

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 27th 2020 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR DECEMBER 26- JANUARY 3

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Louie Fenske
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15a.m.	+Rodney Hanley Jr.
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Friday	NO Mass	
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family

ST. AGNES

Tues.	8:30 a.m.
Thurs.	No Mass
Fri.	10:00 a.m.
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, December 30

NO PSR/CCD Classes
No St. Mary's School Board Meeting

Thursday, December 31

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- Holy Day of Obligation- Vigil Mass at St. Mary's 6:00p.m.

Friday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- Holy Day of Obligation- Mass at St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 4

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday, January 5

St. Mary's School back in session

Wednesday, January 6

8:15 a.m. Mass
PSR/CCD Classes Resume 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
7:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, January 8

Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the C.R.

Sunday, January 10

8:15 a.m. Mass

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in January:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1632.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Fr. Peter J. Morciniec (He is recovering from cataract surgery), Peggy Heidlage, Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, we are now overloaded with egg cartons! We have reached our capacity to store them and must ask that until further notice, please recycle or store them at home. Your support of the Pantry and Community Kitchen is very much appreciated. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

JANUARY APPOINTMENTS

If you are unable to make your appointment, please find a replacement

Saturday, Jan. 2 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski
Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Witt

Saturday, Jan. 9 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller
Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Philip Gollhofer

Saturday, Jan. 16 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller
Ushers: Bill Seufert, Michael Abramovitz

Saturday, Jan. 23 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski
Ushers: Larry Carver, Leonard Fenske

Saturday, Jan. 23 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski
Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

Sunday, Jan. 3 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Heather Gripka, Michael Myers
Ushers: Dale Jasumback, Ellis Motley

Sunday, Jan. 10 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Cody Washam, Michael Myers
Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam

Sunday, Jan. 17 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachele Brown, Jennifer Eaton
Ushers: Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper

Sunday, Jan. 24 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell
Ushers: Jim Barchak, Ian Brottlund

Sunday, Jan. 24 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Heather Gripka, Cody Washam
Ushers: Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Ps 128:1-5
or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9
Colossians 3:12-21
or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40

Monday December 28

Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5-2:2
Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8
Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday December 29

1 John 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6
Luke 2:22-35

Wednesday December 30

1 John 2:12-17
Ps 96:7-10
Luke 2:36-40

Thursday December 31

1 John 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-13
John 1:1-18

Friday January 1

Mother of God Solemnity

Numbers 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Saturday January 2

Sts. Basil the Great

& Gregory Nazianzen

1 John 2: 22-28
Ps 98: 1-4
John 1: 19-28

"Joy mixed with drama marks the fifth [joyful] mystery, the finding of the twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple." Saint John Paul the Great wrote this in *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, his interesting encyclical about the Rosary.

He continued: "Here he appears in his divine wisdom as he listens and raises questions, already in effect one who 'teaches'. The revelation of his mystery as the Son wholly dedicated to his Father's affairs proclaims the radical nature of the Gospel, in which even the closest of human relationships are challenged by the absolute demands of the Kingdom. Mary and Joseph, fearful and anxious, 'did not understand' his words."

We, too, often fail to understand the words of Jesus. His teachings challenge us to accept a more difficult life, a life of doing good to our enemies, turning the cheek and going the extra mile, a life of courageously standing up for the truth and adhering to high moral standards that are



mands of the Kingdom of God, we see their benefits and we obey gladly.

Without this understanding, we have to simply trust that the words of Jesus are right and true. Like Mary and Joseph, we need to ponder in our hearts what we don't understand, while moving forward and doing what Jesus wants us to do.

As challenging as this is, that's when we discover how amazing God is.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What teaching of the Church have you rationalized away so that you don't have to obey it? Or what teaching of Christ in the Sermon on the Mount (see Matt. 5,6,7) or elsewhere in the Gospels do you excuse yourself from?
2. How much is your disobedience due to not understanding what is really being taught?
3. What will you do to seek and gain a better understanding?
4. How meaningful is the Holy Family to you? What is it about the relationships between Jesus, Mary and Joseph that appeals to you?
5. What has this taught you about God's Kingdom?

counter-cultural.

Our preference, when living this way is inconvenient or unpleasant, is to rationalize and make excuses for our worldly behavior. But once we truly understand the de-