



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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JANUARY 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2024

Entrance Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are #463

Responsorial Psalm #1011

Psalm 72: Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.

Communion Hymns

The First Nowell #2071

What Child Is This #466

Silent Night #441

Closing Hymn

Go tell It on the Mountain #428

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Readings

#1011

First Reading:
Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading:
Ephesians 3:2-3a

Gospel:
Matthew 2:1-12



St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A C U P O F J O E

Greetings in Christ, all! This is the feast of Epiphany: the day we commemorate the arrival of the Magi from the East (present Iran) to honor the child Jesus. It's a reminder to us that God's Kingdom is for everyone: not a select group, not a specific ethnicity...everyone!



It's part of our Catholic custom that we bless our homes on this day. To that end, we've provided all the necessary tools and instructions for the Epiphany blessing. Envelopes are located in the gathering space. Please take one for your family. It's a short, really neat activity the family can do together today. I urge you to partake!

There is some sad news for us to pray about. This month, St. Pius X Catholic Church in Flint closes. That parish has served the people in Flint for quite some time. I'm asking us to place those good people in our hearts and pray for them. Should any of them choose to find a Spiritual Home here with us, let's welcome them and love on them.

I want to end this article with a thank you and a review. Last weekend I spoke at every Mass to give a sort of "State of the Parish" address. I hated not preaching, but we really prayed and this seemed to be where God was leading us. Not talking about Jesus bums me out and, as a result, I felt a bit insecure about it. So many of you were encouraging and kind in your response and that really helped me be at peace. Thank you with all my heart.

For those who weren't here last weekend or who need a reminder, here it is in a nutshell. Our Parish, School and Outreach to those in need are thriving. Our finances are good and we have no debt. People are returning to the practice of the faith in good numbers and our confession lines are wonderfully busy. We have our organ pipe installation contracted and work will begin in January 2025. Praise God!

We have some challenges for this next year that I want us to pray about and be ready for. This year, assuming we can find workers, we will build a sort of Super Structure on our property. We will use this large building as an office place for our maintenance, as well as a garage and storage for our outdoor work and tools. We will also use half of it for our Outreach Ministry. We are very excited about this.

As soon as that is complete, we will tear down the two houses and all the little sheds on our property. The houses cannot be saved without a significant investment that would end up exceeding the amount of money we'll spend on our new building.

The place in the gathering space where the organ pipes are currently located will be replaced with a large, attractive wooden structure that houses statues of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the 12 Apostles. I'm a statue guy so I'm ridiculously excited about this as well.

We have a very serious problem on our grounds: the area between the Church, School and Rectory was not built to handle the drainage area it has become. Bricks and concrete are breaking down. I have a lot of info on this, but the short version is we are going to have to tear that whole area out and rebuild it in a way that allows access to the lower parking lot, but still deals with water runoff in a way that isn't destructive to the rectory garage and the school gym/parish hall.

Finally, the Diocese is going to have another Capital Campaign, probably starting this year for us. I'll have more info on this as we get closer to commencing the campaign, but we are going to combine our need to fix that area I wrote about above with whatever goal is set for us.

I then asked if any family is in a position to give, but does not currently give, to please consider doing so. We've done a lot of wonderful work with 25% of our parish donating regularly and it's my belief that if we can get that percentage up, we could do so much more. Please consider going online and signing up for regular donations.

I closed by asking everyone to pray that we at Holy Family will be faithful to our mission and that God would protect us from evil.

Whew! That's a lot of typing. Thanks for sticking with me. Next week I hope to have more detail and updates for you on how wonderfully God has blessed us.

Thank you for letting Le and me be your priests. We think we are the most blessed priests in the world.



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"Others First" is This Weekend

We depend on your generosity to stock our Outreach Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. If you forgot to bring your food items to Mass this weekend, you can still bring them in any other weekend or you may drop them off during the week at Outreach (the white building north of the church) Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Please be sure that any donated foods are not beyond their expiration date. We are not able to share them.

STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

Welcome to our newest members who joined us through the Sacrament of Baptism.



Baptized on December 27, 2023

Juniper Belle Racine, daughter of Nicholas and Alexa Racine

Miles Paul Racine, son of David and Jillian Racine

Baptized on December 28, 2023

Hugh Collier Wells, son of William and Ashley Wells

Knights of Columbus Family Rosary



Please join us as we pray the Rosary for the intentions of all Holy Family Parishioners. We will pray a family Rosary **this Sunday, January 7** (the first Sunday of every month), shortly after the end of 10:00 AM Mass.

Holy Family Needle Crafters

We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and blessed and Happy New Year.



We will be meeting on **Monday, January 8th**, at 9:30 am at Linda Waggoner's home. If anyone is interested in attending an evening meeting (after 5 pm), please contact Linda. If there is interest, she will hold one Monday evening. Her address is 1264 Woodnoll Dr., Flint 48507 and her phone is (810) 444-7036. We received a large donation of cut fabric from Dian G. from her late sister Betty M. Thank you so much, Dian. We will go through it at the meeting and have members take fabric for projects to work on. We are still in need of fleece hats for "No Child Left Behind" at Holy Family and baby receiving blankets and burp cloths for the Luke 52 Project. Also baby supplies and baby toys would be appreciated to make gift bags for the expectant moms. We can continue to craft bereavement quilts and shawls as well.

Thanks to everyone who helped in December to get the Angel Tree gifts packed up and ready to distribute.

Everyone is welcome to join us. No experience is necessary. We will teach you. It is fun and a very rewarding group. Please bring a cloth bag with you to the next meeting to carry your projects home.

God Bless. Any questions? Contact Linda or Rose Mary 810-694-8980.



Our newest parishioners

We welcome our newest families that have joined Holy Family. Let's continue to make them and anyone else who walks through our doors welcome.

Thomas and Abir Joubran, children Michal and Leah

Mary Davio

April and Phillip Clos

Patrick and Taylor Tully, sons Callum and Connor

Julie Stelzer

Bruce Likowski

Richard and Mary Mazzola, and son Joseph

Gina Panone

Sandi Gillard

Kyle Brown

Mario and Christine Maiorana, children Alison, Trevor, and Aaron

Jeanette Nelson

Scott and Robin Kmet

Jamie and John R. Farrel IV, children Caryss, John, and Harrison

Helen Sandelands, children Sarah and Isabelle

And Welcome Back...

William and Kay Potvin

Stewardship of Treasure December 30th & 31st, 2023

No stewardship report
available this week

Recipient of 1.25% tithing on Others First weekend:
Family Promise of Genesee County provides services to families during temporary periods of homelessness, keeping them together in a time of crisis while assisting them in achieving sustainable independence.

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Chalking the Door

20 + C + M + B + 24

This year we invite you to join us in the tradition of "chalking the door" to celebrate the Epiphany. The Epiphany marks the arrival of the magi to the place where Jesus was born and the end of Christmas. This year it will be celebrated on Sunday, January 7 (typically celebrated on January 6, the 12th day of Christmas). Envelopes with the prayer and blessed chalk are available in the Gathering Space for you to participate at your home.



"Chalking the door" is a sign and symbol of asking God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. In Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in this service, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign inviting God's presence and blessing into our homes.

The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. It is also an abbreviation for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!" The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year.

Pray: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

120th Pope - Anastasius III

Born in Rome, he was elected bishop of Rome and ruler of the Papal States in April 911. He was favored on the basis of his impeccable morality and his virtuous behavior, a quality which had been lacking in his predecessor. In the two years of his pontificate he was not able to achieve much because of the persistent internal disorders. He suffered the pressures exerted by Berengarius I. However, during his pontificate a large number of Normans located in a Northern region of France, converted to Christianity. The name Normandy derives from them. Pope Anastasius III died in June 913 and the suspicion of poisoning accompanied his death.



Knights' Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus' monthly breakfast will be **Sunday, January 14th**, from 9 am to noon in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Waffles, pancakes, omelets, eggs and more will be served. Bake sale items will also be available. Breakfast is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids, \$30 for a nuclear family (parents and their kids). All profits will go to support 4th Degree charitable activities. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



Catholic 101

January 14, 2024
This week's topic:

Rescue Project: What difference does it make?

Whether you are already Catholic or becoming Catholic, ALL are welcome! Topics of discussion will be updated weekly. Please join us anytime!

Dcn. Dan Medich
dmedich@hfgb.org

Sundays | 11:30 am - 1 pm
St. Joseph Center

Catholic 101a

January 16, 2024
This week's topic:

Lord's Prayer

For those who are looking to go beyond the basics of our Catholic faith. Topics of discussion will be updated weekly. Please join us anytime!

Dcn. Dan Medich
dmedich@hfgb.org

Tuesdays | 6 pm - 7:15 pm
St. Joseph Center

Catholic 201

January 14, 2024
This week's topic:

True Reformers St. Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier for Christ

For those who are looking to go beyond the basics of our Catholic faith. Topics of discussion will be updated weekly. Please join us anytime!

Dcn. Dan Medich
dmedich@hfgb.org

Sundays | 11:30 am - 1 pm
St. Joseph Center

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WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Women's Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us to study Divine Mercy and The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the St. Joseph Center. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 10th**, at 10:00 am. Questions? Contact Terrie Alfaro 810-820-1992

55 & Over Club

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24



Life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed.

Join us **Tuesday, January 9th**, at 11:30 am in the large hall. We would enjoy a visit with you. Board meeting at 11 am.

Knights' Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus' monthly spaghetti dinner will be **Wednesday, January 17th**, from 5-7 pm in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Spaghetti, salads and more. Bake sale items will also be available. The spaghetti dinner is \$9 for adults, \$5 for kids and \$32 for a nuclear family (parents and their kids). All profits will go to support 4th Degree charitable activities. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



Catholic Calendars for 2024

Catholic Calendars for 2024 will be available in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to take one as you leave the church. This year your calendar donation will raise funds for Buildings & Grounds. Please use the envelope attached to the calendar, that can be returned at any Mass in the collection box or visit hfgb.org and donate to the Buildings & Grounds fund online. Whatever you are able to contribute will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



by Matthew Kelly

Part One

Awakening - A Moment of Clarity

It only took a moment. In that moment I realized what was possible. In that moment I learned to collaborate with God and create Holy Moments. It was a moment of grace like none other. And I have spent my life trying to help others discover that same clarity and joy. It is the only way I know to express my gratitude for the infinite blessings that moments brought to my life.



It was a moment of awakening, a moment of realization, a moment of discovery, a moment of clarity, and a moment of unmitigated joy. It was a Holy Moment.

Now it's your turn. This is your moment. The moment when you realize that despite what your life has been up until now, and regardless of anything you have done in the past, what matters most is what you do next.

(To be continued next week)

When Life Finally Makes Sense

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 20.*

2024 Altar Flowers

Our web page for ordering Altar flowers is open! Please go to: <https://hfgbaltarflowers.pushpayevents.com/> Your \$50 donation for your specific month will help us provide flowers at the altar and around the sanctuary to beautify our worship space. Your loved one's name will be listed in the parish bulletin for that entire month. You may offer flowers in honor of a living person for a special occasion or in memory of your loved one.



We will continue to have Easter and Christmas memorial collections as well. **During Lent and Advent there will be no flowers in church.**

If you have any questions or if you need assistance ordering, you may contact Theresa Dyer at 810-694-4891, ext. 2211, or tdyer@hfgb.org.

Mass Intentions January 8 - 14

Monday, January 8

8:00 AM Ada and Joe Cross (Living) by *Rich and Theresa Cross*

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 AM Butch Petrykowski by *Marianne Petrykowski*

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 AM Edward Suess by *Mary Andrews*

8:00 PM Cletus Emmendorfer by *Janice Hennen*

Thursday, January 11

8:00 AM Howard Waters by *Janet Waters*

Friday, January 12

8:00 AM Leo Debien by *Maureen Debien*

Saturday, January 13

8:00 AM Clarence Petrykowski by *Petrykowski Family*

4:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM Patrick Reardon by *Lisa and Gavin Beach*

10:00 AM Patricia Bills by *Paul and Desiree Londrigan*

12:00 PM James Romprey by *Peter and Linda Daunt*

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Neil Hamilton by *Dee Dye*

Rockwood Polzin by *Dee Dye*

To schedule Mass intentions, please email Theresa Dyer at tdyer@hfgb.org or call 810-694-4891, ext. 2211, or stop in the parish office 9 a.m. - noon or 1 - 4 p.m. M-Th.

Liturgical Ministry - January 13/14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Doug Zloto, Colleen Argus

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Linda Nawrocki Anna Przyjazny

Altar Servers:

Owen Psenski Liam Verdun Oliver Hoerig

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Jane Avereyn, Cristina Carlstrom

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Andrea Raysin Adam Raysin

Altar Servers:

(help needed - 3)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Rod Shick, Dan Savoie

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Ken Mraz Amy Sappington

Altar Servers:

Amelia Elston William Shaver Logan Sliwka

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Bill Harris, Dr. Steve James

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Donald Leavy Cindy Leavy

Altar Servers:

Owen Cameron Will Urbanik **(help needed - 1)**

Weekly Readings January 7 - 14

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

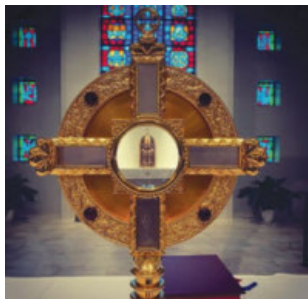
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Holy Family Lending Library

The lending library (for religious books) is located in the gathering space. You are welcome to take a book and return it when finished for others to read. (We are not able to accept donations to the library at this time.)



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday

2 pm - 6 pm

Every Friday

12 pm - 4 pm

Come rest in the presence

"Adoration is prayer that prolongs the celebration and Eucharistic Communion and in which the soul continues to be nourished: it is nourished with love, truth, peace; it is nourished with hope, because the One before whom we prostrate ourselves does not judge us, does not crush us, but liberates and transforms us."

Pope Benedict XVI



Knightly Update

January 2024

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Knights' Dues are Due

If you are a Knight, it is that time of year to pay your dues. You should have received a notice in your email telling you the amount you owe, usually \$50.00. Please contact our Financial Secretary Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714 or joe.buffa@sbcglobal.net to pay.

Baby Bottles for Life

Thanks to all those who donated to the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottles for Life drives at Holy Family and St. Mark's. Because of your generosity, we raised \$8,939. We will donate the money raised to the following local pro-life pregnancy centers:

Impact Pregnancy Resource Center
Luke 52 Project Clinic
Pregnancy Help Clinic
Answer Center for Women
Heartbeat of Greater Flint

If you still have a baby bottle to return, you can still return those bottles to an usher or at any Knights of Columbus event, such as the Family Rosary, Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner, or one of our Council meetings.

No Neighbor Left Behind

In 2023 the Knights helped 375 families and 19 different outreaches/organizations/pregnancy centers, providing more than 4,032 household items to the families and more than 1,410 items to the non-profits. We provide families in need with furniture, appliances, pots, pans and dishes. We deliver clothes, food and special requests to Holy Family and other area outreaches.

Thank you to Holy Family Outreach and all who help with donations, pickups and deliveries.

Since September of 2021, we have served 599 families, 308 of which were referred to us by one of the 51 different non-profit organizations we work with. We have delivered over 6,562 household items.

We currently have 141 families waiting for us to find/deliver 1,074 items for them. We especially need beds, dressers, appliances, and kitchen tables, in addition to silverware, pots and pans. We cannot deliver what we have in storage fast enough, so if you can help deliver to a family, it would be a blessing to them.

Special thanks to all those who have donated to our fundraiser to purchase a high roof van, which will allow us to deliver beds in the rain. We have received over 39% of our goal! Contact Al Gaulin, Desiree Londrigan at deslondrigan@yahoo.com or (810) 625-0860, or Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714 if you would like to donate.

Can you help deliver one day per month? Do you have items to donate or money to donate to allow us to purchase appliances, etc. for families? Contact Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714.

December Knight of the Month – Tom Everett

Tom has stepped up to take over our monthly Pancake Breakfast program. He also leads a team of ushers at Holy Family. Whenever you look at a Knights' project, whether it be setting up the nativity scene, one of our fundraising programs, both of our monthly meals, or the Knights lending a hand to Holy Family's Outreach, you will see Tom there on the front lines. He serves as an excellent example of faith in action.

December Family of the Month – Deacon Ron Kenney & family

Deacon Ron is a passionate and vocal proponent of the Knights. He goes above and beyond to bring attention to our efforts and our programs as we include the St. Mark's parish, from Tootsie Roll Drive to the Baby Bottle Drive.



January Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun., Jan. 7	11:10	Family Rosary	Church
Th., Jan. 11	6:30	Planning Meeting	Small Hall
Th., Jan. 11	7:30	Council Meeting	Small Hall
Sun., Jan. 14	9:00	Pancake Breakfast	Lg. Hall
Wed., Jan. 17	5:00	Spaghetti Dinner	Lg. Hall
Th., Jan. 25	7:30	Rosary meeting*	Small Hall

*spouses welcome

Join the Knights

If you are a Catholic Man over the age of 18 and you are looking to become part of a group dedicated to service and fraternity, consider joining the Knights. The time commitment is minimal, but the difference you can make in our community is huge! Please contact Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714. You can also visit www.kofc.org.

PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

A funeral service was held at Holy Family on December 28 for **Phyllis**



Rest in Peace

White. Phyllis, age 94, died on Thursday, December 21, 2023. She was born October 18, 1929, in Flint to Russell and Mary Greenman. She married Robert White on June 6, 1953. Surviving are daughter-in-law Madeline White, three grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, sons Craig and Rick, and sister Norma.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on December 29 for **Rockwood Polzin.** Rocky, age 81, died Friday, December 15, 2023. He was born March 11, 1942, in Flint to Rockwood and Marie Polzin. He married Donna Pace on February 19, 1965. Surviving are his wife, children Gretchen (Jim) Ridley and Brian (Veronica), as well as five grandchildren and a sister. He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings.

Lord, we remember in our prayers Phyllis White and Rockwood Polzin, whom you have called to be with you. May the calming peace of your love be with their families. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Please Pray for Our Ill and Their Caregivers

Dear God, We place our worries into your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more... Mary Jo Byk, Bill Chaffee, Tony Conklin, Terry Crosby, Linda Daunt, Terry and Sue Duffy, Cameron Fox, Patricia Gaines, Susan Geisler, Cheryl Gelisse, Robert (Bob) H. Gower, Tom Goyette, Barbara Greene, William R. Hartley, Ron Holmes, Ella Janson, Tom Jarvis, Justine Kaneris, Amanda Krizan, Jason Londrigan, Kate Londrigan, Melissa Matthews, Sharon McDonald, Cathy Michalak, Rick Munger, Joseph Partyka, Sheila Peltier, Amanda Petronzi, Janet Prosniewski, Diane Sabo, Germaine Smith, Kay Stewart, Rob Toth, and Eric Wohleben.

To add or remove someone from our prayer list, we need the person or an immediate family member to call the parish office (810) 694-4891 or e-mail the name to us at: holyfamily@hfgb.org. We will keep the names on the list for three months and then remove them unless we are notified, but you are welcome to re-submit names. We want to help our ill and their caregivers with prayer.

Pray the Patriotic Rosary

Please come to pray in the church at **4 p.m. every Thursday** to "Put God Back in America." The more voices, the more powerful the prayer. For information, call Joe Dunn at 810-516-3543 or Richard Dent at 810-624-2996.



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the following Holy Family parishioners who died on these dates:

January 7

Margaret Gainey, Frank M. Clune, Mary Bissonnette, Terence Doherty, Dolores Hajek

January 8

Michael Kennett, Herbert Bader, Lynn Mellott

January 9

Geneva "Gail" Cavanaugh, William McCarthy, John "Jack" Dillon, Howard DeGrouchy

January 10

Keith Langevin, Michael Rulka, Alice Hassberger, Mary Montpas

January 11

Albert Cavanaugh, Frank Kosh, John Skolnik, Sr., Howard Waters, Robert Duker

January 12

Leona Nowicki

January 13

Ernest Miller, Michael Yates, Virginia Jablonski

Altar Flowers

For January

In Memory of

Robert and Valeria Bartley by Patricia Dailey

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 308)



"I desire that you make an offering of yourself for sinners and especially for those souls who have lost hope in God's mercy."

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January

For the gift of diversity in the church - *We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic church.*

FOLLOWING OUR FAITH



Eucharistic Adoration "Adorers" Needed

Every Tuesday and Friday, we expose the Blessed Sacrament for time of Eucharistic Adoration. This is a wonderful time for private prayer and personal communion with the Lord.

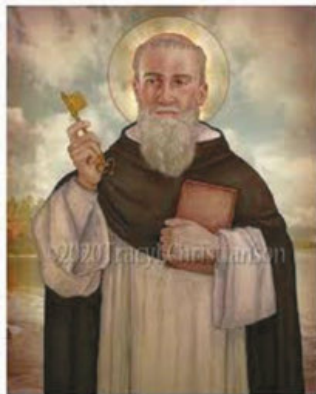
It is necessary that, when the Lord is exposed on the altar during adoration, individuals are present for prayer and adoration, either communally or individually. We lovingly refer to those volunteers who dedicate this time to our Lord, as Adorers. We invite and welcome all to come and spend time with the Lord, but we need some to commit to a time so we know our Lord is not left alone.

If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful ministry, please contact the parish office at (810) 694-4891 or Genevieve Psenski at gpsenski@hfgb.org. This will be the best hour of your day. Let Him transform you.

Saint

January 7: St. Raymond Peñafort

In his early 30s he earned a doctorate in both canon and civil law. At 41 he became a Dominican. Pope Gregory IX called him to Rome to work for him and to be his confessor. One of the things the pope asked him to do was to gather together all the decrees of popes and councils that had been made in 80 years since a similar collection by Gratian. Raymond compiled five books called the Decretals. They were looked upon as one of the best-organized collections of Church law until the 1917 codification of canon law.



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

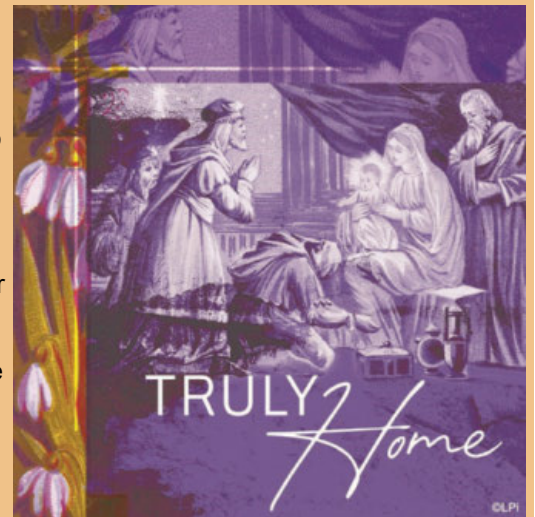
The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I *truly* at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi,

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.



If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— *Father John Muir*

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Every year Catholic Charities' North End Soup Kitchen makes 39,000 sandwiches, that's 750 every week! They don't just provide sandwiches to their guests, they also provide them to My Brothers Keeper and the South Flint Soup Kitchen. They will soon be providing them in their Warming Centers as well. Sandwich bread is desperately needed! If you are able to donate, please contact North End Soup Kitchen at (810) 785-6911.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Give your marriage and your faith a little sparkle in the new year at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Jan. 19-21 at St. Brigid-Midland, **March 1-3** at Center for Ministry-Saginaw, or **April 12-14** at St. Francis Retreat Center-DeWitt. Apply at wwme.org or call Chris and Darla Vinton at 517-667-0433.

Other upcoming English 2024 Experiences:
June 11-13 and Sept. 6-8 Maryville Retreat Center-Holly
Aug. 2-4 and Oct. 4-6 Augustine Center-Petoskey



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Tickets are \$35 and on sale now! To buy tickets or find more information, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/nuns4fun>.

Married Couples Weekend

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI
February 2-4, 2024

Join us February 2-4, 2024 for a weekend away from the busyness of daily life to reconnect with your spouse!

Talks will be centered around discipleship in the sacrament of matrimony. Also included in the weekend is a vow renewal ceremony, blessing of wedding rings, Mass, time to unwind, and fun cocktail receptions! Speakers include Bishop Boyea, Fr. Gary Koenigsnecht, Deacon Eric & Susan Pogrmich, and Mike & Lisa Kutas.

The weekend will begin on Friday with Mass at 5 pm, followed by check-in at 6 pm. Dismissal on Sunday is at 11 am.

To register or find more information, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/mcw>.

Workshop Focuses on Relating to People Most in Need of Compassion

How do Scriptures call us to relate to people in need of compassion? Sister Maribeth Howell, OP, PhD, STD, addresses that question in a workshop, *The Poor, the Widow, the Orphan, and the Stranger in your Land*, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST **Saturday, January 20, 2024**, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center and via live stream.

In the workshop, Sister Maribeth explores our call to relate to people in need by examining texts from the Hebrew Scriptures, particularly Exodus, Deuteronomy, and several books of the prophets; New Testament writings; and church teachings. An Adrian Dominican Sister, Sister Maribeth is a member of the Congregation's Vocations Team, a spiritual director, and a former theology professor.

The cost is \$45, including lunch, for those who are attending in person, and \$35 for those participating via live stream. Registration is required. To register, visit www.webercenter.org and click "programs," call 517-266-4000, or email webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

Weber Center is on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters Motherhouse, Adrian, Michigan. Traveling east on Siena Heights Drive, pass the Adrian Rea Literacy Center and turn left just before the solar panel-covered parking lot. Follow the signs to Weber Center. For information, call the Weber Center at 517-266-4000.

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Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (Livestreamed), 12 p.m.

Monday - Saturday: 8 a.m. (Livestreamed)
(Playback available on YouTube & Facebook)

Wednesday: 6 pm

Confession Schedule

Wednesdays 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm (before 6 pm Mass)

Saturdays 8:30 am (after 8 am Mass)

First Saturdays - multiple priests will hear confessions at 9 am

Quantum Catechesis

Wednesday - Friday: 12 p.m.

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Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays (2 - 6 p.m.) & Fridays (12 to 4 p.m.)

Vocations - If you are interested in the priesthood, please contact Fr. Joe. If you are interested in the permanent Diaconate, please contact Dcn. Dan Medich.

Prayers & Devotions

Rosary for Peace & with Fatima Prayer

- Wednesday 4 pm

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

- Wednesday after 6 pm Mass

Pray the Patriotic Rosary (Help Put God Back in America)

- Thursday 4 pm

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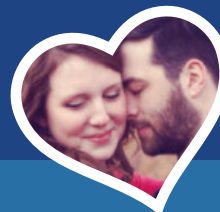


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