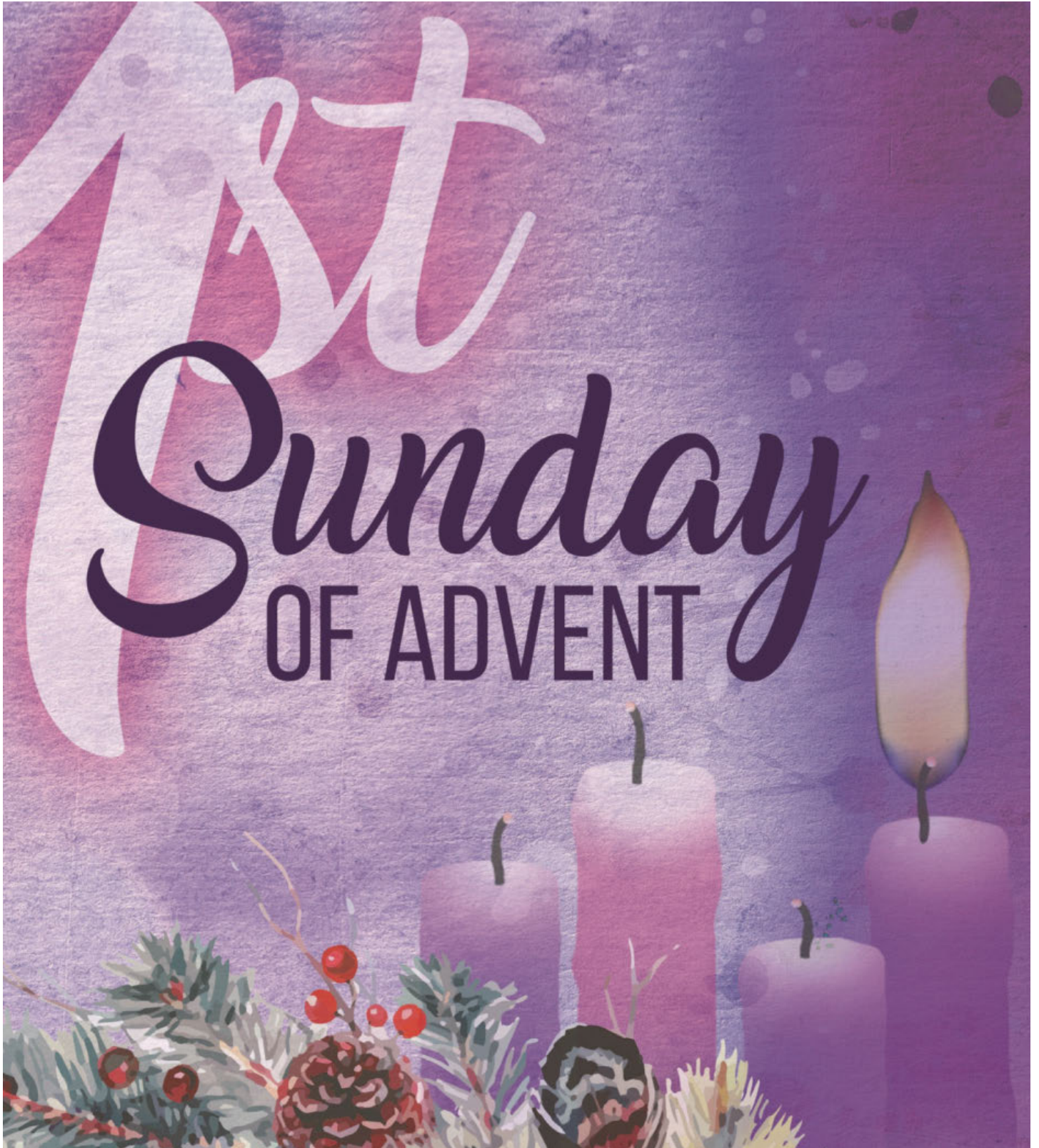




CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 1, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Opening Hymn

The King Shall Come #414
When Morning Dawns

Responsorial Psalm #993

Psalm 25: To you, O Lord, I lift my
soul, to you I lift my soul.

Communion Hymns

This Is Jesus #2071

As the Deer #2027

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord #40

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord #39

Closing Hymn

Soon and Very Soon #865

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.

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.

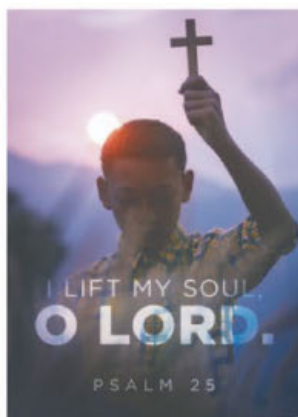
Readings

#993

First Reading:
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading:
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel:
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



A C U P O F J O E

Greetings in Christ!

I hope everyone had an amazing Thanksgiving. God is so good. I believe it's true that few things are more healing, more important and more rare than a thankful spirit. It is so easy to find and complain about what is wrong, it takes a person of character and vision to see what is right. Let's continue that beautiful Thanksgiving Spirit with us for the rest of our lives.



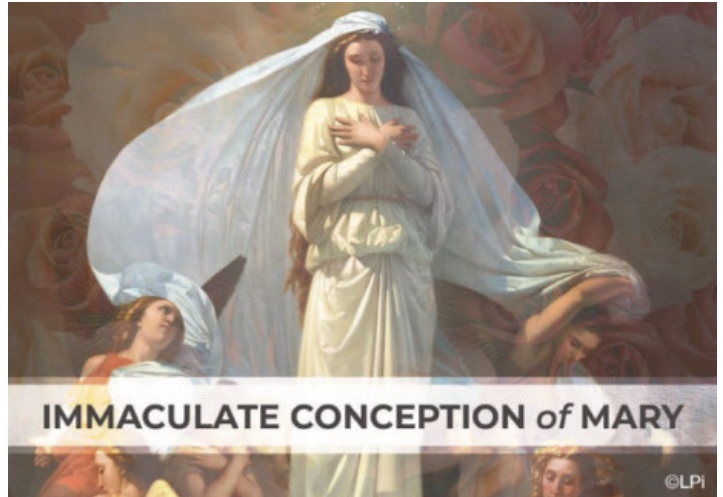
This is the First Sunday of Advent. We begin a four-week stretch of preparing our Hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth and be ready for His Second Coming. I can't imagine the pressure many of you feel this time of year; society puts so much on us all. I hope and pray you feel no pressure from us here except to come and pray with us. Jesus doesn't need you to accomplish anything or to get everything right. He simply wants you nearby. Think of Him. Spend time with Him. Let Him take the burdens off your shoulders and love you right where you are.

Advent by Candlelight is this Thursday. This event for women can be a wonderful time to reflect on the season of Advent. Join us in the Church for a brief time of reflection, support and prayer.

Next Monday, we have multiple Mass times to honor Our Blessed Mother. On December 9th, we will have masses at 6:30am, 8am, and 6pm to pray in gratitude for the wonder of Our Mother's Immaculate Conception. Please make sure and get to one of these if you can!

Jesus bless you all...I'm so grateful to God that I get to be your priest!

fjk



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 9, 2024

6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. (with school), 6 p.m.



We are so excited to offer Advent by Candlelight once again, an evening for women with prayer, song, food, and fun. This special time is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the coming of Jesus.

This year, Advent by Candlelight will be held on **Thursday, December 5th**, beginning in the church at 6:30 pm (church doors will open at 6 pm). This is for women who are at least 21 years old.

All women of the parish attending the event are also invited to hostess a table. Hostesses set their tables in the Fr. Bush Parish Center, provide finger foods for their guests, and visit for more than an hour after the service in the church. To reserve and hostess a table, please register at hfgb.org. Anyone who would like to come but cannot hostess a table may call the parish office, and we will find a table placement for you.

STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

Welcome!

To any visitors joining us - a special WELCOME! If you would like to register and make Holy Family your parish family, we would love to have you! You can register online on our website hfgb.org. Just click on "I'm New" and select "Membership" from the dropdown menu. You may also stop by or call the parish office at 810-694-4891.

"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.

Retirement Fund for Religious

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious **next week**. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. An envelope may be found in your packet or you may choose to give online.



2024 Giving Tree

Holy Family Parish has accepted the names of 353 children (136 families) from the North End Soup Kitchen for their annual Angel Tag program. Last year they had 1,200 children who received gifts from the community as a whole and they always worry about ability to respond. This is roughly 90 more than last year. Our parish said, "You can give us more. We can do it." And you've always come through.



How it works:

- Choose an angel tag (s) from the tree which will be located in the Gathering Space after Masses Saturday and Sunday, **November 23rd and 24th**. We're starting a week earlier because some have expressed wishes to shop the Black Friday sales. If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to obtain an Angel tag, please call Nancy Repuyan at (810) 444-8896 **prior to November 23rd** and she'll give you a child's name and information. Follow the instructions in envelope.

Please return your gifts anytime **through Sunday, December 15th**, to the Gathering Space. We'll need Monday all day to ensure everyone is accounted for, and bag them by families. The Soup Kitchen will be coming with their truck early Tuesday morning, the 17th to pick up.

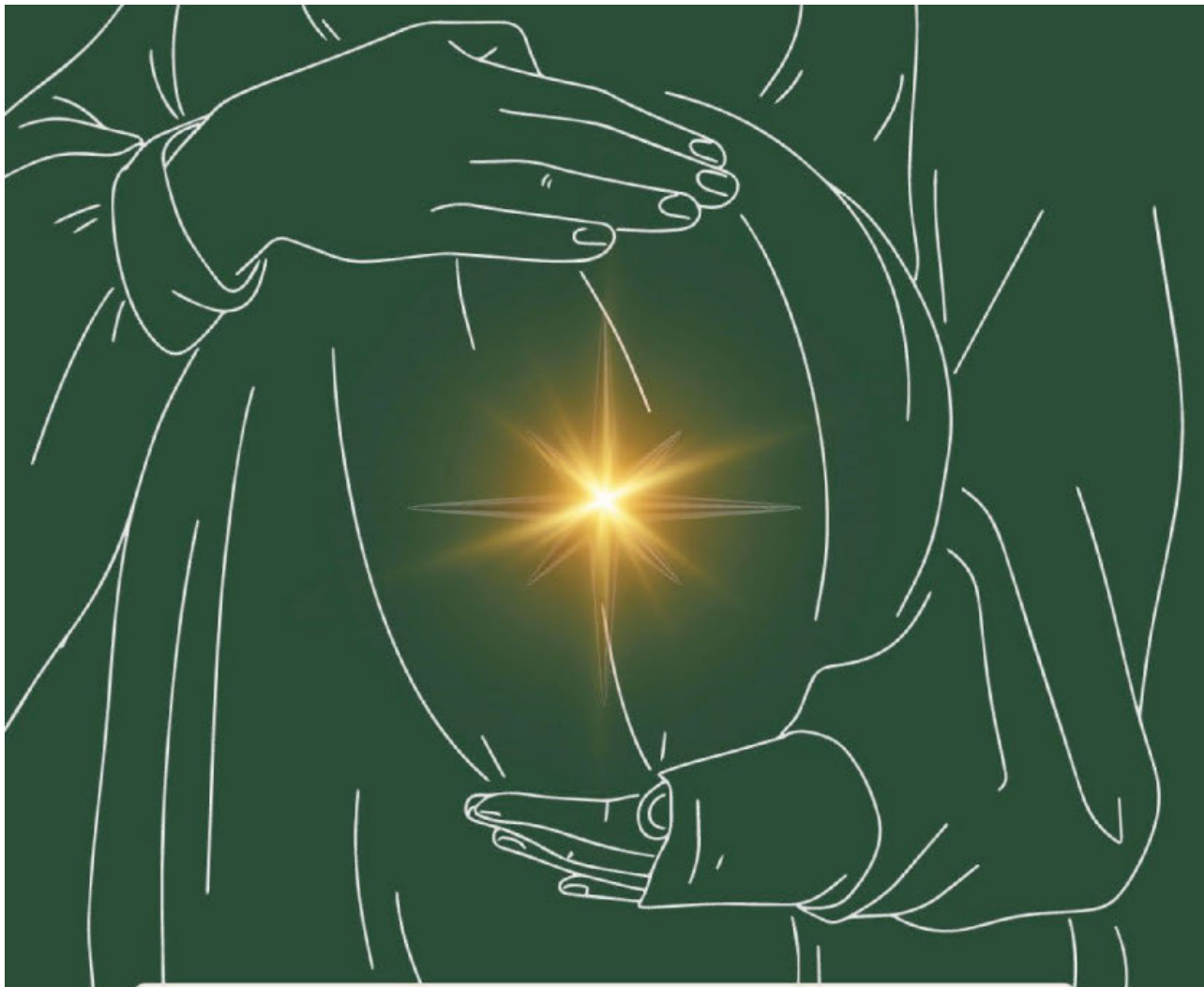
Thank you for your very generous hearts.

Stewardship of Treasure November 23rd & 24th, 2024

No stewardship report
available this week
due to early bulletin deadline

Recipient of 1.25% tithing on Others First weekend:
Holy Angels Warming Center in Flint is all the name implies. A soup kitchen and a place for the homeless to come inside, warm up and be sustained with food. Open 24 hours a day in extremely cold months..

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY PRESENTS

Journey to Christmas

a free concert

FEATURING:

ADULT CHOIR
BELL CHOIR
YOUTH CHOIR

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8TH,
5PM

11804 S. SAGINAW
GRAND BLANC, MI

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL



WHEN:

Tuesday,
December 3, 6:30 p.m.
*(aimed towards Holy Family
School Families)*

WHERE:

Fr. Bush Parish Center

PROGRAM:

6:30 p.m.
Cocktails and hors
d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m.
*Stewardship for Saints and
Scholars Presentation*



STEWARDSHIP *for*
**SAINTS &
SCHOLARS**

*The campaign for Catholic education
in the Diocese of Lansing*

YOU'RE INVITED

I hope you will join me and campaign leadership to learn about this historic effort and the many ways you can support it. The campaign is an opportunity to support our parish construction project and Catholic education at our parish and all throughout the diocese!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe Krupp

RSVP:

The favor of your reply is requested to the parish office at (810) 694-4891 or email info@hfgb.org.



Be a part of our Holy FAMILY!
Contact Lisa Harvey at 810-694-9072, ext. 0
or lharvey@hfsgb.org
www.hfsgb.org



WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

55 & Over Club

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Timothy 1:12.



I have held many things in my hands and lost them all; But the things I have placed in God's hands, those I will always possess.

Join us **Tuesday, December 3rd** in the parish center large hall at 11:30am. Board meeting at 11:00am. Bring lunch.

DBSA Peer-led Support Group

(Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance)

Join a community of caring and supportive people who can help you on your road to recovery. The support group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Center. For more information, call Angela at (810) 347-4706.

Knights' Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus' monthly breakfast will be **Sunday, December 8th**, 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 Holy Family FIRST Robotics Team #23579. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



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 today, **Sunday, December 1** (the first Sunday of every month), shortly after the end of 10:00 AM Mass.



HOLY FAMILY 2024

Christmas Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

8 a.m.* (Morning Mass)

CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m.* (no incense)

6 p.m.

Midnight

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

8 a.m.* (no incense)

10 a.m.

No Confessions

THURSDAY- SATURDAY

DECEMBER 26 - 28

Regular Morning Masses

8 a.m.*

No Confessions on Sat.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY VIGIL

4 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8 a.m.

10 a.m.*

Noon

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

8 a.m.* (Morning Mass)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL

6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8 a.m.*

No Confessions

No 6 p.m. Mass

There will be additional parking in the lower lot and Mass viewing in the Fr. Bush Parish Center for the 4 p.m. (& 6 p.m. if needed) Christmas Eve Masses.

*Livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube and hfgb.org

Mass Intentions December 2 - 8

Monday, December 2

8:00 AM Dennis Shonk *by Maxine Shonk*

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 AM Roy Majestic *by Janet Waters*

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 AM Clarence Petrykowski *by Petrykowski Family*

6:00 PM Jessie Koster *by Maxine Shonk*

Thursday, December 5

8:00 AM Stephen Racine *by Maria LeBlanc*

Friday, December 6

8:00 AM Sandra Preville *by Women of Witness Prayer Group*

Saturday, December 7

8:00 AM Cayden Aspis *by Riopelle/Psensi Families*

4:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Jobbagy Family *by Richard Jobbagy*

10:00 AM Helen Dipzinski *by Delores Gauthier Family*

12:00 PM John Schoendorff *by Walt & Lorraine Schoendorff*

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

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. Mon, Tue or Thur.

Christmas Flowers

A nice way to remember or honor someone at Christmas and help make our church beautiful, in honor of Jesus/ birthday, is with a donation to the Christmas altar flowers. The donations are also used throughout the year to beautify the church and gathering space. There are three ways you may participate:



- ◆ Flower memorial envelopes may be found on a table in the gathering space. These can be returned to the collection box or parish office.
- ◆ You may go online to donate under "Memorial Flowers" and then email your memorial names to Linda Doyle at ldoyle@hfgb.org.
- ◆ You may mail a check to the parish office with a paper including your names.

Please clearly print names. If you include a phone number, we can call if we have a question. For memorials to honor a living person, please write "living" after their name. All donations need to be submitted by **Wednesday, December 11th**, to be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

Liturgical Ministry - December 7/8

Second Sunday of Advent

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Gina Hunsinger, Sam Burdick

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Linda Schauman Kathy Swiantek Randy Swiantek
Colleen Argus

Altar Servers:

Tony Bonifazi Oliver Hoerig

(help needed - 2)

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Steve Rousseau, Adam Mitchell

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Kevin Wilcox Paul Wolven David Roberts II
Greg Snyder

Altar Servers:

Jimmy Dowling Gavin Raysin

(help needed - 2)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Doug Benchley, Madeline Brender

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Amy Daliege Gayle Elston Janet Lane
Peter Lindgren

Altar Servers:

Chloe Co Emma Darmafall Jonathan Darmafall
Sadie Drainville

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Scott Heron, Dr. Steve James

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Desiree Londrigan Paul Londrigan Donald Leavy
Cynthia Leavy

Altar Servers:

Kolten Barry Owen Cameron Will Urbanik

(help needed - 1)

Weekly Readings December 1 - 8

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

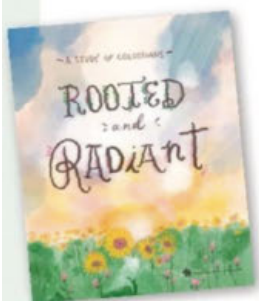
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

In the **Rooted and Radiant** Bible study we'll learn the book of Colossians verse by verse. We will seek to understand the challenges that faced the Colossians, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.



walking with purpose



Thursdays

January 9 - March 13

9 - 11:00 am | St. Joseph Center

or

7 - 8:30 pm | via Zoom

Rooted and Radiant: \$25
(link to purchase book found in registration)

To register, **go to hfgb.org**
or Holy Family app!

For more information, contact:
Vikki Lasota
vlasota@msn.com or 248-653-2117
Kristin Smith
kristinsmith265@gmail.com

Holy Family & St. Mark **MOMS OF YOUNG CHILDREN PLAY GROUP**

Come and enjoy meeting other
moms and their children.
It's a "play date" for moms with kids!

Friday, December 6th 10:00am

- Play Date
- Sloan Museum

Friday, December 13th 10:00 am

- Holiday Toddler/Pre-schooler Sing Along
and Hot Chocolate Get-together
- St. Mark Goodrich

Stephanie Robinson
(586) 899-9084
Erin Downes
(517) 294-7679



Drop in anytime!

Catholic Moms of Young Children Play Group

Caroling For Christ

Sponsored by Holy Family School PTO

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our Holy Family
Community! Activities include:

- Making Snowman pins
- Bell Wristlets
- Decorating Christmas Cookies
- Listening to a Christmas book
- Get ready to go Caroling with coffee or hot cocoa
- Go Caroling!

Saturday, December 7th after 4pm Mass
Father Bush Parish Center

To register please scan QR
Code:



FOLLOWING OUR FAITH



by Matthew Kelly

Holy Moments Explained -

Part 3. THE DIVINE PLAN What gives you hope?

To write is to hope. My main hope in setting out to write this book was to convince you of one thing: Holy Moments are possible. I knew if I could convince you of that, your life would change. Sometimes a reader will say, "your book changed my life!" It is beautiful and humbling to hear, but the danger is to think of the book as the miracle. The real miracle is the changed life.

Holy Moments are possible. If that statement is true, so many other things become possible. There is an amazing moment in Victor Hugo's epic story *Les Misérables*. The main character is a man named Jean Valjean. Released from prison after 19 years of hard labor for stealing a loaf of bread, he is bitter, angry, and resentful of everyone. One evening he knocks on a door looking for food. The owner welcomes him into his home to share a meal and to stay the night.

(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life*. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 73

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

**Excerpts from God in the Diary of
Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary,
1602)**



"Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul."

Rosary for Peace

Everyone is welcome to join us in praying the rosary for peace in the world, which Our Lady of Fatima requested. Our special intentions include our children who are away from the church. We meet in church **every Wednesday at 4 p.m.** For more information, please call Paula Wanbaugh 810-394-3224.

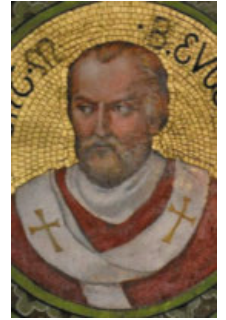


Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

167th Pope - Blessed Eugene III

Pope Eugene III was the 167th pope February 15, 1145. He is also known as the Blessed Pope due to the miracles he performed after dying and for the blessings he gave while alive. Known as Bernardo from birth he was born in 1080 in Montemagno (Pisa).

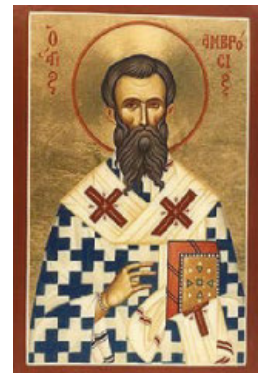


The same day Pope Lucius II died, being hit in the head by a heavy rock, cardinals elected Bernardo as the next pope. He chose the name Pope Eugene III and began his reign outside of Rome. Problems between the Roman Senate and the clergy made the city unstable. Fearing that he might die in the same way as the previous pope, he agreed to travel to Farfa where he was consecrated. This marked the beginning of the Second Crusade, he spent several months traveling through Italy before finally making his way to France. He lived in a fortress outside of Rome and was one of the only popes to never live in Rome due to continued uprising.

Saint

December 7: St. Ambrose

Ambrose was born of a Roman family at Trier about the year 340. He studied at Rome and served in the imperial government at Sirmium. In 374, while living in Milan, he was elected bishop of the city in popular acclaim and ordained on December 7. He devotedly carried out his duties and especially distinguished himself by his service to the poor and as an effective pastor and teacher of the faithful. He strenuously guarded the laws of the Church and defended orthodox teachings. He was also influential in the conversion of St. Augustine. St. Ambrose died on Holy Saturday in 397.



Meals for Moms

Expecting a baby? The women of Holy Family would love to welcome your little one by bringing a few meals to your family after the baby is born.



Contact Elizabeth at 810-265-4189, Samantha at 269-491-3240, Molly at 810-553-0235 or hfgb-mealsformoms@gmail.com to make arrangements or to volunteer. **We are looking for a few more people who would be willing to take a meal to a new mom**

PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

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... Tubicza Crawford, Sue Duffy, Cameron Fox, Patricia Gaines, Cheryl Gelisse, Tom Goyette, Barbara Greene, William R. Hartley, Ella Janson, Ann Lee, Judy Linkowski, Roy Linkowski, Jason Londrigan, Kate Londrigan, Sharon McDonald, Cathy Michalak, Joseph Partyka, Sheila Peltier, Dcn. Denny Pennell, Diane Sabo, Emily Scime, Tom Smith, Kay Stewart, Rob Toth, George Tracy, and Patty Tracy.

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.



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

- December 1**
Agnes O'Rourke, Peter Walsh
- December 2**
Harold Murphy, Edith Stein, Leon Tatro
- December 3**
Joseph Pence, Raymond Vereeke, Marguerite Sires, Ramon Quillen, Roy Majestic
- December 4**
Irene Beebe, Raymond Piesko, Eileen Rohlfing
- December 5**
Isabell Lamoureux, Betty Staroba
- December 6**
William Lord, Ted Romprey, Julie (Dag) Dagostino
- December 7**
George Hamilton, Robert Dulude, Donald Kehoe

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



Baptized on November 23, 2024

Ezekiel Khalil Mansour,
son of Christian and Mackenzie Mansour

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December

For pilgrims of hope - We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family for **Rosemary Ryan**



Rest in Peace

on Wednesday, November 27, 2024. Rosemary, age 87, died on Monday, November 18, 2024. She was born September 27, 1937 in Flint to Steve and Agnes Kominek. She married R. Perry Ryan on September 30, 1961. Surviving are sons, Christopher and his wife Maryori Ryan of Tucson, AZ; grandchildren, Jack, Hunter, Lily, Mary Ann Rose and Patrick Ryan; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents; son, Robert Perry Ryan, Jr.; sister, L. Janet Way.

Lord, we remember in our prayers Rosemary Ryan, whom you have called to be with you. May the calming peace of your love be with her family. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.



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.

- Mike Malone
- John Lancaster
- Ronald & Linda Sutkowi
- Cindy and Daniel Brendel
- Theresa Many
- Elias & Hanan Chammas, children Anthony, George, Michael, Joseph and Rita
- Andrew Hart

HERE AND THERE

Catholic 101 December 8, 2024
This week's topic:
Lord's Prayer

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 December 8, 2024
This week's topic:
Salvation & Redemption

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience Opportunities



This Thanksgiving, give thanks for the great blessing of your spouse by committing to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held **Jan. 17-19** at St. Lawrence Parish in Utica, **Feb. 28-Mar. 2** at Center for Ministry in Saginaw, and **Apr. 4-6** at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more info.

Catholic in Recovery

Join Catholic in Recovery at St. Patrick Catholic Parish (711 Rickett Rd., Brighton / basement rooms 1 and 2) on Fridays at 7 p.m.

Catholic sacramental recovery and fellowship for those seeking freedom from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments.

For more information, visit: www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact Kim K. at (810) 229-9863 x218 / kkaye@stpatchurch.org

Faith / Freedom / Fellowship



Advent Wreath Explained

The Advent wreath is a circle. Since they have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of the Advent Wreath symbolizes eternal life in Christ. The wreath holds four candles which are lit progressively, over the four weeks of the Advent season. Generally, three are violet (purple) and one is rose-colored, each representing 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the Savior.

Violet is a liturgical color symbolizing penance, sacrifice, and prayer. During the first, second, and fourth weeks of Advent, we light violet candles as a reminder of the preparation of heart and mind undertaken in this season.

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our wait is almost over. Since rose is the liturgical color used to signify joy, we light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent as we rejoice in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah.

Advent wreaths were traditionally made of evergreen branches, which have long been a symbol of the constancy and faithfulness we aspire to as Christians. Evergreens flourish during every season, remaining unchanged through the harshness of winter. We are called to live our faith this same way—with holy confidence.

Holly, with its prickly leaves, represents the Crown of Thorns, and pinecones represent the Resurrection, because they contain the seeds of a new tree, and therefore of new life.

Greater Flint Area Men's Group

The Greater Flint area men's group will NOT meet this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday so the next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 4**, 6:30-8:00pm in the basement of St. Matthew Catholic Church in downtown Flint. Come for fellowship and formation in the Catholic faith. No previous attendance or instruction is necessary.

The group will pray Vespers and study the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which is available as a book and for free on the Vatican website.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office.....(810) 694-4891

The parish office is open
Monday through Friday 8 am - 4 pm.
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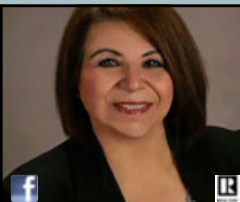
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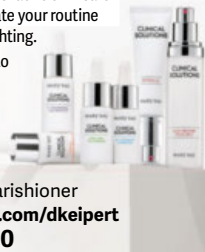
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