



**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Entrance Hymn

The King Shall Come      #414  
When Morning Dawns

## Responsorial Psalm      #992

Psalm 80: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

## Communion Hymns

Jesus, Hope of the World      #909

This Is Jesus      #2071

As the Deer      #2027

## Closing Hymn

Soon and Very Soon      #865

## The Apostles' Creed

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

## St. Michael the Archangel

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

## Readings

#992

First Reading:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b;  
64:2-7

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel:

Mark 13:33-37



# A C U P O F J O E

Let's start by talking about the Giving Tree.

Every year a trusted agency gives us tags to put on a tree in the gathering area. Each tag contains a name and a Christmas gift idea/recommendation. The goal is for us to take a tag and buy a present for that underprivileged child so that they can have a nice present.



Last week we put our tree up and you all stripped that thing bare! Praise God for you.

Early last week we received a call from the folks who gave us tags for the tree and they let us know that some of the other Churches in our area were unable to fulfill all their tags. What that means is that left 150 kids who would not receive a Christmas gift.

I hope you don't mind, but I asked them to give them to us to see what we can do. So, our tree is full again. If you are able to help or to help more, please don't hesitate to do so.

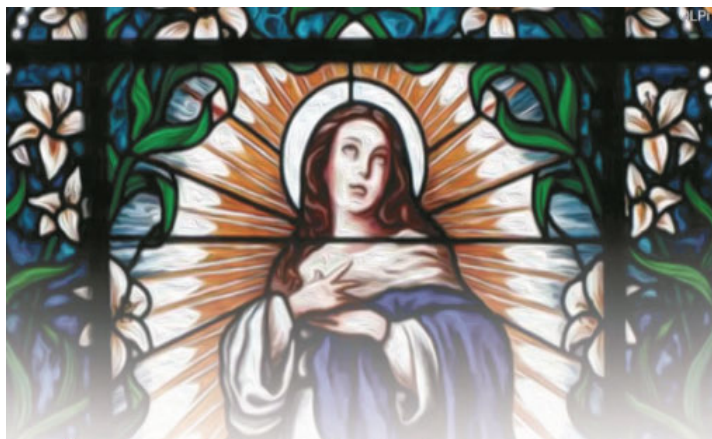
I'm so touched by your care for those in need. Thank you for the honor of being a priest for people like you.

This week we celebrate a Holy Day of Obligation! On December 8th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. We will pray Mass together December 7th at 6 pm and December 8th at 8 am. Please make sure to honor your baptismal promises by coming to one of those Masses and bringing your family with you.

This weekend, we commence our Advent Season. This is a season of Hope when we prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus, as well as celebrate His first. May God bless our Advent Season and help us to focus on Him and His Return in glory.

He loves us. That makes us the most blessed creatures in the Universe.

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*The Immaculate Conception*  
**OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
-DECEMBER 8-

## **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thursday, December 7th (vigil) - 6 p.m.  
Friday, December 8th - 8 a.m. (with school)

### **Christmas Flowers**

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



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

Please clearly print names. If you include a phone number, we can call if we have a question. For memorials to honor a living person, please write "living" after their name. All donations need to be submitted by **Wednesday, December 13th**, to be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

# STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

## Knights' Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus' monthly breakfast will be **Sunday, December 10th**, from 9 am to noon in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Waffles, pancakes, omelets, eggs and more will be served. Bake sale items will also be available. All profits will go to support the Knights' No Neighbor Left Behind program. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



## Holy Family Needle Crafters

Greetings, fellow Crafters. We will be meeting at Linda Waggoner 's home on **Monday, December 11**, at 9:30 am. Also, there has been interest in holding an evening meeting for the people who can't make the meeting during the day. Linda would like to meet at 5 pm on **December 11th**. If you plan to attend, please let her know, so she has enough materials available. Her phone number is 810-444-7036 and her address is 1264 Knollwood Dr. Flint, MI 48507 (off Fenton Rd.). We welcome everyone to our very friendly group. No experience needed. God bless. Rose Mary Gorke 810-394-5485.



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



Baptized on November 18, 2023

**Lucia Maureen Abbott**, daughter of Thomas and Jennifer Abbott

**William Richard Dent**, son of John and Anne Dent

**Delilah Violet Duffy**, daughter of Nicholas and Sarah Duffy

**JJay Robert Goble**, son of Cory and Amber Goble

**Eleanor Ann Lukovich**, daughter of Ryan and Katie Lukovich

## Knights of Columbus Family Rosary

Please join us as we pray the Rosary for the intentions of all Holy Family Parishioners. We will pray a family Rosary **this Sunday, December 3** (the first Sunday of every month), shortly after the end of 10:00 AM Mass.



## Retirement Fund for Religious

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



## Stewardship of Treasure November 25th & 26th, 2023

Registered families		1938
Envelopes received this week		144
Mail-in givers this week		17
Online givers this week		194
Amount offered from envelopes	\$	5,974.00
Amount offered from mail	\$	13,653.50
Amount offered from online giving	\$	13,007.00
Amount offered from visitors	\$	667.00
<b>Total weekly offerings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,301.50</b>

Recipient of 5% tithing on Others First weekend: **Holy Angels Warming Center** in Flint is all the name implies. A soup kitchen and a place for the homeless to come inside, warm up and be sustained with food. Open 24 hours a day in extremely cold months..

## "Others First" is This Weekend

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



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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

## 2023 Giving Tree

### (additional request)

Holy Family Parish accepted the names of 226 children (88 families) from the North End Soup Kitchen as part of their annual Angel Tag program.

**We have now been asked to take over 100 more children's tags from NESK as they have more to distribute.** This is a wonderful opportunity to bring love and cheer to those most in need, and it's our privilege to be able to do it.

Gifts may be brought back anytime **through Sunday, December 10th**, to the Gathering Space. The Soup Kitchen will be picking them up Tuesday, December 12th, and we'll need time to make sure every child has gifts for Christmas.

Thank you for stripping that tree bare of the first gift tags by 1 pm on November 19. That was impressive! Let's see about helping with gifts for these additional children.



## Holy Family Festival Youth Choir

**Youth, 3rd through 8th graders:** Join us to sing at 3:30 PM Christmas Prelude on **December 24th** in the church. The rehearsals will be 11:15 AM through 12:15 PM on December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Please let Dr. Simon know soon if you are interested in singing the Christmas Prelude.



## Our Catholic Heritage

*by Earl Hagen*

### 115th Pope - Theodore II

Born in Rome, he was elected pope in December 897. The favored candidate of the Germanic groups, he governed the church for 20 days. His short reign occurred during a period of partisan strife in the Catholic Church, caused by the "Cadaver Synod" which was entangled with a period of violence and disorder in central Italy. During this time he had the body of Pope Formosus recovered from the Tiber and properly buried in the Vatican. He called back and reinstalled all of the bishops and clergymen that had been exiled. There was a suspicion of poisoning or assassination in his sudden and unexpected death. Pope Theodore II died in December 897 and is buried in the Vatican grottoes

# WELCOME

## Our newest parishioners

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

Kenneth and Noel Knipp

William and Monica Cotton

Cory and Carrie Bristol, sons Ozlo, Axel, and Vin

Paul and Yvonne Zadonia

Cameron and Melissa Roat, children Theodore and Grace

William and Monica Mooney

Allison and Devon Huggins


Erin and Andrew Downes, children Carson, Evelyne and Hayley

Vicky Maracle and son Marcus

# 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.*

## HFS Upcoming Events & News




**SAVE THE DATE**

### HFS Christmas Program


**TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 19, 2023**

**1:15 PM**

**FATHER BUSH  
PARISH CENTER**



We are collecting returnable cans/bottles year round to support our 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip next year and in future years. If you have cans that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the small shed next to the maintenance building in the upper lot. The shed is available to receive returnable donations all day, every day.



**THANK YOU!**

**The BIGGEST fundraiser our school relies on every year is back!**



**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:

- Saturday, December 9
- Sunday, December 10
- Saturday, December 16
- Sunday, December 17

Cash or Check accepted

\*Drawing takes place on February 2, 2024 1:00pm

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



**IMPORTANT SCRIP RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARDS HOLIDAY DEADLINE DATES**

December 18 is the last Monday to order SCRIP for 2023. Your order will be available for pick up December 20 after 1pm (but before 3pm).  
- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



**Be a part of our Holy FAMILY!**  
Contact Lisa Harvey at 810-694-9072, ext. 0  
or [lharvey@hfsgb.org](mailto:lharvey@hfsgb.org)  
[www.hfsgb.org](http://www.hfsgb.org)





# Knightly Update

December 2023

Mother of Perpetual  
Help Council  
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## Knights' Dues are Due

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

## Baby Bottles for Life

Thanks to all those who donated to the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottles for Life drive. Because of your generosity, we raised over \$5,300. We will donate the money raised to local pro-life pregnancy centers.

If you forgot to return a baby bottle, you can still return those bottles at any Knights of Columbus event, such as the Family Rosary, Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner, or one of our Council meetings. The baby bottle collection cabinet will also be at St. Mark's parish in Goodrich, MI, through December 17th if it is convenient to drop your bottle off there.

Thanks again for supporting life and please remember to pray for unborn babies and their mothers.

## No Neighbor Left Behind

Join us in putting our faith in action leaving No Neighbor Left Behind!

- In November the Knights helped 72 families and eight different outreaches/organizations/pregnancy centers, providing more than 740 household items. We provide families in need with furniture, appliances, pots, pans and dishes. We deliver clothes, food and special requests to Holy Family and other area outreaches.
- So far in 2023, we have helped 343 families, delivering 3,577 items and delivering another 1,298 items to 18 outreaches/organizations.
- Thank you to Holy Family Outreach and all who help with donations, pickups and deliveries.
- Special thanks to all those who have donated to our fundraiser to purchase a high-roof van, which will allow us to deliver beds in the rain. We have received over 29% of our goal! See Desiree Londrigan, Al Gaulin or call Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714 if you would like to donate.
- We have 116 families waiting for us to find/deliver items for them. We especially need beds, dressers, appliances, and kitchen tables, in addition to silverware, pots and pans. We cannot deliver what we have

in storage fast enough, so if you can help deliver to a family, it would be a blessing to them.

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

## November Knight of the Month – Phil Stadler

Phil recently agreed to serve as our Deputy Grand Knight. Phil has volunteered at most of our events, has recruited one member, and has worked with that member to add a bake sale to our Pancake Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinner. Phil brought the Knights into the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce. Phil is involved in several charities. He is on the board of directors for Family Promise. He organizes an annual Bowl-O-Rama, which raises money for a different charity every year. Phil is an example of a Knight who puts his faith in action.

## November Family of the Month – Cesar and Ica Bernabe

Cesar is an Acolyte, and Ica is a eucharistic minister. Cesar facilitates the Mother of Perpetual Help devotion every Wednesday after 6 pm Mass. Cesar and Ica facilitate an Our Lady of Fatima Devotion where they transport a statue of Our Lady to a different family every one or two weeks. Lastly, Cesar and Ica are traveling to the Philippines for a mercy trip this January 2024. Cesar and Ica are a great example of a family who serves the Lord every day.



## December Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun., Dec. 3	11:10	Family Rosary	Church
Sun., Dec. 10	9:00	Pancake Breakfast	Lg. Hall
Th., Dec. 14	6:30	Planning Meeting	Small Hall
Th., Dec. 14	7:30	Council Meeting	Small Hall
Wed., Dec. 20	5:00	Spaghetti Dinner	Lg. Hall
Th., Dec. 28	7:30	Rosary meeting*	Small Hall

\*spouses welcome

## Join the Knights

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

## Mass Intentions December 4 - 10

### Monday, December 4

8:00 AM Ron Gelisse (Living) by *Gelisse Family*

### Tuesday, December 5

8:00 AM Wanda Yancho by *Randy and Elizabeth Petrides*

### Wednesday, December 6

8:00 AM Thomas Wanbaugh by *Wanbaugh Family*

6:00 PM Don and Terry Kita by *Jim and Lorri O'Dea*

### Thursday, December 7

8:00 AM Ed Suess by *Len and Linda Nawrocki*

6:00 PM Dr. William Macksood by *his sister Carol and family*

### Friday, December 8

8:00 AM Gordon and Frances Mannor by *Barbara Lusty*

### Saturday, December 9

8:00 AM Dr. Ghassan Bachuwa by *Bachuwa Family*

4:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

### Sunday, December 10

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

10:00 AM Jack and Kate Denne by *Denne Family*

12:00 PM Gay Gelisse by *Len and Linda Nawrocki*

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

Joan Canning by *Janice Hennen*

Thomas Hasselbach (Living) by *Janice Hennen*

Doyle Otis Jackson by *Thomas Haney*

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

## Liturgical Ministry - December 9/10

### Second Sunday of Advent

*(schedule may not reflect recent changes)*

**4:00 PM Saturday** - Fr. Joseph Krupp

**Lectors:** Colleen Argus, Doug Zloto

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Dawn Davis Cindy Edmonds

**Altar Servers:**

Emily Martin Grace Martin Tony Bonifazi

**8:00 AM Sunday** - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

**Lectors:** Lori Charboneau, Dan Charboneau

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Dan Charboneau Cathy Lane

**Altar Servers:**

**(help needed - 3)**

**10:00 AM Sunday** - Fr. Joseph Krupp

**Lectors:** Daniel T. Charboneau, Andy Cocagne

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Amy Daliege Gayle Elston

**Altar Servers:**

Amelia Elston Everett Teem William Shaver

**12:00 PM Sunday** - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

**Lectors:** Karen Allen, Bill Harris

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Cindy Villaire Scott Villaire

**Altar Servers:**

Helaina Barry Kolten Barry **(help needed - 1)**

## Weekly Readings December 3 - 10

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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

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

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

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

**Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

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

**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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

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

Friday, December 1st 10 am - 12 pm

Open Play

St. Mark Parish Hall

Friday, December 15th 10:30 am

Play Time

Sloan Museum (Free entrance if Genesee County Resident)

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



Drop in anytime!

[hfgb.org](http://hfgb.org)

## 55 & Over Club

No luncheon this Tuesday, December 5th.  
Group going on outing to tour Meadowbrook  
Mansion, then lunch at Lucky Prime. See  
what you are missing.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE




 HOLY FAMILY 2023  
*Christmas Mass Schedule*

<p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 4 p.m. <i>(4th Sunday of Advent)</i></p> <p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8 a.m. 10 a.m.* <i>No Noon Mass</i></p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE 4 p.m.* <i>(no incense)</i> 6 p.m. Midnight</p>	<p>MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 8 a.m.* <i>(no incense)</i> 10 a.m.</p> <p>TUESDAY - SATURDAY DECEMBER 26 - 30 <i>Regular Morning Masses</i> 8 a.m.*</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 <i>No Confessions &amp; No 6 p.m. Mass</i></p>	<p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 8 a.m.* <i>(Morning Mass)</i> <i>No Confessions</i> 4 p.m. <i>(Feast of the Holy Family Vigil)</i></p> <p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 8 a.m. 10 a.m.* Noon</p> <p>MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD <i>(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)</i> 8 a.m.*</p>
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There will be additional parking in the lower lot and Mass viewing in the Fr. Bush Parish Center for the 4 p.m. (& 6 p.m. if needed) Christmas Eve Masses.

\*Livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube and hfgb.org

by Matthew Kelly

## Part One

### Awakening - The Two Hungers

“Once what you are doing has meaning for you, it is irrelevant whether you’re happy or unhappy. You are content.” This was the beautiful and profound observation of the South African author Laurens van der Post.

We pretend our hunger baffles us. We try to feed our hunger in a thousand ways, but still our hunger remains, because it will only be satisfied with meaning. We cannot thrive without meaning. Our need for meaning is as urgent and unceasing as our need for water.

(To be continued next week)

*Kelly, M. (2022). Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 18.*



**Please pray for these men and women in military service:**

**SFC Matthew Crimando**—Army, Camp Shelby, MS  
**Sgt. Kyle Kaneris**—Army  
**LT. Noël Koenig**—Navy, Dallas, TX  
**Lcpl. Zachary Korte**—Marines, Washington  
**Sgt. Adam Moreau**—Army, North Carolina  
**A1C Daniel Przybysz**— Air Force, Minot, ND  
**Sgt. Zachary Rogers** - Army, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii  
**SPC Joseph Sardo** - Army, Ft. Carson, CO  
**Maj. Richard J. Valko**—Marines, San Diego, CA  
**PV-2 Adam Vance**—Army, Colorado  
**MM FR Matthew Yousif**—Navy, San Diego, CA

# PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

## Please Pray for Our Ill and Their Caregivers

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

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

## 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, 348)

"I have been waiting to share My suffering with you, for who can understand My suffering better than My spouse?"



## 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.

## Marriage Banns

Maria Delores Gomez Fabela and Greg Cruthers

December 16, 2023



## In Loving Memory

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

### December 3

Joseph Pence, Raymond L. Vereeke, Marguerite Sires, Ramon A. Quillen

### December 4

Irene Beebe, Raymond Piesko, Eileen Rohlfing

### December 5

Isabell Lamoureux, Betty Staroba

### December 6

William Lord, Ted Romprey, Julie (Dag) Dagostino

### December 7

George Hamilton, Robert Dulude, Donald J. Kehoe

### December 8

Michael Egan, Victor D. Orne, Gaylord C. Stecher, Robert D. Shaw, Marion Becker, Donald Barrett, Patricia Wells, Viola Cole

### December 9

Nonnita Durant, Dorothy R. Benson, Jean Wrocklage

## Saint

### December 3: St. Francis Xavier

Francis made the spiritual exercises under the direction of St. Ignatius, and in 1534 joined his little community, the newly formed Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope. From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Francis Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next ten years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India. Francis went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized.



# FOLLOWING OUR FAITH



## Noon Mass Ushers

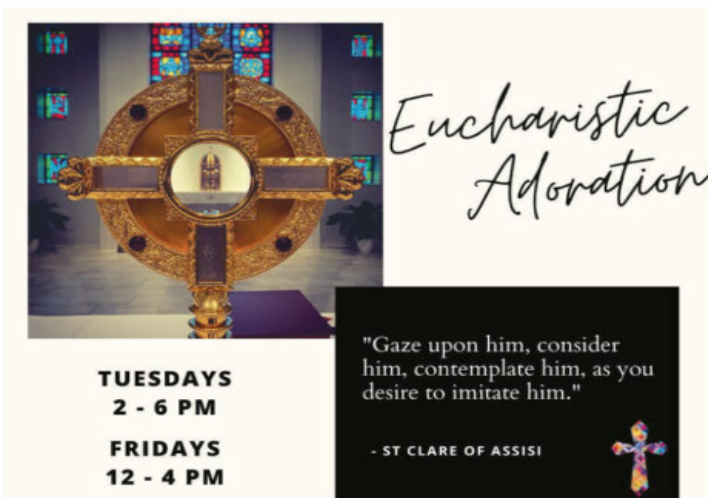
Ushering is a unique way to minister to others! We are in need of ushers for noon Mass. We welcome everyone aged 14 and up to be part of this ministry! If you are interested, please contact Genevieve Psenski at [gpsenski@hfgb.org](mailto:gpsenski@hfgb.org) or (810) 694-4891, ext. 2252.

## 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](mailto:gpsenski@hfgb.org). This will be the best hour of your day. Let Him transform you.



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  
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**Catholic 101** December 10, 2023  
 This week's topic:  
**Salvation & Redemption**

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

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 This week's topic:  
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**Who Am I to Judge? Session 8**  
**What is Truth? Answering Common Questions**

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**Wednesday:** 6 pm

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Saturdays 8:30 am (after 8 am Mass)

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- Wednesday 4 pm

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

- Wednesday after 6 pm Mass

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- Thursday 4 pm

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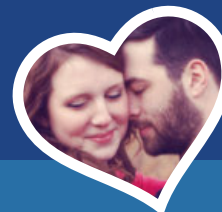


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