

Feast of the Holy Family

Parents who practice good stewardship use their time and talents to pass on their faith, to educate, to nurture, and to protect their children.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, December 26

Confessions 3:00pm at St. Francis Xavier

4:00PM- SFX - St. Catherine, St. Francis Xavier

& St. Joseph Parish Family

5:30PM- SJ+ Tom Schoenborn by Alicia Laansma

SUNDAY, December 27

9:00AM – SC + Rosemary Nutt by Jim, Kathy & Barb

11:00AM – SJ + Marvin Alt by M/M Jim Alt

MONDAY, December 28

Adoration and Confessions 5:15-6:15pm – SFX

9:00AM-SFX + Steve VanOeffelen by Rodney

& Denise Kober

TUESDAY, December 29

8:00AM-SJ + Joanne Kluting by Rose Alt

WEDNESDAY, December 30

NO MASS

New Year's Schedule

THURSDAY, December 31

4:00PM- SFX + Howard McDonald by Tom

& Rosanne Stream

FRIDAY, January 01-Solemnity of Mary

9:00AM –SC +Rosie Ruble by Caroline Jazdyk

11:00AM – SJ + Jerry Brown by Carl & Theresa Miller

SATURDAY, January 02

Confessions 3:00pm at St. Francis Xavier

4:00PM- SFX + Mary Jane Pearcy by Bill & Pam May

5:30PM- SJ+ Bob Umlor by Faye Umlor

SUNDAY, January 03

9:00AM – SC - St. Catherine, St. Francis Xavier

& St. Joseph Parish Family

11:00AM-SJ+ Frank & Henrietta Chesla by Family

From Deacon Ed's corner:

We know of Mary's reaction to the angel's message when she hears that she is to be the mother of Jesus. It is the beautiful prayer we call the Magnificat. Her yes to God's request of her would change the world forever. Later as she travels to visit her cousin, she is greeted by Elizabeth with the very words that we hear with the beginning of the Hail Mary. These responses by Mary and Elizabeth come to us through the evangelists in their Gospels.

But with Joseph, nary a word is recorded. When he first finds out that Mary is with child, he does not realize how this child has come about. He only knows that it is not by him. According to the first chapter in Matthew's Gospel, Joseph intends to quietly divorce Mary after he finds out she is pregnant; he wants to do this quietly because, if done publicly, Mary probably would be stoned to death. But then an angel comes to Joseph in a dream and tells him that the child Mary carries is the son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit. Joseph stays with Mary after that and takes her into his home as his wife.

That isn't the only time an angel tells Joseph something important. In Matthew's Gospel we hear that after the Maji visit Jesus, an angel comes to Joseph again to warn him about King Herod of Judaea and his plans for violence against Jesus. Joseph takes Mary and Jesus and flees to Egypt to protect them. They come back to the Holy Land when an angel tells Joseph of Herod's death.

Joseph's character can be summed up in three words: righteous, dreamer, and protector. Although he never utters a single word in any of the four gospels, his actions say all that needs to be said. Joseph strived to do what was good and righteous in God's eyes; he had faith to believe the angels who came to him in dreams; and he protected his family from the powers that sought to destroy it.

In a culture where there is a crisis of fatherhood, St. Joseph is an inspiring reminder of what it means to be a loving and respected father and husband: to draw our strength from intimacy with God and to use that strength to love, serve, and protect those God gives to us. Imagine what the world would be like if all of us acted righteously, followed the promptings of the Spirit and protected our families and the most vulnerable among us the way Joseph did. Imagine!



I hope that everyone had a joyous Christmas! I pray that we find peace and security in the New Year.



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St Joseph Parish & School Auction February 25-28, 2021

The auction committee is NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS. Auction provides financial support to various activities and programs in our parish and school each year. The school uses the funds to support technology, buy materials, and for the preschool and special education programs. Within the parish, the funds go towards religious education such as CCD, youth ministry, children's liturgy and RCIA. Special events including vacation bible school, ladies advent service, retreats, and mission trips are also supported by funds from the auction. Without the success of the auction, programs like these may not get the support they need to operate. Due to extenuating circumstances, this year our auction will take place online, and now, more than ever we will need your help to make this auction successful. We are asking each parishioner to donate new items to be auctioned off.

Please bring/send your donations to Kyle and Leanne Lipski's home at 12150 14th Ave NW, Grand Rapids OR Dan and Ashley Dietrich's home at 20657 24th Ave, Conklin or call Leanne (616-560-7288) or Ashley (616-862-6531) to coordinate pick up.

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

Parish Prayer Line: Mara Kroll: 231-853-6880
 Ethel Nutt: 231-853-6733

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 03, 2021 – 9:00AM

SACRISTAN: Brenda Goodno
LECTOR: Jill Nutt
MUSIC: Eileen Hoogterp
USHER: Gary Nutt & Isaiah Nutt

COLLECTION FOR DEC 20, 2020



33 Adults - \$2,525.00, 1 Youth - \$1.00, Votive - \$16.00, Electronic - \$1,040.00, for a total of \$3,582.00. Helping Hands - \$60.00. Religious Ret - \$330.00.

Thank you for your support!

Men's Club News: Your chance to win is available from any Men's Club member or call the Parish Office.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

Parish Prayer Line: Lucille: 616-899-2367
 Kate: 616-678-5838
 Parish Office: 231-853-6222

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 02, 2021 – 4:00PM

SACRISTAN: Sharon Denhof
LECTOR: Michelle May
MUSIC: Eileen Hoogterp
USHER: Ted Crowley

COLLECTION FOR DEC. 20, 2020



10 Adults - \$910.00, Loose - \$50.00, Electronic - \$90.00, for a total of \$1,050.00. Rel. Ret - \$20.00

Thank you for your support!

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

Prayer Line: Linda Nowatzke-616-8992166
 Theresa Miller-616-899-5561

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 02 & 03

SACRISTAN
 January 02-5:30PM-Deb Clelland
 January 03-11:00AM-Chuck Rasch
USHERS
 January 02--5:30PM-Wayne Umlor & Bill Alt
 January 03-11:00AM-AI & Dan Detrich

LECTOR

January 02--5:30PM-Kelly Klein

January 03-11:00AM-Lou Armock

MUSIC

January 02--5:30PM-Eileen Hoogterp

January 03-11:00AM-Eileen Hoogterp

Giving back to God 12.20.2020



Adults: \$2157. Flowers: \$60
Loose: \$40 HH: \$20 Utilities: \$63
Vigil Candles \$8, Rel Ret: \$75.
On-line \$850. Total: \$3273.

Thank you for your support!

Liturgical Notes



Rosary Intention for January-Let us pray for the sick and elderly that they may experience God's grace and relief from their illness and pain.



CLUSTER INFORMATION

Weekly Scripture Readings

Monday, Dec 28- 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday, Dec 29- 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday, Dec 30- 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday, Dec 31- 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Friday, Jan 01- Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday, Jan 02- 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Sunday, Jan 03 – Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

Question of the Week

Epiphany

January 03, 2021

Unexpected gifts

Reading I Isaiah 60:1–6 (glory of the new Zion)

Reading II Ephesians 3:2–3, 5–6 (commission to preach God's plan)

Gospel Matthew 2:1–12 (the visit of the magi)

Key Passage On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. (Matthew 2:10)

Adult: When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?

Child: Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4404

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