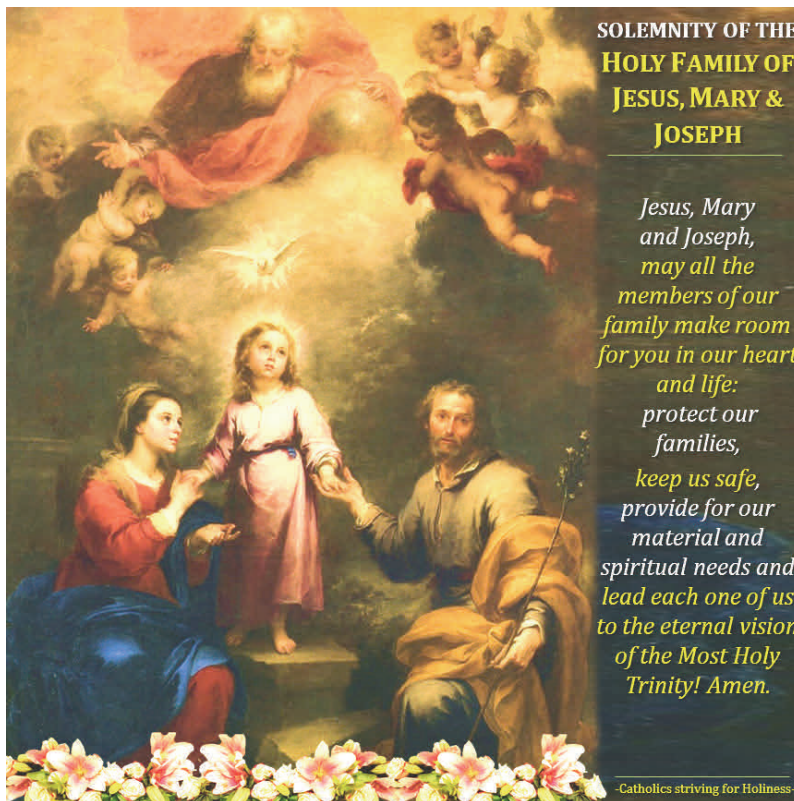


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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 2018



SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

*Jesus, Mary
and Joseph,
may all the
members of our
family make room
for you in our heart
and life:
protect our
families,
keep us safe,
provide for our
material and
spiritual needs and
lead each one of us
to the eternal vision
of the Most Holy
Trinity! Amen.*

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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 29

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Robert & Mary Ellen Geimer +

Sunday, December 30

- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +

Monday, December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord -

8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer +
5:00 p.m. Mark Makowski +

Tuesday, January 1 - The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God -

7:30 a.m. Ramon & Tojni Villamil +
10:00 a.m. Bob Bender +

Wednesday, January 2

6:25 p.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Mary Hickert +

Thursday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Waller Booth +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, January 4

8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, January 5

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mark Makowski +

Sunday, January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Gordon Schaefer +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord - St. Sylvester I, Pope - 1
Jn 2:18-21/ Jn 1:1-18

Tues., Jan. 1 - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - New Year's Day - World Day of Prayer for Peace - Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Wed., Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church - 1
Jn 2:22-28/ Jn 1:19-28

Thurs., Jan. 3 - Christmas Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus - 1
Jn 2:29-3:6/ Jn 1:29-34

Fri., Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious - 1
Jn 3:7-10/ Jn 1:35-42

Sat., Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop - 1
Jn 3:11-21/ Jn 1:43-51

Sun., Jan. 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord - Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 30, 2018 - Year C

As a reminder, the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation, is Tuesday, January 1**. Celebrated on the octave of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, we worship our Lord by honoring to His mother. This Solemnity is itself an age-old celebration associated with the ancient title of our Blessed Mother as the *Theotokos*, or, literally, God-bearer. This honorific of our Blessed Mother dates back at least to the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. In recognizing Mary under the title of *Theotokos*, we are asserting the divinity of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Day Masses will be Monday, December 31, at 5:00 PM and Tuesday, January 1, at 7:30 AM and 10 AM. We are blessed to be able to welcome this New Year together by honoring our Mother and adoring her son, Jesus Christ, on this great day as we gather for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

We hope each family is enjoying our gift to you this Christmas: Matthew Kelly's newest book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. Consider joining our **book study** over this book that will meet **the first three Mondays in January at 7 PM in the Parish Conference Room**.

Also, as mentioned at our Christmas Masses, our parish has received the special gift of a Papal Blessing. This is a blessing imparted by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to all of the parishioners of St. Joseph's. A parchment commemorating this blessing is now hung in the narthex of the parish, next to the pictures of Bishop Rhoades and the Holy Father.

Reflections upon the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

As we continue within the Christmas season, today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Our Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 128) ends just before the last verse of the divine blessed: "May you see your children's children!" In Israel, and most of our history, the family was the center and joy of life. And, in our day and age, this is something we must reclaim. As Jesus Christ is revealed to us on Christmas Day in the midst of the Holy Family, so to He is revealed to us time and again in the midst of our own family. It is in the family that we are to first encounter the love of God, through the love of our parents, our siblings, our spouses, our children, and our extended family. Our families teach us how to love.

We so often face the sad reality that every family, save the Holy Family, falls short of perfectly imaging the love of God in family life. Many times, we can be faced with many wounded and broken relationships within our own families. In the holiday season, these difficulties and trials can often be brought front and center as we spend time with our families. Yet, it is also a chance for healing and allowing the light of God into the darkness of hurt and division. To forgive past hurts does not mean that that relationship returns to normal. "Normal" has changed. Instead, it means a willingness to try and move forward in the relationship where it is at now. In doing so, we, as St. Paul says, are loving "one another just as Jesus commanded us."

We have a chance to glimpse the love of God in every person that He places in front of us. This starts first and foremost with our family. May we honor the Holy Family today by striving to love our own family. Changing the world starts first by loving our families, for it is in our family that we learn how to love. How will we show our love to our family today?

A special "Thank You!" to all of those who helped to ensure our Christmas Liturgies went so well. Our church is beautifully decorated thanks to the hard work of our decorating committee. Sr. Rose and our choir spent many hours preparing the hymns and arrangements that aided our worship this past weekend. Many other hands, including Michelle in the parish office, helped tirelessly behind the scenes throughout our Advent and Christmas season. - Fr. David



Our Love & Prayers Go Out To... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson and John R. Smith.



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Saturday, February 16, 2019

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See the narthex for registration information.



From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose
of the soul of Mary Ellen Welling, mother of Marj Sanders who
died Friday, December 14, 2018

May God welcome Mary Ellen home, fill her with peace and
bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine
upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

In the Conference Room - 7:00 p.m.

Beyond Sunday, Becoming A Catholic 24/7

Chapter Two: The Church as a Field Hospital

If you should need a ride, please call the parish office- 824-1380.



MEETING REMINDER!

The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday,
January 8, 2019, with recitation of the Rosary at 6:40
p.m. and meeting will follow in social hall at 7:00 p.m.

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR
DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019**

- No Religious Education Classes/ Christmas Break Sunday, December 23 and Sunday, December 30, 2018; classes resume Sunday, January 6, 2019
- Mon., Dec. 31 - Vigil Mass of Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass- 5:00 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Masses- 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 3 - All Day Adoration, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Morning Mass at 8:00 a.m.). Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.
- Sun., Jan. 6 - Religious Education Classes resume- 8:30-9:45a.m.
- Tues., Jan. 8 - Knights of Columbus meeting- recitation of the Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church/ meeting in social hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 8 - St. Joseph Women's Group Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- Sun., Jan. 20 - Knights of Columbus American Red Cross Blood Drive - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - see bulletin for details.
- Sun., Jan. 20 - Juice and Donuts after 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses served by St. Joseph Youth Group.

WEEKEND OF January 5/6, 2019

CANTORS:

5:00 Larry Leitz
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Nichole Decker

LECTORS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Monica Harris

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus (Choir Mass, need 4)
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Barb Ault
10:00 Diana Cole, Kathy Marshall, Larisa Sudhoff, Sandy Smythe, Michelle Paxton

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
10:00 Brad/Susan Poper, Mike Painter, Kerry Coyne

SERVERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Mark/Beth Geisel, Jacqueline Mayer
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Kody Coyne

**Collection for Weekend of
December 22/23, 2018**

Adult Envelopes- \$
Child Envelopes-\$
Loose- \$
Religious Ed. Fund- \$
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$
Christmas Flowers- \$
Immaculate Conception- \$
Votive Candles- \$
Total- \$

**The amount needed each week to
make budget is \$5,116.40.**

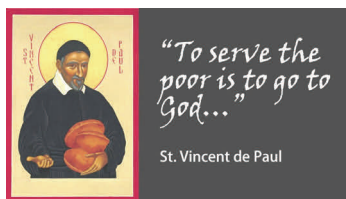
We are \$272.73 behind our
monthly budget.

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**This report in
next weekend's bulletin!**



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND
REPORT - NOVEMBER**

Utilities (electricity/gas) - \$523.19
Rent/Housing - \$620.50
Karing for Kids donation- \$500.00
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needed assistance in our community and beyond. God Bless You!

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**ALL DAY ADORATION
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursday, January 3, 2019 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m. /
Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex
and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.

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i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
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