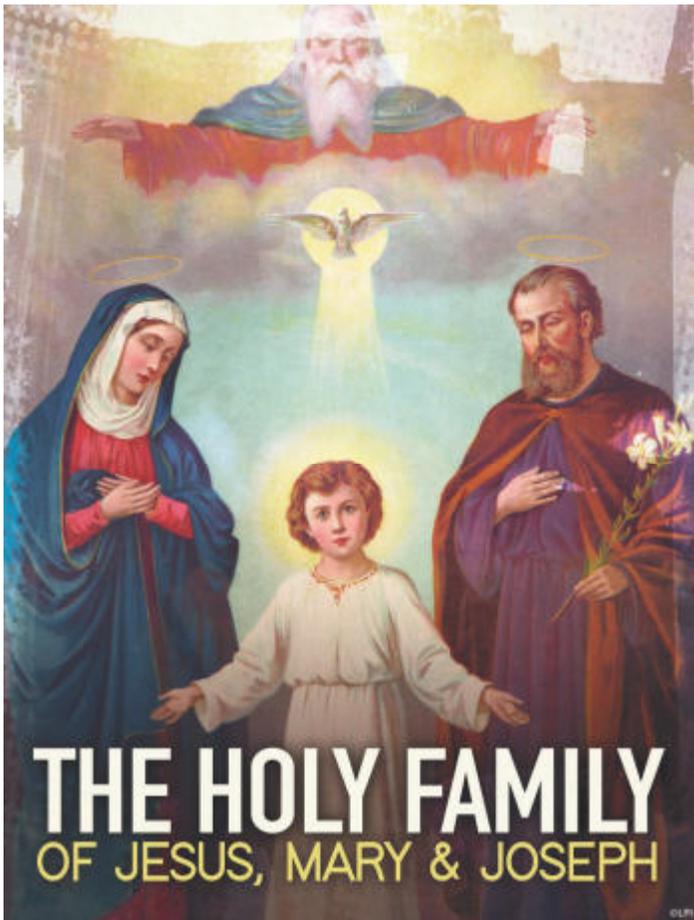


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From Father Ron DeHondt

"Why were you looking for me?"

*(Luke 2: 41-52; Gospel of Sunday, December 26, 2001;
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)*

*Good and gracious God,
the mystery of your Son
brought joy and pain
to Mary and Joseph
as they tried to understand
how to guide him
with wisdom and knowledge
born from their faith tradition
and their natural inclination
to raise their son in the midst
of a world filled with resistance
to his coming among us.*

*Mary and Joseph pondered much
in their responsibility to be faithful
to your will and to the human
and divine destiny of the special child
placed in their loving care.*

*In this the Holy Family
continues to be a model
for all human families
as they know the hand
of God has touched them
with the power of love
to be the difference
in a troubled world.*

*In the name of Jesus, we pray.
Amen! Amen! Amen!*

Strenuous Search

asking about
accountable actions

surely stressed
surprised searchers

Temple trained
teachers testing

opening overwhelming
original orientation

unlocking unique
universal unity

naming nascent
notable news

determining direct
divine decisions

earthly exchange
enters eternal

discussion discerns
double design





St. Margaret of Scotland is a Catholic church dedicated to living the Gospel message.
Our Mission is to welcome all to join us in creating a vibrant parish family
through worship, education and service to the community.
Our Goals are: Put God First; Start with Prayer;
Invite, Welcome, Embrace; Work and Grow in Christ.

— January 22, 2005

parish directory

21201 E. Thirteen Mile Road
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 Phone: 586 293-2240
 Fax: 586 293-0116

Worship Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 Weekdays - Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - 11:30 a.m.
 Please contact the Parish Office to confirm
 this time in case of a scheduled funeral

Pastor

Rev. Ronald J. DeHondt

Permanent Deacon

Rev. Mr. Val Buyle
 Rev. Mr. Mike O'Keefe

Sr. Deacon Retired

Rev. Mr. Ronald Channell

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 (Closed for Lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.)

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 Rev. Mr. Mike O'Keefe

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 Christine Walasek

Music Director
 Professor Frances Brockington

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 Cindy Powers

Family Faith Formation Office
 Cindy Powers/Director

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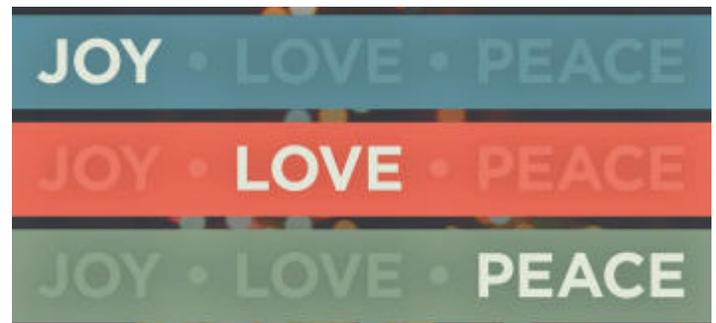
Things ongoing....Last year at this time we had a fund raising effort to increase our income for the needed repairs to our building, especially the roofs that are leaking so badly. Since

that time your generosity, especially to the CSA, has generated funds to help with our needs. We are still about \$100,000 short of our goal so if the end of the year finds you with an inclination to give, we could use it.

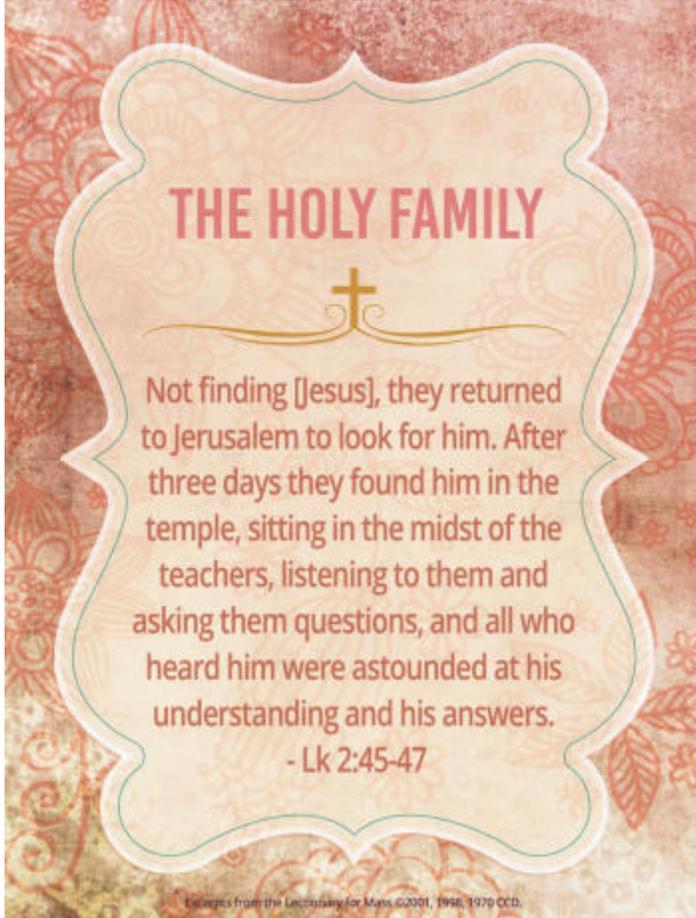
Thanks ahead of time for your efforts to keep our parish family of St. Margaret able to meet our expenses and to keep our facilities in good condition for the many services we provide.

Into the New Year filled with hope for more blessings!

Peace and prayers,
Fr. Ron DeHondt



“Front Page” News



Family Faith
Formation



BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The gospels are filled with stories of Jesus working miracles and teaching us about everlasting life. It is easy to see why Jesus caused such a stir in his time on Earth and why we believe He is truly the Son of God.

**Dec. 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Luke 2:41-52**

In today's gospel reading, we hear how Jesus and his parents made their yearly pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Passover. When it was time to return home Jesus decided to stay behind. When Mary and Joseph go back to look for him they found him in the temple.

1. Why do you think Jesus stayed behind but did not tell his parents he was doing so?
2. Talk about how Mary must have felt? How do you think this event may have helped her prepare for what Jesus was to do?

Scripture Verse:

**“...and his mother kept all these things
in her heart.”**

New American Bible

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Mass Schedule For This Week

Saturday, December 25, 2021

- Midnight** † Andrew Allegrina, req. by family
 † Dennis Dolney, req. by wife & children
 † Frank Bladecki, req. by Elaine Bladecki
 † Deceased Members of the Bladecki & Ulatowski
 Families, req. by Elaine Bladecki
- 8:00 A.M.** † Daniel Glencer, req. by family
 † Gene, Wanda, & Dennis Peplinski,
 req. by Sharon Hilley & Family
- 11:00 A.M.** † LaGrutta Family, req. by Sam LaGrutta
 † Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fontair, req. by Roselyn Borowicz
 † Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Deeb, req. by Sarton Family
 † Alice & George Braye, req. by family
 † Michael Maurice, req. by Ramona
 † Andrew Allegrina, req. by family
 † Daniel Michalski, req. by family
 † Patrick Wronski, req. by Mom
 † Daniel Bushey, req. by Delphine Wronski
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Sunday, December 26, 2021

- 8:00 A.M.** Thanksgiving, req. by Cass & Frances Zalewski
 † Judy Nardecchia, req. by friends
- 11:00 A.M.** † Giovanni Toscano, req. by Tony & Lisa Toscano
 † Captain Joe, req. by Sherry Wallace
 † Susanne Peters, req. by Theresa Azor
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Monday, December 27, 2021

- 9:00 A.M.** † John Kovalcik (10 yrs.)

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

- 9:00 A.M.** † Sr. Mary Ann Konieski O.P.
 † Andrew Negro
 † Nelson White, req. by his wife

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

- 9:00 A.M.** † David Seske, req. by Seske Family

Thursday, December 30, 2021

- 9:00 A.M.** † George Garza, req. by Paulette Moskwa

Friday, December 31, 2021

Saturday, January 1, 2022

- 9:00 A.M.** † Patrice Wronski, req. by her mom
 † Michael Maurice, req. by Ramona
 † Casmere Josefiak, req. by Susan, Diane, Peggy & Roman
 The People of St. Margaret of Scotland

Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 8:00 A.M.** † Karen Quesnelle, req. by Margie Chandler
- 11:00 A.M.** † Susanne Peters, req. by Pat Schoenherr
 † William J. Mayer, req. by family
 Jack & Margaret Shaughnessy (sp. int.),
 req. by Sylvia Shorter
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Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland

Live on YouTube at
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 to view the latest live streamed mass.

Sunday, December 26th, 2021
 11:00 a.m. The Holy Family Mass



Join us for the The Holy Family Mass Livestream
 Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 December 26th, 11AM
 Mass will be live streamed on our Facebook
 homepage [facebook.com/ArchofDet/](https://www.facebook.com/ArchofDet/) and on
 Live stream <https://www.aod.org/livemasses>



Song Selection for
 The Holy Family Mass
 December 26th, 2021 at
 St. Margaret of Scotland

Entrance: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Psalms: Ps 128 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and
 walk in his ways"

Communion: "What Child is This"

Sending Forth: "Joy to the World"



Rest in Peace
 We Extend our Prayers and
 Sympathy to the Family of

Lena Ciaramitaro
 Barbara Norbert
 Harry "Bud" Ritchie



FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2021

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!

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



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PRAY FOR US!



Scripture Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

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

Thursday:

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

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

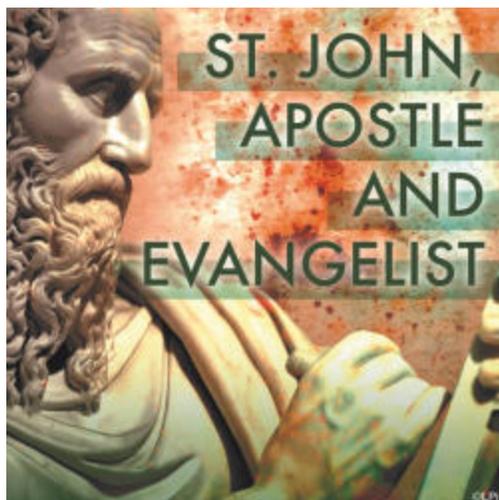
1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

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

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

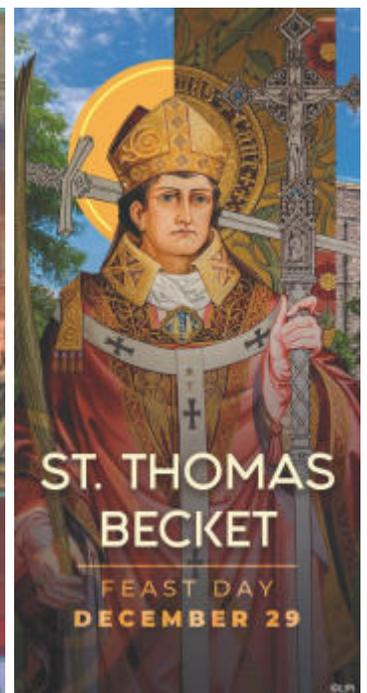
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 ©LPi



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



FEAST of the HOLY INNOCENTS





Activities Schedule

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Feast of The Holy Family

8, 11 Sunday Masses **Live Streamed at 11:00**
9:15 a.m. RCIA - At Home
Welcome MCREST Guests

Monday, December 27, 2021

Offices Closed

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass in the Church
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Offices Closed

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass in the Church
9:30 a.m. Rosary following Daily Mass
10:00 a.m. Walkers - Gym
6:30 p.m. Nurses Mtg. - HH
7:00 p.m. AA - PH

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass in the Church
4:00 p.m. FFF - At Home
6:50 p.m. FFF - At Home

Thursday, December 30, 2021

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass in the Church
10:00a.m. Walkers - Gym
10:00a.m. Bible Study - Rm 510

Friday, December 31, 2021

New Year's Eve - Offices Closed

4:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass at Our Lady of Hope

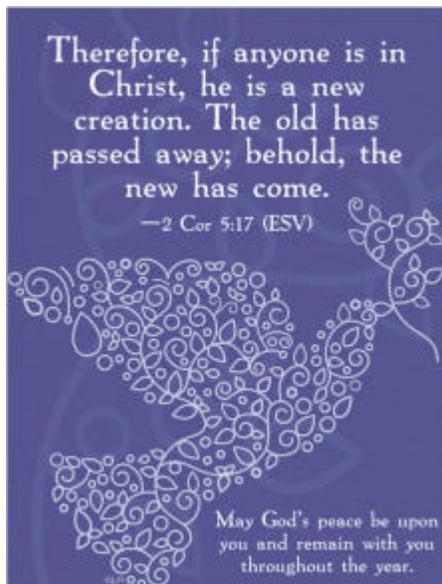
Saturday, January 1, 2022

New Year's Day

9:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass in the Church
11:30 - 12:00 Confessions
4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8, 11 Sunday Masses **Live Streamed at 11:00**
9:15 a.m. RCIA - Rm 510



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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Christmas Detroit Area Historic Churches Pilgrimage

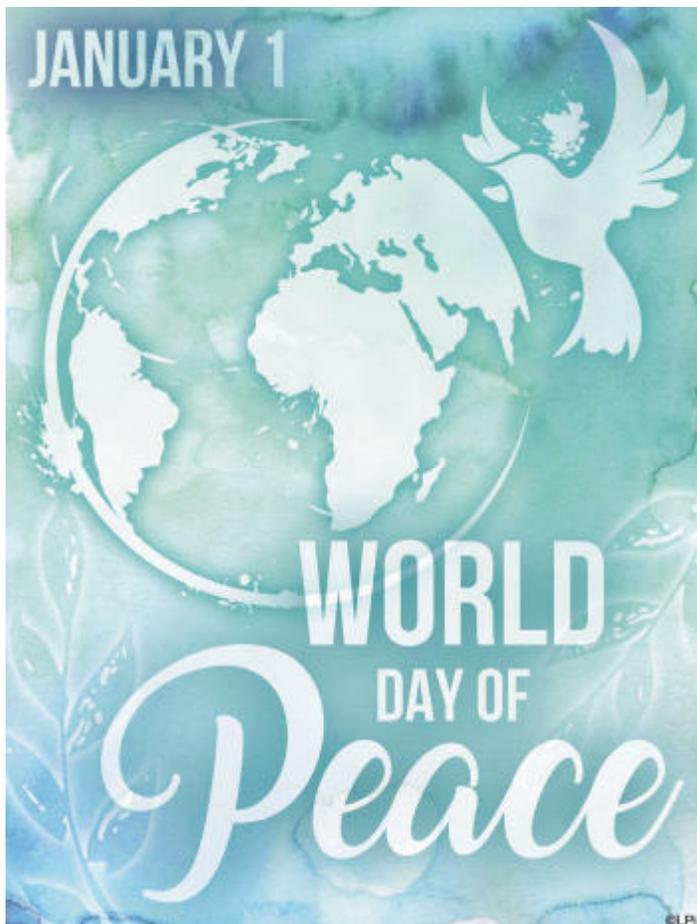
On Tuesday, January 4, you are welcome to join Prayer Pilgrimages as we are planning to visit and tour, with informative talks, the following seven churches specially decorated during the Christmas Season: Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, St. Joseph Shrine, Holy Cross Hungarian Church, St. Florian Church, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, & Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit with Noon Healing Holy Mass. Scheduled deluxe motorcoach local pickup departures & returns from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights (8 AM departure, 6:30 PM return) & Our Lady of the Woods Church in Woodhaven (7 AM departure, 7:30 PM return). Total cost per person is \$40 (with lunch on your own in Mexicantown). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or <https://prayerpilgrimages.com/>.



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

— Lk 2:51-52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



MCREST Week is Here



*Sunday, December 26th through
Sunday, January 2nd*

Please check your reminders to confirm your volunteer time. Without our volunteers we wouldn't be able to host our guests.

Thank you ALL for your help!

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT
THE BACK ENTRANCE BY THE GYM
WILL BE CLOSED

THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY AND OUR
GUEST'S SAFTEY

Thank you for your help and understanding!

Please contact us with any questions:
Rodney & Hope Ulicny (586) 294-5889
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Praying for
Their Health...



Lord, look upon these, your people with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon them, may Your life giving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

- Larry Aiello
- Sherron Andrews
- Melissa Ann
- Tyler Anthony
- Pauline Bender
- Frances Berger
- Thomas & Lanna Berns
- Kayla Blade
- Jerry Blair
- David Blau
- Todd Blum
- Nina Bolton
- Mary Byrne
- Kimberly Carp
- Nancy Channell
- Carmella Chmiel
- Patrick Chmiel
- Mike Chmielewski
- Col. John Church
- Nancy Coman
- Gerald Cywka
- Shell Dean
- Sophia Demicheck
- Mark Downey
- Kathleen Evans
- Virginia Feld
- Bill Frank
- Rose Freidinger
- Barbara Fried
- Verne Garacia
- Suzanne Gerth
- Adam Gumul
- Diane Hansknecht
- Esther Harris
- John Hayes
- Martin Kraimer
- Judy Krzyzak
- Sharon Kuzdal
- Fred LaFave
- Landa Family
- Bernie Lanovich
- Sonny LeCuru
- Phyllis Lewis

- LuKatch Family
- Charlotte MacMechan
- Nicholas Malavolti
- Jerry Marino
- Judy Markel
- Tanner Matheny
- Amy Matti
- Renee Meyer
- Anthony Michael
- Libbie Mulvihill
- Audry Negro
- Mary Nickson
- Shaun O'Banion
- Bob O'Brien
- Joseph Palazolo
- Jason Paruskiewicz
- Rose Paruskiewicz
- Frank Pisha
- Shari Ann Raby
- Pat Rata
- Scott Rata
- Richard Reese
- Edward Rogus
- Vivienne Seamans
- Joe Semany
- Nick & Vita Sinacori
- Roland Stevenson
- Nicollete Stornant
- Art Stolecki
- John Stolecki
- Grace Surma
- Larry Surma
- Larry Tasny
- Wayne Taylor
- Zachary Tucker
- Patricia Tune
- Judy Turkowski
- Sandy Vaneecke
- Ken Wauzbock
- Sandy Wilhelm
- John Wood
- Cass Zalewski

Praying for their Health List: Please note that we regularly clear the "Pray for their Health List" because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don't always hear back from people when they've gotten better. If you would like to add or remove a person please call the Parish Office at (586) 293-2240.

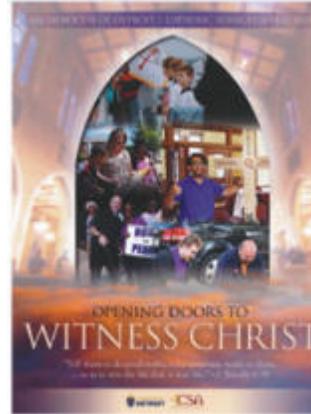


Stewardship
Report

Collection from the weekend of December 12, 2021
\$10,593.00

Faith Direct Collected Nov. 13 - Dec 13, 2021
\$10,018.00

Collection from the weekend of December 19, 2021
Delayed due to early bulletin deadlines.



CSA Total Pledged 2021 - \$154,405.00

**CSA 2021
Congratulations! We Did It!**

Our CSA quota for 2021 is \$82,842.00. We now have pledges totaling \$154,405.00, thus exceeding our goal by \$71,563.00!!! Congratulation and thank you for your continued support and generosity! Anything given to the CSA now remains in the parish entirely! If you would like to make a gift to the parish mark it as CSA and 100% of your gift will stay at St. Margaret. If you have any questions please call Jim Wietecha at (586)663-0966.



"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

Military Honor Roll

Please remember in your prayers all our servicemen and women especially those from our community.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SGT. David Bladecki | SRa Julia Munger-Puma |
| SGT. Jonathan Carmichael | Pvt. Kenney Preville |
| Spec. Jessica Cloutier | CPO Teri Priebe |
| SGT. Maj. David Connor | Cpl. Raquel Flora Salazar |
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| Lt. James DeLong | SGT. Michael Shoebottom |
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Holy Day and Christmas Mass Schedule

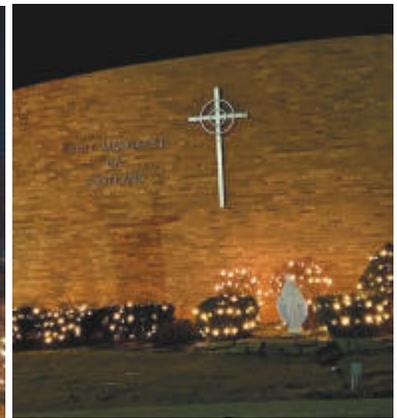
Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24
4:00 p.m. (Church and gym)
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, December 26
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

New Year’s Eve
Friday, December 31, 4:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Hope

New Year’s Day
Saturday, January 1, 9:00 a.m. – St. Margaret of Scotland



WOMEN’S CLUB MCREST REMINDER

LADIES: Just a reminder that we are serving our MCREST guests dinner on Tuesday evening, December 28. Please have your food items warm if appropriate and bring to the gym by 5:00-5:15. We will be serving at 5:45-6:00 p.m. St. Francis Guild will hostess. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ellen Swaha @ 294-2095, guild chairperson for the dinner. Thanks, Ladies.

Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting at 6:00 in the Library. Hostessing: Madonna Guild.

Have a Blessed and Very Merry Christmas.



In the Zone with Children's Liturgy of the Word!



We Celebrate the fourth week of Advent. We learned of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. In preparation for Christmas, the children, made window decorations.

We minister at all masses. You do not have to be a member of St. Margaret's to participate. The children will be greeted in the back of the church and escorted to the Chapel or room 205 for our lesson.

Any questions, please contact Miss June Di Franco, Coordinator. 586-801-9877 or junedifranco@gmail.com

Love and Blessings,
Miss June

KID'S CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine Jesus goes to your church today. After church, Mary and Joseph find him on the altar telling stories from the Old Testament to the priests and the Sunday School teachers. Mary and Joseph would be amazed. They would want Jesus to come home. Jesus would love his parents so much that he would go home with them. He will stay with them until he grows older, wiser, and stronger.

Prayer

Lord, teach me your Bible stories so that I can teach them to others.

Something to Draw

Draw yourself or Jesus talking to the teachers in your church.

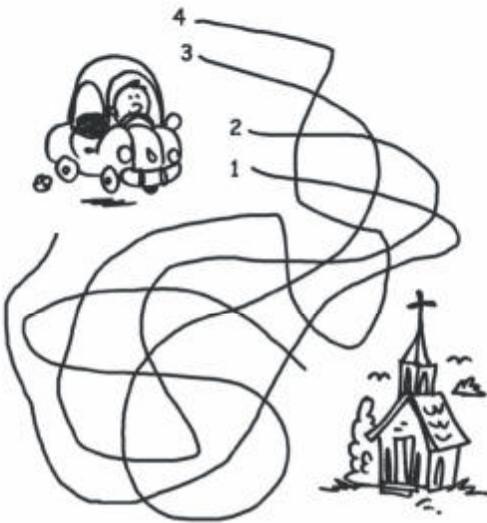
Mission for the Week

I will always let my parents know where I am, so they won't worry.

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PUZZLE

Find the way that leads to church!



MISSION

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GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Holy Family • Luke 2:41-52

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