

God's Unfolding Story of Love

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Family Prayer

Jesus, I humbly ask you
to grant our Family Your Graces.
May our home become an example of
peace, love, labor and faith.
Protect and bless us all,
absent and present,
living in this world
or sharing eternal life in you.

Mary, mother of Jesus,
and St. Joseph pray for our family and
all the different families of the World.
Assist us through prayer and
by your examples
to give as you gave to each other.

Amen



Families — we belong to one or two in a myriad of ways.

Through blood, marriage, friendship, employment, entertainment, hobbies, religious affiliation, etc. — being part of a family is inevitable. This weekend we celebrate THE family, the role model of how a family should love. We hear in the Gospels of Joseph's reluctance to entering into a marriage (in his golden years — which was probably 40) to a young woman, who is now pregnant with the Son of God. I mean any of us would give pause and caution to Joseph if we heard that story today. And Mary — good golly — how many of us in our youth would have been cool with an angel appearing and telling us of an unexpected “miracle” pregnancy. My mind would have stopped at “an Angel appearing”. An unconventional family pairing by today's standards, but yet, both agree and accept their roles, becoming the Family all families should emulate. The couple supports each other — traveling while pregnant to Joseph's hometown — caring for Mary even though the baby wasn't his — fleeing to another country to keep the baby safe — searching frantically for a lost step-son.

Our own families of support might be made up of the basic characters or filled with “untraditional” ones. The important thing is that we learn how to celebrate, embrace, protect, forgive and try to understand each other. We are asked to bear with one another. These are big “asks” for anyone (trust me — I know — it is a struggle somedays), but they are not impossible “asks”. If we keep our eyes on Jesus and trust in God as the Holy Family did, anything is possible. Our families, conventional or woven from a mixture of people, can become places where God's love is revealed.

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Monthly Collection

The Monthly Food Collection for our Neighbors in Need is Next Weekend January 1/2, 2022.



Need Food Assistance?

If you or someone you know needs our assistance with food, please visit our St. Vincent de Paul crisis-compliant drive-thru food pantry line Mon-Fri 2:30-3:30 pm. Any questions, please call our Voice Mail at (586) 468-8734 x106 and a volunteer will return your call.

Could You Spare?

We always accept donations of non-perishable food items for our SVDP Pantry. Items can be brought to church on the weekend or placed in the bed of the black, SVDP truck in the rear parking lot.



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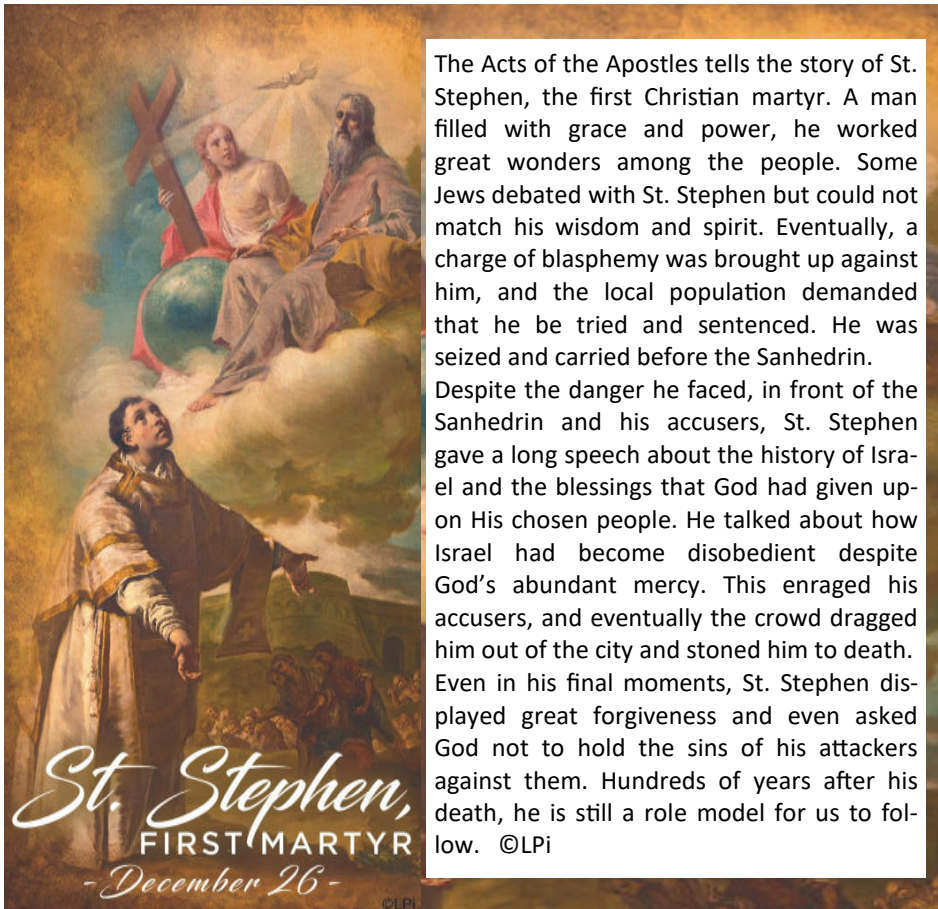
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The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin. Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow. ©LPi



The Offertory at Christmas

Did you know that our Christmas offering stays here, in our parish?

A typical weekly collection is taxed 7%, which goes to the Archdiocese of Detroit to fund the services they provide on a local and national level. Christmas is different. All monies collected as the "Christmas Collection" stay here for us to use for the upkeep, updating and uplifting of our own parish community — it is part of our annual budget. It is best to use the Christmas Envelope from your envelope mailing or a plain envelope marked "Christmas Collection", with envelope number or Registered Parishioners name or you can use the Online Giving offered on our webpage.

Here is another nice part, you don't have to give it on Christmas Day. As long as you specify your donation is for the Christmas Collection and have it in before January 8, 2022 it can still be applied. You can place it in the collection basket, drop it off through the office carry-out window or use our online giving platform. We ask that you prayerfully consider the tax free advantage of the St. Louis Catholic Community Christmas Collection. Thank You!

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

All In The Family

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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. We are the great family. Let us love each other well. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc



For December 4, 2021

Budgeted Amount	\$9,500.00
Envelopes	\$5,427.00
Online Giving	\$3,290.00
Loose Monies	\$347.00
Total	\$9,064.00
Shortage for week	\$436.00
% of Budget	95%

Year to Date - \$23,986.75
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 — June 30, 2022

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love. ©LPi

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LITURGICAL LIFE

First Reading:

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

Second Reading:

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

Gospel:

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family? Have you ever had a conflict with a parent or authority figure because of a misunderstood communication? How does it feel to know Jesus had the same interaction with his parents?

Readings for the Week

Sunday 12/26:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
 Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
 Lk 2:41-52

Wed. 12/29:

1 Jn 2:3-11
 Ps 96:1-6
 Lk 2:22-35

Saturday 1/1:

Nm 6:22-27
 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
 Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21

Monday 12/27:

1 Jn 1:1-4
 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
 Jn 20:1-8

Thursday 12/30:

1 Jn 2:12-17
 Ps 96:7-10
 Lk 2:36-40

Sunday 1/2:

Is 60:1-6
 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
 Mt 2:1-12

Tuesday 12/28:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2
 Ps 124:2-8
 Mt 2:13-18

Friday 12/31:

1 Jn 2:18-21
 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13
 Jn 1:1-18

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Hours are

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri:

9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday: 9 am to 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

The Offices will be closed

December 21, 2021 at 5 pm

until January 3, 2022 at 9 am

Faith Formation INFORMATION



Judy Demick
Resurrection Liturgy was December 21, 2021

Livestream Liturgy

- Can't come to Liturgy in person?
Join the Parish Family on Facebook Live
- December 26 — 10:30 am Liturgy
 - January 1/2 No Livestream
 - January 8—4:30 pm Liturgy
 - January 16—10:30 am Liturgy

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

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE

Our youngsters have been busy these last few weeks.

The six level wrapped all the gifts (purchased with the bake sale proceeds) that went to the local nursing home residents. Some of the kids learned how to wrap gifts with the help of their teacher and volunteers, and some were able to show off their wrapping skills. One attempted to tape his helper's fingers to the packages when she wasn't paying enough attention to him.



The 8th level learned from Mr. Fred Huebener about the Macomb Foster closet. Then they put together 100 stockings of candy and toys for the Foster Closet to give out to the children in the Foster program. (They are really fast stocking stuffers.) Mid November, they helped wrap gifts for the St. Vincent Adopt-a-family for Christmas program. For our December 14 class, they quickly set up the Social Hall for the 1-6th Levels to have a Happy Birthday, Jesus Party at the end of class — complete with BINGO! Ummm one of our teens surprised us with her BINGO calling skills!



Our 4th graders donated items and prepared a Box filled with Christmas Dinner supplies for a local family in need — complete with hand-made placemats.

Our 5th Level also donated and prepared a Box filled with Thanksgiving Dinner supplies for another family in need before November — complete with handmade placemats.



Our 1st and 2nd Levels have been bringing pantry supplies every week to help our St. Vincent Food Pantry fill the cupboards of our neighbors in need. Before Christmas, they overflowed the box.

Our 3rd Level has been keeping us all on tract with recycling paper and making delightful gifts for Fr. Bill.

These kids — ugh — they are all wonderful. Each and every one of them radiate Christ's love! Families, thank you for turning them into the blessings they are! You are all Holy Families indeed!

Liturgy INTENTIONS



Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021

8:30am Liturgy

Tabor & Trawinski Families

10:30am Liturgy

Kenneth Depue,
Arlene & Hugo Spinozzi,
Dorothy & Sebastian Amara,
Dave Amara

No 4:30pm Liturgy

Holy Family

Sunday, December 26, 2021

No 8:30am Liturgy

10:30am Liturgy

Florence Kraemer,
Millie Wollborg,
George Sicken,
John R. Linsky (4th Ann.)

Monday, December 27, 2021

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Wed., December 29, 2021

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Thursday, December 30, 2021

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Friday, December 31, 2021

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, January 1, 2022

No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Epiphany

Saturday, January 1, 2022

4:30pm Liturgy

Mary "Betty" DePage
by Pat & Cathy Hirzel

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:30am Liturgy

Henry & Celeste Kusz
by Nancy Ryan
Mary Frances Ethier (19th Ann.)
by Mary Jo
& Dennis Clark & Family

10:30am Liturgy

Millie Wollborg
& George Sicken
by Chuck Wollborg
George D. Walters
by Nicole and Family

Gloria Adelsbach
Mary &
Robert Agius
Rick Andrzejewski
Gary Atkins
Betty Attard
Val Augustine
Margo Baker
Gerald Bates
Jeff Benoit
Everett Bissonette
Judy Boston
Elaine Botzen
Pat Bradacs
Dawn Brass
Michael Brass
Liz Bryer
Dennis Burgio
Gary Buffa
Dennis Burgio
Sonya Chadwick
Christopher
Christensen
Caylan Clark
Bob Clevio
Molly Connaire
Wendy Corrian
Irene Consigliio
Greg Curley
Matilda Curley
Gary Curzenski
Eleanor DaVia
Bram deRoos
Frank Demo
Fred Dodge
Ginny Dotterer
Jeff Eichelberger
Shirley Fay
Jennifer Flaker
Margaret Forton
Eric Gavin
Vergean Giangrande
Frances Graziani
Michael Graziani
Karen Greene
Steven Halleck
Lynda Heck
Barbara Henk
Gary Henk
Carl Hikade
Michael
Holderbaum Sr.
Case Hoonhout



Peg Hoonhout
Thomas Inman
Bernie Jarvis, Sr.
Delores Jarvis
Art Javery
Doug Kottke
Kim Korba
Gary Krause
Gene Kristoff
Jeff Kuehn
Cathy Kujawski
Valerie Kulba
Carol LaGrow
Jay Lawless
Nora Litzenburg
Tom & Virginia
Livesay
Patricia Lozen
Jim Lyons
Stephanie MacCarroll
Frank Majkowski
Michael Maras
Vincent Marhevko
Mary Mariano
Barb Mercier
Connie Meyers
Beatrice McCaffery
Colleen McCarthy
Ronald Milas
Pat Militello
Cheryl Miller
Steve Mills
Tamsey Milton
Carolyn Misplon
Larry Mitchell
Jason Moore
Mark Morris
Marilyn Myrna
Hannah Neace
Madelyn O'Brien
Thomas Paczkowski
Sharon Paul
Elizabeth Pfueringer
Linda Pidutti
Virginia Pimental
Barbara Plescow
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Dolores Powrozek
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Kathy Wilson
Sue Wokuluk
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Margaret Wyon
Crystal Yaeger
Dominic Zeppa

+++ IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

DECEMBER 25

Winifred Moore—age 47 (1970)
Rosolino DiMaggio—age 64 (1991)
Derek Bourque—age 31 (2001)

DECEMBER 26

Richar S. Hubbard—age 84 (1972)
Robert Davey—age 65 (1977)
Julia Eccleston—age 85 (1995)
Christine Beaudoin—age 85 (2008)
Alice Plater—age 81 (2000)

DECEMBER 27

Helda Benoit—age 74 (1976)
John Wlezien—age 82 (1982)
Elsie Michaeli—age 59 (1985)
Helen Curley—age 80 (1991)
Mario Agosta—age 68 (1995)
Raymond Trombley—age 82 (2001)
Christine LeCroy—age 76 (2005)

DECEMBER 28

Elizabeth Boyle—age 64 (1971)
Joseph Shaffran—age 82 (1969)
Benjamin Schmittiel—age 63 (1981)
Ed Malkowski—age 85 (2000)
Irene Tessmer—age 87 (2000)
James Szymanski—age 86 (2001)
Shelly Rose Pierce—age 39

DECEMBER 29

Alex Dardon—age 63 (1979)
Dorothy O'Dusky—age 82 (2000)
Shirley Charbeneau—age 73 (2010)
Millie Wollborg—age 78 (2019)
Beverly Doucette—age 79 (2020)

DECEMBER 30

Emma Sclever—age 80 (1974)
Minnie Susalla—age 86 (1992)
Theodore Bicknell—age 29 (1992)
Clara F. Balowski—age 83 (2002)



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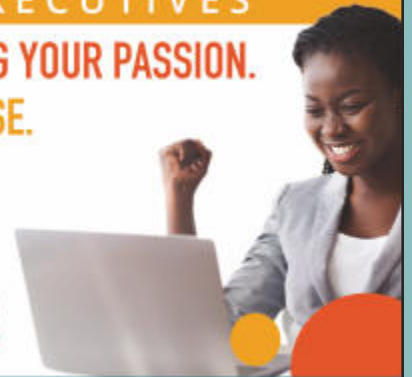
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