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Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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**Sunday,
December 29th
The Holy Family**



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Will You Keep Searching For Jesus?

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “**after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...**” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “**Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.**” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before. — *Father John Muir*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: “I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD.” (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading: Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel: After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers. (Lk 2:46)

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Events of the Week

Monday, December 30, 2024 —	- 7:25 am Rosary - Church <i>Parish Office Closed</i> - 8:00 am MASS - Church - 10:00 am Parish Prayer Group - Chapel	- 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Adoration - Church - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm RECONCILIATION offered in Church - 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Chapel
Tuesday, December 31 —	- 7:00 pm MASS - Church - Church - 10:30 - 11:30 pm Adoration - Chapel - 11:30 pm MASS - Chapel	NEW YEAR’S EVE <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Wednesday, January 1 —	- 10:00 am MASS - Church	NEW YEAR’S DAY <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Thursday January 2 —	- 7:25 am Rosary - Chapel - 8:00 am MASS - Chapel	- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm - Chapel
Friday, January 3 —	- 8:30 am Children’s MASS - Church - 9:30 am - 11:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Society - Parish Hall	3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel
Saturday, January 4 —	- 7:00 am First Saturday Mass - 1:00 pm Youth Ministry Setup - Parish Hall	- 4:00 pm Vigil MASS - Church (RECONCILIATION offered 30 minutes prior to Mass)

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Mary Helen Allen, Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Leota Ayuso, Lee Ayuso, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Jan Berry, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Asher Bonura, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Fr. David Carucci, Bruce Carver, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Hannah Gest, Gerry Gough, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Fay Hogan, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Sally and Wayne James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, Phillip Jones, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Thomas Koenem, Barbara Ladner, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Dustin Leochner, Debbie Lizana, Charlotte Logan, John Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Rod Malburg, Evelyn Lumpkin, Laura Creel Meadows, Lori Miller, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Kyle Patridge, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, Emily Reaves, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Taige Roof, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Janet Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter", Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Brittany Varney, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Becky Wooley, Wayne Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker Yonkin, Bruce Young



In Memoriam



Please contact the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 to add or take some off the Prayer List. Thank you.

Weekly Operating Report

December 23, 2024

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection: \$10,052

Building Fund: \$5,175

Youth Ministry: \$105

Masses: \$850

Cemetery: \$55

Memorials: \$205

Christmas Flowers: \$435

TOTAL: \$16,877

Direct Debit—Electronic Transfers

Forms are available in the back of

the church or by calling the

office at 228-452-4686

Weekly Fixed Expenses

Schools: \$3210

Salaries and Benefits: \$4750

Diocese Support Tax: \$917

Utilities: \$1187.50

Janitorial, Maintenance

Grounds: \$1189.75

Insurance: \$584

TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY

EXPENSES: \$13,075.00

"These are just the fixed expenses. There are many areas of ministry that require funding throughout the year (Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Adult Education, Liturgy, Office Supplies). I am publishing this as part of our new financial budgeting system. There will also be a general report quarterly. God Bless!" Father Mike Austin

Pray For a Priest Each Day

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us, rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for our priests! Amen.

Sun., December 29: For Our Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze and Roger Morin

Mon., December 30: For Our Seminarians

Tuesday, December 31: For Our Parish Priests

Wed., January 1: For Satish Adhav and Vincent O. Ajayi

Thur., January 2: For Father Godfrey Andoh

Fri., January 3: For Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F. Kihnemann III

Sat., January 4: Please Pray For An Increase in Vocations



January 4 & January 5, 2025

4:00 pm - Saturday, 1/4/25 Vigil

LECTORS

Rick Allard

EEMs

Jane Ward, Catherine Wood and Emmett Zimmerman

ALTAR SERVERS

Cooper W. Ferrill, Gage Garriga and Kaleb Garriga

8:30 am - Sunday, 1/5/25

Ken Austin

Fran Braud, Jennifer D'Aquilla, Justin Pletsch, Lisa Simpson and Louise Vrazel

Asa Jones, Leo Jones and Zoey Mileham

11:00 am Sunday 1/5/25

Meg Payment

Joy Burke, Carl Mayeaux, Gayle Parker, Don Smith and Jean Smith

Archer Kraft, R. J. Sandoz and Anna Claire Thomas

5:00 pm - Sunday, 1/5/25

Allie Giles

Richard Bohn, Joy Miller and Aimee Tramontana

Carleigh Russo, Ellie Kate Thompson and Maci Thompson

Please Join the
Knights of Columbus
as they lead our Parish in the
Fifth Sunday Rosary



Sunday, December 29th
after 8:30 am Mass

Please join us every
FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY of the
month for the
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY



January Chaplet:
Friday, January 3rd & 17th
3:00 pm at St. Paul's Chapel

*For the sake of His sorrowful passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Mark your Calendars!

**Holy Family
Altar Society Meeting**



HOLY FAMILY PARISH
ALTAR SOCIETY

Friday, January 3rd

10:00 am Church Multi Purpose Room

New members are welcome!

Altar Society meets the first Wednesday
of the month between September and May.



THE MONSIGNOR LEECH COUNCIL 4472
INVITES GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF
THE PARISH TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY.

Upcoming Events:

- KOC Fifth Sunday Rosary: 5th Sunday of the month following 8:30 am Mass – **December 29th, March 30, 2025**
- KOC Monthly Meetings: 5pm – 8pm pm First Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **January 7, 2025**
- KOC Monthly Corporate Communion: Sunday 8:30 am Mass following the first Tuesday of the month. Parish Fellowship will follow in the Conference Center with coffee and donuts – **January 12, 2025**
- KOC Coffee and Donuts: 9:00 am – Conference Center – **January 12, 2025**
- Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meetings: 6:30 pm Second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **January 14, 2025**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 28	4:00 pm	† Shelly Bentz † Shelly Provosty
Sunday, December 29	8:30 am	† Frank and Patricia Schmidt † Ida Vrazel Healing for Wayne and Sally James
	11:00 am	† Emma Christina † Pat Browne Healing for Howard Carver Special Intentions for Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Burke
	5:00 pm	Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy
Monday, December 30	8:00 am	† Knost Family
Tuesday, December 31	7:00 pm (Church)	
	New Year's Eve 11:30 pm (Chapel)	
Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day	10:00 am	† Bodie Michel † Barbara Brennan
Thursday, January 2 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Patricia Kelly
Friday, January 3	8:30 am * † The Repose of the Soul	† Leslie and Brennan Price Special Intentions for Sheila Smith

Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts

Let's celebrate our January Birthdays, too!



Start your first Monday morning of the month with Mass at 8 am followed by **Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts** after Mass.

Our next gathering is Monday, January 6th!
Parish Hall
Hope to see you there!



Holy Family's Beautiful Christmas Decorations

A very big and heartfelt THANK YOU to the many people who participated in making Holy Family so beautiful this Christmas. They all did so much in giving of their time and talents to help it all come together. *Many thanks and wishing everyone a Blessed Merry Christmas Season and a healing Happy 2025.*



At Holy Family Parish

Tuesday, December 24th - Wednesday, January 1st:
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 28th - 5:30 pm: **Christmas Concert, "Noel A Night of Everlasting Love: The Story of Christmas" - Featuring the Cathedral-Basilica of Saint Louis King of France Choir with the Cathedral Symphony Orchestra** - Church

Friday, January 3rd - 10 am: **Altar Society Meeting** - Church Multipurpose Room

Friday, January 3rd and 17th - 3 pm: **Divine Mercy Chaplet** - Chapel

Saturday, January 4th - 7 am: **First Saturday Mass** - Conference Center

Monday, January 6th - 10 am: **Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts** - Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 22nd - 6:30 pm: **Healing Face of Jesus Healing Ministries Healing Service** - Holy Family

Saturday, January 25th - 10 am: **First Reconciliation** - Holy Family



THANK YOU HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS for your very generous donations to the Angel Tree Ministry and Hope Haven! Thanks to you, we gave gifts to 98 children in need in our community and 10 gift cards to Hope Haven.

God Bless and Merry Christmas!



Holy Family Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 1st.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Upcoming 2025 Second & Special Collections

January 4 - 5: Aged and Infirm Priests

January 25 - 26: Church in Latin America & Saltillo Mission

February 1 - 2: St. Paul Cemetery

March 1 - 2: St. Paul Cemetery

March 5 (Ash Wednesday): Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa

March 8 - 9: Black & Indian Missions

April 5 - 6: St. Paul Cemetery

April 18: Holy Land

April 26 - 27: Catholic Home Missions Appeal



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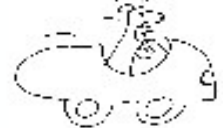


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