

December 29 – Feast of the Holy Family



Then *Joseph* Got Up,
took the child and his mother by night,
and went to **EGYPT.**

*The Hebrews
long ago, eons,
were led out of exile
into Egypt.*

*Joseph and Mary,
off to Egypt
and then back again,
a salient dream, then another.
Refugees escaping at night
with the babe.*

*Jesus,
did your father
give you to us as our brother
to rescue us from exile of sin and death?*

*Our Brother, Our Father,
Our Holy Family.*

*In our exile you bring such love to us,
more than we can bear!*

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PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Jan. 1	7:45 AM	NO Morning Prayer
Fri., Jan. 3	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 28	4 PM	Anthony Hilbert
Sun., Dec. 29	10 AM	Ruth Gehl
Tue., Dec. 31	4 PM	Wayne Dye
Sat., Jan. 4	4 PM	Urban Johannigman
Sun., Jan. 5	10 AM	Pat Hermesch

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – December 31 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Steve and Ann Wagner
Paul and Arlene Gehl
Servers: Kayla Simon, Sam Simon
Cantors: Gene and Patty Simon
Lectors: Ron Bauerle, Torie Purdy
Euch. Ministers: Terry Harmeyer, Judy Steuri
Rita Kress, Blake Simon

Saturday – January 4 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Kyle and Lindsay Black
Carl and Joni Lunsford
Servers: Cloey Simon, Sam Simon
Cantor: Rachel Toops
Lectors: Judy Steuri, Cathy Wagner
Euch. Ministers: Arlene Gehl, Gene Moorman
Bill Deller, Janet Deller

Sunday – January 5 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Ron Harlemert, Joe Harlemert
Servers: Shaylee Volz, Lane Simon
Cantors: Gene and Patty Simon
Lectors: Blake Simon, Paige Simon
Euch. Ministers: Scott Simon, Amy Kinker
Vicki Wagner, Ben Harlemert

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2238.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 8.71
Loose Collection	\$ 410.25
Total Regular Collection	\$2656.96

\$3,193.00 needed weekly to meet budget.

Special Collections	\$1100.00
+ Capital Improvement - \$820.00	
+ Christmas Flowers - \$30.00	
+ Religious Retirement - \$250.00	

STEWARDSHIP – Joseph’s obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel’s warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God’s will assures the best use of my talents, too!

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn December 29 through January 5 for the poor of the world. There are openings for memorials for the candle in January and February.

WOW! GREAT HELP – What wonderful help in Christmas decorating from our young people, and what a help it was! Thank you for giving several hours of your time to the Lord Jesus. Thanks also to members of the liturgy committee for helping create a beautiful Christmas environment for the coming of the Christ Child! What a gift all of you are to this parish! God-with-us comes in many ways and when you least expect it.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – Our third report shows a slight increase. We are now at **83%** of our goal with **\$11,410.00** being pledged. Let’s continue to work toward our Archdiocesan goal of \$13,683.00. Thank you.

CYO BASKETBALL – The next CYO game is Sunday, January 5, at 3:30 PM. They will play Holy Family Team at Batesville.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked next weekend in the St. Anne Room after the Masses. Shannon Kuntz and Brandi Merkel will be there to assist you.

TESTIMONIAL – “NCYC was what I needed to put my faith back on the right track. Adoration with the opportunity for reconciliation was what I needed. Reconciliation made me feel renewed. I loved the talk on chastity. It made so many points that I had never thought of. I bought a chastity ring to remind me that I am a child of God.”

RELIGIOUS ED – No classes for Preschool through Grade 5 this week. Classes resume next week, January 8.

Classes for Grades 6 through 12 next week, January 5, 8:30 AM.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



This is the oldest and most important feast of Mary. It is a second celebration of Jesus's birth with a special focus on Mary as Mother of God. She was given this title at the Council of Ephesus in 431. This council taught that the humanity and divinity of Jesus could not be separated and that they exist in the one person - with the implication that we can rightly give Mary the title of Mother of God. This celebration of Mary is also a celebration of her Son.

MASS FOR THIS FEAST IS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AT 4:00 PM AT ST. MAURICE.

COME, PRAY ALSO FOR WORLD PEACE.

FINDING PEACE – Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace. If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness you will know what His will is. (Amy Carmichael)

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – “May all your troubles last as long as your New Year’s resolutions.” (The Joyful Noiseletter via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE)