



December 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

FROM OUR PASTOR

From the birth of Christ, our God in the flesh, to the feast of the Holy Family. There is such richness in our faith. Such a great depth of theology that has given the saints much to contemplate and write about down through the centuries. Yet it also gives us simple images of the manger scene and baby Jesus; of Jesus, Mary and Joseph having to flee their home because of King Herod.

The scriptures have much to reveal to us and just a few lines can hold so much of God's plan for us and our salvation. Matthew's Gospel that we have this weekend gives us the story of the Holy Family having to leave for Egypt. All of this is put into place by an angel. The warning about King Herod does not seem like good news that we are used to hearing from an angel. Yet we can see in our own lives how God can work good out of a bad situation that we have found ourselves in.

One of the elements that we have in scripture is an archetype. We know that the stories in the Old Testament can foreshadow what happens in the New Testament. Hence we recall Moses bringing God's people out of Egypt. The great Exodus moment. Jesus being called out of Egypt fulfills the words of the prophets. It points to a whole new Exodus and new life in God that we are called to live as members of His family. As Moses brought them through the Red Sea we are brought through the waters of baptism that opens not just a land and a place to live, but eternity itself, the promised land of heaven.

The faith and scriptures are so rich and packed with meaning that we need time for it to sink in and time to spend jumping into it in a way that makes sense for us to joyfully live it out.

As you may have a little more time over Christmas, I would suggest that you give some time to your faith life by using FORMED. Go online and see all that is offered. If it has been a while, then all the more as more material has been added. There are new movies, talks and books that can help you grow in the faith. There are programs on scripture and on the saints that can help you connect the dots in living the faith in a way that draws others to Christ whether that is children or grandchildren, neighbors or co-workers.

Turn to the Holy Family and ask for their help in daily situations.
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us.

Blessed Feast of the Holy Family and Happy New Year.

Father John

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of December 29, 2019

- Sat. Dec. 28 5:00 PM For our Parishioners
- Sun. Dec. 29 8:00 AM For the *Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus*
- 10:00 AM For the repose of the soul of *Sandy Sarazin*
- Tue. Dec. 31 5:30 PM For the repose of the soul of *Jack Koca*
- Wed. Jan. 1 12:00 PM For our Parishioners
- 2:00 PM FAIRVIEW NURSING HOME For *Bernice Bohan*
- Thu. Jan. 2 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of *Jeri Delgado*
- Fri. Jan. 3 8:00 AM For the *Living & Deceased Members of the Infant Jesus of Prague Circle*
- Sat. Jan. 4 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of *Leon Straub*
- 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of *Carol Bonafacchi*
- Sun. Jan. 5 8:00 AM For the *Harry & Mary Galvin Family*
- 10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Margaret Gabay, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis and Marie Boehm.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader and Will Post.

Wednesday, January 1st is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 31st at 5:30 PM and Wednesday, January 1st at 12:00 noon.

This Friday is First Friday. Please sign up in the Gathering Area for a time of Eucharistic adoration.

**Stewardship Corner ~ Dec. 21st—25th, 2019
(530 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$12,587.00
On-Line Giving		1,080.00
Christmas		6,987.00
Children's Envelopes	19.23	53.00
Loose Offering	596.15	2,120.10
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$22,827.10
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 105.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 296,182.90
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 274,543.03

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Weekly Calendar

Thursday	Jan. 2	10:30—1	Rosary Makers—RH
		5:15 PM	Catholic Ed. Comm.
Friday	Jan. 3	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

January Anniversaries

19 years	January 18	David & Jennifer Randall
22 years	January 22	Chris & Andrea Bires
38 years	January 2	David & Ann Hoffmann
38 years	January 9	Greg & Donna Ryczek
43 years	January 7	James & Anna Vinopal
47 years	January 20	Jack & Connie Lobenstein
47 years	January 6	Tom & Judy Schoettler
47 years	January 6	Gary & Peggy Van Pee
49 years	January 16	Jim & Ann Van Pee
51 years	January 30	Walter & Monica Stock
53 years	January 7	Rick & Donna Ravenscroft
56 years	January 18	Bernard & Mary Resch

The Knights of Columbus
will be hosting a
WILD GAME FEED
on Saturday, January 11th from 6—8 PM
in Reardon Hall.

\$10 for adults and \$5 for children. There will also be a gun raffle. Raffle tickets available from our KC's. Please join us!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Working Together, Sharing Joy, Standing Firm in the Faith"

Our 2019—2020 target is \$37,940.00.

76 families have pledged \$20,980 to date. Thank you!

Pledge forms are available in the gathering area and at the rectory office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 28 & 29

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba
Extraordinary Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Aedyn & Owen Lubinski
Greeters: Joan Potter, Ernie & Audrey Schmocker
Musicians: Ann Benz, Cassie Thayer
Gift Bearers: Matt & Danelle Lubinski
Scrip Seller: Erin Lund
Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
Dustin Ryberg

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Mary Ann Strack
Servers: Eli Schanke & Jacob Barnes
Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross
Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
Gift Bearers: Members of the Knights of Columbus
Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd
Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,
Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Curran
Extraordinary Minister: Gail Boehm
Servers: Makenna & Ellie Pouillie, Dylan Loftus
Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray
Musicians: Ann Benz, Martin Wolf
Gift Bearers: Jaime & Adam Pouillie
Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan
Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,
Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Harry & Shirley Buttner

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of January 4th & 5th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lectors: Jaime Pouillie
Extraordinary Minister: Dorothy Gorski
Servers: Gracey & Karter Kobylski, Brayden Housworth
Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter, Donna Bollig
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: Roxanne Shragal
Scrip Seller: Donna Miller
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Gerald Gardner,
Fran Lunenschloss

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Mary Ann Strack
Servers: Christopher & Noah Fry
Greeters: Ron & Marge Tremain, Ameila Gunther
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: Betty Kryka
Scrip Seller: Melissa Fry
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Trembl,
Annie Penzkover

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Bill Curran, Sue Hollenbeck
Extraordinary Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Hudson Randall, Carter & Nathan Field
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: Jon & Jodi Field
Scrip Seller: Jodi Field
Ushers: Jon Field, Corky Tralmer, Kurt Salverson,
Bill Thill, Steve Powers

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

March for Life! Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020 ~ Pro-Life Wisconsin sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah See www.diolc.org/respect-life for more information

March for Life! Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26, 2020 ~ Diocesan pilgrimage for youth and adults. For information or to register on line, visit www.diolc.org/yva/march-4-life-2020/

2020 Gala ~ Saturday, February 8th at The Lodge in Mauston! Mark your calendars! Tickets will be on sale soon. Entertainment provided by "Piano Fondue" Dueling Pianos!

GIVEN: Unveiling the Mystery of Marriage: Marriage Enrichment Retreat ~ Saturday, January 18th from 8:30 am—2:30 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church. For more information, visit: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join the Financial Peace University class and learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . . . Interested? Join Maggie Horabik at St. Francis of Assisi Parish starting Monday, January 27, 2020. Feel free to message Maggie at maggie.horabik@gmail.com with your questions or sign up at fpu.com/1103758 !

Formed ~ Pick of the Week

Looking for a good book for the winter season?

Join us in celebrating the feast of the Holy Family by reading a collection of the Holy Father's addresses, called "**Pope Francis on the Family,**" on formed.org.

Pope Francis encourages families to be witnesses of love, fidelity, and service in opposition to the deep crisis facing the Western world. He emphasizes the primary role of God and faith in family life and the crucial importance of family prayer.

January Birthdays

January 15	Bob Severson
January 16	Jerry Niles
January 17	Louise Voigt
January 19	Genevieve Cowan
January 24	Mary Lou Arens
January 24	Lorraine Vodvarka
January 25	Mary Mead
January 27	Ed Hamil
January 27	Ralph Hamm
January 29	Rosemary Lehnen

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

William Raese, Charlotte Raese
Sandy McCracken
John Cook
Ronald J. Clark

Local Scrip Merchant of the Week:

Null's Quik Lube ~ Stop in for an oil change, brakes, mufflers, batteries, transmission and radiator flushes. No appointment necessary. They give us 10% back!

**DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR
SCRIP TODAY AFTER MASS!**