

# The Feast Of The Holy Family

December 26, 2021

## Mass Intentions

December	27	8:00 AM	Intentions of Father James Peak requested by The Lane Family
December	28	8:00 AM	Judith M. Carey requested by Tom & Louise Polcha
December	29	8:00 AM	Ruth Herman requested by The O'Donnell Family
December	30	8:00 AM	Intentions of Bernadette Robinson
December	31	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Father Donald Raila, O.S.B. req. by Teresa Warlow
		5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
January	1	9:00 AM	Loretta Lubold requested by Saint Bernard Knights Of Columbus
January	2	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	John Lane requested by The Fordyce Family

## Liturgical Ministries December 31, January 1-2

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
<b>31st</b>			
5:00 PM	Noah Jenkins	Bill Davies	Terry Meek
<b>1st</b>			
9:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Mark Ticehurst	The Morrison Family
<b>2nd</b>			
8:00 AM	Lillian Otstott	Scott Sheaffer	D. Failor , O. Jenkins
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Rosanne Wheatley	The Robinson Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

January 2

Jen Meek

January 9

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures*

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,218.99

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,810.00

**May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!**

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> (Holy Family Feast)**

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

No CCD

### **Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

No RCIA

### **Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Confession, 6:00-7:30PM

### **Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

New Year's Eve Mass, 5:00PM

### **Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> (Mary, Mother of God)**

Mass, 9:00 AM Mass

Note there is no 5:00PM Mass tonight

### **Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> (Epiphany of the Lord)**

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

No CCD

**“He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart.”**

## From the Pastor's Desk

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us remember Saint Paul wrote that in putting on holiness, kindness, gentleness, and forgiving one another, we “put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.” Whatever we do, in word or deed, we ought to do in the name of the Lord Jesus. Fathers, mothers, and children are to love one another, seeking and choosing the good for one another, and helping each other along life's journey – whether for an hour in the car, a three-



day hike, or a lifetime in every situation. On this feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we honor their perfect holiness and love, and pray that God may continue to perfect us in holiness and love within our own families, that we may bear good fruit for the Kingdom.”

Three Days is a long time! Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus for three days! Any parent who has had a child missing for a few seconds understands the anxiety Mary and Joseph experienced in three long days of searching for Jesus. In the end, though, all is well – they find him, and the peace of Christ casts out their fears. It is a remarkable scene: Jesus' parents are astonished to see him teaching in the temple, and Jesus is curious as to why they were looking for him – did they not know where he would be? This event marks a sort of milestone in their lives together, as Jesus has hinted at his future public ministry, and his parents have experienced that first bit of soul-piercing that Mary will later fully undergo. For each of them, love is what directed their actions. Joseph and Mary put aside everything to search for their son; Jesus put aside everything to serve his Father; and they joined together in humble obedience to God's will for them. The Holy Family models a way of living for us to imitate, and to witness to others in that imitation.

Perhaps you have some down time in this coming week between Christmas and New Year's. As a family, choose an activity that allows you to think outside yourselves and serve others. Donate to the food pantry or visit an elderly relative who is homebound. Or make a plan to read the Scripture for each day of the upcoming week; have each person choose a favorite verse to memorize each day. You may be surprised how often these verses enter your mind throughout the week.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy Rich, Jeff Martzal, Jeanette Fasick, Jan Oakley, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information:** You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-602-6298) or through his email: [dcnrobin@ptd.net](mailto:dcnrobin@ptd.net).

**Online Bulletin:** [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)

**March for Life January 2022:** The St. Bernard Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring and subsidizing a bus down to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. This year's march will be on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. As in prior years, we will have Mass at 7:15 AM and then board the bus to depart St. Bernard by 8 AM. Please feel free to invite all pro-life people you know to join us on the large 59 passenger bus. Let's fill the bus! Those not attending Mass should plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. The cost this year is again \$20 per adult, and \$10 per youth 16 and under. Youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

### **Holy Day/Sunday Masses**

**New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
5:00PM**

**New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:00AM**

**(Please note: no 5PM Mass on Saturday)**

### **Resolution suggestions for the New Year 2021**

If you have a warm handclasp, use it in friendship.  
If you have a gift of speech, speak the truth with love.

If you have energy, spend it for the good of others.  
If you have money, give it without expecting a return.

If you have time, share it.

If you love little children or youth, lead them.

If you can sing, by all means, glorify God with your voice.

If you are fond of the beautiful and the artistic, decorate God's altar in your heart.

If you have a heart of love, visit the sick, greet the stranger, and sympathize with the sorrowing.

If you have business ability, the church and the pastor need you.

If you have faith, pray always without ceasing.

If your church means life to you and yours, then attend Mass and devotions regularly and give thanks and tell others about it or bring them with you.

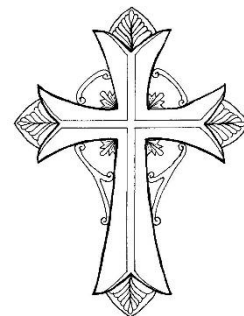
**Remember: When we make resolutions, we must decide, commit, and persevere, if we want to succeed! A mere wish, unaccompanied with the personal effort to achieve it, will never produce fruits in our lives. To change our life, we must be willing change our habits!!**

**New Year's Masses:** January 1<sup>st</sup> is the feast of Mary, Mother of God, and a holy day. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00PM and Mass on January 1<sup>st</sup> will begin at 9:00AM. Let us begin the New Year with prayerful recourse to Jesus through Mary!!



**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. If you have any commendations or recommendations for the life of our parish to share with the Council, please call Bill Davies or place them in the Suggestions Box in the narthex.

**Pro-Life:** A new year brings thoughts of new life. What better place to start than at the beginning – with the human embryo? “Embryonic human beings, no less than human beings at the other development stages, should be treated as subjects of moral respect and human rights, not as objects that may be damaged or destroyed for the benefit of others.”



**Thank you!!** I am most grateful for your cards, letters, gifts, cakes, cookies, pastries, and generosity this Christmas. The Lord has been so good to me, and you are part of His many blessings in my life. May God bless and reward your goodness in time and eternity! Devotedly,  
Father Sharman

**What is gladness without gratitude,  
And where is gratitude without God?**