

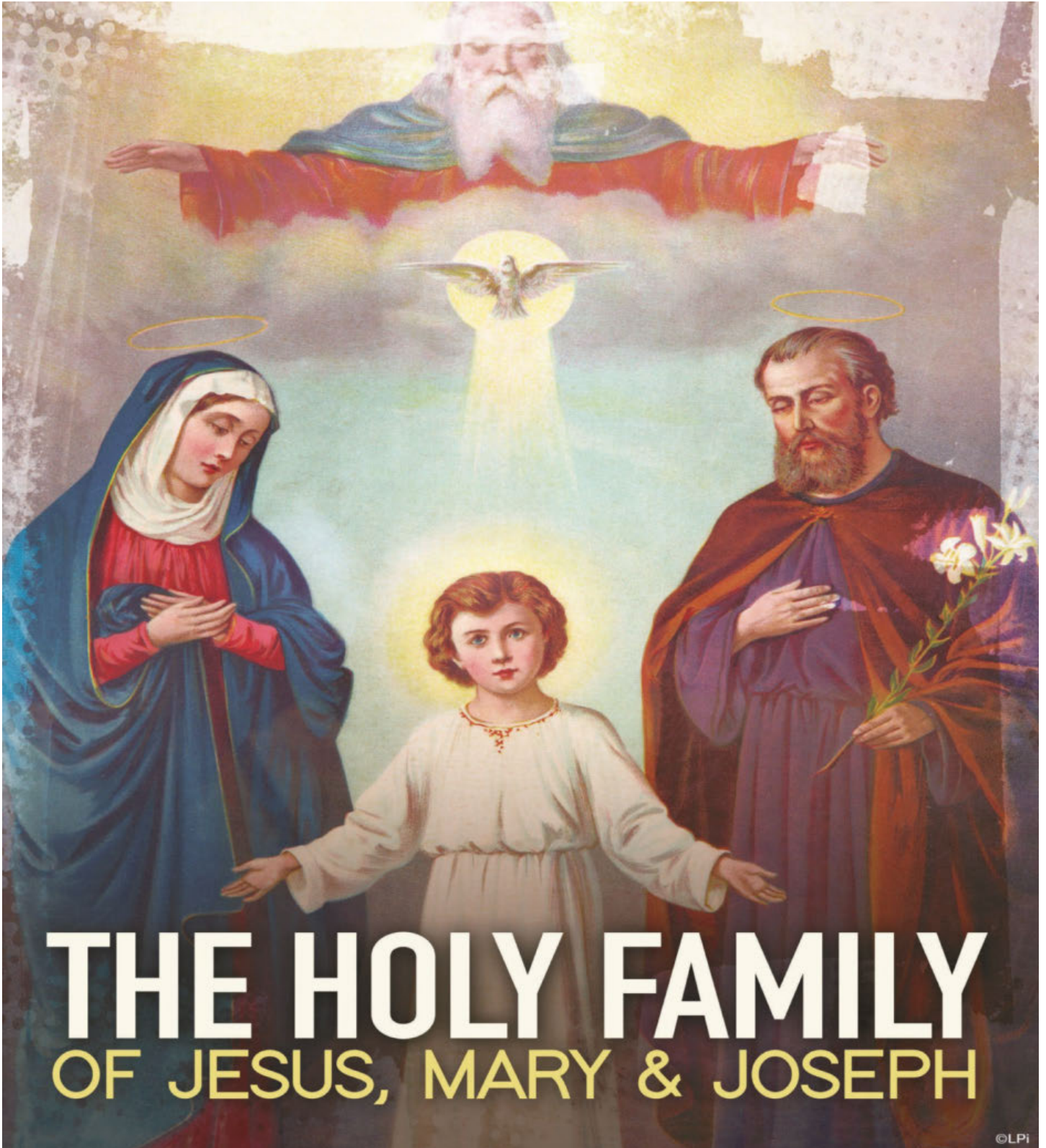


# CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH



# THE HOLY FAMILY

## OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 31, 2023

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## Entrance Hymn

Once in Royal David's City #455

## Responsorial Psalm #86

Psalm 128: Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

## 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 #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

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

Second Reading:  
Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel:  
Luke 2:22, 39-40



## 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.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



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



Baptized on December 16, 2023

**Charlotte Elizabeth Freismuth**, daughter of Richard and Natalie Freismuth

**Luke Walker Kemper**, son of Brenden and Jamie Kemper

**Levi James Kemper**, son of Brenden and Jamie Kemper

**Joseph Donald Ralph**, son of Nicholas and Molly Ralph

## 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!*

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



## Catholic Calendars for 2024

Catholic Calendars for 2024 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 the collection box or visit [hfgb.org](http://hfgb.org) and donate to the Buildings & Grounds fund online. Whatever you are able to contribute will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



# STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

## Welcome!

To any visitors joining us - a special WELCOME! If you would like to register and make Holy Family your parish family, we would love to have you! You can register online on our website [hfgb.org](http://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.

## Chalking the Door

20 + C + M + B + 24

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 7 (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.*

## Stewardship of Treasure

December 23rd & 24th, 2023

No stewardship report available this week due to early bulletin deadline



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).

## 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 2023 account, envelopes must be received, postmarked, or submitted to PushPay by Dec. 31, 2023. Otherwise, donations will be posted to 2024.

## "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 **bread/hot dog buns, cereal, toilet paper, paper towel, lotion (full size), tissue, tampons, conditioner (full size), and warm winter gloves.** Bring non-perishable 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!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

## Holy Family Needle Crafters

We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and blessed and Happy New Year.

We will be meeting on **Monday, January 8th**, at 9:30 am at Linda Waggoner's home. If anyone is interested in attending an evening meeting (after 5 pm), please contact Linda. If there is interest, she will hold one Monday evening. Her address is 1264 Woodnoll Dr., Flint 58607 and her phone is (810) 444-7036. We received a large donation of cut fabric from Dian G. from her late sister Betty M. Thank you so much, Dian.

We will go through it at the meeting and have members take fabric for projects to work on. We are still in need of fleece hats for "No Child Left Behind" at Holy Family and baby receiving blankets and burp cloths for the Luke 52 Project. Also baby supplies and baby toys would be appreciated to make gift bags for the expectant moms. We can continue to craft bereavement quilts and shawls as well.

Thanks to everyone who helped in December to get the Angel Tree gifts packed up and ready to distribute.

Everyone is welcome to join us. No experience is necessary. We will teach you. It is fun and a very rewarding group. Please bring a cloth bag with you to the next meeting to carry your projects home.

God Bless. Any questions? Contact Linda or Rose Mary 810-694-8980.



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!

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 hfgb.org

For a schedule or more information, contact:  
 Deacon Dan Medich Jr.      694-4891 ext 2214 or  
 email: dmedich@hfgb.org

**Catholic 101**      January 7, 2024  
 This week's topic:  
**Mercy & Justice**

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      Sundays | 11:30 am - 1 pm  
 dmedich@hfgb.org      St. Joseph Center

**Catholic 101a**      January 9, 2024  
 This week's topic:  
**Introduction to Prayer**

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      Tuesdays | 6 pm - 7:15 pm  
 dmedich@hfgb.org      St. Joseph Center

**Catholic 201**      January 7, 2024  
 This week's topic:  
**True Reformers**  
**St. Thomas More: The Age of the Author**

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      Sundays | 11:30 am - 1 pm  
 dmedich@hfgb.org      St. Joseph Center

## Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

### 119th Pope - Sergius III

Born in Rome, he was elected pope for the first time in 898 backed by the Duke of Spoleto's faction in opposition to Pope John IX. The latter excommunicated him and condemned him to exile. After a few years in exile, he was freed by Pope Leo V, then returned to Rome. After gaining the support of Adalberto, the Marquis of Tuscany, Sergius marched on Rome and ousted Christopher, who had been installed as pope (or anti-pope). Sergius was then re-elected Pontiff in 904. He insisted on and defended the rights of the church over that of the Feudal Lords. The tiara inscription was then shown for the first time on the medals of the pontificate. Pope Sergius III died April 14, 911, and is buried in St. Peter's Basilica.



# 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.*

FROM ALL OF US AT  
HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR  
2024

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.



**Be a part of our Holy FAMILY!**  
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or [lharvey@hfsgb.org](mailto:lharvey@hfsgb.org)  
[www.hfsgb.org](http://www.hfsgb.org)



# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

## 55 & Over Club

No luncheon January 2nd. Happy New Year. Keep safe and consider joining us in 2024.



## 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:**  
Connor Byrd by *SBC Family*

by Matthew Kelly

### Part One

#### Awakening - A Moment of Clarity

One of the fruits of this friendship was a moment of clarity so piercing that it has defined my life.



I was walking home from meeting with him one day, when everything we had been discussing for months came together in a single clarifying thought: *Some moments are holy, some moments are unholy, and our choices can guide a moment in either direction.*

It was a rare moment of clarity in a chaotic and confusing world. It was also a moment of intense joy. I can still see myself walking down the street. I know exactly where I was in that moment of awakening.

Everything good in my life has been connected to that moment. And all the pain and disappointment I have caused myself and others has been the result of abandoning the wisdom that was revealed in that moment.

(To be continued next week)

*Kelly, M. (2022). Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 20.*

## 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.

## Altar Flowers

**For January**

**In Memory of**

Robert and Valeria Bartley by *Patricia Dailey*

## 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](mailto:tdyer@hfgb.org).

## Mass Intentions January 1 - 7

### Monday, January 1

8:00 AM John Rozsa *by Ray and Kathy Goteau*

### Tuesday, January 2

8:00 AM Paula Doll *by Brian Sekula*

### Wednesday January 3

8:00 AM Amelia Milanowski (Living) *by Rich & Theresa Cross*

6:00 PM Dennis Szechy, Sr. *by Theresa and Mark Dyer*

### Thursday, January 4

8:00 AM Gay Gelisse *by Paul and Desiree Londrigan*

### Friday, January 5

8:00 AM Dr. William Macksood *by his sister Carol & family*

### Saturday, January 6

8:00 AM Peter and Pearl Joy *by Richard Jobbagy*

4:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

### Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Rich and Mary Ellen Cross (Living) *by Rich and Theresa Cross*

10:00 AM Clay Muerhoff *by Mike and Mary Kovack*

12:00 PM Darwin Hickman *by Peter and Linda Daunt*

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

Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Fr. Tim Nelson (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Fr. James Swiat (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Bishop Jerry Vincke (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Fr. Ken Coughlin Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Joyce Tench *by Nancy Repuyan*

Theresa Bellows (Living) *by Marjorie Bellows*

Daniel Bellows (Living) *by Marjorie Bellows*

Veronica & Bob Tenuta & family (Living) *by Marjorie Bellows*

Mary Bellows *by Marjorie Bellows*

Ray and Madelaine Bellows *by Marjorie Bellows*

Geneva Bellows *by Marjorie Bellows*

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Gabrielle Bellows and kids (Living) *by Marjorie Bellows*

Joseph Bellows (Living) *by Marjorie Bellows*

Christian & Christopher Bellows (Living) *by Marjorie Bellows*

Ray Katanbafnezhad (Living) *by Marjorie Bellows*

## Liturgical Ministry - January 6/7

### The Epiphany of the Lord

*(schedule may not reflect recent changes)*

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

**Lectors:** Darlene McKone, Gina Hunsinger

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Colleen Argus Jack Massimino

**Altar Servers:**

James Londrigan Emily Martin Grace Martin

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

**Lectors:** Paul Wolven, Mike Wilson

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Richard Jobbagy Jim Lusty

**Altar Servers:**

Jimmy Dowling Gavin Raysin **(help needed - 1)**

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

**Lectors:** Randy Petrides, Ken Mraz

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Peter Lindgren Lisa McNally

**Altar Servers:**

Vincent Cross Emma Darmafall Jonathan Darmafall

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

**Lectors:** Madalynn Shaver, Karen Allen

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Scott Heron Dr. Steve James

**Altar Servers:**

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

## Weekly Readings Dec. 31 - January 7

**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, 39-40

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

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

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

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

**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**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



## Holy Family Lending Library

The lending library (for religious books) is located in the gathering space. You are welcome to take a book and return it when finished for others to read. (We are not able to accept donations to the library at this time.)





# FOLLOWING OUR FAITH

## (Practicing) Catholic

*Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments*  
by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

*"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..."*  
— Colossians 3:12

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## Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from *God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina* (Diary, 289)



"Do not be surprised that you are sometimes unjustly accused. I Myself first drank this cup of undeserved suffering for love of you."

### Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for January

**For the gift of diversity in the church -** *We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic church.*



### Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Please join us in devotion each Wednesday in church after the 6:00 PM Mass to pray the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena.



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](mailto: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](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov)



# PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on December 21 for



## Rest in Peace

**Stephen Racine.** Stephen, age 38, died Saturday, December 16, 2023. He was born on December 1, 1985, in Grand Blanc to John and Katharine Racine. Surviving are his wife Lindsey, his parents, sisters Lisa (Scott) Burau, Angela (Michael) Blondin, Karen (Todd) Pietras, Monica, Christina (Steve) Toth, Cheryl (Cort) Niemi, and brother Michael. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

*Lord, we remember in our prayers Stephen Racine, 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.*

## Please Pray for the Ill and Their 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: Tom Smith.



## In Loving Memory

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

### December 31

Francis A. Swarbrick, Hugh Patrick Hackett, Francis Marta

### January 1

Joseph Fisher, Gerald Williams, Marie York, Robert Katcavage

### January 2

Thelma Wierzbicki, Sam Blower, Floyd "Jim" Johnson, Clarence "Clay" Muerhoff

### January 3

David Egan, Bruce Wood, George H. Lanham, Lucille Jozwiak

### January 4

Eugenie Hughes, Lloyd Racine, Gladys "Gay" Gelisse

### January 5

Chloe Somers, Dorothy Keyes, Arline Pearson, Mary Tremblay, James McColgan, Bruce Smock

### January 6

Virginia M. Guerin, Albert Blackman, Jack Darwin Miles, James Walter Blackmon, Joseph S. Kulik, Frederick Cole, Genevieve Wisniewski

## 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.

## January 2024 Apostolate of Prayer for Priests... Lansing

Jan. 1 Our Holy Father  
 Jan. 2 Rev. Robert Kolenski / Rev. Timothy Krzyzaniak  
 Jan. 3 Rev. Thomas Nenneau / Rev. Mathias Thelen  
 Jan. 4 Rev. Shea Kettner / Rev. Bosco Padamattummel  
 Jan. 5 Msgr. Michael Murphy / Rev. James Rolph  
 Jan. 6 Rev. Douglas Osborn / Rev. Daniel Westermann  
 Jan. 7 Bishop Earl A. Boyea  
 Jan. 8 Rev. Jeff Poll / Rev. Jon Taylor  
 Jan. 9 All priests  
 Jan. 10 Rev. Jonathan Perrotta / Rev. John Byers  
 Jan. 11 Rev. Peter Lawrence / Rev. Steven Mattson  
 Jan. 12 Rev. Joseph Wagner / Rev. Michael Newman  
 Jan. 13 Rev. James Eisele / Rev. William Koenigs knecht  
 Jan. 14 Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling  
 Jan. 15 Rev. Stanley Poltorak / Rev. Robert Copeland  
 Jan. 16 Rev. Matthew Fedewa / Rev. Paul Erickson

Jan. 17 Rev. David Reamsnyder / Rev. Satheesh Alphonse  
 Jan. 18 Rev. Brendan Walsh / Rev. Darin Robert  
 Jan. 19 Rev. Peter Ludwig / Dcn. Kenneth Preiss  
 Jan. 20 Rev. Daniel Dixon / Rev. Duaine Pamment  
 Jan. 21 Rev. David Speicher / Rev. Terrence Dumas  
 Jan. 22 Rev. Miguel Colunga-Santoyo / Rev. Eduardo Lorenzo  
 Jan. 23 Rev. Timothy Nelson / Rev. James Conlon  
 Jan. 24 Rev. Todd Koenigs knecht / Rev. Karl Pung  
 Jan. 25 Rev. Andrew Czajkowski / **Rev. Joseph Krupp**  
 Jan. 26 Rev. Anthony Smela / Rev. Gerald Gawronski  
 Jan. 27 Rev. Robert Pienta / Rev. Phillip Sessions  
 Jan. 28 Rev. George Puthenpeedika / Rev. Carl Simon  
 Jan. 29 Rev. Anthony Brooks / Rev. Daniel Kogut  
 Jan. 30 Rev. David Howell / Rev. Dennis Howard  
 Jan. 31 Rev. Gordon Reige / Rev. Kyle Shinseki

Prayerfully Prepared for You by the Sisters of the Community of the Resurrection, Cason, Maine

# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



## 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.

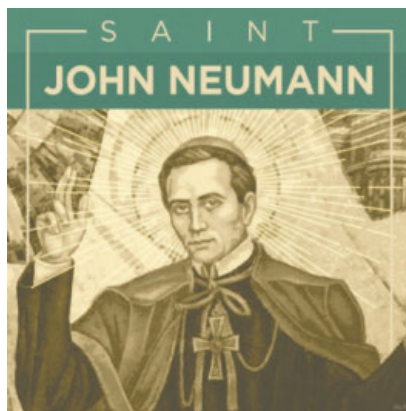
It is necessary that, when the Lord is exposed on the altar during adoration, individuals are present for prayer and adoration, either communally or individually. We lovingly refer to those volunteers who dedicate this time to our Lord, as Adorers. We invite and welcome all to come and spend time with 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.

## Saint

### January 5: St. John Neumann

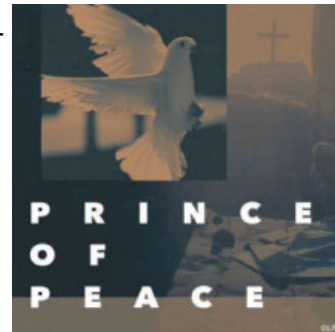
John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time. Well known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified.



## Gospel Meditation

*Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture*

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.



Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— *Father John Muir*

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## First Saturday Devotions

The World Apostolate of Fatima Diocesan Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace will be held at Blessed Sacrament (6340 Roberta St., Burton) on **January 6, 2024**, 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 Brad at (810) 744-6508 with any questions or concerns. More information on the website: [www.wafgc.org](http://www.wafgc.org)

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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>

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**Wednesday:** 6 pm

## Confession Schedule

Wednesdays 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm (before 6 pm Mass)

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- Wednesday 4 pm

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- Wednesday after 6 pm Mass

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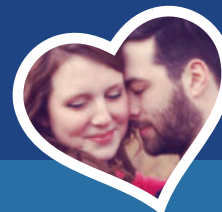
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