

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, December 27, 2020

The Holy Family



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

Reflect AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The story of Abram and Sarah and their struggle to have a family centers on Abram's faith in the Lord. **When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?**

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews holds up Abraham as a model for the faith. **When have you had to unconditionally trust in the Lord?**

Gospel:

Only Luke records the presentation in the Temple of the baby Jesus. Simeon reveals to Mary and Joseph insights into Jesus and his destiny. **How do you imagine Mary and Joseph understood Simeon's words?**



*Help Us Enter
the New Year*

*God of all time,
help us enter the
New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are
to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps
make an impact and
our words carry power.*

*May we walk gently.
May we speak only after
we have listened well.*

*Creator of all life,
help us enter the
New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant,
every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.
May we regard the world
with tenderness.*

*May we honor
rather than destroy.*

*Lower of all souls,
help us enter the
New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and
dance and dream,
remembering our many
gifts with thanks
and looking forward to
blessings yet to come.*

*May we welcome
your lavish love.*

*In this new year, may
the grace and peace
of Christ bless us now and
in the days ahead.*

Amen



HEARTS ON FIRE at Sacred Heart

Where Faith is Known,
Lived, & Shared

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing. (Luke 12:49)

LISTEN to the Archbishop: CONCLUSION: Where will the Archdiocese of Detroit be in twenty years? My hope is that it will be a community of joyful missionary disciples and of saints united in Jesus—that there will even be a whole host of causes for beatification!—and that southeast Michigan will be a place of the manifest presence of God. We are a local Church in movement, and I invite every member of the Church to join in as we follow where Christ leads. Not only the destination but the journey itself is reason for encouragement and joy in the transformative power of the Gospel. As Father Solanus, who was a “walking proclamation of God’s love,” always said, we thank God ahead of time for what he is doing for us.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL, pg 63

PRAY: Tear or cut off this prayer and keep it where you’ll remember to pray it throughout the week

Come, Holy Spirit, to Sacred Heart Church and to our new Family of Parishes. Form us into a “community of joyful missionary disciples and of saints united with Jesus.” Open our hearts and minds to Your leading so we will manifest the presence of God to those around us. May we all accept the invitation of Archbishop Vigneron to join in to “follow where Christ leads.” And may we join Blessed Fr. Solanus as we thank God ahead of time for all He is doing and will continue to do in us and in our parish. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love as we unleash the Gospel in Detroit and at Sacred Heart. Amen!

ACT: We have reached the end of the Archbishop’s Pastoral Letter, “Unleash the Gospel”—we began in the fall of 2017. NOW is an appropriate time for each of us to ask ourselves “What has this whole letter said to me? As we journey forward to implement the Families of Parishes initiative with our (now literally) sister parishes, we each must ask the Holy Spirit to show me how to cooperate with the graces given me and how to use my gifts to make our Family fulfill its mission to Unleash the Gospel.

To read the entire letter, “Unleash the Gospel” go to unleashthegospel.org



Saint OF THE WEEK

SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Abbess, artist, author, composer, mystic, pharmacist, poet, preacher, theologian—where to begin in describing this remarkable woman?

Born into a noble family, she was instructed for ten years by the holy woman Blessed Jutta. When Hildegard was 18, she became a Benedictine nun at the Monastery of Saint Disibodenberg. Ordered by her confessor to write down the visions that she had received since the age of three, Hildegard took ten years to write her Scivias (Know the Ways). Pope Eugene III read it, and in 1147, encouraged her to continue writing. Her Book of the Merits of Life and Book of Divine Works followed. She wrote over 300 letters to people who sought her advice; she also composed short works on medicine and physiology, and sought advice from contemporaries such as Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.

Hildegard’s visions caused her to see humans as “living sparks” of God’s love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun. Sin destroyed the original harmony of creation; Christ’s redeeming death and resurrection opened up new possibilities. Virtuous living reduces the estrangement from God and others that sin causes.

Like all mystics, Hildegard saw the harmony of God’s creation and the place of women and men in that. This unity was not apparent to many of her contemporaries.

Hildegard was no stranger to controversy. The monks near her original foundation protested vigorously when she moved her monastery to Bingen, overlooking the Rhine River. She confronted Emperor Frederick Barbarossa for supporting at least three antipopes. Hildegard challenged the Cathars, who rejected the Catholic Church claiming to follow a more pure Christianity.

Between 1152 and 1162, Hildegard often preached in the Rhineland. Her monastery was placed under interdict because she had permitted the burial of a young man who had been excommunicated. She insisted that he had been reconciled with the Church and had received its sacraments before dying. Hildegard protested bitterly when the local bishop forbade the celebration of or reception of the Eucharist at the Bingen monastery, a sanction that was lifted only a few months before her death.

In 2012, Hildegard was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI. Her Liturgical Feast Day is September 17.

Giving Tree

Though this has been a difficult year, in so many different ways, it has not stopped our wonderful parishioners from helping others in need. The Christian Service Commission would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to those who took a tag from the Giving Tree. We received a total of 216 gift cards for families of the Pontiac Community Outreach, Haven Shelter and Jail Outreach.

Wishing everyone a very Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Christian Service Commission





We invite **YOU** to join with the Intercessory Prayer Team at Sacred Heart. Those who enter into intercessory prayer ministry make a decision to pray specifically on behalf of our parish, our community and the world.

The fruitfulness of evangelization depends upon the graces called down through intercession. Join us as we pray this week:

Lord, we pray In the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit:

- ~ For the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, so that Christ may be born in us and in our world.
- ~ For Fr. Cavellier and the other priests and staff of our Sister parishes to be docile to the Holy Spirit as they prepare to lead us into forming our new Family of Parishes.
- ~ For all victims of the pandemic and their families, especially those who must be separated from each other at a time of trial.
- ~ For those who are content with their faith, may God challenge them to become true radical followers and imitators of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ~ For those who serve our neighbors in need, we thank God for their service; and for those that they serve, we ask God for His provision.

We ask all this in the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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!

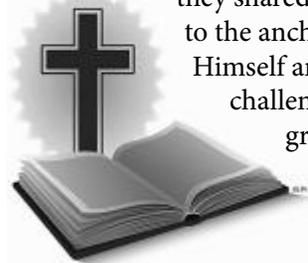
Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding 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

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.



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

- Lk 2:39-40

FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 27, 2020

WATCH

FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
DR. SCOTT HAHN



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Mass Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour
before daily Mass

Saturday, December 26, 2020

4:00 p.m.

† Roberta Wishart

Sunday, December 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.

† Margaret Zacharski

† Fred Samrah by Family

† Ed Lentz by Family

† Mr and Mrs Stanley Pasko
by Son Robert

Monday, December 28, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Patricia Johnson

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Marilyn Johnson

† Allen Farrelly

Thursday, December 31, 2020

NO MASS

Friday, January 1, 2020

NEW YEARS DAY

10:00 a.m.

† Sue Augustyn

† Dick Martus

Saturday, January 2, 2020

4:00 p.m.

† Richard Doll

Sunday, January 3, 2020

10:00 a.m.

† Joann Beckman

PRAY FOR . . .

Names will be published for 3 weeks.
If a name has been removed that you wish
to have re-established, please call the
Parish Office at 248-852-4170

Kathleen Stachurski

John Latella

Elizabeth Jeri

David Sargent

Tommie Miller

Margaret O'Donnell

Gabrielle Roth-Haver

Don Boudreaux

Orleta Cairo

Jackson Hensley

Deacon Jack Parent

Marguerite Fishbaugh

Joe Kroetsch

Joan Martus

Laurie Graves

JoAnn Eaton

Dora Murray

Diane Hurd

Richard Booms

Doreen Valente

Mary Bourbeau

Lori Crowl

Bill Reilly

Dennis Spensley

Rolf Maier

Stella Lentz

Tom Guibord

Deac. Michael Stach

Nancy Delosh

Michael Delosh

Frank C. DeFelice

Nick Rennels

Tom Coburn, Sr.

Jim Clem

Resi Cavellier

Scripture Readings for the Week



Sunday, December 27:

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, December 28:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday, December 29:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday, December 30:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday, January 1:

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

Saturday, January 2:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Sunday, January 3:

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

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

2nd Lt Carrigan Berard, Army NG
CPL Christopher Berard, US Marine Corp
Sergeant Joel Bock, National Guard
Lt Christopher Burns, Navy
Lt Molly Hamilton Burns, Navy
Lt Jamel Chokr, Coast Guard
Sra Jake Coll, Air Force
Ssgt Joshua Coll, Air Force
AMS3 Christion Compton, Navy
Joseph Destefano, serving in Iraq
Capt Brent Drabek, Air Force
Lt Linda Erickson, Army
Petty Officer Anthony Giacopelli, Navy
Lt Stephanie Herderich, Air Force
Lt Nicholas Hughes, Army
LCPT Dawson Innis, Marines
Capt Benjamin Lloyd, Marines
Capt Kaitlyn Tullock Lloyd, Marines
Lance Corporal Adam Mather, Marines
Capt Sean McQuade, Army
Capt Sarah Burns Mobilio, Marines
Sergeant Daniel Pendell
Lt Ronnie Robinson, Army
1Lt Billy Romine, Army
Gunnery Sgt Michael Schuhler, Marines
Capt Todd Sullivan, Army
Senior Airman Scott Socia, Air Force
Tom Yombor, Army Ranger 1175
Ian Zdral, Army



Liturgy Schedule		
December 26–27, The Holy Family		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Kristen Koltvedt	Mary Lynn Foster
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	TBA
January 1, Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Friday, 10:00 am Mass	Mary Tavernit	Mary Tavernit
January 2–3, The Epiphany of the Lord		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	TBA	TBA
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	TBA

Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a loving and giving Roman Catholic community. We welcome people from all walks of life as we celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist and we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving all, teaching boldly and rejoicing always.

Sacred Heart Parish

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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Jack Parent
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Music Minister: John Welch

MASS SCHEDULE
 Mon., Wed., Fri.: Mass 9:00a.m.
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 Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

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SACRAMENTS & INFORMATION
RECONCILIATION
 Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS
 Please call the Parish Office for arrangements, Call 3 to 6 months before birth of child.

MARRIAGES
 Arrangements to be made with priest. Call at least 6 months to a year prior to wedding.

RCIA
 RCIA program for adult entrance into the Church begins each fall. Please call the Parish Office for information.

EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL
 Come and pray anytime.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION
 Please stop by or call the Parish Office

BULLETIN
 Deadline: Articles are due by Friday (10 days before) at 5:00 p.m. Bulletin Editor Email: bulletin@esacredheart.org

3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



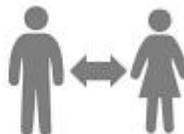
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

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