

**December 26, 2021**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & 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.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Holy Rosary:** Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
**St. Stephen:** Sunday 7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>December 25</b> Tom & Lucille Hays and Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>December 26</b> Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Lanny Neyens
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 27</b> No Scripture Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>December 28 – Manor Mass</b> Rita Jo Kendrick
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>December 29</b> Otho & Tollie Marie Bichsel
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>December 30</b> Pat Mudd
<b>Friday</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>December 31 – St. Stephen Mass</b> Gerry Spalding
<b>Saturday</b> 9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>January 1</b> Jenine Zeiger Joe Paul Williams – <b>Feast of the Epiphany</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b>January 2</b> Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Jerry & Sherry Copenhaver

**Daily Mass Servers: December 29 - 30**

Emily Spalding, Michael Spalding

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

November 28	\$ 5,326.64
December 5	\$ 7,436.59
December 12	\$ 5,141.25
December 19	\$ 6,424.25

**Christmas Eve & Day Mass Schedule**

December 24, 5:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary  
 December 24, 8:00 p.m. at St. Stephen  
 December 25, Midnight at Holy Rosary  
 December 25, 9:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

December 31, 6:00 p.m. at St. Stephen  
 January 1, 9:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! If we allow Christ in our heart and soul and make the Lord a significant part of each day, Jesus can set us free to be faithful, loving, generous and kind. **God is with us!** Pray to know His peace this Christmas. Let His light shine through you as brilliant as the Star of Bethlehem.

Thank you for the many cards and gifts that I received from you. I pray that each of your households may have a blessed, joyful and peaceful Christmas Season.

Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family. The Church encourages us to live the virtues that Mary, Joseph and Jesus lived in their home, and it inspires us to continue to live those virtues, based in faith and love, in our own households.



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 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.

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. During the Christmas season, the Feast of the Holy Family is a beacon of light and grace-filled reassurance to all 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. Let us continue to support parents and children as they share their faith, may they cooperate with one another and sacrifice for each other. May the same love of God shown for 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 2022! **Remember the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the octave of Christmas, is on New Year's Eve & New Year's Day.** Please check the Mass times in the bulletin. Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Bring holy water bottles, if you have them, to be filled so you can all bless your homes next week as is the tradition when the Wise Men come. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger*

**Please Be Generous in the Christmas Collection**

On Christmas day, the diocese asks us to take up a collection at Mass to help support the men in our diocese who are discerning God's call to priesthood. Each parish is assessed an amount to help educate and support our seminarians. This year's assessment for our parish is \$3,410.00. The cost for tuition, room and board for one seminarian is \$38,000 a year. Your contribution to the 8 men studying for priesthood in our diocese will help the diocese financially support them. Last week, our parish sent each of the seminarians a card and a Christmas gift of \$50. Please be generous and remember to pray for these 8 men as they seek to do God's will. Remember to pray often for an increase of people to accept a vocation to Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life. -Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

**"Merry Christmas"**



**Intention of Pope Francis:** Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Intention of Bishop McKnight:** For our children and youth: that the example of parents and other adults of the parish may foster a sense of openness to the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**On the Calendar...**

- December 27** – Rosary at St. Stephen at 12:00 noon
- January 11** - First reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders
- January 31** – Catholic Schools Week
- February 5** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Rosary at 10:00 a.m.
- February 12** – Lucky Hearts Banquet
- March 19** – Sacrament of Confirmation Mass
- March 23** – Family Faith Night

**Liturgical Ministries**

**January 1 - 5:30 p.m. Mass**

- Rosary:** Cheryl Elliott
- Servers:** Wyatt DeGrave, Wes DeGrave
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Dean, Debbie Durbin, Mary Davis, Regina Miskell, Bob Kendrick, Ruth Ann Shaver, Dorothy Ritter
- Lector:** Courtney Smith
- Ushers:** John Ritter, Kent Bichsel, Kevin Bichsel
- Cross Bearer:** Tom Pratt
- Gift Bearer:** Tully & Cathy Tonsor
- Greeters:** Bill & Ellie Couch

**January 2 - 9:30 a.m. Mass**

- Rosary:** Dennis Long
- Servers:** Grace Thome, Brendan Thome
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Ed Born, Dennis Long, Toni Hunter, Kay Elliott, Jerry Copenhaver, Cathy Jo Pfaff, David Pfaff, Phil Thompson, David Wilson
- Lector:** Stephen Kendrick
- Ushers:** Mike Bichsel, Mike Hunter, Bill Schneider
- Cross Bearer:** Aiden Hunter
- Gift Bearer:** Phyllis Campbell, Annette Carmean
- Greeters:** Josh Potterfield Family

**Readings for January 2, 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**Goal:** \$ 24,900  
**Pledged:** \$ 22,780  
**Collected:** \$ 17,011



Available Adoration Hours

- Sunday: 2-3 pm
- Monday: 2-3 am
- Tuesday: 1-2 am, 2-3 am, 11-noon, 3-4 pm, 10-11 pm, 11-12 pm
- Wednesday: 1-2 am, 2-3 am
- Thursday: 3-4 am
- Friday: 8-9 pm, 9-10 pm
- Saturday: 7-8 am
- Marie Purool (573) 881-1918
- Pat Kendrick (573) 735-2541



"Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan."

—Amoris Laetitia, 325

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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| David Griffin          | Mark Leake           | Caitlin Shively   |
| Geoffrey Preckshot     | Trent Zeiger         | Jeff Thomas       |
| Kayla Benson McAndrews |                      | Phyllis Taylor    |
| Lakian Lehenbauer      | Janice Kendrick      | Richard Elliott   |
| Rusty Adam             | Regina Hays          | Frankie Maddox    |
| Tim Quinn              | John Kendrick        | Deacon Mike Long  |
| Hazel Smith            | Sue Gilbert          | Natalee Amos      |
| Rosemary Evans         | Deanna Buckman       | Jackie Ryan       |
| Logan Maher            | Bonnie Ess           | Barbara Kendrick  |
| Connie Kendrick        | Nick Mudd            | Michael Kellerman |
| Bill Smith             | Teresa Ritter Toland |                   |

**School News**

- ❖ Classes will resume after the holidays on Monday, January 3, 2022.
- ❖ Holy Rosary School is certainly blessed with many faithful supporters – parents, grandparents, parishioners, teachers, students, alumni, etc. It is hoped that everyone has a most blessed Christmas as we pray in thanksgiving for all that we have.

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

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." Luke 2:10-11



**PSR** – PSR classes resume for 7-12 on January 9, 2022. and K-6 on January 12, 2022. Students not yet enrolled in PSR are welcome to join their class in January.

**Prayers for Confirmation Candidates** – Please continue your prayers for our Confirmation Candidates. If you wish to send them cards of encouragement, please mail cards to school, 415 S. Locust, or to church, 405 S. Main, and we will make sure the student receives your card of encouragement. Please be sure to put the student's name on the envelope.

**RCIA Sessions** – Our next session will be January 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Holy Rosary Church basement. Our topic will be The Sacraments: An Introduction.

**FORMED.org** – FORMED Now has a series of Christmas and New Year special episodes, 12 Days of Christmas that will run from December 22 through January 11. The 12 Days of Christmas is about the 12 days that follow Christmas. Christmas Day is the beginning of the celebration and ends with the Epiphany. Learn the importance of these joyful 12 days from this FORMED Now series. <https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/12-days-of-christmas>. (side note: This year, Epiphany is being celebrated on January 2.)

**Next Parish-Wide Study** – I have chosen our next Parish-Wide Study on Mary. There will be more information coming soon. Please watch the bulletin.