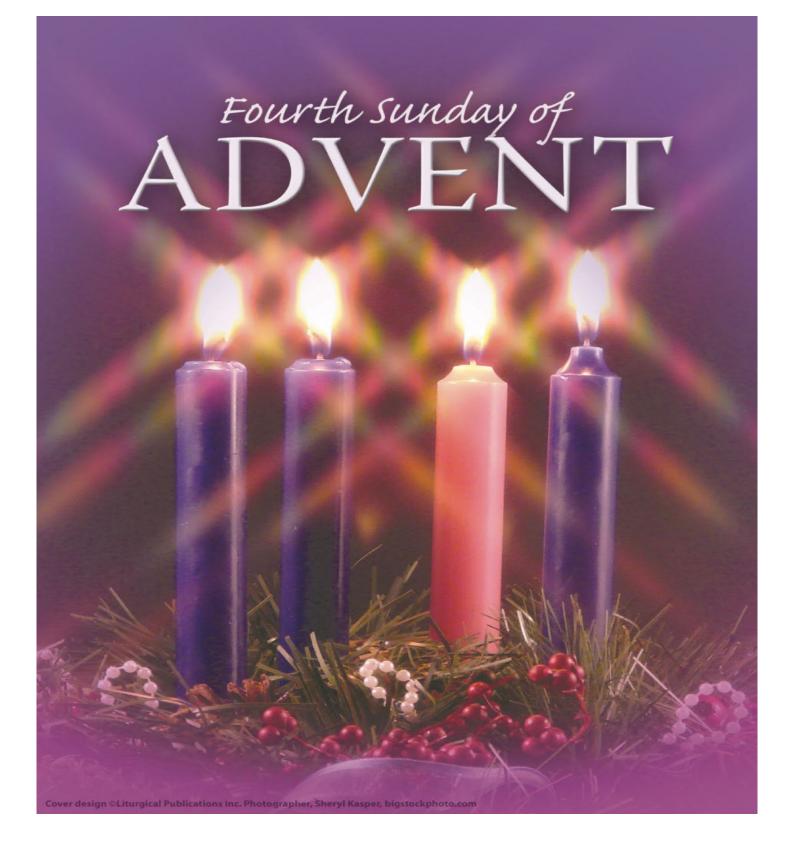


# CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

D E C E M B E R 18, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022

## Entrance Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#395

# Responsorial Psalm #1000

Psalm 24: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

# Communion Hymns

This is Jesus #2071

Maranatha, Lord Messiah #397

Jesus, Hope of the World #909

Closing Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah! #401

# Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel:

Matthew 1:18-24



## The Apostles' Creed

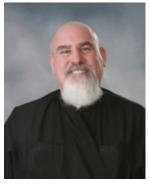
I believe in God. the Father Almighty. Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried: He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from 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.

# A CUP OF JOE

Greetings in Christ! Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This is somewhat of a rare treat for us to have a full week for the fourth week of Advent. Usually, Christmas is not on Sunday and, as a result, the fourth week gets shortened. I think this makes this week a gift for us to take some time to walk through the readings for Mass each day



of the week. (It is easy to find them online or use your phone to get an app that helps us do that.) When we read the Mass readings each day, we allow Jesus to connect us in a unique way with all Catholics, living and dead. This Body of Christ that is us is not bound by human discipline or ideological unity, but by Jesus.

Some of us are in a place in life where we can go to daily Mass, some are not. For those who are not able to go to daily Mass, reading the Scripture of the day is a statement that you want that unity Jesus offers us in the Mass. You are connected to all Catholics, living and dead, and praying Mass or reading the Scriptures for them fosters and strengthens the sense of that connection.

Now, I need to do my yearly reminder for us all... Next Sunday there is a pretty good chance someone will be sitting in your seat. There's a chance that you'll be sitting near someone who doesn't usually go to Mass and, as a result, may commit some faux paus. It is imperative that we love, pray for and be kind to them.

I remember last year, I looked out at one of the Masses to find a group of people "messing around" the whole Mass. Some were on their phones; some were chatting and giggling...I really had to fight irritation. All through the Mass, I fought internally to love them like Jesus loves me, to pray that God's grace touched their hearts. It was a hard mental fight, but I'm so glad Jesus helped me.

If you run into anything like this, please pray for them. Please love them. Please think of how often we have done something wrong in our youth or lack of knowledge.

It seems to me that every week our culture pulls further away from beauty, truth and rightness. I am coming to believe that, while this makes me sad, at least there is an honesty to it and God can always meet us when we are honest about where we are. So, Christmas is a chance for us to pray for, love and serve those who will be here who usually aren't. Let's give it our best in the name of Jesus.

I love being your priest. Thank you for letting me serve this way.

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### Because you asked...

Please join us in sending Christmas blessings to our local retired priests, especially those who regularly help us with the sacraments here at Holy Family (Fr. Tom Nenneau, Fr. Carl Simon, Fr. Bob McGraw, Fr. David Harvey, Fr. Robert Kolenski). If you would like to send them Christmas cards, please leave them in the collection box or mail them to the parish office and we will make sure they get them. Thank you!

### Holiday Parish Office Hours

In observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays, the parish office will be open Friday, December 23rd, and closed **December 26th through Monday, January 2nd**. In case of emergency (ONLY if there is danger of death), please call (810) 356-3187. For all other calls, please leave a message on the parish office phone (810-694-4891). The parish office will open again on Tuesday, January 3rd.



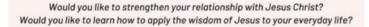
#### Funeral Luncheon Volunteers

We are very blessed to be able to host funeral luncheons for our families following their loved ones funeral Mass. This is an important opportunity for friends and extended family to support and share with our bereaved. We are looking for volunteers to grow this ministry. Please consider joining this wonderful group which sets up or serves the luncheons. Each luncheon will take approximately 1 to 2 hours of your time. For more information, please contact Genevieve in the parish office at gpsenski@hfgb.org or 810 694-4891.

# STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP



Thursday Mornings
9 - 11 a.m.
St. Joseph Center | Holy Family
parking available in the Fr. Bush Parish Center lot



Gospel Reflection is a Bible study focusing on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading. All are welcome to join us Thursday morning to read the upcoming Sunday Gospel together in a casual environment.

No need to sign up or commit. The Gospel is new each week, so you can drop in any time. Come when you can, come as you are, and do not worry when you cannot. There is no preparation necessary. Just bring yourself and grab a tea or coffee and listen to and reflect upon this Sunday's Gospel.

For more information contact, Cathy Szczerba at 810-656-7752.

The "reflection" portion of our meetings is guided by, The Better Part, A Christ-Centered Resource for Personal Prayer, by Fr. John Bartunek.

# Stewardship of Treasure December 10th & 11th, 2022

No stewardship report available this week due to early bulletin deadline

## Become a Knight Before Christmas



Calling all Catholic men 18 and older. Now is a great time to join the Knights of Columbus

The Knights are a Catholic fraternal organization that actively supports the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. Whether

you have two hours a year or two hours a month, show your support for our faith and sign up.

To join or for questions, please call or email Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714 or joe.buffa@sbcglobal.net.

#### Contribution Reminder

In order to assure accuracy in crediting your donations to Holy Family, may we ask that you either use your parish envelope or write your membership number on your check? This will identify your check as a charitable contribution and not a payment of any kind...which is important at tax time.

If you did not receive your envelopes or need your membership number, please call the parish office (694-4891).

If you would like your donations posted to your 2022 account, envelopes must be received or submitted to PushPay by Dec. 31, 2022. Otherwise, donations will be posted to 2023.

### Retirement Fund for Religious

A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

An envelope may found in your packet or you may give online.



## Traveling Prayer Chalice is Back!

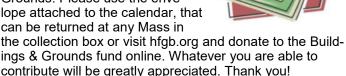
We have been praying especially for an increase to vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We are continuing our efforts by introducing to you our Traveling Prayer Chalice for Vocations.

This is a special ministry that invites you to reserve a time to take home this special chalice, along with daily short prayers that will be prayed over the course of a week.

Join us... let's storm the heavens with our prayers for vocations.

### Catholic Calendars for 2023

Catholic Calendars for 2023 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





For a loving and generous spirit we spread throughout the year, share it now at Christmas with those you hold dear.

See you next year on **Tuesday, January 10th**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fr. Bush Parish Center.



The Panther Draw Raffle is the biggest fundraiser that our school relies on each and every year. The proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to Holy Family School's use for educational programs and our many

needs.

If you are interested in purchasing a Panther Draw Raffle Ticket for \$20 each, for your chance to win the Grand Prize of \$10,000, you may contact Mrs. Wolven at 810-694.4891, ext. 2209.

Drawing takes place on February 3, 2023.



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

• Celebrate & Support

# **Holy Family School**

Faith Formation Academic Excellence

## Auction & Social



#### Save the Date: Friday March 17, 2023

#### **HOTEL & TRAVEL**

Vacation home rentals and time shares

Wine getaways

Golf getaways

California getaways

Extreme sports getaways

Hotel stays

Winter ski packages with lodging Airline tickets

#### **HEALTH & BEAUTY**

Salon / Spa certificates

Gym or health club memberships

Hair, manicure, pedicure or facial certificate

Dental exams

Chiropractic evaluation / treatment

Teeth whitening

Yoga / Zumba / Pilates classes

Beauty products basket

Fitness equipment / Personal training sessions

#### **FASHION**

Women's & Men's apparel gift cards Colleges & universities spirit wear Designer Purses / Wallets

Jewelry Watches Sunglasses Custom apparel & accessories

#### **HOME, GARDEN & OFFICE**

Interior design services

Decorative home accessories

Florist certificate Bar Accessories Glassware

Lighting, architectural services

Landscaping services

Garden accessories / Garden Tools

Computer / Design classes

Office supplies / Software Business

Personal financial planning

Tax preparation / Estate planning

#### **FOOD & WINE**

Restaurant dining certificates Cooking / Baking classes

Vintage wines / Champagne

Top shelf alcohol / Mixes Beer Kitchen appliances

Accessories Gourmet wine baskets

Wine-tasting parties

We are collecting donations for our big event! Please drop off your donated item(s) with your name attached (so we know who to thank) in the school lobby between 8:00am-2:00pm Monday through Friday.

Donations will be received until February 1, 2023.

If you are interested in browsing our *Holy Family School, Grand Blanc Auction Wish List 2023*, please scan the QR code below.

#### **ELECTRONICS**

Flat-screen TV

Digital Camera / Camcorder MP3 Players

Designer headphones

Smart phones

Tablets Laptop / Notebook

Home theatre system GPS DVD / Blu-Ray Player

#### **CHILDREN & FAMILY**

Children's summer camps

Children's classes / Tutoring services

Family portraits

Toys

Books

Dog walking services / Pet sitting Pet supplies/ Veterinary Services

#### **ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS**

Concert tickets

Sports Events tickets / Suites

Celebrity / Athlete meet and greet

Golf foursomes

Movie/Theatre tickets

Amusement park admission tickets

"Behind the scenes" tours

Boating / Fishing excursions

Specialty bus tours

Signed sports memorabilia

Sports equipment

Sports lessons / training

Music lessons

Musical instruments

Board games / Card games

Video Entertainment Centers

Games Musical CDs DVDs / Blu-Ray Discs





\*GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED and can be purchased through our HFS SCRIP Program. It's a great way to donate to the auction while supporting our school!



#### Be a part of our Holy FAMILY!

Contact Lisa Harvey at 810-694-9072, ext. 0 or lharvey@hfsgb.org www.hfsgb.org



# Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

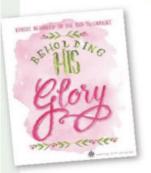
Join us for **Beholding His Glory** as we study Old Testament people and events and discover how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

# Knights' Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus monthly spaghetti dinner is **Wednesday**, **December 21st**, 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Please come and support their many charities. Great food and fellowship for only \$9 for adults, children \$5, nuclear family (mother,

father & their children only) \$32. Credit cards accepted.







Thurs, Jan. 26 - Mar. 23 at 9 -11:00 am St. Joseph Center

or

Thurs, Jan. 26 - Mar. 23 at 7 - 8:30 pm via Zoom

Beholding His Glory: \$20 (link to purchase book found in registration)

To register and for more information, **go to hfgb.org** or Holy Family app!

For more information, contact:

Vikki Lasota

vlasota@msn.com or 248-653-2117

Kristin Smith

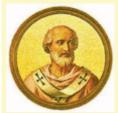
kristinsmith265@gmail.com

### Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

#### 65th Pope - Sabinian

Born in Blera, Italy. He was elected pope on September 13, 604. His election came after a vacancy of six months. He regulated ringing of bells to indicate to the people the canonical hours for meditation and prayer. He decreed that sanctuary lamps always be lit in churches.



The jealousy and envy that he himself felt for his predecessor so admired and loved by the people, led him to only see hate and aversion around him. He was also accused of being miserly to the people stricken by poverty. He is counted as a transitional pope.

He died, possibly a violent death on February 22, 606. He is buried without honors in St. Peter's Basilica.



# Women's Ministry at Holy Family

Holy Family offers many opportunities for women to support one another as we grow in holiness. Check out the Women's Ministry page at hfgb.org/women-ministry/ or contact any of the women listed

below for more information:

- Walking With Purpose: Vikki Lasota 248-653-2117
- Gospel Reflection: Cathy Szczerba 810-656-7752
- Daniel Plan: Christine 810-875-6393 and Gail
- Well-Read Mom: Elizabeth Petrides 810-265-4189
- Quilt and Shawl Ministry: Linda Waggoner 810-444-7036
- Rosary Makers: Barbara Jarvis 248-752-3731
- Meals for Moms: Elizabeth Petrides 810-265-4189

### Mass Intentions December 19 - 25

Monday, December 19

8:00 AM Fr. Joe Krupp (Living) by Kelly Teem

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 AM Howard Waters by Janet Waters

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 AM Kenneth Wolven by Wolven Family

6:00 PM Judge Thomas and Sue Gadola by Martha

Gadola and Nicholas Thursday, December 22

8:00 AM Dan Walter by Samassa Family

Friday, December 23

8:00 ÅM Deceased Members of the Jobbagy Family by Richard Jobbagy

Saturday, December 24

8:00 AM Aldina Rhodes by Holy Family Parish 4:00 PM Dan and Dorey Powell by Denne/Powell

:00 PM Dan and Dorey Powell by Denne/Powe Family

6:00 PM Mary Yancho by Carol Yancho Midnight Jim Bappert by his wife Jeanne

Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners

10:00 AM Irene Nolde by Fred and Peggy Nolde

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.

#### December 18: St. Dominic of Silos

Dominic of Silos, was born in Spain around the year 1000 into a peasant family. As a young boy he spent time in the fields, where he welcomed the solitude. He became a Benedictine priest and served in numerous leadership positions. Following a dispute with the king over property, Dominic and two other monks were exiled. They established a new monastery in what at first seemed an unpromising location. Under Dominic's leadership, however, it became one of the most famous houses in Spain. Many healings were reported there. About 100 years after Dominic's



death, a young woman made a pilgrimage to his tomb. There Dominic of Silos appeared to her and assured her that she would bear another son. The woman was Joan of Aza, and the son she bore grew up to be the "other" Dominic—the one who founded the Dominicans.

# Liturgical Ministry - December 24/25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

**4:00 PM Saturday** - Fr. Joseph Krupp **Lectors:** Doug Zloto, Karen Allen

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** 

Gayle Elston Kathy Stewart

Altar Servers:

Oliver Hoerig Owen Psenski Gavin Raysin

6:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: (help needed - 2)

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** 

Jack Massimino Bill Harris

Altar Servers:

Will Urbanik Joseph Craft (help needed)

Midnight Saturday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi Lectors: Kathy Maiuri, (help needed) Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

David Roberts Paul Wolven

Altar Servers:

Helaina Barry Kolten Barry (help needed)

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp Lectors: Paul Wolven, Madalynn Shaver Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Yvonne Cesal Kevin Wilcox

**Altar Servers:** 

William Shaver (help needed - 2)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: (Help needed - 2)

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** 

(help needed - 2) Altar Servers:

Kieran Murphy Tadhg Murphy (help needed - 1)

## Weekly Readings December 18 - 25

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk

1:5-25 **Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38 **Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,

20-21/Lk 1:39-45 Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk

1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**Next Sunday:** *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



#### St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in

the mire of self
-misery. Or we
can step up to
the challenge,
as Mary did,
and do what
needs doing!
We can stand
tall, as did Joseph, and do
the right and
just thing!



What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

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# PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

# Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 1697) "My daughter, know that if I allow you to feel and have a more profound knowledge of My sufferings,



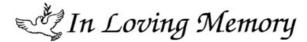
that is a grace from Me. But when your mind is dimmed and your sufferings are great, it is then that you take an active part in My Passion, and I am conforming you more fully to Myself. It is your task to submit yourself to My will at such times, more than at others ....

# Please Pray for the III and Their Caregivers



Please remember in prayer

those listed in the December 4 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions (in the Gathering Space).



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

#### December 18

Dorothy E. Grantner, Lillian Bankics, Dean LaJeunesse **December 19** 

Agatha Stein, Mary Louise Deery, Austin VanWormer **December 20** 

Robert McGuinity, Sr., Annamarie York, Victoria Tahash, Robert McLaren

#### December 21

Donald York, Roberta "Bobbi" Piesko, Barbara Koneazny, Carl Jarema, Cheryl Bizovi, Susan Daunt

#### December 22

Vivian Carol, Paul F. Ryan, Mary M. Blower, Rickie Gillespie, Gordon Ragnone, Mary Elizabeth Andrews, Timothy T. Wisniewski

#### **December 23**

Estelle McCann, Althea May Dewey, Mary Ann Rousseau, Betty J. O'Reilly

#### December 24

Aurora R. Garcia, Mary Mangiaracina, Christopher D. Swinney, Lucille D. Armstrong, Beatrice M. Dwyer, Mary Susan Marran, John Skolnik, John Psenski



Lea Sollmann and Liam McCarthy

December 30, 2022

### Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to Kristin Rose Syrowik and Alexander Charles Lewandoski, who were married at Holy Family on December 17, 2022. Please keep them in your prayers as they start their married lives together.

### 2022 Altar Flowers

Our web page for ordering Altar flowers is now 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 hope this new format will allow more people to be able to participate each month and help beautify our new worship space even more. 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.

# Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

for December

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations - We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

# Required for Those Entering a Second Marriage

There is a new marriage preparation requirement for couples entering into a second union, whether following death of previous spouse or a previous nulled marriage.

Typical marriage education programs and ministries are not sufficient for couples entering into blended family marriages. Since marriage in a stepfamily is a "package deal," you must minister to both the couple and "the package." This requires addressing dynamics related to ex-spouses and co-parenting, loss, stepparenting, spiritual shame, finances, and the expectations of both children and adults-just to name a few." To do anything less is grossly inadequate to prevent divorce.

The Smart Stepfamilies program, created by author, therapist, and blended family expert Ron L. Deal, brings together these different aspects a stepfamily will encounter, in order to empower blended family couples and their extended family for successful family living.

The Remarriage Retreat is a way for couples to come together in a non-threatening setting to learn about the challenges that will be experienced, as well as children entering into a stepfamily. It is also an opportunity for a couple to, possibly for the first time, begin to focus on previously unknown information or previously undiscussed topics that will bring challenges and begin the process of sharing with each other how this will be addressed within their new family dynamic.

All the Facilitators have journeyed through the trials and blessings of living in their own blended family and are willing to share their stories and help with the questions the attending couples may have.

To learn more, go to: https://www.stfrancis.ws/retreats

Thanks and God bless! Rich Budd, Director of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Lansing





#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Every Tuesday

2 pm - 6 pm

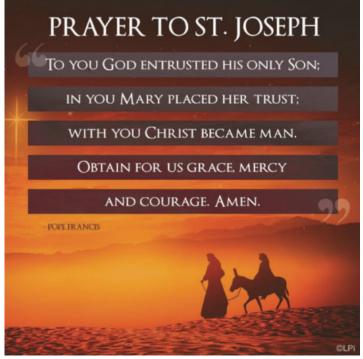
Every Friday

12 pm - 4 pm

Come rest in the presence of the Lord...

"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



# AROUND THE DIOCESE

### St. Michael's Chapel Open

Even though St. Michael's in downtown Flint no longer serves as a Catholic Church, the Chapel remains active. St. Michael's Chapel at Catholic Charities, located at 609 East 5th Ave in Flint, still holds Catholic Mass on Thursdays at 12:10 pm. You may enter from Chippewa St. Please join us.

## First Saturday Devotions

The World Apostolate of Fatima Diocesan Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace will be held at Good Shepherd Parish (400 N. Saginaw St., Mt. Morris) on **January 7th**, at 9:00 am. The morning will include Divine Liturgy, Investiture in the Brown Scapular, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour of Prayer and Rosary.

Please call Richard at (810) 624-2996 with any questions or concerns. More information on our website: www.wafgc.org

#### Heartbeat Donations

If you have baby items you no longer need, please consider donating them to Heartbeat of Greater Flint (320 East 4th St., Flint). They'll accept clothing, toys, books, and furniture, as well as monetary donations. And if you know of a mother that requires assistance, let them know they can receive help at Heartbeat (810-232-3101).

## Toy Donations Needed

We are in need of toys to give out on Christmas Day at our Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen! We are looking for toys for all ages for boys and girls! Contact John at jmanse@ccsgc.org to arrange delivery.

#### St. Francis Retreat Center

- Women's Retreat Rescue and Response: Jan. 6-8
- Men's Retreat Rescue and Response: Jan. 13-15
- Men's Retreat Rescue and Response: Jan. 20-22
- Married Couples Weekend: Feb. 10-12
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# PARISH DIRECTORY

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

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

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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 9 am (after 8 am Mass) First Saturdays - multiple priests will hear confessions at

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### **Prayers & Devotions**

Rosary for Peace - 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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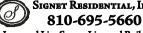
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