

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 29, 2019



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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.

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28

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. David Paul Butler +

Sunday, December 29

-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. Cynthia Sailors +

Monday, December 30

8:00 a.m. Norma Bauman +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, December 31

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Wednesday, January 1

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members of Al
& Mary Porrata Family

10:00 a.m. Charlotte Selby +

Thursday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer +
8:30 a.m. Rosary
10:30 a.m. Mass at River Terrace Estates

Friday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of Tyler & Laurie
Hoffacker Family
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, January 4

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. Fernando Riveros +

Sunday, January 5

- Epiphany of the Lord -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Lena Felger +
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord - 1 Jn 2:12-17/ Lk 2:36-40

Tues., 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

Wed., Jan. 1 - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, 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

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

Fri., Jan. 3 - Holy Name of Jesus - 1 Jn 2:29- 3:6/
Jn 1:29-34

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

Sun., Jan. 5 - 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 29, 2019

As a reminder, the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrated this Wednesday, January 1st.** Having just celebrated the Nativity of our Lord, this celebration *honoring* Jesus' mother falls on the octave (or eighth day) of Christmas. With its roots in the 5th Century Council of Ephesus declaration of the Blessed Mother as *Theotokos*, or God-bearer, **this Solemnity asserts the divinity of Jesus Christ.** As St. Athanasius wrote in veneration (*To venerate = To give great respect*) of the Blessed Mother in the 4th Century: "*You are the Mother of God and our Queen. Help us for the sake of the King, the Lord God Master Who was born of you. For this reason you are called 'full of Grace.'*"

Mass Times — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31, Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1, Masses at 7:30 AM and 10 AM.

We will welcome Fr. Nathan Maskal, associate pastor of St. Pius X in Granger, as the celebrant for our Holy Day Masses. Fr. Maskal's family are parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne and he will be in the area visiting for the New Year. (*Fr. Maskal is also a Fort Wayne Komets superfan and will be attending the New Years Eve game at the Coliseum.*) In turn, I will be offering Masses for the Solemnity at St. Pius X (my home parish) for Fr. Maskal, while also taking the opportunity to visit with my family in the South Bend-area. I look forward to seeing you "in the new year" this coming weekend.

This weekend, we are not only preparing for the New Year, but are also celebrating the beautiful **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** as we continue in the Christmas season. On this Feast Day, we are reminded that Jesus took on flesh and entered into family life: Cradled in the arms of the Blessed Mother and under the watchful and protective gaze of St. Joseph. In this way, our Lord reminds each and everyone of us that family life is where we first learn to love. It is here where we first feel the love of God, experienced through the love of our mother and father. It is here that our hearts first experience that yearning for love Himself, God.

This does not mean that family life is one that suffers no trials. Quite the opposite. As we know through experience, there are often many Calvaries we must pass through out of love for our families. It is for this reason that this Feast Day is of such great importance: "*The human family has many trials; so Jesus sanctified them by living in a family*" (Venerable Fulton Sheen). Every aspect of our lives, including our family life, can and must be given over to God. Every joy and happiness; Every trial and struggle. In doing so, we gain the strength to move forward and experience the love that we have been seeking out our entire lives. Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

*A special "Thank You!" and my eternal gratitude to all of those who helped to ensure our Christmas Liturgies went so well. Our church is beautifully decorated thanks to the dedicated 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 and **Nathan**, helped tirelessly behind the scenes throughout our Advent and Christmas season.*

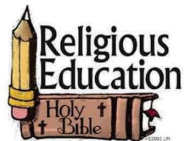


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ABC STUDIO & ACTIVITY CENTER TUMBLING PROGRAM



We are so excited to be starting our next tumbling session in the gym here at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, January 13 - February 22, 2020. This will be a temporary space for the 2-six week sessions. Our studio will be offering a 20% discount for any St. Joseph Parishioners who would like to join us. Please let us know if you have any questions. Andrea Mann (260)433-3417 andrea.abcstudio@gmail.com Registration forms may be found on the desk in the Church narthex.



Reminder:

We will not have Religious Education class on Sunday, January 5, 2020 for Christmas Break.

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PARISH CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues., Dec. 31 - Office Closed
- Tues., Dec. 31 - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass- A Holy Day of Obligation - 5:00 p.m.
- Wed., Jan. 1, 2020 - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holy Day of Obligation Mass - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- Wed., Jan. 1, 2020 - Office Closed - Happy New Year!
- Fri., Jan. 3, 2020 - Low Mass (Extraordinary Form) - 6:00 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 5, 2020 - No Religious Ed. Classes; Christmas Break
- Sun., Jan. 19 - American Red Cross Blood Drive - 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 4/5, 2019

CANTORS:

- 5:00 Larry Leitz (Choir Mass)
- 7:30 Mike Morrissey
- 10:00 Sophia Emrah

LECTORS:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus (4)
- 7:30 Carol Butler
- 10:00 John Vanderkolk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus (4)
- 7:30 Margie Huss, Barb Ault, Jill Morrissey
- 10:00 Jeff Miller, Sandy Smythe, George Witwer, Diana Cole, Luisa Sumabat

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus
- 7:30 Al/Mary Porrata
- 10:00 Mike Painter, Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family

SERVERS:

- 5:00 Knights of Columbus
- 7:30 Brendan/Spencer McCorkle, Jacqueline or Phillip Mayer
- 10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Volunteer

Collection for Weekend of December 21/22, 2019

Adult Envelopes- \$5,675.00
Child Envelopes- \$37.14
Loose- \$211.25
Religious Ed. Fund- \$585.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$60.00
Solemnity of Mary- \$15.00
Total- \$6,583.39

Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!

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

We are \$3,435.22 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish-

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$505.00
Diocesan Special Collections-
Religious Retirement- \$120.00
Catholic Charities/Christmas- \$20.00
World Mission Sunday- \$25.00
osvonlinegiving.com/4741

We will be hosting the Alpha sessions at Family Centered Services here in Bluffton on Thursdays starting January 16. Alpha is a chance to rediscover Jesus and explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal setting. The program is free to all, with meals and childcare provided.



Alpha

We hope to have a great representation from our parish. Additionally, if you know of someone who has been away from church or who has questions and is exploring their faith, Alpha is worth a try. A personal ask is the most effective way to welcome those who might consider attending.

The weekly sessions begin at 6:30 pm with the meal, a short video, then discussion. We end at 8:00 pm sharp. If all the Thursday evening sessions don't fit your schedule, just come to the ones you can because each session can be experienced individually.

We hope you can join us for food, fellowship, and discussion. What a great way to start out the new year!

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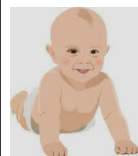
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Before you speak...

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T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?