

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday .....9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m, No Mass Wednesday

**BULLETIN INFORMATION**

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

**SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION**

**Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

**SACRAMENTS OF HEALING**

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**—Celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available upon request.

**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m, or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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