

**December 29, 2013: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. — Mt. 2: 19-21

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**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, December 29, *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph* (Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23)**

8:00 am- John D. Henneke

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

**Monday, December 30 (1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40)**

7:00 am- Fred & Angeline Pustejovsky

10:00 am- Deceased members of Catholic Daughters Court Sacred Heart No. 797 (H'ville Rehab)

**Tuesday, December 31, *St. Sylvester I, Pope* (1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18)**

7:00 am- Willie Bohac

**Vigil Masses for Holy Day of Obligation –**

6:00 pm- Julius, Annie & Hedy Pustejovsky

11:30 pm- Living & deceased members of Ben & Emilia Bludau Family

**Wednesday, January 1, *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God* (Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21)**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

8:00 am- Louis & Emma Satsky

**Thursday, January 2, *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church* (1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28)**

7:00 am- Chris Jares

10:00 am- Eddie Belcik (Stevens)

**Friday, January 3, *The Most Holy Name of Jesus* (1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34)**

7:00 am- Joe, Lily, Katie & Sophie Muhlstein

8:05 am- Pete Steinberg

**Saturday, January 4, *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious* (1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18)**

5:30 pm- Herbert, Heddy, Wilbert & Robert Greer; & H.G. Cobb

**Sunday, January 5, *The Epiphany of the Lord* (1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42)**

8:00 am- Billy & Earline Chovanetz

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

**Church Bulletin:** In memory of John David Henneke.

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** K.J.Z.T. Society #2.

**Vigil Light:** Special intention for faith.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,767.50; Manna-\$2,117; Loose-\$1,128.50; Children-\$62.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins 6:00 p.m. in Church. This month's intention: *Peace & harmony in families and healing for the sick.*

-Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations, 7:00 p.m., Church.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

-Serra Club Mass for Vocations, 8:30 a.m., St. Rose, Schulenburg. Rosary at 8:00 a.m.

**Among our sick:** Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Glenn Rabel, Lisa Grissom, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Yvonne Muska, Russell Janak, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Melissa Pilat, Andrew Pesek, Wilton Hrcncir, Frances Kallus, Amanda Gutierrez, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

**New Year's Mass Schedule**

**St. Mary:** New Year's Day, 9:15 a.m.

**Moravia:** New Year's Eve, 5:00 p.m.

**St. John:** New Year's Day, 10:00 a.m.

**The Rectory will close at noon on Tuesday and all day Wednesday for the New Year's Holiday.**

**Perpetual Adoration** will continue through the New Year's holiday. If unable to fulfill your normal adoration hour, please find a replacement or contact your hourly captain.

**Sacred Heart Quilting Circle** will not meet until **January 7.**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a **New Year's Eve Dance** with music provided by The Red Ravens Polka Band from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight at the K.C. Hall. Breakfast is included in the price of the ticket. *Come ring in the New Year with us!*

**Calendar Membership:** **Dec. 19:** Anthony Siegel-\$100; **Dec. 20:** Patricia Belcik-\$100; **Dec. 23:** Cody & Nancy Feril-\$250; **Dec. 24:** Laura Jirkovsky-\$250; **Dec. 25:** Mary Beth Hall-\$250; **Dec. 26:** Mr. & Mrs. Hilbert Etzler, Victoria-\$250.

**SHCS Extravaganza, February 1, 6:00 pm-12:00 am, K.C. Hall.** Tickets \$125 per couple (includes social with hors d'oeuvres, refreshments all evening, steak dinner & dance to live music by *Cactus Country*. Purchase tickets at School Office, S.H. Credit Union or the Rectory.

**From the Desk of Msgr. John**

On behalf of Fr. Daniel, the Deacons, the Sisters and the Parish Staff, I would like to thank everyone for the gifts, Masses, prayers, Christmas cards and wishes given us this Christmas. May God bless all of you for your many kindnesses now and throughout this past year. May we all continue to grow spiritually together.

Thank you to Carol and Wilbert Etzler for overseeing the decorating of the church and all those who helped in any way, Renee Bludau for arranging the poinsettias, Margaret Dornak and Eddie Kosh for setting up the outside nativity. It takes many people to prepare everything for Christmas. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

**CCD News** ~~

Jan. 1: Classes dismissed.

Jan. 11: First Penance practice, 9:00 a.m., Church.

Jan. 12: First Penance, 2:00 p.m., Church.

**Sacred Heart Catholic School News** ~~

Dec. 21-Jan. 5: Christmas Holiday – Classes dismissed.



***Christmas Flowers Donors*** – Lillian

Gohlke-\$25; Jerry & Margaret Kallus-\$20;

Leroy & Janice Kallus-\$25; Leona

Chovanetz-\$25; Pete & Glenda Trlicek-\$30;

John & Charlene Pillow-\$20; James & Tonie Brooks-

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memory of Al & Joyce Wagner by their children-\$30;

Lois & Mike Nelson in memory of Hilbert & Agnes

Bludau-\$25; Deborah Janak in memory of David Janak,

Sr.-\$10; Deacon Sonny Rogers, Gilbert & Mary Urbish

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Alvin, Jr., Guntram & Annie Janak, Dwayne Janak, Don

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memory of Tim & Weldon Schaefer-\$20; Martha Sitka

in memory of Henry J. Sitka-\$25; Jimmie & Sylvia

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memory of Gilbert Butschek-\$20; Ron & Marie

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Louis R. Kallus & Carolyn Steffek-\$25; A.J. & Jo

Kutac in memory of Freida & Newton Renken, Stanley

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their children-\$25; Joyce Bludau in memory of David

Bludau, Hubert & Ethel Bludau, Mary Zissa-\$20;

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Stephen Schaefer, John & Alouise Zapalac, Herman &

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Alois J. Bittner-\$25; Ella Mae Bludau in memory of  
Ervin Bludau, Sr.-\$20; Glenn & Shara Steffek in  
memory of Rebecca & Julie Steffek-\$40; Josephine  
Leopold in memory of Andy Leopold, Sr.-\$5; Henry &  
Frances Kallus in memory of Henry & Sylvia Kallus-  
\$10; In memory of Tyler Bludau: Stephen & Renee  
Bludau-\$50, Henry & Frances Kallus-\$10, James &  
Audrey Poche-\$45, Mike Grimes & Shirley Bludau-\$10,  
Frank & Bernadette Bludau-\$30; Don & Barbara  
Rainosek in memory of Alvin Grahmann & V.L. & Rose  
Rainosek-\$40.

**The Holy Family –**



*"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt." What a dream! Or was it a nightmare? To be commanded to take flight like refugees in the night, to have a newborn baby and no time to pack or plan, all this must have been frightening to say the least.*

Joseph was no stranger to life-changing dreams though. He had already been told in a dream to take Mary as his wife, even though she was with child. He had planned to divorce her, but the dream completely changed his course. And now God was asking him to change course again, to relocate his family and live as aliens in a foreign land, under the shadow of Herod's headhunt for their son. But Joseph accepted these trials, placing his trust in God.

Although few of us have dreams like Joseph did, we do share with him the challenge of reconciling our plans with the hard facts of reality. When things don't go our way, we can respond with bitterness, or like the Holy Family, we can recognize an opportunity to deepen our faith in God's providence.

The holiness of this family did not prevent them from suffering. Rather, their holiness kept the suffering from overwhelming them. Even with the twists and turns in their path, they never got lost. Their faith in God was like a spiritual compass that kept them oriented in the most unfamiliar circumstances. When we too are called to change course in life, may we remember to let God show us the way. ©2013 Liturgical Publications, Inc.



God our Father, on this Feast of Mary, the Mother of God give us an appreciation of the many gifts You have given us during the past year. Help us bless You in return during the coming year by sharing some of our gifts with others who have far less than we do. Amen.