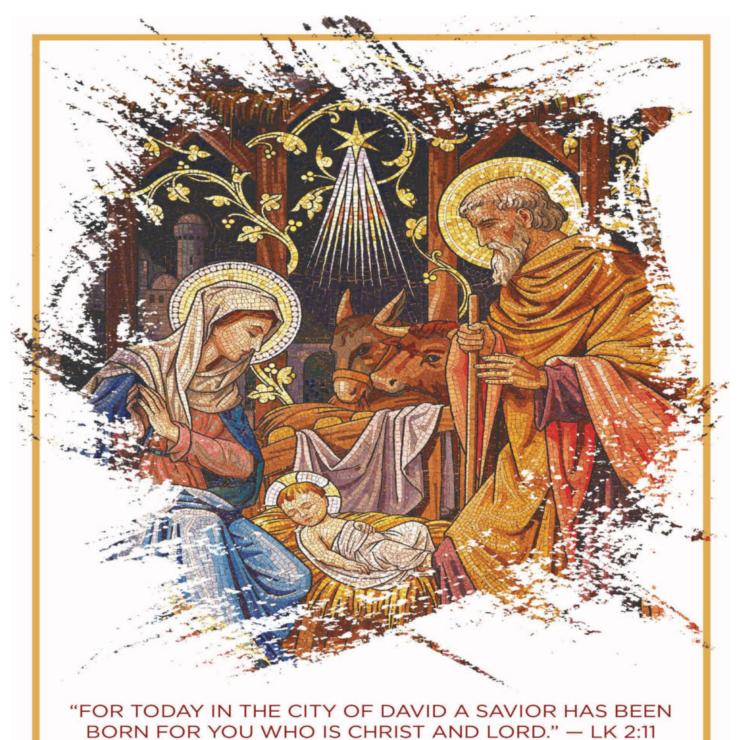


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023

Entrance Hymn O Come, Divine Messiah!	#401
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89: For ever I will sin goodness of the Lord.	#1001 ag the
Communion Hymns	
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	#395
This Is Jesus	#2071
As the Deer	#2027
Jesus, Hope of the World	#909
Closing Hymn	

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman #889

# Readings

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38



# 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.

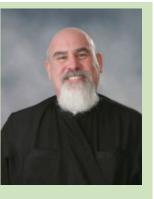


# A CUP OF JOE

Merry Christmas to all!

May the light of Christ's presence among us drive away the darkness, chaos and anger of this present world.

How blessed are we to have a God that chose to come among us. He didn't need to do what he did; there are many ways I assume He could've saved us.



But He chose vulnerability. He chose to become tiny and dependent, because we are tiny and dependent. God experienced need because we experience need. God experienced all of these things out of love and a hunger to save us.

The moment Jesus was conceived in His Mother's womb, human nature and divine nature mingled together. Jesus takes every human experience but sin and makes it holy. He does this to connect with us, to heal our broken human nature and to offer us the Gift of Hope.

Whatever darkness we encounter, whatever struggles we endure, we do so knowing that the Lord is with us.

I pray that God heals our broken relationships and draws us closer to Him each day so that we stand together as a sign of Hope for a world so contentious, so angry, so fearful.

We need to fear nothing. By taking flesh and becoming one with us, God has united Himself to the human race in a way that can never be undone.

May Jesus bless and restore each of us. May He compel us to remember Who He Is and What He's Done in every moment when we wrestle.

Jesus bless you all!



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 4 p.m. (4th Sunday of Advent)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8 a.m. 10 a.m.\* No Noon Mass

> CHRISTMAS EVE 4 p.m.\* (no incense) 6 p.m. Midnight

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 8 a.m.\* (no incense) 10 a.m.

TUESDAY - SATURDAY DECEMBER 26 - 30 Regular Morning Masses 8 a.m.\*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 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. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 8 a.m.\* (Morning Mass) No Confessions

4 p.m. (Feast of the Holy Family Vigil)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 8 a.m. 10 a.m.\* Noon

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) 8 a.m.\*

\*Livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube and hfgb.org

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# STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP



In observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays, the parish office will be closed Monday, December 25, and reopen Tuesday, January 2. 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).

#### **Giving Tree Thank You**

*Giving Tree Contributors:* Thank you so much for providing gifts for 280 children from the North End Soup Kitchen. When Holy family was asked to take on more that they were unable to place, Fr. Joe's response was that we would take all of them. The response was overwhelming! We were also able to give a large box and a large bag of miscellaneous gifts for those who arrive there on Christmas Day unannounced.

Thank you also to the eight women who arrived Monday morning to sort and bag. They might have brought a whirlwind with them because they were done by 10:30 a.m. Amazing, ladies!



# 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.



#### **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.

#### 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 or Vicky at 715-927-1970 or

hfgbmealsformoms@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 occasionally for this ministry.

## Stewardship of Treasure December 16th & 17th, 2023

No stewardship report available this week due to early bulletin deadline



# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

# Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Kindergarten

Holy Family School, Grand Blanc

Holy Family School is seeking a Long-Term Guest Teacher for Kindergarten to instruct and write lesson plans for students while the teacher is on family medical leave. This position will begin January 3rd, 2024. Applicants must have a valid State of Michigan teaching certificate (elementary or ZA endorsement) or have completed at least 90 hours with a minimum 2.0 GPA through a four-year state-approved institution, pass a criminal back-ground check, and complete the Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Program.

Please attach your cover letter, resume, and references to the online application at (https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/ human-resources/careers). Questions? Please contact Mrs. Theresa Purcell at tpurcell@hfsgb.org. Attn: Long-Term Substitute Teacher

To learn more about our school, please visit our website: https://hfsgb.org.

#### Our Catholic Heritage by Earl Hagen

118th Pope - Leo V

Born in Ardea, Italy, he was elected pope in July 903. This made him bishop of Rome and nominal ruler of the Papal States. In the few months of his pontificate he was not able to achieve much because of the persistent internal disorders. He had to suffer the pressures ex-



erted by Emperor Berengarius I. The chaplain Christopher, priest of San Damaso Church in Rome, tried to convince the pope to abdicate, usurping his place in the meantime. Christopher was considered antipope. He was taken prisoner and died violently in prison. Leo V then retired to a monastery where he lived until his assassination. Pope Leo V died February 904 with the suspicion of poisoning accompanying his death. He is buried in St. Peter's Basilica.



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# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Holy Family, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message through the traditions of the Catholic faith, to achieve academic excellence and to grow as saints.





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



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

### 55 & Over Club

No luncheon December 26th. We will be celebrating Christmas, as I'm sure you will be. Merry Christmas to all!

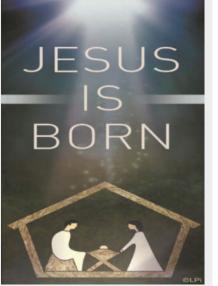


#### **Gospel Meditation** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"She gave birth to her firstborn son." The pain of childbirth is something that boggles my mind. I'm sure I couldn't handle it. I can't even watch scenes in movies in which a woman gives birth. I understand it's a beautiful part of nature, but there's still something awful about it and the attendant suffering.

Which is why it's worth pondering an often neglected and currently unpopular part of the Church's theology around the birth of Christ, his was miraculous because it caused no pain to his mother. Even her physical virginity remains intact. Of course, we modern scientific people scoff at such an idea.

Without obsessing over the obstetrical details, we discover a glorious illumination in

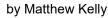


the symbolic meaning of this birth that we moderns find so embarrassing. God comes into the world in an utterly nonviolent way. He himself will suffer his own bloodshed but will never shed that of others. He is so peaceful and nonviolent that he will even rise from the dead without breaking the seal of the tomb. All of humanity, in the Church, will give birth to him in the Church free from the terrible pain due to original sin. How badly we need the truth of this miraculous birth today!

Let's delight in this great mystery and miracle of Jesus's birth. He is the Prince of Peace and always nonviolent. We need not fear him, ever.

— Father John Muir

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#### Fart One

Awakening -A Moment of Clarity When I was fifteen years old, I had a great spiritual mentor. I don't know



how my life would have unfolded if I hadn't met him. But it's difficult to imagine that life would have been anywhere near as fruitful or rewarding as it has been.

He encouraged me to read the Gospels. He taught me how to pray. He showed me how to care for the poor and visit the lonely. He encouraged me to read great spiritual books. He watched without judgment as I foolishly wrestled with God. He listened patiently to my questions, doubts, excuses, and resistance. And perhaps most of all, he encouraged me to honor those sacred truths that were emerging in my soul: Something is missing, there is more to life, and you do have more to offer.

(To be continued next week)

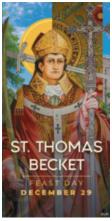
Kelly, M. (2022). Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 19.

#### Saint

#### December 29: St. Thomas Becket

While archdeacon of Canterbury, he was made chancellor of England at the age of 36 by his friend King Henry II.

When Henry felt it advantageous to make his chancellor the archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas gave him fair warning: he might not accept all of Henry's intrusions into Church affairs. Henry insisted upon usurping Church rights. At one time, supposing some conciliatory action possible, Thomas came close to compromise. He momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court and prevented them from making direct appeal to Rome. But Thomas rejected the Constitutions, fled to France for safety and remained in exile



for seven years. When he returned to England, he suspected it would mean certain death. Because Thomas refused to remit censures he had placed upon bishops favored by the king, Henry cried out in a rage, "Will no one rid me of this troublesome priest!" Four knights, taking his words as his wish, slew Thomas in the Canterbury cathedral.

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### Mass Intentions December 25 - 31

Monday, December 25

8:00 AM Matthew Revord by Richard Jobbagy 10:00 AM Irene Nolde by Fred and Peggy Nolde **Tuesday, December 26** 8:00 AM Monna Suess by Mary Andrews Wednesday, December 27 8:00 AM Neal Mazzuki by Rae Mason Thursday, December 28 8:00 AM Hugh Vanitvelt by John and Sharon Bradburn Friday, December 29 8:00 AM Joanne Wagner by Bill Nicolai Saturday, December 30 8:00 AM Mary Frances Feick by Feick family 4:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners Sunday, December 31 8:00 AM Rich Cross (Living) by Theresa Cross 10:00 AM George Phillips by Phillips Family 12:00 PM All Benefactors of Holy Family Parish

#### Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Fr. Joe Krupp (Living) by Janice Hennen Fr. Le Vodivodi (Living) by Janice Hennen

- Sr. Sharon Hektor (Living) by Janice Hennen
- Sr. Grace Scola (Living) by Janice Hennen

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.



If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every diocese in the United States now has a Victim Assistance Coordinator who is available to obtain support for your needs, to help make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, if you desire.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Lansing is Cheryl Williams-Hecksel 1.888.308.6252 or cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org. In addition, you may also report through the law enforcement toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov

# Liturgical Ministry - December 30/31

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi Lectors: Kathy Stewart, (help needed) Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: (help needed - 2) Altar Servers: (help needed - 3)

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi Lectors: (help needed - 2) Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: (help needed - 2) Altar Servers: (help needed - 3)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph KruppLectors: Kathy Maiuri, (help needed)Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:Janet Lane(help needed - 1)Altar Servers:William Shaver(help needed - 2)

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp Lectors: Karen Allen, Scott Heron Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Scott Heron (help needed - 1) Altar Servers: (help needed - 3)

## Weekly Readings December 24 - 31

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/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/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-

#### **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.

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# **Christmas Flowers**

Thanks to all of you who remembered your loved ones with the special gift of altar flowers. Those listed are in our prayers as we enjoy the beauty of our church at Christmastime, thanking God for His Son, Jesus, and for the lives of the people being remembered.

#### In Loving Memory of:

Audrey & Thad Aardal by the Richert Family Jeanette Adams by the Richert Family Anita Anderson by the Richert Family Einar & Sadie Ardahl by Craig Ardahl Avereyn and Beaufait families by Jerry & Jane Averevn Robert Bartley, Valeria Bartley and Leona Bartley by Patricia Dailey Joseph Michael Begley by Michelle and Don Begley Genera Bellows by Marjorie Bellows Renee Best by Ann Marie Betts Stephen, Dorothy, and Michael Biehler by Stephen & Joanne Biehler Mildred C. & Francis X. Bolt by Paul X. Bolt Fritz (Frederick) & Natalie Bruening by Tammy C. Bruenina Gerald Edd Bump by Joel Stiverson Carolyn Schwab Burke by the Richert Family Mary & LeRoy Burns by Cindy Carr Joseph Cantalope by the Richert Family Michael, Dolores and Tommy Charboneau by Charboneau Family Nejella Christianson, Canuto Salazar, and Alberta Viskantas by Kaz & Lovely Viskantas Robert W. Clark by the Richert Family Jack Coletti by the Davis Family & the Edmonds Family Bernard & Shirley Czymbor by Scott & Cynthia Villaire Frank & Belle Daggarico by Kevin and Maryann Wilcox Robert Dailey by Patricia Dailey Bob & Caroline Davis by the Davis Family & the Edmonds Family Debien Family (Mary, Leo, Tim and Tom) by Maureen Debien and Patricia Dailey Dell'isola Family by Kathy Maiuri DeMarco and Wood Families by John and Pat DeMarco Amber Donajkowski by Laura, Evan & Wyatt Zuck Daryl Doyle by Linda Doyle and family Rosemary & Russell Durance by the Richert Family Scott Durance by the Richert Family Jack & Margaret Dyball by Steve & Sandy Dyball Charle Edmonds, Sr., Joyce Parker, Dave Edmonds, Grandpa Colton by Chuck & Cindy Edmonds Chupa, Nasiatka and Elston Families by Gayle Elston Richard Ethier and Tillie Ethier by the Ethier Family

#### In Loving Memory of:

Patricia Forsythe by Thomas Forsythe Gaines Family by Reggie and Pat Gaines Henry & Rosemary Garavaglia by Stephen & Joanne Biehler Gaulin and Kornosky Family by A. & M. Gaulin Clifford Gauthier, Florence Crossen, Maxine Thompson, Gerald Dipzinski, and Dennis Dipzinski by Delores Gauthier Greg Gildner by Janet Gildner Richard Giza by Connie Giza Bob & Josephine Gorman by Steve & Sandy Dyball Henry & Eileen Grywatch by Kay Christian Family Hux and Plourde families by John & Debby Hux Gary F. Jacisin by Diane L Jacisin Valerie & Jerry Jenkins by the Richert Family Mike Jenkins by the Richert Family Robert Katcavage by Patricia & Karen Katcavage Mel & Karl Keranen by Karen Keranen Janet Knudson by Nancy Ott Frank & Dorothy Landino by the Richert Family Joan T. Laszczak by Diane L Jacisin Sheila Leone by the Davis Family & the Edmonds Family Charles T Loader Sr. by Debra L. and Charles T. Loader Jr. James & Evelyn Londrigan by Paul & Desiree Londrigan Lawrence & Irene MacEachern by Gordie & Debbie MacEachern Linda Mangipane by the Richert Family Rose & Paul Manik by Robert Olson Albert & Vera Margiawicz by Betty Ardahl Paul & Sabia Mento / Frank & Mary Franz by John & Mary Mento Merciez, Moyle and Zech Families by Jennifer & Gil Merciez DK Mijic by the Richert Family Donald Moreau by Mary Ann Moreau Adrianne Nawrocki & Gary Leitch by Len & Linda Nawrocki Dolores D. Noveloso by the Noveloso Family Esther & Robert Olson by Robert Olson Stan Osowski by Judith Osowski Marion Palmer by Theresa & Mark Dyer Debbie Pavone by Judith Osowski Anne & Francis Pescia by Mary Black George Phillips by Pauline Phillips James L. Ploucha by Evelyn K. Ploucha

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#### In Loving Memory of:

Patrick Reardon by Sharon Reardon Delphine & Dutch Reininger by the Richert Family Bill Richards by the Richert Family Lily Marie Richert by the Richert Family Gerald Paul Richert by the Richert Family William & Mary Richert by the Richert Family Br. Victor William Richert by the Richert Family Carl W. Roeser by the Roeser Family Miriam C. Rogers by Maddie White Ed Preville and James Salem by Jim and Pam Salem Anthony & Dorothy Salfi by Gordie & Debbie MacEachern Sandor / Liphardt / Halls by Ed & Renee Sandor Slowick & Krause Family by Pat & Reggie Gaines Byron L. Smith by Germaine D. Smith Margaret Smith by Patricia Dailey Judith Croci and Chuck Croci by Tom & Karen Smith & Family Claudia Steele by Kevin and Maryann Wilcox Mark Stelzer and Norma Likowski by Julie Stelzer Johnny Strobl by Mary Black Robert, Madeline, Bob and John Sundwick by Carol (Sundwick) Hartley Elwood & Eunice Swett by the Richert Family Faye & Ray Swett by the Richert Family Neil Swett by the Richert Family Henry & Antoinette Syroid by JoAnn & Gary Gavron Duane R. Tanque by Debra L. and Charles T. Loader Jr. Marilyn C. Tangue by Debra L. and Charles T. Loader Jr. Graciela R Tolento by Dale & Marha Mansour George & Agnes Tracy by Linda Tracy-Stephens Kenneth & Catherine Twork by Catherine J. Bateson Joseph and Rita Urban by Daniel & Jeanne Yurgaites Marvin VanSickle by Mike & Charity Walsh Edward & Susanne Villaire by Scott & Cynthia Villaire Joanne Wagner by Dick Wagner Claudia Walsh by Mike & Charity Walsh Rick Lee White by Maddie White Kenneth Wolven, W.K. and Lulu Wolven, Charles and Reba Keneipp, Paul and Lois Schneiderhan, Frank and Kathryn Van Houten by Van Houten and Wolven Family Zloto Family by Doug & Bethany Zloto

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#### Living:

Chupa, Nasiatka and Elston Families *by Gayle Elston* Past, Present and Future Students & Staff at Holy Family School *by Janet Gildner* 

Barbara Rachor by Judith Osowski



#### Prayer at Christmas

Lord, on this Christmas Day, in the midst of the joy of our celebrations, help us recall what is truly important about this day.

In the midst of opening presents, help us remember the love that each gift represents.

In the midst of Christmas dinner, help us remember that you are the source of all life.

In the midst of family gatherings, help us remember that you are the fullness of all joy.

And in the midst of Christmas Mass, help us remember the supreme act of love, sacrifice, and humility that we celebrate on this Christmas day when your Son came as a helpless, unknown baby and grew to be the life and light of the world.

Amen.

#### **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.





# PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

A funeral Mass Holy Family on December 15 for



Terrance Duffy. Terry, age 81, died on Saturday, December 9, 2023. He was born April 24, 1942. Surviving are his wife Sue, children, brother, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren

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

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#### Caregivers

Please remember in prayer those listed in the December 3 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions (in the Gathering Space). Newly added: Kay Stewart.

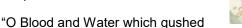
# **Prayer Intention of Pope Francis** for December

For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

# **Cenacle of Divine Mercy**

## of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 309)



forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You!"

### **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.

In Loving Memory

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

#### December 24

Aurora R. Garcia, Mary Mangiaracina, Christopher D. Swinney, Lucille D. Armstrong, Beatrice M. Dwyer, Mary Susan Marran, John Skolnik, John Psenski December 25 Loretta Meehan, Thomas Goyette, Mark Seirmarco, Agnes "Regina" Ignace December 26 Jeanette Hughes December 27 LaVern Kalanquin, Casimer Evinski, Gary Potter, Maria Theresa Abaya December 28 Lenora Gundry, Robert B. Hagood, Lillian Garceau, Joan Ogden, Albert Kessel, Lina Dall'Olmo, Robert Flore, David Hugh Vanitvelt December 29 Esther Martha Rice, Donna Marie Stewart, James Sheaffer, Susan Graves December 30 Mary Frances Feick, Mildred "Jerry" Clune, Martin A. Simek, Charles Emery, Joyce Smock, James Horton, Irene Kula





# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Catholic Charities' North End Soup Kitchen Need

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.

## **Engaged Couples Retreat**

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

Jan. 5-6, 2024 Our Engaged Couples Retreat is designed to prepare couples for receiving the sacrament of Holy Matrimony while offering time away for couples to grow deeper in their faith and love for each other. Theological and practical presentations, a welcome reception, Blessing of the Couples, Vigil Mass, a special couples dinner on Saturday, a ballroom dance lesson by professional instructor Louis Soma of Our Dance Studio, and many other special features are included.

This retreat begins on Friday Jan. 5 at 5:00 pm and ends on Saturday January 6, at 9:00 pm. The suggested \$250/ couple donation includes separate overnight accommodations in our private rooms each with a private bath. To register or find more information, please visit https:// www.stfrancis.ws/engaged

## The Best Christmas Gift Ever!!

Presents under the tree are wonderful gifts, but can they heal a hurting marriage? Transforming your marriage into a mutually satisfying relationship is a "gift that will keep on giving." With the help of Retrouvaille, it can be done!

Retrouvaille is a Christian peer ministry specifically designed to help heal troubled marriages. This very well could be the best Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!!

\*\*Please pass this information on to anyone who you suspect might be struggling with marriage\*\*

The next Retrouvaille program will begin on **Friday**, **January 12**, in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230 or visit the website: HelpOurMarriage.org

# The Gift of the Eucharist

*Encounter with the Real Presence* Men's & Women's Retreats: Retreat for Revival, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI Women's Retreats: Jan. 12-14, Mar. 15-17, Apr. 19-21 First Men's Retreats: Jan.19-21, Jan. 26-28, Mar. 8-10, more dates online!

The Catholic Church is in year 2 of a 3-year Eucharistic Revival. This retreat will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how the Eucharist is meant to transform every one of us. These weekend retreats, in addition to those talks, will have normal opportunities for Mass, Reconciliation, and a special focus on Eucharistic Adoration.

Suggested donation is \$200. To register or find more information, please visit

https://www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats.

### 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

# Are You Smarter

#### Than Your 8th Grade Nun?

A Fun Fundraiser for Furniture for St. Francis Retreat Center **February 16, 2024**, at 7 pm

Lansing Catholic High School Auditorium Join us for a fun night where how well you know your faith may win you a prize! Our host, "Sister Nancy Greco," will take us back to Catechism class and ask... are you smarter than your 8th grade nun? This is an interactive comedy game show, where willing audience members compete to see who was paying attention and who was daydreaming in school. Think you can remember what your 8th grade nun was trying to teach you?

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







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Holy Family Outreach is located in the white building at the north end of our parking lot. Outreach provides help to those in need with food, clothing and financial assistance. Photo ID required. Donations are welcome.

## EMERGENCY PHONE......(810) 356-3187

Last Rites after hours emergency in the event death is imminent, please call.



#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m. 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. Live on Fr. Joe's & Holy Family's Facebook pages (Playback available on YouTube) Podcast now available! Search "Joe in Black Ministries" in your podcast app.

#### **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

*Word Among Us* reflections are available on their website: https://wau.org/meditations. We have a limited number of Word Among us booklets in a basket in the Ushers' Room.

**Daily readings** available on bible.usccb.org. **FORMED.org** - thousands of movies, programs, audio and book

Download our Holy Family GB app from your app store!

#### **Mission Statement**

We, the Church of the Holy Family, are united in the invitation to the wonder of a personal encounter with the risen Christ. Through sacraments, prayer and education we are compelled to serve, sacrifice and evangelize, forming a Catholic community of faith, hope and love.

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for each Sunday is the previous Tuesday by noon. Articles may be submitted to ldoyle@hfgb.org.







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