

Blessed Sacrament Church

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THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH
WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.
—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY

Blessed Sacrament Parish Mission Statement

To nourish our love of God through Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Centered in the Eucharist, we are developing a faith community through prayer, education, worship and Christian fellowship. As stewards of God's love, we strive to share our gifts and talents for the service of God and all His people.

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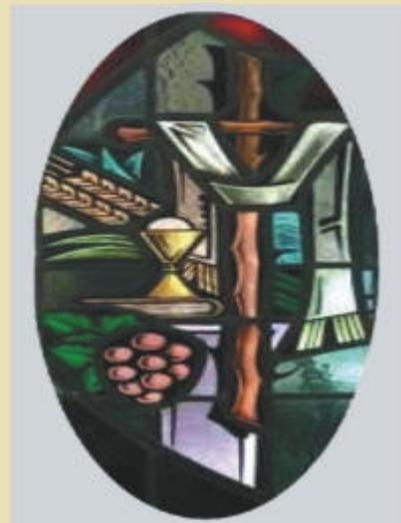
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FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't 'perfect' parents. If you have ever been 'amazed' and 'astonished' at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you 'didn't understand' your children or felt 'anxious' about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of Shirley Avril from her family.

CHAPEL SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of James Johnston from Steve, Ness, Mary & Beth.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though you have already come. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.

AMEN



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 28

NO 8:00AM MASS

Tuesday, December 29

NO 8:00AM MASS

Wednesday, December 30

NO 8:00AM MASS

Thursday, December 31—7th Day with in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

NO 8:00AM MASS

4:00 +Elsie Danowski / Dennis & Bridget Seth

Friday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 *People of Blessed Sacrament Parish

Saturday, January 2—Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 +Deceased Family & Friends of the Tempestini

Family / Dan & Mary Ann Tempestini

Sunday, January 3—Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 +Ralph Bruno / Children

11:00 *People of Blessed Sacrament Parish

7:30 +Christine Hilbert / BSS Class of 1966

* Living Daily Mass in the Church @ 8am

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass in the Church: 8am (Mon—Fri)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

*Sunday: 8:30am**, 11:00am and 7:30pm***

**these Masses will be livestreamed on our parish website & Facebook page

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00—3:45pm

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 31 @ 4:00pm Richard Moore

January 1 @ 8:00am Denise & Tessa Comi

January 2 @ 4pm Gerri Picuch

January 3 @ 8:30am Richard Moore

January 3 @ 11:00am Denise & Tessa Comi

???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

Question for Children: Why is it important for you to obey your parents or guardians?

Question for Youth: God chose to be among us in the person of Jesus. How does having a God who knows what it means to be human affect the way you pray or think about God?

Question for Adults: Whether single, married, or divorced, how does Paul's advice ring true in your own life? Choose one of his suggestions and share how it touches your life.

From Our Pastor

We continue the celebration of Christmas through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10. This weekend, trusting in God's word, Abraham, Sarah, Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna witnessed the Word of God coming to fruition in their own lives and before their own eyes. God promised through the prophets the coming Savior, who came in the person of Jesus, becoming flesh, dwelling on earth.

This day, the Feast of the Holy Family we recognize Jesus' ordinary beginnings. Born in a family like all of us. Jesus brings us closer to the fullness of life. In today's Gospel we hear about the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. There is an encounter between Jesus's parents and Simeon and Anna. We recognize that the event of Jesus' birth is greater than a simple family moment. Jesus' Nativity is intended to change the course of history. This change will start with Jesus' family life, but will affect our families also. We will all become his family, his beloved and his disciples. We are all called to holiness and to remember that we are to create "little churches" in our homes.

Let us pray this weekend that, like Christ, each family member will grow in strength, wisdom and grace. Perhaps while at home your family can tell stories of your best and most difficult moment together. Perhaps you could reach out to someone in your neighborhood who has lost a family member or has no living family.

T'was a month before Christmas, and all through the town,
 People wore masks, that covered their frown.
 The frown had begun way back in the Spring,
 When a global pandemic changed everything.
 They called it corona, but unlike the beer,
 It didn't bring good times, it didn't bring cheer.
 Airplanes were grounded, travel was banned.
 Borders were closed across air, sea and land.
 As the world entered lockdown to flatten the curve,
 The economy halted, and folks lost their nerve.
 From March to July we rode the first wave,
 People stayed home, they tried to behave.
 When summer emerged the lockdown was lifted.
 But away from caution, many folks drifted.
 Now it's November and cases are spiking,
 Wave two has arrived, much to our disliking.
 It's true that this year has had sadness a plenty,
 We'll never forget the year 2020.
 And just 'round the corner the holiday season,
 But why be merry? Is there even one reason?
 To decorate the house and put up the tree,
 Who will see it, no one but me.
 But outside my window the snow gently falls,
 And I think to myself, let's deck the halls!
 So, I gather the ribbon, the garland and bows,
 As I play those old carols, my happiness grows.
 Christmas is not cancelled and neither is hope.
 If we lean on each other, I know we can cope. ♥

Fr. Phil

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

COMFORT on difficult days
SMILES when sadness intrudes
RAINBOWS to follow the clouds
LAUGHTER to kiss your lips
SUNSETS to warm your heart
HUGS when spirits sag
BEAUTY for your eyes to see
FRIENDSHIPS to brighten your being
FAITH so that you can believe
CONFIDENCE for when you doubt
PATIENCE to accept the truth
COURAGE to know yourself
LOVE to complete your life

~*~*~*~*2021*~*~*~*



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son Jesus to become part of an Earthly family with Mary and Joseph. And so you understand what families face each and every day.

Give families the gift of **JOY**.
 May they find laughter and happiness in the moments shared with each other as they grow together.

Give families the gift of **STRENGTH**.
 May they turn to you in times of struggle and may they know the power of Your love, to help them through their darkest challenges.

Give families the gift of **PEACE**.
 May their lives be free of worry and sadness.
 May they treasure every moment You have given them together. **AMEN**

**Fr. Phil, Deacon Kevin and the entire Parish Staff
 would like to wish you and your family
 a very Happy, Healthy & Blessed New Year**

MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve 4:00pm
New Year's Day 8:00am

Parish Office is closed December 28 thru January 4

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

What do we know about Joseph, Mary, and the rest of Jesus' relatives?

Answer:

You may see pictures of Joseph, Mary, and a young Jesus on the feast of the Holy Family. What we do know of them has been treasured throughout the ages. Both Joseph and Mary came from the tribe of Judah and were distant descendants of King David. Tradition gives us the names of Mary's parents - Anne and Joachim - and we venerate them as saints. Joseph was a carpenter, and he taught Jesus his trade. We know that St. Elizabeth was related to Mary, and we call St. John the Baptist Jesus' "cousin."

In the Bible, we also see references to Jesus' "brothers and sisters." Who were these people? The most likely theory rests in the language of the time period. The Hebrew people spoke Aramaic. This language had no words for specific family roles. All male relatives were "brother" and all female relatives were "sister." Like many people of his day, Jesus had a large family! So large that he got lost and needed to be found in the Temple. When you think of the Holy Family, remember that Jesus probably had quirky uncles, nosy aunts, doting grandparents, and cousins to play with, just like us!

Sunday, December 27, 2020**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH The measure of success**

Fruitfulness is a sign that we're doing something right. Plant a seed, water it, give it light, and it brings forth a shoot. Neglect it, and get nothing. We measure success in terms of fruitfulness: schooling completed, jobs held, relationships that endure, children raised, financial security, years lived, virtues practiced. God blessed Abram with wealth and years, but to that old man, the only true measure of success was a child. By what standard do you evaluate your life's worth? What's required for you to say in the end: "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace?"

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40; or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40 (17).* "But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless?'"

Monday, December 28, 2020**FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS Suffer little children**

On the heels of the joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior, we remember the Holy Innocents—all the baby boys who were murdered by Herod in his attempt to kill the child Jesus. Remember too all those innocents who die today at the hands of their governments and who are victims of institutional and structural violence. About the Holy Innocents, Matthew quotes Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children . . ." Console today's mourning mothers by fighting for children's rights and protections.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698).* "My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin."

Tuesday, December 29, 2020**FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR Choosing right vs. might**

Thomas Becket found himself having to choose between an earthly king and Christ the King. The cleric Thomas befriended England's Henry II—leading Henry to appoint him chancellor. Later, when Henry spotted a chance to wield power over church affairs, he named his friend the archbishop of Canterbury. But Thomas would not go along with Henry's plans. Repercussions followed, and in 1170 Thomas was brutally murdered—in Canterbury Cathedral—by the king's men. Though perhaps with less dramatic outcomes, standing up for your convictions may cost you, too. Are you willing to pay the price?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202).* "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many."

Wednesday, December 30, 2020**SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD The party never ends**

On this sixth day of the Octave, the Christmas celebration continues. Or it can—even if the culture around us has moved on. Especially in pandemic days, you may feel challenged to find hope and joy in the promise that God is with us. So celebrate by sharing that Divine Love, however you feel able to. Bake and share cookies, make a call to someone you may have overlooked this busy season, write a note of gratitude to someone who challenges you, or contribute to an organization that cares for mothers and children in this season of the Holy Family. Take time in prayer to recollect and give thanks for

any awareness of God's presence in recent days. *Loving God, help me remember that Christmas is not a day but rather a season that invites me to see you at work in my life every day.*

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203).* "And coming forward at that very time, [Anna] gave thanks to God and spoke about the child."

Thursday, December 31, 2020**SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD The light still shines**

We might well ring out a difficult year with the words of today's psalmist: "Let the heavens be glad and the Earth rejoice!" Rejoicing implies an expectation of better things to come, placing us firmly within the Christian virtue of hope. Christians are hopeful for many reasons, starting with the fact that Jesus's death led to resurrection. The church teaches, too, that hope lies in building the kingdom of God on Earth, "as it is in heaven." Lift up your hopes for 2021 to God, and be ready to work for them with God's grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204).* "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Friday, January 01, 2021**WORLD DAY OF PEACE; OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD Renew the face of the Earth**

We have longed for the year 2020 to be over, to move away from the pandemics that have wounded us collectively and individually. With 2021 on the calendar now, it feels like maybe, just maybe we can start anew at some point. Given the chance, we, along with all of creation, have the capacity to renew, that is, to be "new again"—not only each year but each moment. An essential ingredient to renewal is peace. The church calls us to follow Christ the Way of Peace, as Pope Benedict said on this day in 2007, "with hearts full of hope, notwithstanding the dangers and difficulties that surround us." Let us pray for and choose peace for ourselves and for the world in all that we renew this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18).* "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

Saturday, January 02, 2021**MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH Spiritual friendship lasts for ages**

Spiritual friendship is one of the greatest gifts of life in a faith community. Basil and Gregory, fourth-century patriarchs of the Eastern Church, had such a friendship and spurred each other on to great accomplishments and service in their spiritual lives. We all need community and spiritual support as we work through the mysteries of our own personal lives and the challenges presented by a suffering world. Who can you count on for support and encouragement in these hard times? Do your resolutions for this new year include cultivation of spiritual community and friendships?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205).* "All the ends of the Earth have seen the salvation by our God."



*Daily renewal for busy Catholics.
Invest just five minutes a day,
and your faith will deepen and grow
a day at a time.*

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

PLEASE HELP US We had a glitch in our Parish Data System that inactivated some of our Ministries. If you were on the Greeting Card Ministry (or would like to be), please send us your name and contact info so that we can get that Ministry back up and running. You can call the Parish Office or email us at dfisher@bserie.org. We apologize to anyone that had a December birthday or wedding anniversary.



PARISH PRAYER LINE

If you, a family member or friend are in need of prayers, please call the prayer line with your request (860-6211). If no one answers, leave a message with your prayer request. First names only are used when the request is passed through the prayer chain.

2021 CALENDARS

Calendars are now available. There are three designs to pick from. Thank you to the Francis V. Kloecker Funeral Home for providing the calendars for us every year.



IMPORTANT

 **Reminder: Face masks must be properly fitted and worn over both nose and mouth at all times in Blessed Sacrament buildings. Also, please remember to keep a six foot distance from those in households other than your own when seated for Mass. We want to keep all of you safe.**

THANK YOU to Jan and Tom Tssario for decorating the area on the corner of 26th and Greengarden for Christmas. It will be lit up every night from 5pm to 11:30pm.

A big thanks to Judy Rosatti, Natalie Kreidinger and their crew for transforming the church into a beautiful worship space.



THANK YOU to everyone who has donated American Flags! The one thing that always amazes us here in the office is when we ask for donations of any kind, our Parish Family always comes through!! You are the best! If you would still like to donate a flag we will gladly accept more so we have them on



Family Rules

1. Always be honest *Proverbs 12:22*
2. Count your blessings *Psalms 34:1-3*
3. Forgive and forget *Micah 7:18*
4. Be supportive of one another *Acts 20:35*
5. Be kind and tenderhearted *Ephesians 4:32*
6. Keep promises *Romans 4:21*
7. Comfort each other *1 Thessalonians 4:18*

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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. ©LPi



\$\$\$\$\$ RAISE THE ROOF LOTTERY \$\$\$\$\$

12/14 #704...#705...#703 no winners

12/15 #988...#989 no winners...

#987 Phyllis MacKenzie \$10

12/16 #970...#971...#969 no winners

12/17 #742...#743...#741 no winners

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB & MARY JO FULTON
WINNER OF THE \$50
SELLER'S DRAWING FOR DECEMBER**

**JANUARY TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
\$5 per ticket 93 chances to win this month**

If you want tickets, call Diane in the Parish Office (454-0171) or send an email dfisher@bserie.org and leave a message with your choice of lottery numbers and we will mail them to you. You can mail back your stubs and money or drop off at the office. We appreciate your support.

31 CLUB*Pray for Vocations*

December	28	Mary Ann Tempestini, Roberta Lucchetti
December	29	date available
December	30	Terry Shannon, Rose Marie Knepper
December	31	Phyllis Marchini
January	01	Mary Jo Fulton
January	02	Sue Shannon, Frank Tokarczyk
January	03	Patricia Brown

Members of the 31 Club agree to go to daily Mass and /or offer prayers on a particular day every month for an increase of vocations to the Church. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayers, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Please call the Parish Office if you want to be in the 31 Club and experience the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

GIVING TREE WRAP UP

Well the Parish Office is empty!! For the past few weeks it was overflowing with presents for the St. Martin Center and our Parish Food Bank families. St. Martin Center picked up the gifts last week for the 100 families that we had on the tree. Thank you to everyone who took extra tags so that they could all have a gift or two this Christmas.

The gifts for our Food Bank families were wrapped last Sunday by our Confirmation students as part of their service project. The gifts were all handed out last Tuesday to our families. Lots of gift bags and brightly wrapped boxes will find their way under the Christmas tree to so many families who are in need this year. This tradition at Blessed Sacrament is always a success due to your generosity and loving spirit. Thank you for continuing this wonderful tradition.



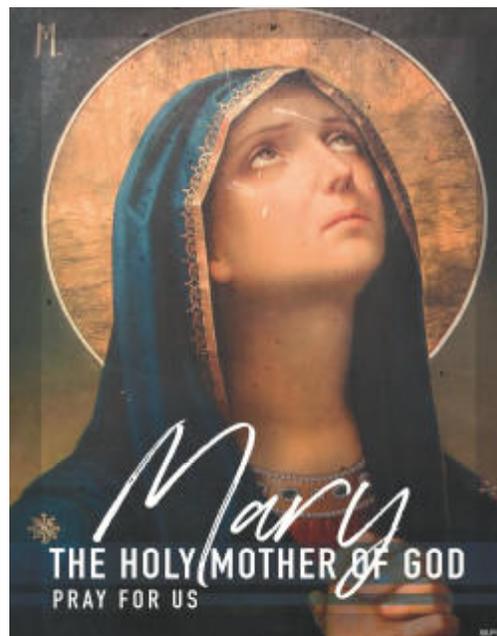
Thank You for helping us make someone's Christmas a little brighter!

**"KNIGHTS CORNER"**

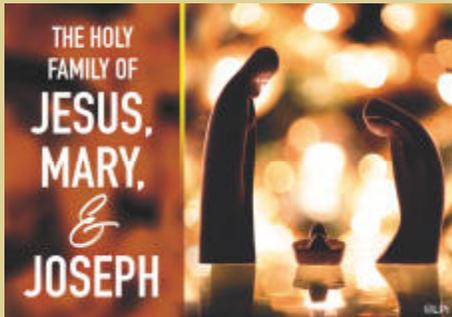
Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support the Food Pantry with your generous donations. With your donations we were able to help our families have a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas too. The food is not only helping our Food Bank families but we have been helping families at a local Erie school whose families have been very hard hit by the economic impact of COVID. Thank you so much for your continued support and we hope you will continue your generosity in the coming months.

Erie Council 278 will pray the Rosary on the **first Sunday of each month** through Sunday March 3rd, 2021. Please plan to attend or participate online. This will be livestreamed on the parish website and facebook page followed by the 8:30am Mass. Please join us.

As always, we invite all practicing Catholic Men to join the Knights of Columbus.



GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



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! ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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 ©LPi



PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for those in our Parish Family who are hospitalized, ill, homebound and in nursing facilities, as well as those who care for them.

Pray for all those suffering from COVID-19, the healthcare workers who are caring for them and all the service providers who are working everyday.

Pray for all members of the military.

Pray for those who have suffered the experience of abuse, may they find through Christ's presence, deep healing and peace.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR COUNTRY

Baptized into the Christian Community through the waters of Baptism

NOAH HENRY CHALUPCZYNSKI
Son of Kyle and Cassie [Ford] Chalupczynski

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for WILLIAM SITTER

The prayers and sympathy of the Parish Family were extended to his family. May he rest in peace.

Comfort In God's Arms Prayer Shawl Ministry As the holidays approach, please keep in mind that we have shawls available to take to your loved ones who need to feel the comfort of God's arms around them. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl or would like to join our group, please contact Linda (814) 490-8022. There is no charge for the shawls. Our Ministry is glad to provide comfort and prayers for your loved ones in need

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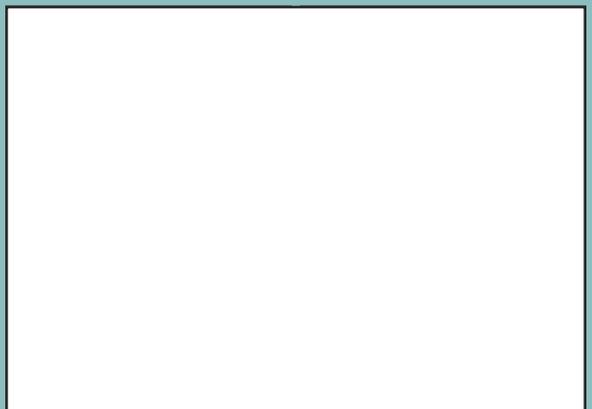
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