

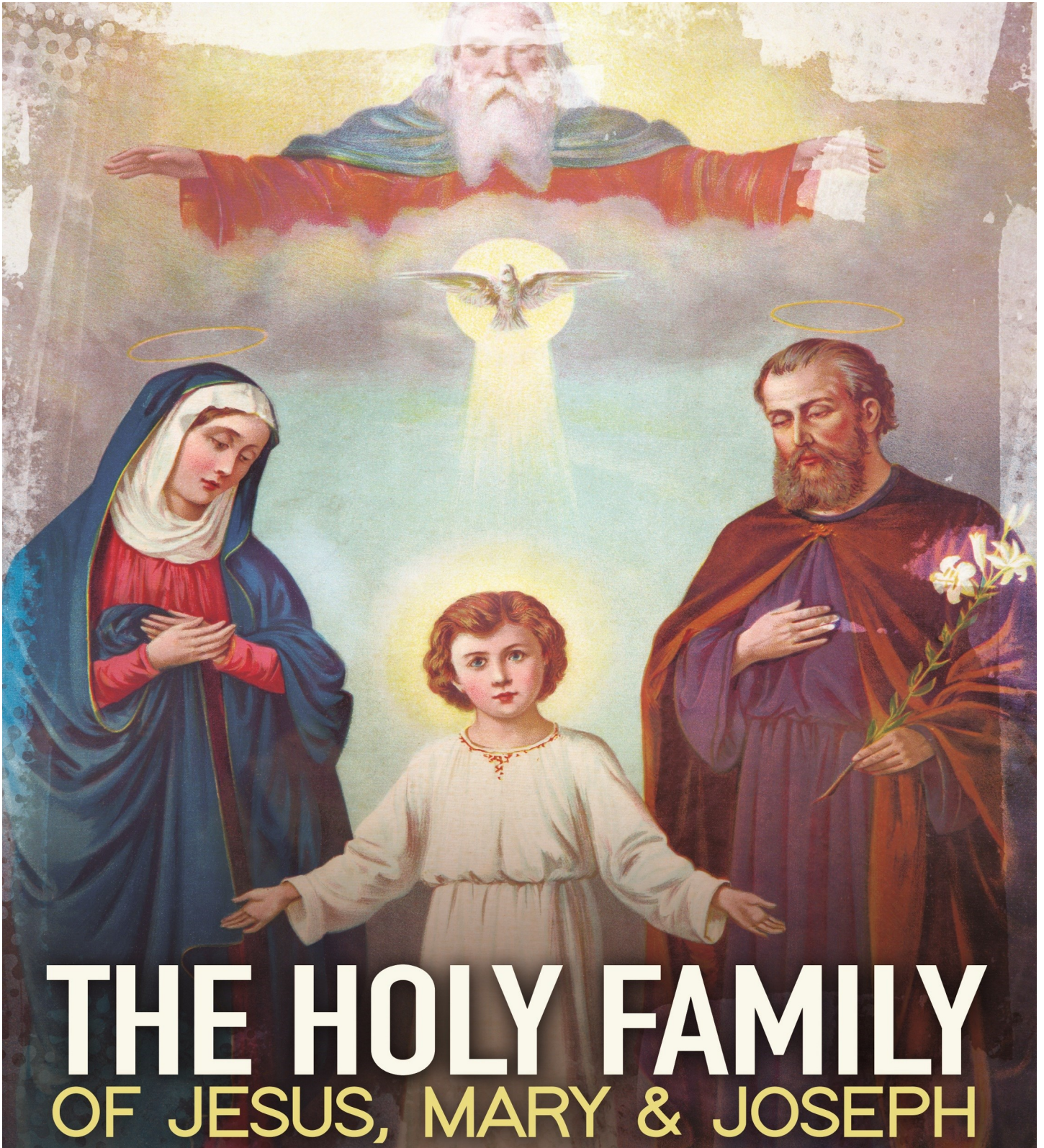


CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 29, 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH



THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 29, 2024

Entrance Hymn

Once in Royal David's City #455

Responsorial Psalm #1007

Psalm 128: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Communion Hymns

This is Jesus #2071

Silent Night #441

Away in a Manger #448

O Little Town of Bethlehem #446

Closing Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High #430

Gloria

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

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

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

The Apostles' Creed

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

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

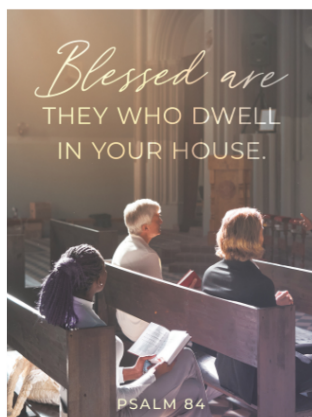
Readings

#1007

First Reading:
Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Second Reading:
Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel:
Luke 2:41-52



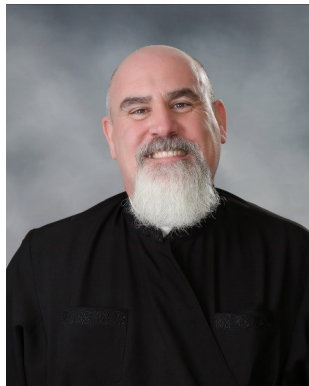
St. Michael the Archangel

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

A C U P O F J O E

Greetings in Christ, all!

This weekend is the Feast of the Holy Family. This is our patronal feast and is a big deal for us. Our community is named after this wonder of God's Love: that He chose to be born into a family. How blessed are we? As we celebrate this weekend, let's recommit ourselves to Our Four Guiding Principles as a Parish:



As members of Holy Family Catholic Church, we exist to

1. Worship God
2. Grow in love and knowledge of the faith
3. Care for those in need
4. Share our faith with others

This is why we are. This is why God has called us together.

This weekend, we will do our last push for the Saints and Scholars campaign. I urge everyone to participate in some way. Any and all gifts matter and will help. If you haven't made a pledge, please consider doing so.

As we prepare to enter this New Year, let's rejoice that God has brought us all together in this Sacred Community.

I am so grateful that I get to be your priest.

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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

In observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays, the parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 24, and reopen Monday, January 6. 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).



STEWARDSHIP for SAINTS & SCHOLARS

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

Today is the Day! Commitment Weekend! Make Your Commitment on the Feast of the Holy Family!

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we invite you to make one last commitment to our Stewardship for Saints and Scholars capital campaign. This is your chance to support the future of our parish and community. Your pledge will help us:

- Provide scholarships that empower the leaders of tomorrow.
- Equip our teachers with the resources they need to inspire and educate.
- Strengthen the foundation of our parish by building a new Outreach & Maintenance Building to serve future generations.

Just as the Holy Family showed love and commitment to each other, we now have the opportunity to come together and support the future of our Church. Today is the day to make your pledge and make a lasting impact.

Commit today and be part of something great!



Campaign Prayer

Lord, everything we have is a gift from you. You call us to receive your gifts with thanks, to develop these gifts fully, and to share them generously.

Through the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign help every young person in the Diocese of Lansing see your truth, beauty, and goodness; help families to raise their children in the Faith; and help parishes make a truly Catholic education available to all.

May the work of this campaign bear abundant fruit in the Saints and Scholars you are raising up for the future.

*We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

Giving Tree Thank You

Giving Tree Contributors:

Thank you so much for providing gifts for 353 children from the North End Soup Kitchen. The response was overwhelming! We were also able to give two large bags of miscellaneous gifts for those who arrive there on Christmas Day unannounced.

Thank you also to the volunteers who arrived Monday morning to sort and bag!



“Others First” is Next Weekend

We depend on your generosity to stock our Outreach Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Please remember the needy as you shop this week. Our current need is for **floss, adult/children’s toothpaste, razors, men’s/women’s deodorant, paper towel, facial tissue, and toilet paper**. Bring nonperishable items to Mass next weekend or drop items off at Outreach (white building north of the church) Mon.- Fri. 10 am - 2 pm. Clothing items to donate may be placed in shed behind Outreach (shed is back close to garage).



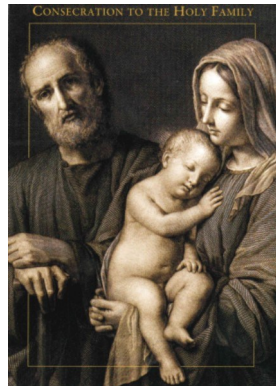
Your timely and wonderful generosity is appreciated, especially by our clients. It seems that no sooner are we low in supply, than you show up with products!

In addition to groceries and supplies, we greatly appreciate monetary donations which can be used to support our efforts. If you choose to give through Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, please designate **P152** to direct it to Holy Family. Thank you for any future giving that you might direct to Outreach!

Prayer for Consecration to the Holy Family

*O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and
Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom
and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your
mission as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.*

*O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace
and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.*



*O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home
for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.*

*Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting,
faithful and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church where
we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*

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 2024 account, envelopes must be received, postmarked, or submitted to PushPay by Dec. 31, 2024. Otherwise, donations will be posted to 2025.

Stewardship of Treasure December 21 and 22, 2024

No stewardship report
available this week
due to early bulletin deadline

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Catholic Calendars for 2025

Catholic Calendars for 2025 are available in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to take one as you leave the church. This year your calendar donation will raise funds for Buildings & Grounds. Please use the envelope attached to the calendar, that can be returned at any Mass in the collection box or visit hfgb.org and donate to the Buildings & Grounds fund online. Whatever you are able to contribute will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



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 **Sunday, January 5** (the first Sunday of every month), shortly after the end of 10:00 AM Mass.



2025 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.

Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to Lindsey Marie Reeder and Todd Lewis Allen, Jr., who were married at Holy Family on December 21, 2024. Please keep them in your prayers as they start their married lives together.

Chalking the Door

20 + C + M + B + 25

This year we invite you to join us in the tradition of "chalking the door" to celebrate the Epiphany. The Epiphany marks the arrival of the magi to the place where Jesus was born and the end of Christmas. This year it will be celebrated on Sunday, January 5 (typically celebrated on January 6, the 12th day of Christmas). **Next week** envelopes with the prayer and blessed chalk will be available in the Gathering Space for you to participate at your home.



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

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

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

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

8 a.m. * (Morning Mass)

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

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

2024 CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



2024 - 2025



Grand Prize \$10,000
5 prizes of \$1,000 each

Proceeds from Panther Draw go directly to Holy Family School's use for educational programs and our many needs.

Tickets are \$20 each

Panther Draw raffle tickets will be available for purchase after Masses:

December 28/29
January 4/5

Cash or Check accepted

**Drawing takes place January 31, 2025 at 1 p.m.*



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 lharvey@hfsgb.org
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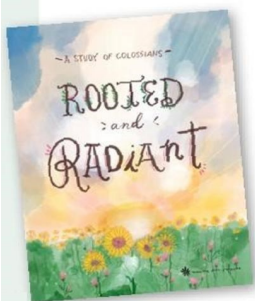


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Come as you are.

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

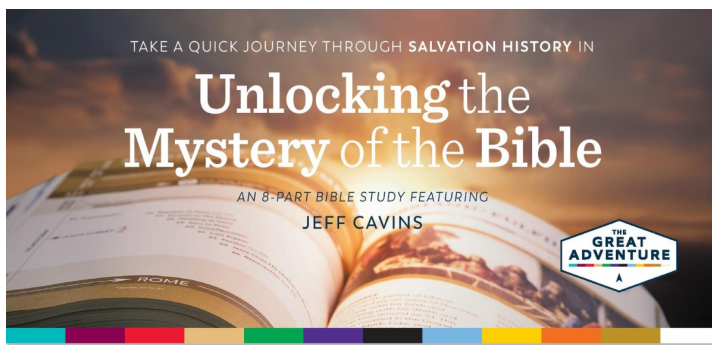
January 9 - March 13

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
kristinmith265@gmail.com



The easiest way to understand the Bible. Uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture".

MONDAYS

February 10 - April 7, 2025
(no meeting on March 10)
10 - 11:15 am or 6 - 7:15pm
St. Joseph Center

Cost: appx. \$35
(link to purchase book/materials found in registration)

Register at
hfgb.org!
beginning
January 2nd



For more information, contact:
Paul Racine at 810-516-9739 or pauljrcline@gmail.com
John Hendler at johnhendler222@gmail.com

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**

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.

Mass Intentions December 30 - January 5

Monday, December 30

8:00 AM Phyllis Becker *by Women of Witness Prayer Group*

Tuesday, December 31

8:00 AM George Phillips *by Pauline Phillips*

6:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Wednesday, January 1

8:00 AM Joan Hasselbach (Living) *by The Hasselbach Family*

Thursday, January 2

8:00 AM Linda Richardson *by O'Shea Family*

Friday, January 3

8:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Saturday, January 4

8:00 AM John Psenski *by The Psenski Family*

4:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM Joseph Michael Begley *by Don & Michelle Begley*

10:00 AM Phyllis Becker *by Jim & Lynn Lusty*

12:00 PM McCanna Sinise *by Pete & Debbie Sardo*

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Rita Fortin *by Janet Waters*

Janice Hennen (Living) *by Janet Waters*

Fr. Joseph Krupp (Living) *by Janet Waters*

Fr. Le Vodivodi (Living) *by Janet Waters*

Max & Janice Salinas (Living) *by Janet Waters*

Margaret Waters (Living) *by Janet Waters*

Kathleen & Rob Etienne (Living) *by Janet Waters*

Mike & Ann Marie Arteaga (Living) *by Janet Waters*

Dennis & Christy Waters (Living) *by Janet Waters*

Howard Waters (2 Masses) *by Janet Waters*

Matthew Myers *by Janet Waters*

Martha Krupp (2 Masses) *by Wendy Clifton*

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.

Liturgical Ministry - January 4 - 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Sam Burdick, Ainsley Batey

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Linda Nawrocki Anna Przyjazny Rick Rybicki

Patty O'Connor

Altar Servers:

James Londrigan Emily Martin Grace Martin

Liam Verdun

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Bob McGraw

Lectors: Cristina Carlstrom, Joseph Charboneau

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

David Roberts III Greg Snyder Kevin Wilcox

Paul Wolven

Altar Servers:

(help needed - 4)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Randy Petrides, Dan Savoie

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Gayle Elston Janet Lane Peter Lindgren

Lisa McNally

Altar Servers:

Madigan Elston Arabella McVeigh Theo McVeigh

Stephen O'Rourke

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Bob McGraw

Lectors: Dr. Steve James, Theresa Many

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Cindy Villaire Scott Villaire Karen Zellej

Kathy Hunady

Altar Servers:

Kolten Barry Owen Cameron Charlotte Parks

Will Urbanik

Weekly Readings December 29 - January 5

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

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



Eucharistic
Adoration

**TUESDAYS
2 - 6 PM**

**FRIDAYS
12 - 4 PM**

"Gaze upon him, consider him, contemplate him, as you desire to imitate him."

- ST CLARE OF ASSISI



WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

55 & Over Club

No meeting on **December 31st.**

Have a Happy New Year.



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 Richard Dent at 810-624-2996.

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



Baptized on December 21, 2024

Sofia Grace Lasceski,
daughter of Mitchell and Angelina Lasceski

Xavier Blaise Smith,
son of Seth and Kristin Smith

Braylon Stephen Ploucha,
son of Stephen Ploucha and Hunter Coalson

Baptized on December 22, 2024

Benjamin Patrick Mooney,
son of William and Monica Mooney

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family for **Carl Owens** on



Rest in Peace

December 13, 2024. Carl, age 52, died on Friday, November 22, 2024. He was born January 3, 1972, in Flint, MI to Stanley and Harriet (Millard) Owens. Surviving are brothers, Timothy (Melissa), and Clifford (Kimberly) and brother-in-law, Ives Potrafka, of Sun City, Az, also many nieces, nephews and loved ones. He was predeceased by his parents, Stan and Jeannine Owens, his sisters Kelly Owens and Renee Potrafka.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family for **Patricia Dowling** on December 18, 2024. Patricia, age 87, died on Sunday, December 15, 2024. She was born July 10, 1937, in Toledo, OH to James and Mary Rose Meyer. She and her husband, Joe, were married for over 56 years. Surviving are her sons Joseph Jr., Dave (Jackie), Doug (Kerry), and Dan (Susan); daughter Debby Mays; grandchildren Jamie, Josh (Erin), Riley, Connor (Shelly), Kellen, Caitlin, Carson, Morgan, Nick, Ryan, Drew, Tommy, and Jimmy; and two great-grandchildren, Miles and Jordan. She is also survived by her sister Mary Helen (Doug) Berry and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by parents, her sister Judy, her husband Joe, granddaughter Ellen Patricia Mays, daughter-in-law Nancy Dowling, and son-in-law Kirk Mays.

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

Do you have questions about...
God?
Jesus?
the Church?
the Catholic Faith?

Are you looking...
for a direction?
for belonging?
for a community?
to become Catholic?
to complete your sacraments?

Let us help walk that journey with you!

Church of the Holy Family
hfgb.org

694-4891 ext 2214 or
email: dmedich@hfgb.org

For a schedule or more information, contact:
Deacon Dan Medich Jr.

Catholic 101

January 5, 2025
This week's topic:

Sacramental Living

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

Dcn. Dan Medich
dmedich@hfgb.org

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

Catholic 101a

January 5, 2025
This week's topic:

Rescue Project: What difference does it make?

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

FOLLOWING OUR FAITH

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

171st - Pope Lucius III

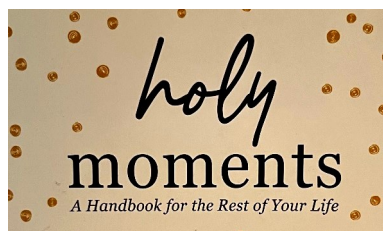
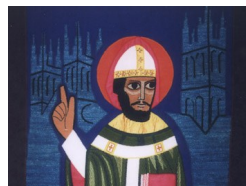
Born in Lucca, Tuscany, around 1097, Pope Lucius III, birth name was Ubaldo Allucingoli. Experts believe he was a member of the wealthy Allucingoli family. He was installed as Pope on September 1, 1181. His papacy was marked by significant challenges and conflicts that forced him to spend most of his reign in exile. Pope Lucius III refused to comply with the wishes of King Frederick I in many different situations. This conflict led to the pope refusing to crown Henry of Hohenstaufen as King Frederick I's successor. The dispute between the church and Italian politics grew even wider. The pope organized the synod at Verona, which was held in November 1184. While most of the meeting involved the condemnation of different heretic groups, including the Cathars and Paterines, Waldensians, Josephines, Pasagians and Arnoldists, another outcome of this meeting was the recognition of matrimony as a holy sacrament. Pope Lucius III was one of the last popes to believe that it was acceptable for clergy to be married. At age 41, in May 1141, he was first assigned as Cardinal-deacon, then within the same year, named Cardinal-Priest of Santa Prassede. In December 1158 at age 58.9, he was appointed as Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia (e Velletri), then in 1159 at age 59, he was ordained Bishop as Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia (e Velletri). His papacy, lasted four years and 85 days. Pope Lucius III died, November 25, 1185, at age 85 from unspecified causes. He was one of the oldest popes to have served.



Saint

December 29: St. Thomas Becket

Thomas Becket was the Archbishop of Canterbury who was murdered in the cathedral on this day in 1170. Thomas was an archdeacon when King Henry II appointed him chancellor, and they had a good relationship. But when he became archbishop, his personality changed and became more ascetical. His relationship with the king also deteriorated. When a conflict arose over the matter between Church and state, he refused to sign the document which severely limited the rights of the Church. He was abandoned by the bishops who wanted to maintain good relations with the king. After returning from six years in exile in France, certain people whom he had angered arranged to have him killed by four knights. Although the clergy wanted to barricade the doors of the cathedral, Becket refused, saying: "I am ready to die for the name of Jesus and the defense of the Church." He was struck down at the altar of the Blessed Virgin and St. Benedict. As a result of his death, both the king of England and the king of France were reconciled with the Church.



by Matthew Kelly

Holy Moments Explained -

WHAT GIVES YOU HOPE?

There are a growing number of people who have lost hope in our society. Devastated by cruelty and injustice, having suffered in so many ways, they have lost faith themselves, in humanity, in God, and in society. Just like Jean Valjean they need the tender touch of a Holy Moment.

What is the difference between when we are hopeful and hopeless? When we are hopeful, we believe the future can be better than the past and that there are things we can do to help bring about that better future. Hope empowers us.

When we lose hope, we stop believing that the future can be better, and start believing that there is nothing we can do about our situation. This victim mindset takes us deeper into the hopelessness, which makes us feel that even the smallest things are impossible.

Holy Moments remind us that the future can be better than the past. They fill us with hope. They show us that we have a vital role to play in bringing about that better future. Holy Moments empower us to give others the gift of hope, and the ability to give other people hope is profoundly beautiful.

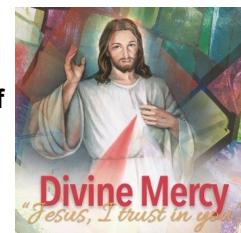
Anything that can bring people hope is of infinite value. Holy Moments are such a thing.

(To be continued)

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 64-65*

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from *God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 1521)*



"To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak."

PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January

For the right to an education - Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Please Pray for the Ill and Their Caregivers



Please remember in prayer those listed in the December 1 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions (in the Gathering Space).

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. Additional below:

In Loving Memory of:

Anna May & George Gavin *by Pat & Cathy Kelly*
Marion & Gerald Kelly *by Pat & Cathy Kelly*
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Esther Rice, Donna Stewart, James Sheaffer, Susan Graves

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December 31

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Greater Flint Area Men's Group

There will be no meeting the next two weeks due to Christmas and New Year's Day. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 8**, 6:30-8:00pm in the basement of St. Matthew Catholic Church in downtown Flint.

Ladies Day of Reflection

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Prayers & Devotions

Rosary for Peace & with Fatima Prayer

- Wednesday 4 pm

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

- Wednesday after 6 pm Mass

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

- Thursday 4 pm

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