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Fr. Emmanuel T. Finbarr, Administrator

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 2022 - Year C



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18

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Mass Times

Saint Joseph

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Holy Family

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saint Joseph

Saturday, 4:00-4:45p.m.

Holy Family

Thurs, 10:00-10:30a.m.

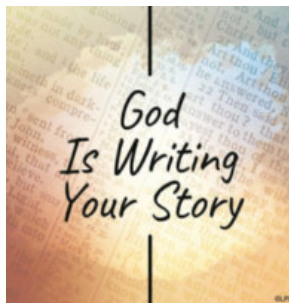
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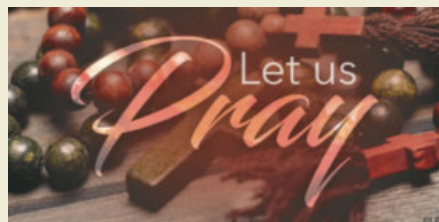
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 24
No Mass

Tuesday, January 25
No Mass **St Joseph**

Wednesday, January 26
No Mass **St Joseph**

Thursday, January 27
No Mass **Holy Family**

Friday, January 28
No Mass **St Joseph**

Saturday, January 29
4:00-4:45p.m. Private Confession **St Joseph**
5:00p.m. **Mass St Joseph**

Sunday, January 30
8:00a.m. **Mass** For the people of St Joseph
& Holy Family Parishes **S J**
9:30a.m. **Mass** Eddie Kaniewski **Holy Family**
11:00a.m. **Mass** Colleen Davis **St Joseph**

****Fr. Emmanuel will be gone until Feb 10. There will be no weekday masses during that time.**



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

5th Sunday — *Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion & Rosary at 5:00pm

Altar Servers

5:00PM Casey Klofft
8:00AM Emily and/or Olivia Leibler
9:30AM **VOLUNTEERS**
11:00AM **VOLUNTEERS**

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00PM As notified
8:00AM As notified
9:30AM
11:00AM As notified

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00PM As notified
8:00AM As notified
9:30AM As notified
11:00AM As notified

Hospitality Ministers

5:00PM **VOLUNTEERS**
8:00AM Brian, Leibler, Rick Leibler, Dick Ehinger, Mike Balsler
9:30AM **VOLUNTEERS**
11:00AM William Kuzenko

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. JOSEPH
WEEKEND COLLECTION
1-16-2021**

Offertory: \$ 5,439.00



2021 CSA Target: \$64,784.00
138 Pledges \$49,335.23 (to date)

***St. Joseph still has a long way to go for our 2021-22 CSA campaign target. Please consider making a pledge to help us meet our goals. If you need a pledge card mailed to you, please call the parish offices at 989-345-0064 and we will mail one out for you. **Thank you** to all those who have given so far! We appreciate your generosity.

***If you cannot attend mass during the week or weekend you can mail-in your tithe or sign-up for electronic transfer (call the parish office for information) or you can put your envelope in the mail box at the parish center.



To those who continue to support the parish financially and with your prayers!

**HOLY FAMILY
WEEKEND COLLECTION
1-16-2021**

Offertory: \$ 2000.00



2021 CSA Target: \$20,599.00
66 Pledges (to date)

*“ His words are Spirit and Life”
- Psalm 19*



Please Remember in Your Prayers

The intentions requested in the parish petition book, our sick, and our deceased.

MEN WOMEN STUDENTS

Help needed cleaning the church in the months of **(October, November, May and July)**. Please call Jane Turner at 989-345-0420 if you are interested or for more information.

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWS

All Catholic women are invited to attend the Detroit Province **CCW Convention** in Frankenmuth MI on April 29-30 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge. To me this is really a conference There are many speakers and prayer sessions. The overall title of the program is **“Beacons of Light”**. I know some of the speakers and they are excellent (Fr. Patrick will be one of them). I really think this will lift our spirits and help us as we continue to deal with covid. Total conference cost would be between \$150-200 depending on the type of room you choose. Please let me know if you are interested . I can send you a registration form and a copy of the agenda. I do plan on attending and hope some of you will want to go. We can car pool.

Our next **CCW meeting** will be on Monday, April 11 at 2:00pm at the KofC hall.

Would you be interested in a **Bible Study** group? Please let me know.

Questions, ideas, suggestions, please call Sharon Fritz at 989-343-0772.

JOSEPH CEMETERY NEWS

Winter greeneries can be placed on grave site and removed by April 1, 2022.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2022 NEWS

We have completed the calendar raffle drawing for the first half of January 1st thru 15th! Congratulations to all the winners! The next drawing was on Jan 20th. They will be announced soon in the bulletin.

KofC 2022, will be holding the first **Corporate Communion** of the new year, for all knights & their families. Next **SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th at the 5pm Mass**. Please come & celebrate Mass with your fellow knights & their families. Reserved seating will be available! BRING A FRIEND, COME JOIN US!!!



GROW IN FAITH WITH A GOOD BOOK!

There are many Catholic books available at the west church entrance and in the nursery near the restrooms. Please feel free to take one to read and help you as you grow in your Catholic Faith. When you are finished you can pass it along to someone or return it for others to enjoy.

“We become the books we read.” -- Matthew Kelly



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sylvia Selesky, Karen Benjamin, Helen Austin, Geraldine Chrivia, Mary Ellen Houston, Cecil Zettel, Joe Hintz, Beverly Schneider, Donna Fritz-Stanley, Rosie & Brian Evans, Geri Tabaka & Rita Rhead.

Last Friday was our monthly “**Casual for a Cause.**” This month we brought in toiletry items for the local food pantry.

In place of Mass last week, the students gathered in the gym to pray the **living Rosary**. Each student led the prayer for where they were standing. The seventh and eighth grade read the reflection for each decade and led a prayer.



A Message from Bishop Walter A. Hurley: Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In the 49 years since the Jan 22, 1973, Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion, there has been a tremendous loss of life in our country as a result. More than 60 million legalized abortions have taken place, a reality that is both staggering and heart wrenching.

On this 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, we are reminded how fragile the gift of human life is and that we are called to protect this precious gift. Let us join in praying for the children whose lives have been lost and for the mothers and fathers who experience great suffering as a painful and costly effect of abortion. May we walk alongside them through our expression of love and compassion, and may we remain unwavering in our belief that human life is sacred, in all stages.

This anniversary gives us an opportunity to reflect on our common call to stand up for life and protect the vulnerable, as well as the personal responsibility we have in matters of morality, justice and the common good. We each are called to respect the dignity of the human person and do what we are able to preserve and uphold life, within the realities of our own circumstances. For many, this means living out your vocation of marriage and raising a family. It can also mean giving voice to those who cannot speak for themselves; helping expecting mothers; and showing love to those grieving the loss of a child, including the loss of a child by abortion. We are called to do more than *believe* that life is sacred. We are called to take action, through prayer and through acts of charity to those around us.

This month, as we remember the landmark Supreme Court decisions that have since shaped our society and the family, we recognize that the most powerful means we have in striving for justice comes not from our own efforts, but from the God who created us.

We are invited to come together in prayer in a special way on Jan 22, through the observance of the ***Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children***. Let us continue to pray for God’s grace and a clear path to end abortion and all activity that jeopardizes human life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley

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HOME WITH THE WORD BOOK

If you would like a "Home With The Word" book for 2020, please call the parish office at 345-0064 ext 301. There are very limited regular books for \$5.00 each and large print books for \$10.00 each. Available to St. Joseph and Holy Family parishioners.

ATTENTION



If anyone would like a Poinsettia plant in St Joseph Mary's chapel please take one. Free to good homes.

St. Joseph & Holy Family Parishes 2021 YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS

If you would like a 2021 giving statement, please call the parish office at 345-0064 or put a note in the collection with your name and address stating you would like a 2021 year end statement or use the note below. Statements will be available to send after the first of the new year. Statements will be sent only as requested.

2021 Year End Giving Statement

Name

Parish

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings



Monday, January 24 S Francis de Sales

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
All the elders of Israel anoint David as king (1,Ps), so that the kingdom is now longer divided, but united (2).

Tuesday, January 25 The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc,2; Mk 16:15-18

Paul is converted (1ab) and becomes the apostle sent to proclaim to all the nations (Ps) the saving gospel (2).

Wednesday, January 26 Ss Timothy & Titus

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:1-20

Timothy is reminded of the Spirit given to him (1a), and Titus of the mission entrusted to him (1b) to proclaim the good news (Ps). Jesus describes obstacles to hearing his message (2).

Thursday, January 27 S Angela Merici

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

David prays for God's blessings upon himself and his dynasty (1,Ps). Let your light shine for all to see (2).

Friday, January 28 S Thomas Aquinas

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

We all stand in need of the Lord's mercy (Ps), for, like David, we are sinners (1). The kingdom, like a see, grows slowly to maturity (2).

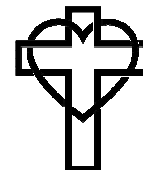
Saturday, January 29

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
May our hearts be purified (Ps) and our faith strengthened (2) by seeking the Lord's forgiveness (1).

Sunday, January 30 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

"No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown." Thus did Jeremiah and Jesus encounter opposition and lack of faith (1,3); thus did both place their hope in the Lord (Ps). Paul speaks eloquently of the greatest of all the gifts: love (2).



January 23, 2022

*******STAR OF THE NORTH CLUSTER**

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are as usual, however appointments are preferred. Please call the office during these hours and we will be here to answer or leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible. Thank you.

Monday - 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday - 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Friday - 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

MARRIAGE PREP & R.C.I.A.

Anyone planning on getting married or would like to become a Catholic, please contact Deacon Glen or Joan Denemy at 989-345-0064 ext 304.

HELP WANTED - SECRETARY

The Star of the North Catholic Community is seeking a part-time Secretary (5 days – 20 hours per week) to work at the St. Joseph and Holy Family Church office. Responsibilities include answering incoming calls and greeting visitors to the office, preparing the weekly bulletin, processing accounts receivable, ordering supplies, and other tasks as assigned. The applicant should have knowledge of the Catholic Faith. A practicing Catholic is preferred. Applicant should be organized, have good verbal and written communication skills, and be able to maintain confidentiality. Previous experience with Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, and Excel is preferred. Benefits include paid time off, paid holidays, retirement, and life insurance. This position will begin in early March 2022. Applications can be filled out online at the following link: <https://www.dioceseofgaylord.org/job-opportunities>

THANK YOU



A sincere thank you to the following people for their help with decorating the Church this Christmas season. I appreciate your time and energy. Tom Kish, Rick & Michele Ahrent, Jane Turner, Brian Beechum, Kennedy Beechum, Rick Leibler and the Knights of Columbus crew.

With much appreciation, Kim Beechum

ST. JOSEPH

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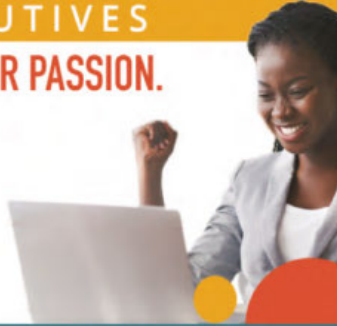
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