# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

*Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 20, 2020*

**Parish Mission Statement**
**Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples.**


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## Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 5:30 PM — St. John, Peck**
**Sunday: 8:30 AM — St. Joseph, Sandusky**
**10:30 AM — St. Elizabeth, Marlette**

## Weekday Mass Schedule

**Tuesday: 5:30 PM — St. Elizabeth, Marlette**
**Wednesday: 5:30 PM — St. Joseph, Sandusky**
**Thursday: 8:30 AM — St. John, Peck**
**Friday: 8:30 AM — St. Joseph, Sandusky**

## Sacrament of Penance

**Sunday: St. Joseph, Sandusky 7:45 AM until 8:15 AM**
**Saturday: St. John, Peck 4:30 PM until 5:00 PM**
**Tuesday: St. Elizabeth, Marlette 4:30 PM until 5:15 PM**
**Wednesday: St. Joseph, Sandusky 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM–PREPARATION CLASSES**
**February, May & October**
Call the Parish Office for more details (810) 648-2968.

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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
**Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Church 4:30 PM - 5:20 PM
**Wednesday:** St. Joseph Church 6:00 PM –7:00 PM
**First Friday of each month:** St. Joseph Church 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
**First Saturday of each month:** St. John Church 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
**Last Wednesday of each month at All Three Churches:** 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**PRAYER LINE/CHAIN**
Holy Family Parish Office (810) 648-2968

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Contact Person: Bill Sheridan (810) 378-5236

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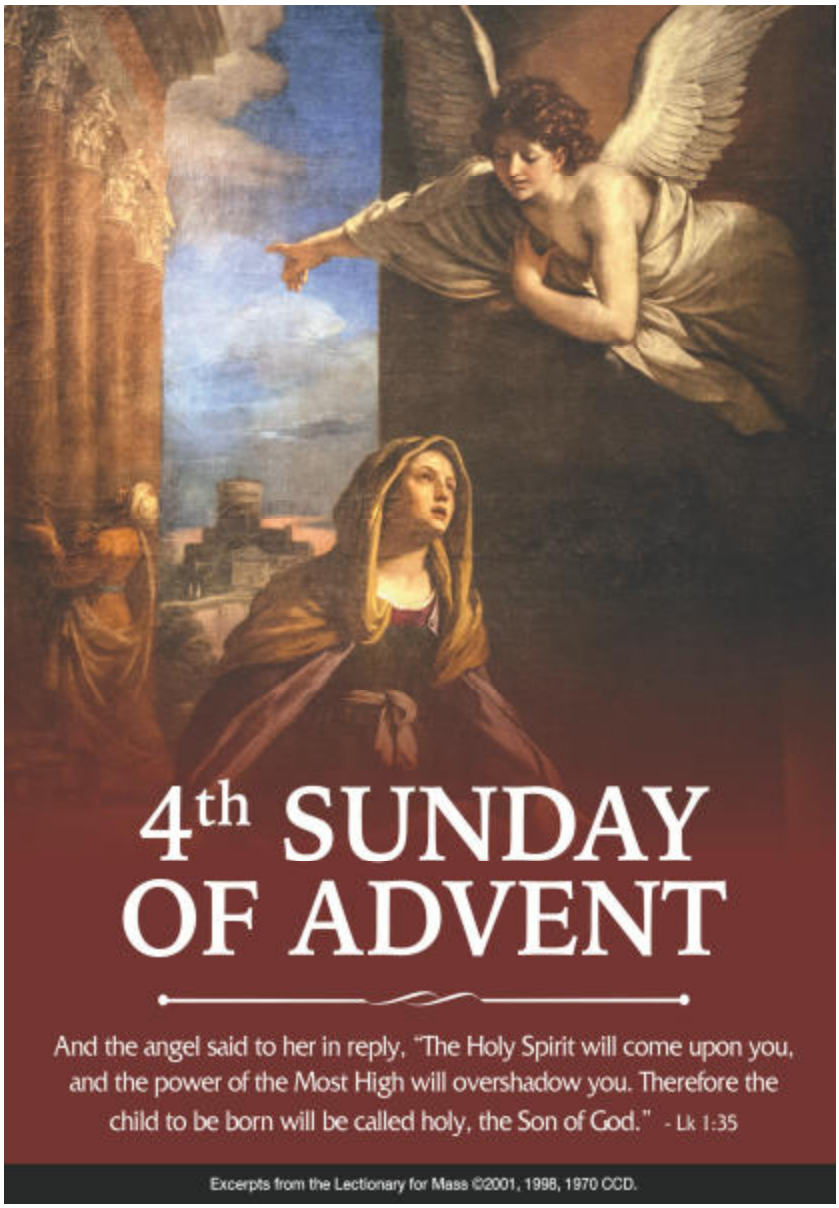
**A.A. MEETINGS - every week**
**SUNDAY: 7:00 p.m.** - SANDUSKY, St. Joseph
**TUESDAY: 7:00 p.m.** - MARLETTE, St. Elizabeth
**WEDNESDAY: 8:00 p.m.** - PECK, St. John
**FRIDAY: 10:00 a.m.** - SANDUSKY, St. Joseph

**Early Bulletin Deadline:** Call the Parish Office at (810) 648-2968 or e-mail articles to: holyfamilyparish1@gmail.com



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**5:30 p.m. St. John Church**
**-Lois Zakoor** by Joan Dwyer
**-Doralee Chockley** by Bill & Sheryl Sheridan

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**8:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church**
-**Dick LeGault** by Jerry & Audrey Lawrence

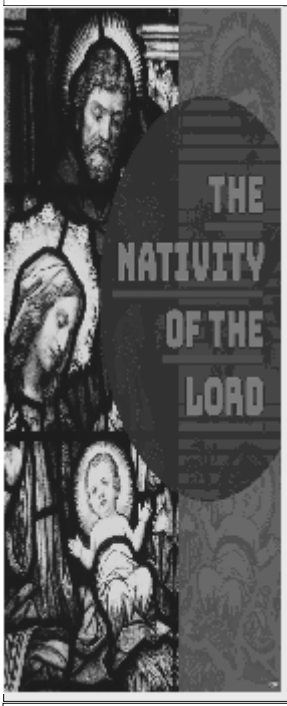
**10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth Church- For the People**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**Marlette Adoration: 4:30 until 5:20 PM**
**Confession: 4:30 until 5:15 PM**
**5:30 p.m. — St. Elizabeth Church**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**Sandusky Adoration & Confession: 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM**
**5:30 p.m. — St. Joseph Church**



**Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord**
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**4:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church**
**-Orvel Roggenbuck** by Bereavement Group
Mass at 4 PM will also be a Live Broadcast on Radio Station WMIC - AM 660

**7:00 p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church**
**11:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church**

***Christmas Day: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25***

**10:00 a.m. - St. John Church**
**-Herb & Kathryn Sheridan, Lon Schell** by Bill & Sheryl Sheridan
**-Hannah & Hailey Wetter** by Family
**-Eldon & Edith Bowers, Michael Bowers,**
**-Corey Turner Alfaro**
**-Patricia Kerr, Robert Kerr** by Family
**-Bernard & Delphine Mitchell**

**12:00 p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26**

**5:30 p.m. St. John Church—Dee Chockley** by Bill & Madelyon Parrish
**-Mike Dwyer & Rudy Nimbach** by Joan Dwyer

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

**8:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church - Orvel Roggenbuck** by Family
**10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth Church - For the Parish**

Mass Times: **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**5:30 p.m. - St. Elizabeth Church**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**

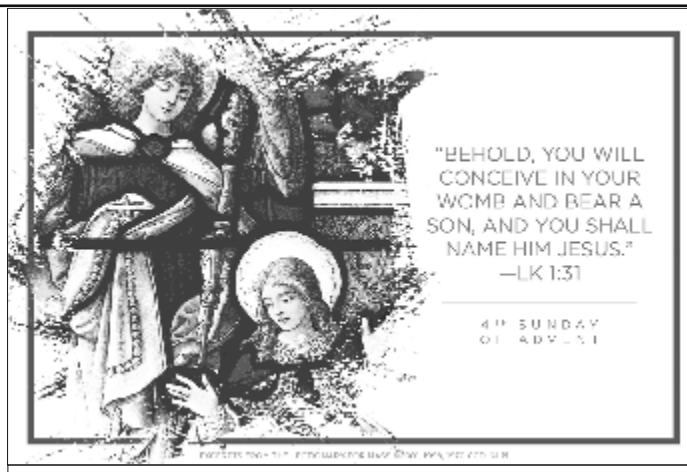
**12:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church**

### Lector Schedule for Holy Family Parish

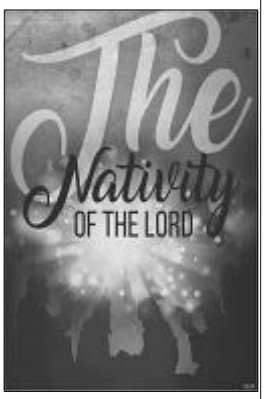
**December 24** - St. Joseph - 4 PM - Louis Williams
St. Elizabeth - 7 PM - John Campbell
St. Joseph - 11 PM - Jake Huysentruyt/Andrew Waligorski

**December 25** - St. John - 10 AM - Patty Kerr
St. Elizabeth 12 PM - Lisa Volz

**December 26** - St. John - 5:30 PM - Patty Kerr
**December 27** - St. Joseph - 8:30 AM - Gary Flynn
St. Elizabeth - 10:30 AM - Roxann Ross




**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**--Does the world realize that it is waiting? As we go about all of the busyness of our lives and entertain our distractions, there are many holes and gaps in our lives that need to be filled. We are always wanting more, but not really sure what that "more" needs to be. Fulfillment, happiness, contentment, and true satisfactions are fleeting occurrences and often come to us in illusive ways. What we think is the ultimate fix to our anxious emptiness really is only a fancy trend that we entertain. The world does not realize any more today than it did over two thousand years ago that it is waiting for a Savior. We need a Savior. We need to see and embrace the God who has broken into history and become one with us. It is this union of God and man that sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals, and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. The world does not know how truly lost it is. Do you realize how lost you are and that the One you need most is here among us and within your grasp? ©LPi



| HOLY FAMILY PARISH | Weekly Stewardship: (16 are direct deposit) | Weekly Budget: $5,712.00 Total Envelope Holders: 320 |
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**December 5 & 6 Envelopes** $ 5,262.50 **Loose** $ 509.00 **C.H.D.** $40.00
Capital Improv. $100. Christmas $110. Poor Box $ 4. Flowers $ 833.

**Holy Family Parish—Shelby Next Giving**

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**https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/holy59n205**
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## WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**Readings for the week of December 20, 2020**

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18; Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-8; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27,29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
*Night:* Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14.
*Dawn:* Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20.
*Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6 and 8, 16, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5;
or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

**SUNDAY'S READINGS —4th Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading: "When your times comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will establish his kingdom firm."—**2 Sm 12

Today's reading from Second Samuel narrates the context in which God establishes his covenantal promise to King David around the year 1000 B.C. In the birth of Jesus, God fulfills his covenant with David. What does this teach us about the idea of "salvation history?"

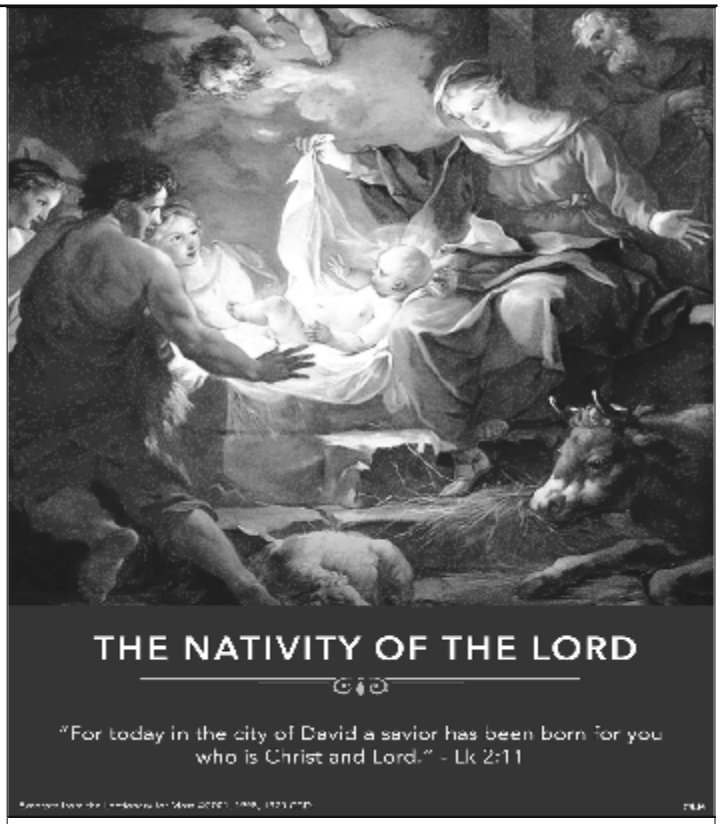
**Psalm:** ***For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*** —Ps 89

**Second Reading: According to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God.** —Rom 16:25-26 Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God for the long-awaited revelation that all are saved and justified through faith in Christ. In what ways are you praising God during this season of Advent?

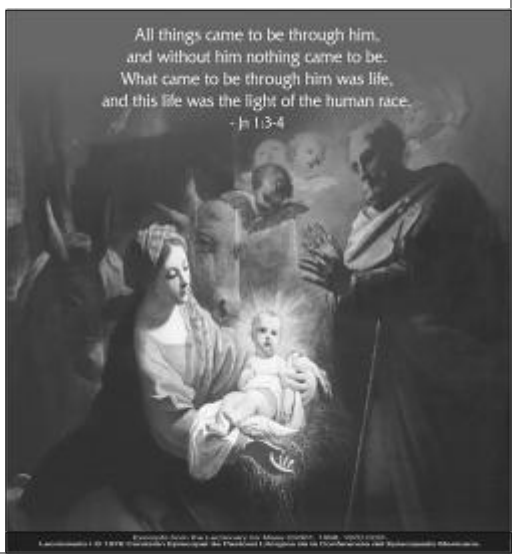
**Gospel:** ***"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High."*** —Lk 1:31-32 Today's Gospel reading records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the upcoming birth of Christ. Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life ("May it be done to me according to your word.") models for all of us unconditional faith. How can we encourage others to embrace such faith? Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.©LPi

**The Journey—**Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?' Advent helps us to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously our baptismal call. Some Advents have gone better than others, but I would like to think our spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them. Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey. This Christmas,

while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi




**GOSPEL MEDITATION** - One of the most beautiful things about the Christmas story is its human simplicity. How very ordinary? How relatable? We see a young family caught up in government regulations, encountering difficulty booking travel arrangements. We see a belated baby shower filled with the most unlikely attendees. Yet, if you attend Christmas Mass during the day, the Gospel does not contain the familiar story of over-crowded inns and hay-lined mangers. It features something much more mysterious, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God...all things came to be through Him."* Matthew, Mark, and Luke give us the Christmas story from the human perspective, John's Gospel tells the Christmas story from the divine perspective. *"What came to be through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race*." C.S. Lewis described Christmas as God parachuting down behind enemy lines, Jesus entered into a world darkened by sin, and it isn't so different today. We can find it in the complications of our own lives and the lives of our families. We can find it in our cities, our nation, our world. But it wasn't only the star that shone on Christmas night. *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not over-come it."* c.LPi



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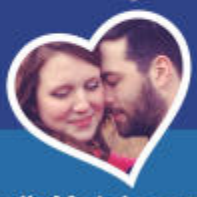
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