

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~~~~ Epiphany of the Lord

## MASS INTENTIONS

Wed. Dec. 29th, 10:30 a.m., Care Center: Thelma Romay, by Herb Schaefer & Glenda Zonders  
Fri., Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve, 4 p.m.: Catherine Fahey  
Sat., Jan. 1st, New Year's Day, 9 a.m.: Gladys Carr  
Sun., Jan. 2nd, Epiphany, 10 a.m.: Helen Masterson, by Allan & Peg  
Sat. Jan. 8th, 4 p.m.: Aubuchon family, by Audrey Kieffer  
Sun., Jan. 9th, 10 a.m.: Lorine Schuette; For the Parish

## LITURGICAL ROLES

Fri., Dec. 31st, 4 p.m.: Lector - D. Gielow; Usher - H. Siegfried, D. Gielow; Eucharistic Minister - K. Fahey;  
Sat., Jan. 1st, 9 a.m.: Lector - S. Chambers; Usher - M. & B. Doiron; Eucharistic Minister - Volunteer Needed  
Sun., Jan. 2nd, 10 a.m.: Lector - P. Masterson; Usher - D. & B. Young; Eucharistic Minister - G. Ratz  
Sat., Jan. 8th, 4 p.m.: Lector - J. Mergelkamp; Usher - K. Donjon, P. Ramsey; Eucharistic Minister - A. Cowell  
Sun., Jan. 9th, 10 a.m.: Lector - D. Hahn; Usher - M. Scheffert, W. Ruhmann; Eucharistic Minister - N. Cowell

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Tom Lewis, Beulah Robert, Bob Otten,  
Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners  
*Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.*

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. (Mother Teresa)

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The children's Christmas Eve service had just begun. Little Joey, who was four, began squirming in the pew and whispered to his daddy that he had to go to the bathroom. Waiting for the right pause in the service, little Joey's dad took him by the hand and they walked to the rest room. About halfway down the aisle little Joey stopped, turned around and said loud and clear, "Jesus, I have to go potty, but I'll be right back!"

## PARISH CENTER CREW

We are in need of a set-up/tear-down crew for our parish center rentals. Duties include setting up the tables/chairs prior to an event, cleaning tables/chairs if necessary after an event and putting them away, cleaning the floor, and cleaning the restrooms. For more information, payment amount, etc., please contact the rectory.

## COAT DRIVE

Aleghna Herzog, a Confirmation Candidate, is holding a coat drive for St. Vincent de Paul for her Confirmation Service Project. Please bring new or gently used coats and drop them in the box in the church breezeway. Coat drive will run from Dec. 18th through Jan. 4th.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

You're invited to a Pampered Chef Quarter Auction on Sun., Jan. 30th from 1-4 p.m. at the Prairie du Rocher American Legion. Lunch stand opens at 11 a.m. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Church.

## DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE

It is that time again! If you would like to nominate an SJB alumni for the 2021 Distinguished Graduate, please submit a letter to Ms. Hill stating your nominee and your reasons before Dec. 31st. An Alumni must have graduated from SJB at least 10 years ago.

## READINGS

### Readings for Dec. 26, 2021

#### 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and bore a son, Samuel, whom she presented to the Lord in the temple at Shiloh saying, "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord."

#### 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

God's love has been given to us so we may be called his children.

#### Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

At age twelve, Jesus sat in the temple at Jerusalem listening to the teachers and asking them questions. He astounded everyone by his understanding and answers.

### Readings for Jan. 2, 2022

#### 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.

#### 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 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.

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS



Just yesterday we came to celebrate our Lord's birth. Today we return to expand that celebration to his immediate family, the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph cared for their son, raising him in the religious traditions of their faith. In this loving environment, Luke says, "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." Let us pray that our families may provide fertile ground for our children to grow similarly. May the words we hear from the scriptures today help us appreciate our own family relationships.

Thank you for your care and support this past year. I am truly grateful that you all are a part of our parish family. May the new year that lies ahead be filled with hope, joy and peace as we strive to grow as a parish family. Together may the light and love of the Holy Family be evident as we help make all who come to us feel welcome in our parish family. Have a blest week and Happy New Year! Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved! ~ Fr. Dennis

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## SNOW DAYS

Reminder: When SJB school is closed for snow days, the parish office will also be closed and no Mass in Church.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Happy Birthday to Fr. Dennis on Monday, December 27th!!

## ON RETREAT

Since this is a two week bulletin, I wanted to ask for your prayers for myself and the priests of the diocese who will be on retreat at the Kings House from Jan. 3-7th. Know that you will be in my prayers also. I am looking forward to the break from all the flurry of the Christmas Season. This is always a good time for rest, prayer and reflection.

## MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat.: 131; Sun.: 119 ~ Encourage someone to come to Church with you!

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

The next round of schedules will cover Sat., Feb. 5th through Sun., May 29th. Please have conflicts for these dates to Rhonda (rhondaj@htc.net) by Mon., Jan. 17th. Thank you!

**A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MCGOVERN**

Dear Friends in Christ,  
As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: "we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us." My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion, and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ. Sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Michael McGovern

**THANK YOU!**

Your response to our giving tree project again this year was wonderful! Bless you for helping to make Christmas special for our residents at the Care Center, Garden Place and R & R in Ruma. Thanks to the Mark Scheffert family for distributing the gifts! Santa needs good helpers!

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS**

(Welcome Jesus into Your Home) The Son of God chose to be born into a human family, in an obscure town on the periphery of the Roman Empire. Although the Gospels tell us little about the first thirty years of his life, we can imagine that Jesus led a very "normal" family life. He was raised in an atmosphere of religious devotion, he learned from the words and example of Mary and Joseph, and he grew in wisdom, age and grace (cf. Luke 2:52). In imitation of the Holy Family, every Christian family must make a place for Jesus in its home. For it is through the love of such "normal" families that God's Son quietly comes to dwell among us, bringing salvation to our world....And this is the great mission of the family: to make room for Jesus who is coming, to welcome Jesus in the family, in each member: children, husband, wife, grandparents....Jesus is there. Welcome him there, in order that he grow spiritually in the family.

**TORNADO RELIEF ASSISTANCE**

The Diocese of Belleville will be reaching out to the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky to help with relief after the tornado. If you wish to make a donation, place it in an envelope and mark it TORNADO RELIEF, and we will forward it to our diocese so they can send it along with other donations they receive. Thank You for your help!



**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH**

Sunday.....	\$4,091.00
Loose.....	\$0.00
<b>Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....</b>	<b>\$4,091.00</b>
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$45.00
School Support.....	\$40.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$50.00
Retired Religious.....	\$10.00
Initial Offering.....	\$10.00
Christmas for the Needy.....	\$20.00
Christmas.....	\$145.00
All Saints.....	\$10.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$10.00

**THE CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL**

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity, - Ministries and Programs Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

**QUILT-OF-THE-MONTH RAFFLES**

Both Our Lady of Good Counsel in Renault and St. Michael's in Paderborn are holding Quilt-of-the-Month Raffles. Both raffles run January through December, 2022. Tickets for each raffle are \$20 each and give you 12 chances to win in both. Please pick up tickets at the main entrances or call 618-458-7710 (Renault) or 618-473-2798 (Paderborn).

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

- Sun., Dec. 26th: Feast of the Holy Family
- Mon., Dec. 27th: Fr. Dennis' Birthday – Can you guess how old he is? He's not older than dirt!!!
- Tues., Dec. 28th: No Mass
- Wed., Dec. 29th: Mass at 10:30 a.m. Red Bud Care Center; 6:30 p.m. Schield's baby Baptism
- Thurs., Dec. 30th: No Mass at Sparta
- Fri., Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve Mass at 4 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 1st: New Year's Day – Mass at 9 a.m.; No Saturday evening Mass at 4 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 2nd: Feast of the Epiphany – Mass at 10 a.m.; Brown Baptism
- Mon., Jan. 3rd - Fri., Jan. 7th: No Masses – Fr. Dennis will be on retreat at the King's House in Belleville.

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

By Pope Francis

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph**, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust. **Holy Family of Nazareth**, grant that our families, too, may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. **Holy Family of Nazareth**, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. **Holy Family of Nazareth**, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. **Jesus, Mary and Joseph**, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.



**GIVE TO GROW: AN AUCTION TO GO**

Join us for this year's hybrid Auction on Feb. 19th from 4-8 p.m. in the school gym. Pick up a catered meal and dessert to-go, preordered from two entrée choices. Walk through the gym to view the Auction items and bid online. Buy chances for our raffles and 50/50 drawing. Contribute to the "Make it Happen" campaign. Check out and pick up your won Auction items that night till 9 p.m.

Here are a few ways you can help make the Auction a success:  
1) Be an Event Sponsor at the Gold, Silver, Bronze or Friend of SJB level; 2) Purchase an ad at the Premier Post or Standard Post level; 3) Donate an Auction item (items must be turned in by Jan. 21st.) As always, we appreciate your support!

For more information, please pick up flyers at the entrances of church or call the school at 282-3215.