

December 30 – Feast of the Holy Family

**"YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN
LOOKING FOR YOU."**

*Frantic, not finding him,
they double back to Jerusalem,
hunting everywhere over three days!*

And there he is.

*Often we cannot find you, Lord,
and we too are frantic.*

*You stayed behind to teach in the temple.
Teach us too: wisdom, and grace,
now and at all times - whenever we lose our way.*

Jesus, stay behind with us.

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FEAST OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*"And Mary Kept All
These Things, Reflecting
on Them in Her Heart."*



**And the glory of the Lord
uprooted, homeless.
Poor shepherds, a manger, a star.**

**She pondered all these things,
tried to make some sense of their meaning,
preserving, remembering, treasuring.**

**There were no final answers, though.
She searched for and found signs
of the Spirit's movements.
And that was enough for her.**

Oh God, make it enough for us.

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***Mass for Feast of Mary, the Mother of
God, and New Year's Day will be on
Monday, December 31, 4:00 PM, at St.
Maurice Church.***

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Jan. 2 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer
Fri., Jan. 4 7:45 AM Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 29 4 PM Richard Wagner
Sun., Dec. 30 10 AM Diane Earls
Mon., Dec. 31 4 PM Dale Tunny
Sat., Jan. 5 4 PM Diane Earls
Sun., Jan. 6 10 AM Anthony Scheidler

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – January 5 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Joe and Janet Wagner
Ken and Terry Harmeyer
Servers: Kayla Simon, Sam Simon
Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning
Lectors: Terry Harmeyer, Teha Merkel
Euch. Ministers: Judy Steuri, Katy Schmidt
Bill Deller, Janet Deller

Sunday – January 6 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Paul and Arlene Gehl - *back*
Dennis and Flo Wagner - *back*
Mark and Eli Wagner - *side*
Servers: Seth Weisenbach, Connor Toops
Cantor: Rachel Toops
Lectors: Paul Gehl, Arlene Gehl
Euch. Ministers: Sharon Miller, Ben Harlemert
Scott Simon, Vicki Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

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| Adult Envelopes | \$3262.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$ 18.74 |
| Loose Collection | <u>\$ 326.50</u> |
| Total Regular Collection | \$3607.24 |

\$3,335.00 needed weekly to meet budget.

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| Special Collections | \$3697.71 |
| + Capital Improvement - \$500.00 | |
| + Christmas - \$3127.71 | |
| + Christmas Flowers - \$70.00 | |

Blessed 2019 to You!

*"Little things done out of love are those that charm the
Heart of Christ." ~ St. Therese of Lisieux*

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn December 30 through January 6 for Leo Vanulzen.

OPEN DOOR TOUR – TODAY, Sunday, December 30, 1:00-5:00 PM, the Batesville Deanery welcomes you and your loved ones to tour the 19 beautifully decorated churches of our Deanery.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – "*ALL for the SAKE of OTHERS.*" As of today, the amount pledged to the United Catholic Appeal is **\$11,615.00**, which is **91%** of our goal. **71** households have responded thus far, which is **35%** of parish participation. We are only **\$1,090.00** from meeting our goal. If you have not sent your Intention Card in yet, please do so and help us meet our goal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – There will be no Religious Ed Wednesday, January 2, for Preschool through Grade 5.

Classes for Grade 6 through 11 next Sunday, January 6, 8:30 AM

ELECTRONIC BANKING – This option for giving in the weekly collection will begin on January 1, 2019.

FINANCE MEETING – Finance Committee members will meet Thursday, January 3, 7:00 PM.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room next Sunday, January 6, following the Masses.

MINISTRY OF CAREGIVING

Growing in
Faith
Living in
Hope
&
Love
Acting in

This coffee talk is scheduled for March 24, and the speakers for this session will be: Courtney Meyer, who is a registered nurse case worker, and Jimmy Collins, who is a Chaplain for Hospice.

Mark your calendar now!

COFFEE TALK



*"Staying Safe and
Secure in Violent
Times"*



Speaker: State Patrolman Kyle Black
When: Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 PM
Where: St. Maurice Parish Hall

PLEASE NOTE: All Church Greeters and Mass Coordinators are asked and expected to attend this session if at all possible.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek.

She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up:

"Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered,

"God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused. "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes indeed, honey," he said. "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't He?" (Columnist Smiley Anders, Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate)

SUNDAY REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus was found three days later in the Temple in the midst of the teachers. His distraught parents were upset that he had done this to them. Jesus said to them, "Did you not know that I must be in my father's house?" Perhaps Mary and Joseph had been lulled by the years and had forgotten what they knew of Jesus' true identity.

In our lives, we often forget about our own true identity. It is not who we are, rather *whose* we are. God has given us our life for a purpose and we need to never forget that. God is not ours. Instead, we are God's own children and we are loved more than we could ever comprehend. (Deacon Dick Folger)