

DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am,
5:00pm, 9:00pm
Monday 12:30pm
Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday 12:30pm
Thursday 5:30pm
Friday 12:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 4:00pm
Monday 11:30am
Tuesday 6:00pm
Wednesday 11:30am, 9:00pm
Thursday 6:00pm
Friday 11:30am

ADORATION

Wednesday 9:00pm
Thursday 8:00am-Midnight

PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday
1:00pm-5:00pm

FOOD PANTRY

Tuesday and Thursday
10:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm

SACRAMENTS

If you're interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, or Holy Matrimony, please contact Fr. Jeff. Marriage prep must begin at least six months before your intended date.

REGISTRATION

Student parishioners and new members of our permanent community can register at sttomsbg.org/register

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.

-LUKE 2:46-47

WEEKLY CALENDAR**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25**

The Nativity of the Lord
 10:00am—Mass intention for
 Tyler Moore (B, D)
 Is 52:7-10 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
 10:00am—Mass intention *pro populo*
 1 Sm 1:2-28 | 1 Jn 3:21-24 | Lk 2:41-52

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John the Apostle
 11:30am—NO RECONCILIATION
 12:30pm—NO MASS
 1 Jn 1:1-4 | Jn 20:1a, 2-8

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents
 5:00pm—NO ROSARY FOR LIFE
 5:30pm—NO MASS
 6:00pm—NO RECONCILIATION
 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 | Mt 2:13-18

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

St. Thomas Becket
 11:30am—NO RECONCILIATION
 12:30pm—NO MASS
 1 Jn 2:3-11 | Lk 2:22-35

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00pm—NO ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS
 5:30pm—NO MASS
 6:00pm—NO RECONCILIATION
 1 Jn 2:12-17 | Lk 2:36-40

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

St. Sylvester I
 11:30am—NO RECONCILIATION
 12:30pm—NO MASS
 1 Jn 2:18-21 | Jn 1:1-18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 5:00pm—Mass intention for
 Lily Hover (B)
 Nm 6:22-27 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Epiphany of the Lord
 10:00am—Mass intention *pro populo*
 Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

To schedule a Mass intention for a loved one, please contact the office.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

2020 Christmas Mass in the Night

Tonight, the great prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given” (Is 9:6).

To us a son is given. We often hear it said that the greatest joy in life is the birth of a child. It is something extraordinary and it changes everything. It brings an excitement that makes us think nothing of weariness, discomfort and sleepless nights, for it fills us with a great, incomparable happiness. That is what Christmas is: the birth of Jesus is the “newness” that enables us to be reborn each year and to find, in him, the strength needed to face every trial. Why? Because his birth is for us—for me, for you, for all of us, for everyone. **“For”** is a word that appears again and again on this holy night: “For us a child is born”, Isaiah prophesied. **“For us** is born this day a Savior”, we repeated in the Psalm. Jesus “gave himself **for us**” (Tit 2:14), Saint Paul tells us, and in the Gospel the angel proclaims: **“For to you** is born this day a Savior” (Lk 2:11). For me, for you.

Yet what do those words—**for us**—really mean? They mean that the Son of God, the one who is holy by nature, came to make us, as God’s children, holy by grace. Yes, God came into the world as a child to make us children of God. What a magnificent gift! This day, God amazes us and says to each of us: “You are amazing”. Dear sister, dear brother, never be discouraged. Are you tempted to feel you were a mistake? God tells you, “No, you are my child!” Do you have a feeling of failure or inadequacy, the fear that you will never emerge from the dark tunnel of trial? God says to you, “Have courage, I am with you”. He does this not in words, but by making himself a child with you and for you. In this way, he reminds you that the starting point of all rebirth is the recognition that we are children of God. This is the starting point for any rebirth. This is the undying heart of our hope, the incandescent core that gives warmth and meaning to our life. Underlying all our strengths and weaknesses, stronger than all our past hurts and failures, or our fears and concerns about the future, there is this great truth: we are beloved sons and daughters. God’s love for us does not, and never will, depend upon us. It is completely free love. Tonight cannot be explained in any other way: it is purely grace. Everything is grace. The gift is completely free, unearned by any of us, pure grace. Tonight, Saint Paul tells us, “the grace of God has appeared” (Tit 2:11). Nothing is more precious than this.

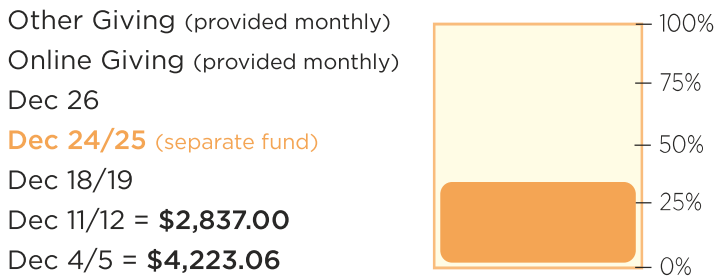
May the Christ Child find a place in our Hearts this Christmas so that our families may be Holy Families, after the example of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PARISH WEEKEND COLLECTION

December Goal = \$20,000.00



November Giving = **\$16,068.77**

Other Giving = **\$5,125.00**

Online Giving = **\$4,108.00**

November Goal = \$20,000.00

November Total Giving = \$25,301.77

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

We are asking for donations of tuna, cereal, and spaghetti noodles and sauce at this time. You can also give back to our food pantry if you have a Kroger Rewards card by going online to Kroger Community Rewards and connect your rewards card to St. Thomas More Food Pantry!



PISANELLO'S PIZZA COUPONS

Looking for an easy night without cooking, while supporting our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in an ongoing fundraiser? Purchase coupons anytime in our parish office at \$3.00 each for a 7" two-topping personal pizza from Pisanello's located downtown.

*A blessed Christmas Season
and Happy New Year!*

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PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

To add a loved one to our list, please contact the office.

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IN OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER SERVICE

Looking for a meaningful way to celebrate New Year's Eve? Close out the year in prayer as requested by Our Blessed Mother. You are invited to a prayer service at St. Aloysius Clare Chapel (off of Enterprise St. behind Taco Bell) at 11:00pm this Friday evening for a holy hour of prayer, praise, thanksgiving and intercession.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SNOW SHOVELING

If there is anyone in our community who may be in need of snow removal this winter but is unable to take care of it themselves (for whatever the reason), the Bowling Green Knights of Columbus would like to help! Please contact Joe Macsay at **419.438.3480** or joe.macsay@gmail.com to let the Knights know of your need or for any questions.

Prayer for the
NEW YEAR

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
R/. Amen.

—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

The leader says:

Let us bless the Lord.

All respond, making the sign of the cross:

Thanks be to God.

The prayer may conclude with the singing of a Christmas carol.

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Christmas is an important chapter of God's cosmic love story. In it, we see clearly demonstrated the Father's love for His Son. The family unit is one of the very first places that a child learns to love and to be loved. It provides formative experiences on what love "is supposed" to look like. The Christ-child was placed by the Father into the care of Mary and Joseph, a mother and father united in marriage. The Holy Family was wholly family.

I've seen plenty of evidence through the years that mothers and fathers are both critically important for a child's best outcome, but it wasn't just His Son's well-being at stake that first Christmas. It was ours. The Heavenly Father also loved us—all of us—so much that He sent His only Son to us. Christ came to love us, knowing how offensive we were in our sin.

This week, please join me as I pray:

- For mothers and fathers to form with God a loving family for their children
- For the unborn whose lives are in jeopardy
- For our culture, that we would become a people who universally recognizes the intrinsic value of every life and who loves each other as ourselves...including the unborn.

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THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Thank you to all who donated graciously for our flowers to brighten up the church this Christmas season, especially those who donated in honor or loving memory of someone.

IN HONOR OF

Lt. Col. Andrew Hover for serving our country • Lester Stammen, Carlan & Lois Badenhop • Carol Hemker •

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