

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
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DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

11:00 AM –Fr. Pat – Christmas Flower Memorial

1:00 PM – Fr. Rudy - (Spanish)

DECEMBER 26 – SUNDAY

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

9:00 AM- Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

11:00 AM –Fr. Pat (English) - Intention of Ruth Stanley

12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

DECEMBER 27 – MONDAY

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

7:30 AM –Fr. Pat – Living and Deceased of the St Mary's Ladies Society

DECEMBER 28 – TUESDAY

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

7:00 PM- Fr. Rudy (Spanish) – Intention of Michael McMahon

DECEMBER 29 – WEDNESDAY

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

7:30 AM –Fr. Rudy – Intention of Rita Staub

DECEMBER 30 - THURSDAY

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

7:00 PM- Fr. Rudy-(Spanish)

DECEMBER 31 – FRIDAY

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

4:00 PM – Fr. Jim (English) – Intentions of the Parishioners

6:00 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

11:00 AM –Fr. Pat (English) – Intention of Kathleen Buzek

1:00 PM – Fr. Rudy - (Spanish)

JANUARY 2 – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

9:00 AM- Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

11:00 AM –Fr. Pat (English) – Intention of Mary & Beth Barlage

12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

Ministry Schedule: January 1-2

Sign-up sheet for Saturday is in the sacristy.

Lectors:

4:00 PM – Volunteer 11:00 AM – S. Drury

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:00 PM – Volunteer

11:00 AM – J. Ruter/Volunteer

Servers:

4:00 PM – Volunteer 11:00 AM – A. Browning

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Due to the early submission of the bulletin this week, there is no financial report. It will be brought up-to-date as soon as possible. We hope you will consider an extra gift to the parish this week.

Thank you.

Make it easy on yourself. *Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.* To take advantage of this convenience, please call 541-1563.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Michael Berkemeier (27), Richard Karaus (27), Jude Rice (27), Michael McMahon (28), Michael Shooner (28), Lilly Finamore (28), Connie Pflanz (29), Donna St. Clair (29), Peggy Wethington (30), Marian Objerjohann (31), Jane Beyer (1), Roseanne McCoy (1), Griselda Geygan (1), Sheila Drury (1), and Jim Meridieth (1)

4 GRAND CLUB

Congratulations to Doug Weiss, Carol Nieberding, and Shirley Putnick. They are the winners of the Week 17 drawing and each won \$25.

NEW YEARS DAY: Due to the feast of the Solemnity of Mary falling on the weekend, please note this is not an obligatory holyday this year.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. BONIFACE in your end of year giving. Like you, we have experienced the hardships this past year has caused, especially in our Sunday offerings. To keep our Parish open and viable, we rely on your generosity to maintain. Please search your heart and be as generous as you can. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on December 31 and on Monday, January 3. We will resume normal hours on Tuesday, January 4.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER JIM:

Please let me say thanks for all the ways you have gifted me and the pastoral staff this holy season with prayers, presents, cards, blessings and well wishes. Thank you so much.

Also, I want to thank all of you for your generous giving of your time, talent, and treasures to allow our parish to be and become the parish that God is calling us to be. God is truly uniting us in our diversity through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and through the Eucharist. Our prayer is strong and beautiful when we are all together and participating as fully as we can. Thanks for your welcome of each other and the sharing of your faith. Thanks for supporting the work we do here and for considering this faith community as not just "my parish" but "our parish."

We are all members of God's family. We are brothers and sisters in the Lord. Today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the joy of God taking on our flesh and dwelling in us and how we are made aware of this incredible gift in and through our families. Our nature is and can be a holy one. As God shares in our nature, we share God's holiness. As God used the Holy Family for the growth, development, and nurturing of

God's merciful love, our Lord Jesus Christ, then all our families are most holy because all our families are places where God's mercy reigns – where mercy is received and given. I am so grateful for God's family that we are called to be and that we are truly becoming.

The Lord was born in human nature to bring the divine light of love to the whole world and to unite everyone with holiness and grace. As the shepherds accepted the Lord's welcome of them, they were no longer marginal people but members of God's family. As the kings, representing the nations of the world, followed the star and paid the Christ-child homage, God's mercy, holiness, and grace was to reign in the hearts of all people. Jesus was born to claim all of us as God's own family and to bring us together.

My brothers and sisters in the Lord, I truly believe that God is calling our family of parishes to be holy – that is to live together as brothers and sisters, to open our hearts to all others with genuine hospitality, to value each other, to respect differences, welcome diversity, to accept that we are all parts of the same body, the same family of the Lord and to appreciate that one part is never better or more important than any of the other parts. Also, we must acknowledge that one part cannot say to any other part, "You are not needed". "You are not wanted." We need each other to be church, to be God's family and striving to live as one family under God, we accept God's call to be holy and to be places where God's mercy reigns and God's unconditional love binds us as one.

As we celebrate the joy of Christ's birth, let us pray for ourselves and all the families of parishes to accept God's call to holiness by living together as God's family. How can we learn to pray Eucharist better and together welcome and respect the diversity that blesses our family of parishes? How can we better become the Body of Christ; live as the Body of Christ together? What will separate us? Where do we want God's mercy to reign? How are we to receive it and give it? How is God born in your life right now? How can we bear his presence to someone in our family?

May the angel's announcement to the Shepherds be more a reality for us in our planning and in our longing to live as God's parish family: "Peace on earth, good will (and holiness) to all!"