

**December 27, 2020**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



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**WEEKEND MASSES:**  
**Holy Rosary:** Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
**St. Stephen:** Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
**WEEKDAY MASSES:**  
*Mass livestreamed on Facebook at Greg Oligschlaeger*  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**Holy Rosary:** Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
**St. Stephen:** Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.  
 or anytime by appointment

<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 26</b> Becky Labuary Underwood Lanny Neyens
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>December 27</b> Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Brandon Devlin Linda Shively
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 28</b> No Scripture Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>December 29</b> Harry & Rose Kendrick & Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>December 30</b> Lyle Campbell
<b>Thursday</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>December 31</b> Joe Paul Williams at St. Stephens
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>January 1</b> Ceil Kendrick
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>January 2</b> Seth Hays
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>January 3</b> Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen William & Mandy Painter and Family

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

November 27	\$ 10,421.25
December 6	\$ 13,299.25
December 13	\$ 4,329.25
December 20	\$ 6,050.00

**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**  
 December 31, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen  
 January 1, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary

**Prayer Intentions for the month of January**

**Intention of Pope Francis:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Intention of Bishop McKnight:** For those seeking employment; that through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family.

Dear Parishioners,

I really enjoy the Feast of the Holy Family that we celebrate today. God has blest me with a wonderful family and my years away from home helped me to appreciate all the more what the faith-filled, healthy, loving, and formative household in which I was raised. One blessing from this awful pandemic may be that the stay-at-home precautions in March and April required us to **stay at home** and thus required us to spend time together as family. (Granted that also had its challenges!) Since we were required to stop all the events and meetings that kept us on the run and had people going in every direction, we spent time together. Many families appreciated meals together, family outings, and video and board games. After experiencing a less hectic schedule, it is my hope, as your pastor, that families now make time together a priority. I pray that we may reschedule, or rather less-schedule, our lives accordingly and seek the intercession of the Holy Family to help us to choose well.

I enjoy the Feast of the Holy Family because the Church today encourages us to live the virtues that Mary, Joseph and Jesus lived in their home. The Holy Family was perfect but that does not mean they did not experience hardship and struggles. Most of Jesus' childhood the Holy Family were "on the run" and were away from their home at Nazareth. The intercession of St. Joseph as the patron saint of families will guide us through the rough times and hopefully cause us to pause and reflect on the joys of family life. Pope Francis has declared this year the **Year of St. Joseph** and encourages us to model our life after Joseph's obedience to God's will.

In our society today, not every household has a positive experience of family. For some of us, our home life is very difficult and something to endure until we can be on our own. This Feast of the Holy Family is a beacon of light and grace-filled reassurance to all families - even seemingly broken families. Let us pray to God through the intercession of the Holy Family to build up what may be lacking in our homes; to invigorate the virtues of faith in our homes; and to continue to support parents and children as they share their faith, cooperate with one another, and sacrifice for each other. May the same love of God shown in the Holy Family radiate upon your family helping to heal some relationships and strengthening bonds in all family relationships.

Have a Blessed, Happy and **Healthy 2021!** **Remember the Solemnity of the Mary Mother of the Church, the octave of Christmas, is on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.** Please check the Mass times in this bulletin. Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Bring holy water bottles, if you have them, to be filled so you can bless your homes next week as is the tradition when the Wise Men come. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger*

**Liturgical Ministries**

**January 2 - 5:30 p.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Dorothy Ritter  
**Servers:** Karsyn Williams, Natalee Amos  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Davis, Kathy Dean, Dorothy Ritter  
**Lector:** Leanna Moss  
**Ushers:** Kent Bichsel, Ruth Ann Lorenson, Dennis Moss

**January 3 - 9:30 a.m. Mass**

**Rosary:** Renee Shinn  
**Servers:** Ava Potterfield, Collin Potterfield  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Toni Hunter, David Wilson, Michelle Wilson  
**Lector:** Brenda Benson  
**Ushers:** Phil Thompson, Mike Bichsel, Jim Jarman

**Readings for January 3, 2021**

**1st Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6** Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**2nd Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6** In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs of the family fortune and co-sharers in the saving promise.

**Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12** The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage.

**On the Calendar...**

**December 28** – Rosary at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon

Father, we lift up those today that are fighting disease and ailments, whether in mind or body. When they want to give up, give them fresh strength and courage. Comfort them in times of pain, give them peace in times of fear and bless them with your healing touch. Come Lord Jesus!

Please pray for:

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| Rusty Adam       | Regina Hays          | Tim Quinn           | P.A. Turnbull |
| John Kendrick    | Bonnie Werner        | Michael Kellerman   |               |
| Deacon Mike Long | Trent Zeiger         | Hazel Smith         |               |
| Sue Gilbert      | Natalee Amos         | Rosemary Evans      |               |
| Deanna Buckman   | Nick Hays            | Jackie Ryan         |               |
| Logan Maher      | Mark Leake           | Daniel Patrick Mudd |               |
| Troy Ritter      | Kenneth Ryan         | Bonnie Ess          |               |
| Barbara Kendrick | Connie Kendrick      | Nick Mudd           |               |
| William P. Smith | Teresa Ritter Toland | Pete Schuman        |               |

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**

\*\*\*Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th & New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st we will NOT have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

\*\*\*After January 1st we have several hours open for someone to commit to on a permanent basis.

Tuesday, 11am – noon  
Friday, 2-3pm and 7-8pm

If you would like to commit to taking one of those 3 hours please call Phyllis Campbell 573-795-2290.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue to be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. until further notice. Everyone is welcome to come at any time during those 12 hours for prayer and adoration.



**Memorial Poinsettias**

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| Madilynn St. Clair            | Steve & Mary Broughton       |
| Harry & Rosie Kendrick        | Pearl & Mary Mudd and Donnie |
| Mary Graupman                 | Allen Long                   |
| John & Isabelle Ritter Family | – Living & Deceased          |

**Catholic Stewardship Appeal**

Parish goal -- \$ 24,500.00

Amount pledged: \$ 20,981.00

Diocese goal - \$ 2,450,000.00

Amount pledged - \$ 1,979,930.06

The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families!  
~Saint Pope John Paul II

**Following God's Lead along with Donna**

I hope you are having a wonderful Christmas season. I pray that each of you enjoy peace and joy in the New Year.

*Blessings to you all, Donna*

**The Bible in a Year – begins January 1, 2021**

Fr. Mike Schmitz with Ascension Press is offering **The Bible in a Year**. Each podcast episode is 20-25 minutes long and includes 2-3 scripture readings, a reflection by Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer. A downloadable reading plan is included. Sign up at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>.

There is no cost for the podcast.

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*The Fourth Wise Man* – stars Martin Sheen as Artaban, a young Magi who sells his valuable possessions and spends his life looking for Jesus the King. He leaves his home carrying his gifts of 3 precious jewels for the baby Messiah to follow the star but misses the caravan of The Three Wise Men. Artaban continues his search spending his wealth helping the poor and unfortunate until, at the end of his life, he finds Jesus---at his trial. Will Artaban ever get to present his gifts to the King?

To inquire about faith formation/religious education contact Donna Long anytime at [donnalong.hrss@gmail.com](mailto:donnalong.hrss@gmail.com) or call me at the rectory, 735-4718, my office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday.



**Please remember our parishioners who are in the nursing home or homebound this Christmas season.**

Totty Burditt	Kathy Wilper	Jeanette Price
Shirley Lorenson	Julie Leake	Rusty Adam
Juanita Pfanner	Verna Fortner	Kenny Ryan
Frankie Maddox	Regina Hays	

*Merry  
Christmas!*