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A Catholic faith community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.

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WEEKEND MASSES

ST. JOHN CHURCH

1405 FIRST AVENUE SATURDAY 4:30 PM SUNDAY 10:30 AM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

201 CLARK STREET SUNDAY 9:00 AM This Mass Live Streamed ADORATION POSTPONED

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

Feast of the Holy Family

December 27, 2020

Pope Francis' Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

Pray the Rosary Inside the St. John Center Wednesday Nights at 7:00 PM

During the colder months you're invited to pray the Rosary inside the St. John Center with other parishioners and friends!

Wearing masks and social distancing practiced!

"The Rosary is spiritual medicine." POPE FRANCIS

Going into the Hospital or Rehab Facility?

While there are challenges due to the virus, please call or have a family member or friend call the parish office 422-0602 and let us know! **We need** *your* **help** in ministering to parishioners who are ill or in need!

We also have a parish PRAYER CHAIN with phone and text! Call the parish office and we'll pass along your request. Be as detailed or as discrete as you'd like when making your request. We believe in the power of prayer!

Light Up Middletown Open 6-10 PM through New Year's Eve!!

Admission by cash donation - you set the price! Open in all weather!





OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - December 26 and 27

4:30 PM Mass SJ William Pence

9:00 AM Mass HT Rita Gough - Wedding Anniversary Rem.

<u>9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime</u>.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Katie Davis - Wedding Anniversary Rem.

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass / Holy Day Mass. - ARCHBISHOP DENNIS SCHNURR

Monday, December 28

6:00 PM Mass HT Fran Hamilton

Tuesday, December 29

12:10 PM Mass HT Mercy Arsenio

Wednesday, December 30

12:10 PM Mass HT Lois Clarev

Thursday, December 31

4:30 PM Mass SJ Greg Fuller - Birthday Remembrance

Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

10:00 AM Mass SJ Mary Singhoffer - Anniversary Rem.

Saturday, January 2

4:30 PM Mass SJ Elizabeth & Fred Slezak

Sunday, January 3 Feast of the Epiphany

9:00 AM Mass HT Therese Mendicino - Birthday Rem.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Wendy Dobrozsi



Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

Tues: 1 Jn 2:3-11 /Lk 2:22-35

Wed: 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40 Thurs: 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

Fri: Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

Sat: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

Sun: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Our Prayers and Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Wayne Ketron, who died December 22nd and to Steve Geswein in the death of his mother, Lela Geswein, who died December 18th.

In Your Prayers Please Remember

John Stugmyer, Jeff Hale, and Norma Adams at Atrium Medical Center this week.

Weekly Collections Stewardship Sunday, December 20th \$27,341

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Health Ministry: Let Your Little Light Shine!

Remember the old saying, "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness?" We have the chance to let our light shine by carrying out a



conscious act of kindness, as often as we wish, in all that we do, for as long as we live!

- Say a prayer for someone.
- Make a child smile.
- Give spare change to a charity.
- Return your shopping cart to the space provided.
- Smile at another.
- Speak highly of someone to their face... and behind their backs.
- Shovel the walk and driveway of someone who can't.
- Adopt a stray animal.
- The list is endless. Make up one to fit you.

Bless us all as we celebrate the birth of Christ, "The Light of the World."



Holiday Schedules and Closings

The office is closed December 31st and January 1st for New Year's.



Be sure to check the Mass Schedule!

The Word Among Us Jan - Feb

Complete Catholic Mass & Daily Meditations
This booklet is especially nice if you regularly
attend the weekday Masses. You're invited
to pick up a free copy at the doors of both

churches and carry it with you as you attend Mass.

Living Faith Meditation Booklets

These popular daily prayer booklets for January, February, and March are available at the doors of both churches.



Current List of Acceptable Donation Items

Holy Family parishioners are so generous! Please note though, that we've had a couple really significant changes in addition to the changes caused by the coronavirus:



- 1 SVDP Outreach is no longer accepting furniture or household donations.
- (2) The Church Women United Clothing Depot has suspended their operations.

What we are accepting in the Blue Donation Bins:

- twin & full bed sheets/blankets/pillows
- canned or boxed pantry items
- personal hygiene or cleaning items
- empty pill bottles

Please consider taking your household items and clothing and furniture donations to our local Goodwill and Salvation Army stores. Thank you!

Online Giving Available!

WeShare makes online donations easy! Donations can be scheduled through your checking or savings



account, or with debit cards or major credit cards. Find out more by clicking on the WeShare link at the parish site www.holyfamilymiddletown.com.

Note: If you are currently giving electronically, please call the parish office 422-0602 before setting up a WeShare account! Thank you! Other WeShare Online Giving Options In addition to the General Collection, you can make online payments for Mass Stipends, Memorial Donations, Wedding Fees, etc. Check it out!

Introductions to Sunday Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor



First Reading - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he advises his students on the proper way to honor their parents.

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

The letter to the Colossians was written around the year 80 A.D. A major concern in this letter is how the Christian community appears to outsiders. The author offers guidelines so that Christian families will live in such a way that others will notice the difference.

Annual 365 Lotto

** The FINAL turn in date is January 31, 2021. No tickets will be accepted after that date! **

St. John XXIII School is selling tickets for the Annual 365 Lotto where a winning ticket is drawn every day of the year. It's possible

"365 LOTTO"

365 Daily Prizes Will Be Awarded

3 \$1,000.00 prizes on Easter, 4th of July & Christma:
12 \$ 500.00 prizes on all first Mondays

5 100.00 prizes on all Sundays

29 \$ 40.00 prizes on remaining days of the year

to win more than once because winning tickets are returned to the hopper and only 5000 tickets are sold. Prize money will be mailed to the winners. To participate in the lotto, complete the form below and send it along with \$20/ticket to:

St. John XXIII Catholic School 3806 Manchester Rd, Middletown, OH 45042 ATTN: Peg Fairbanks

Ticket orders may also be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "365 Lotto."

The official ticket will be filled out and the stub will be mailed back to you. Any questions?

Just call Peg Fairbanks 424-1196.

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Readings for Saturday and Sunday

First Reading - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins — a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel - Luke 2:22, 39-40

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

And with your spirit. Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Living Faith Meditation Books for Prisons

Many of us here at Holy Family enjoy these little daily prayer books and here's a chance to share your faith with others. Prison chaplains say that inmates are eager for such publications. Inmates have time to read and many, perhaps for the first time, are ready for spiritual wisdom and advice. You can help foster Catholic devotional reading in prisons through a tax-deductible donation. A gift of \$45 allows 150 copies of *Living Faith* to be sent to prison chaplains for distribution. Make your check

out to LF Foundation, and mail it to Living Faith Foundation, 1564 Fencorp Dr. Fenton, MO 63026.

Mass Prayers and Responses

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Hymns for Saturday and Sunday

Entrance

The First Noel

- 1. The first Noel the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the Kind of Israel!
- 2. They look-ed up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the Kind of Israel!

English Carol, 17th century

Closing

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song.

French Carol, 18th century; Tr. Crown of Jesus Music, London, 1862, alt.

Communion

What Child Is This

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing! Haste, haste to bring him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

- 2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
- 3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.

William C. Dix, 1837-1878

Stay In Touch With Your Catholic Faith!



10 Practical New Year's Resolutions for Family Caregivers

As you may well know, family caregivers are constantly making sacrifices because to caregive is to love... and to love is to make sacrifices for one's loved one. That's why the following 10 New Year's resolutions may help you be a better caregiver without making your life harder.

- 1. Don't beat yourself up because you aren't "perfect" at caregiving.
- 2. Remember that if you can't take a big break, little breaks help, too!

Caregivers not only include those individuals who care for older adults, but also those who care for young children.

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- **3.** Tell other family members that you're not mad at them. It's just that, "I've used up all my nice." Tell them what you want: alone time, a hug, chocolate....
- **4.** Don't hesitate to ask for or even demand help.
- **5.** Forgive yourself for the times you have lost your temper.
- **6.** Enjoy, relish the joyful moments with your care receiver!
- 7. Admit that what you are doing is difficult. It is!
- **8.** Remember that your older loved one's condition may become worse, that he or she may die, but it isn't your fault.
- 9. Pray. Yelling at... speaking loudly at God can be a prayer that comes straight from the heart.
- **10.** Know that you are not alone, even though at times you feel lonely. God has asked you to do this and you have accepted His invitation. He is with you always. Right here. Right now. Caregiver Assistance Network / Balance Newsletter

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Baptism Preparation Class - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

Blane Collison, Principal......423-0723

Baptisms - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Becoming a Member of Holy Family Parish - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download it under FORMS at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. Drop your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. **Becoming Catholic** - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

 $\textbf{Bulletin Deadline} \text{ - Submit announcements in hard copy or to } \underline{\text{monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com}} \text{ by noon Tuesday.}$

Hospitalization or Death in the Family - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office. **Marriages** - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Nursery - Due to the coronavirus, the 10:30 AM Mass Nursery is temporarily closed.

Parish Religious Education Program - Due to the coronavirus, Sunday Preschool is canceled and Monday K-8th Grade have an in home program. Contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions.

St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - www.stjohn23school.org.



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