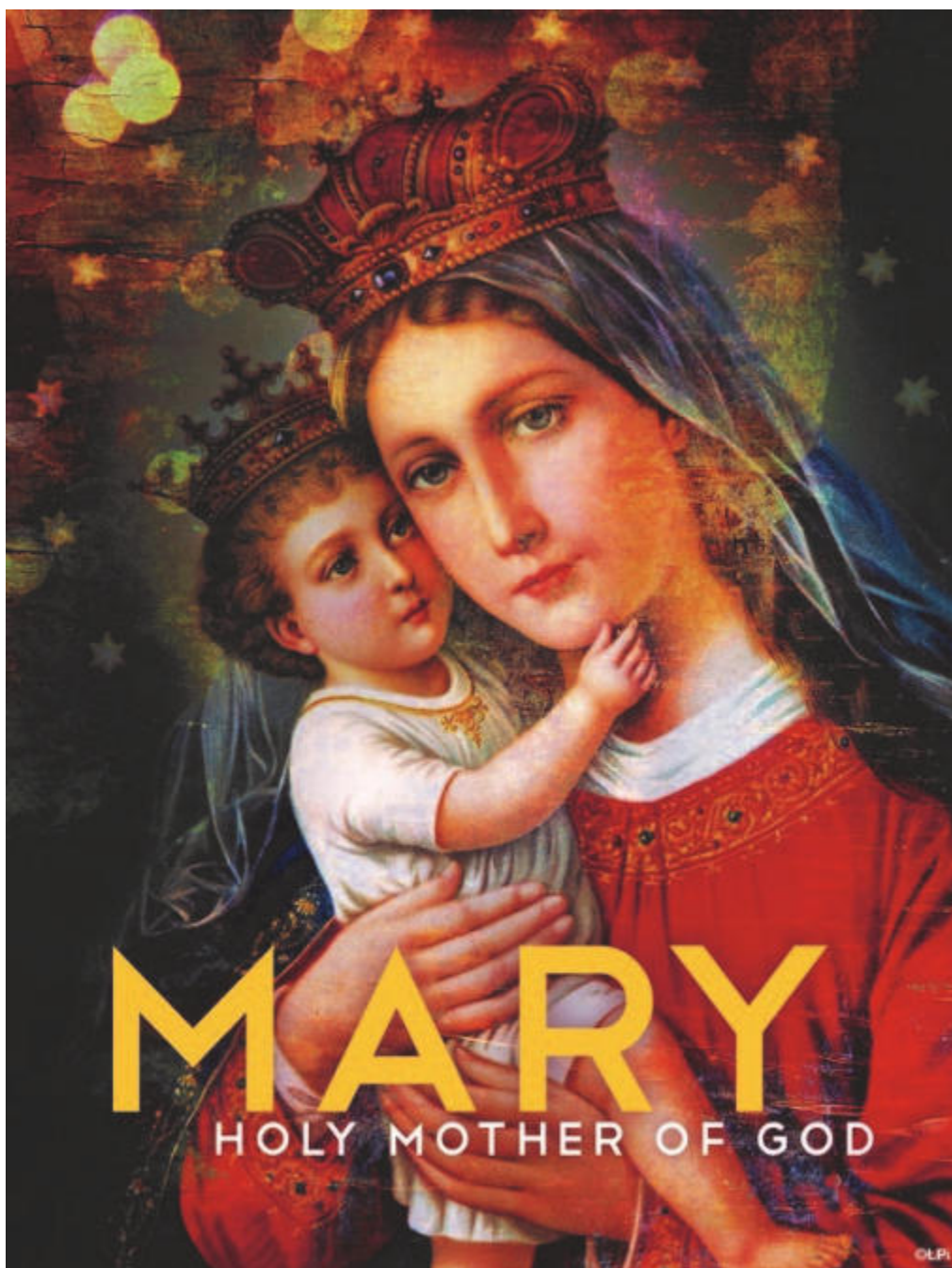


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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS

MONDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
TUESDAY	9:00 AM	ST. JAMES
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
THURSDAY	11:00 AM	ST. STEPHEN
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
SATURDAY	10:00 AM	ST. PIUS

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY	4:00 PM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	ST. JAMES
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	11:15 AM	ST. STEPHEN

RECONCILIATION

MON, TUES, WEDS, FRI	AFTER 9:00 MASS	
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	ST. STEPHEN
SATURDAY	9:00 AM AND 3:00 PM	ST. PIUS

STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 21

Envelopes	\$1,303
Loose	\$485
Capital Campaign	\$40

DAILY READINGS

Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tues: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Weds 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Thurs: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

ST. PIUS MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27:

9:00 am Mass St. Pius Parish & Visitors

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29:

9:00 am Mass Ronald Lickly Requested by Jackie Kennedy

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31: NEW YEARS EVE

9:00 am Mass St. Pius Parish & Visitors
Lector: Caroline

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10:00 am Mass St. Pius Parish & Visitors
4:00 pm Mass St. Parish & Visitors
Lector: Chris T

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:30 am Mass Helen Drogowski Requested by Louie Kendall
Lector: Jim

AROUND ST. PIUS



MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM FATHER TONY AND STAFF



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. The 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.

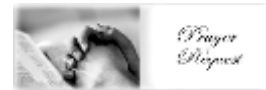
Please let Deacon Brent know if you will not be able to lector during the months of January, February, March by Tuesday.



Knights of Columbus

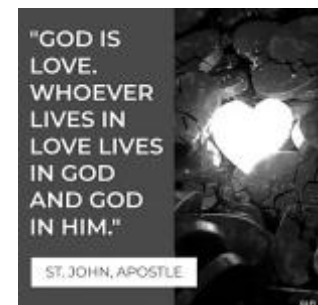
The Knights meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting: January 4



Elite & Nancy Shellenbarger, Dan Moeller, Marie & Tom Brown & Family, Rose Curtis, Joel Nadon, Fran Bosstek, Neil Hamilton, Pat Querciagrossa, Louis Kendall, Greg & Madonna Gahl, Mary Lu Goodman, Al Emery, Ann Marie Shay, Lucille Brindley, Evelyn McNicholl, Marion Ratelle, Mary Cmach, Doris Dear, Andy Higgins, Stella Myers, Dolores Ruth, and Edna Schumacher.

Please call the parish office to add or delete names on the prayer list.



Food Pantry

Eleven families were served for Christmas. Thank you very much for your generous donations for Christmas. It's Donor's Choice for the month of January.



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Stewardship by the Book

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

Vocation View

Unless your family loves you, nothing else makes sense. In your family your vocation can grow in wisdom, age and grace.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. James

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 AM Richard Whitman Requested by Ed & Sandy Schulte



Please pray for the sick and suffering members of our parish community and their families: Frank West, Ron & Eric Dober, Leona Morrison, Stella Koehn, Lillian Smith, Mike Rouech, Dianne Walter, Alvera Hinkley, Mary Giori, Joan Jordan, Richard Densmore, Mary Lu Goodman, Nettie Sylvester, Dorothy Alejski, Lynn Daniels and Alyssa MacDonald .
May they feel the healing touch of Jesus.

Pray for Priests Every Day

Rev. Zeljko Guberovic, Rev. James Hayden, Vocations to the Priesthood and all Religious Life, Rev. Santiago Hoyumpa, Rev. Gerard Hunko, Rev. Michael Janowski and All Seminarians.

Family Perspective By Bud Ozar

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

Smile!

Another year has passed and we're all a little older. Last summer felt hotter and winter seems much colder. There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast. Now I fully understand About 'Living in the Past,' we used to go to weddings, football games and lunches.. Now we go to funeral homes and after-funeral lunches.. We used to go out dining, and couldn't get our fill. Now we ask for doggie bags, come home and take a pill. We used to often travel to places near and far. Now we get sore behinds from riding in the car. We used to go to nightclubs and drink a little booze. Now we stay home at night and watch the evening news. That, my friend is how life is, and now my tale is told. So, enjoy each day and live it up...before you're too darned old.





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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH.

10:15 am Rosary in the Church. Confessions 10-10:45 A.M. in the Chapel.
 11:00 am James Brack Happy Heavenly Birthday. Love, Mary

******Saturday, December 25th Mass at 11 A.M.******

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND.

10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel.
 11:15 am Fr. Tony & Family Requested from Anonymous

Pray for **ST. STEPHEN PARISHIONERS**

Sick: Steve and Nancy Baranyai, Gail Stephenson, Tammy and Craig Buchoz, Barb Dolata, Gerri Turner, Darlene Cox and Barb Delorey.

Names will be dropped after 30 days unless terminally ill or a new request for illness or injury has been made.

Home Bound: Kate Stohon, Richard Preston and Elizabeth Harden.

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

C.C.W. NEWS

Once again we are offering a \$250 scholarship to a deserving student. Applications are on the round table if you know of someone.

Winners of the raffle will be listed next week.

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