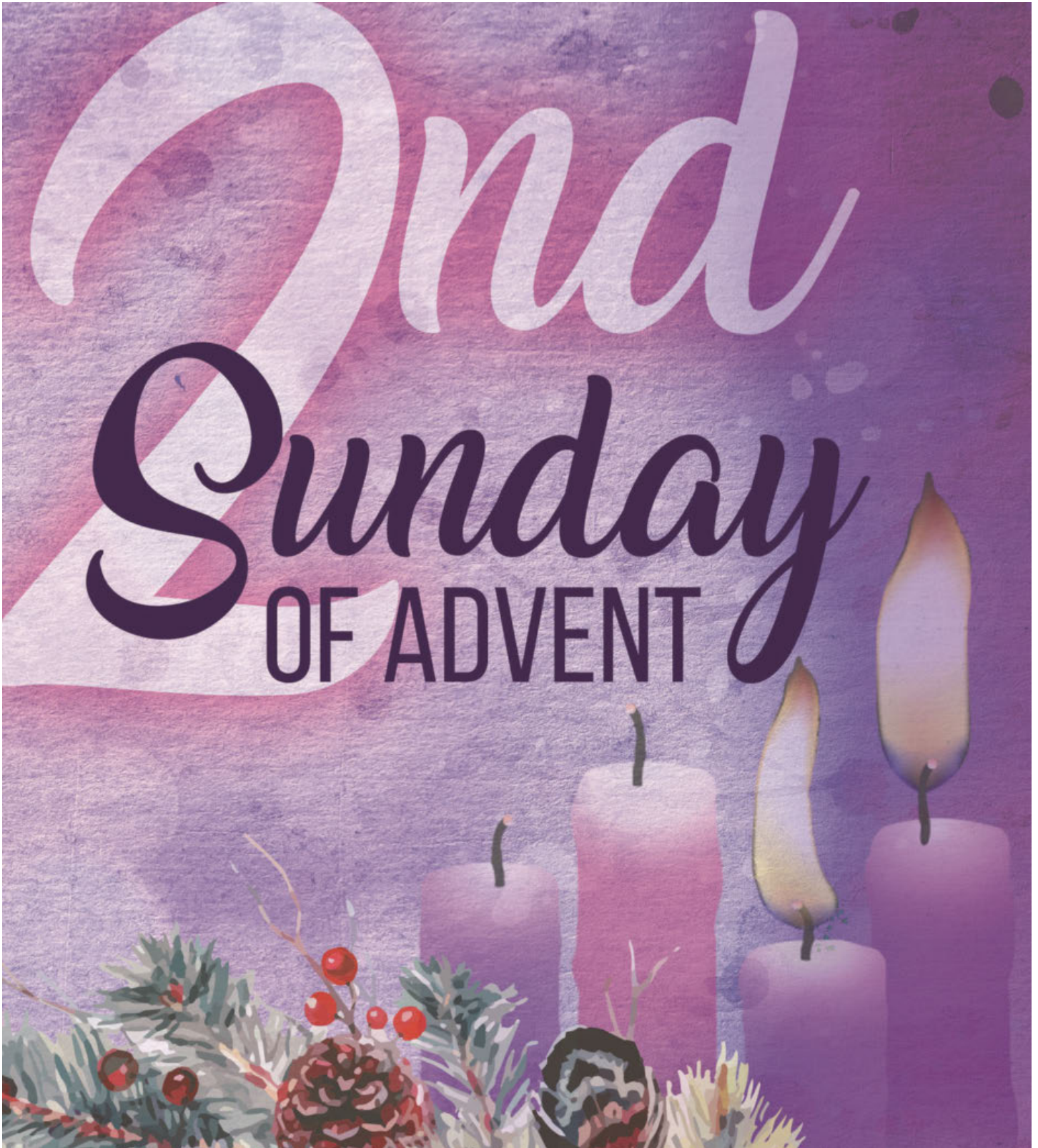




**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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December 8, 2024

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## Opening Hymn

On Jordan's Bank #418

## Responsorial Psalm #996

Psalm 126: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

## Communion Hymns

This Is Jesus #2071

Like a Shepherd #402

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord #40

As the Deer #2027

## Closing Hymn

Days of Elijah #2035

## 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

#996

First Reading:  
Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading:  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel:  
Luke 3:1-6





# A C U P O F J O E

Greetings in Christ!

We continue our journey through Advent. This is a good moment to pause and refocus our hearts and minds on the upcoming celebration of His birth and to prepare ourselves for His second coming.



This week we celebrate two big occasions all in one.

This Thursday, December 12th, is the anniversary of the dedication of our new Church and it is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I'm so grateful to God for the gift of our Church and your generous hearts that made it possible. The fact that we got to dedicate it on such a wonderful feast only made it all the more amazing. Please consider coming and praying Mass here on Thursday at 8 am if you can.

It is hard to believe it was one year ago I shared with you that we scheduled the company that will reinstall our organ pipes in the nave of the church beginning January 2025. I am excited for us all to have organ music as part of our liturgy once again. We continue to strive to make sure that the place where we worship Jesus is worthy of Him: filled with beauty, light and love.

As we continue our journey with the Stewardship for Saints & Scholars campaign, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a five-year pledge to help us build the future of Holy Family. Your pledge will not only strengthen our school and its Catholic mission, but it will also allow us to reach our stretch goal of building a new garage and outreach center—critical spaces for serving our community. We need your help to reach this goal. Your generosity today will impact generations to come.

As we move toward Christmas may we challenge ourselves to be a light to all we come in contact with this Advent season.

May Jesus bless you all. I thank Him every day that I get to be your priest.

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Saints & Scholars Campaign



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

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 9, 2024

6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. (with school), 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY PRESENTS

## Journey to Christmas

a free concert

FEATURING:

ADULT CHOIR  
BELL CHOIR  
YOUTH CHOIR

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 8TH,  
5PM

11804 S. SAGINAW  
GRAND BLANC, MI

# 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.

## 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 "Memorial Flowers" 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 11th**, to be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support



them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. An envelope may be found in your packet or you may give online.

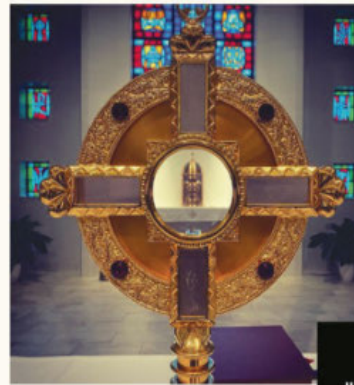


### 2024 Giving Tree

Please return your gifts anytime **through Sunday, December 15th**, to the Gathering Space. We'll need Monday all day to ensure everyone is accounted for, and bag them by families.

The Soup Kitchen will be coming with their truck early Tuesday morning, the 17th to pick up.

Thank you for your very generous hearts!!!!



*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



## Stewardship of Treasure November 30th/December 1, 2024

Registered families	2018
Envelopes received this week	141
Mail-in givers this week	39
Online givers this week	172
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 8,822.00
Amount offered from mail	\$ 4,363.00
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 13,017.00
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 1,029.00
<b>Total weekly offerings</b>	<b>\$ 27,231.00</b>



# Knighly Update

December 2024

Mother of Perpetual  
Help Council  
6742

## Coats for Kids

We participated, with other area Councils, in two Coats for Kids distributions in November, both held at Catholic Charities' Center for Hope in downtown Flint. Thanks to the help of our volunteers, we were able to get 637 kids into coats, as well as hats, scarves, and gloves.



Date	Time	Event	Location
Dec. 7 & 21	9am	Men's Bible Study	SJC
Dec. 8	9am-Noon	Pancake Breakfast	FBPC
Dec. 12	6:30pm	Council Holiday Party	St Mark
Dec. 18	5pm-7pm	Spaghetti Dinner	FBPC
Dec. 19	6:30-8pm	Into The Breach	St Mark
Dec. 26	7:30pm	Rosary Meeting	FBPC
Jan. 5	11:10am	Family Rosary	Church

## No Neighbor Left Behind

Join us in putting our faith into action, leaving "No Neighbor Left Behind"! We provide families in need with furniture, beds, appliances, kitchen items, etc. In October, No Neighbor Left Behind helped 88 families/non-profits, providing more than 751 items! And we still have 142 families waiting for help! Thanks to a couple of amazing parishioners, we were able to get 38 kids off the floor and into twin beds in November! We still have 37 kids on our list. Do you have a twin bed you could donate? Can you help pick up/deliver one day per month? Contact Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714. Do you have items to donate, especially beds, silverware, pots & pans, and kitchen furniture? Or do you have money you would like to donate to allow us to purchase appliances, etc. for families? Contact Al Gaulin at 586-899-5080.

## November Knight of the Month – Leonard Weaver

Len is a staple at our monthly meals and has transformed his role as a busser into our ambassador, sitting down with guests at each meal and really getting

to know them. We have received several comments of how his willingness to share his presence and active listening has been therapeutic to people who were going through a tough time. This is the type of impact we should all strive to make and Len is a great example of a Knight putting his faith into action!

## November Family of the Month – The Oglenski family

Steve never lets his MS get in the way of being an active member of our Council. He attends Council meetings and meals regularly, serves as a counter at every Tootsie Roll drive, and came to our first Into the Breach session. He and Debbie are very active members at St. Mark's, where Steve is on the production team for the Livestream ministry. Deb is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. She is also a Communion Service and Book Club leader, as well as being involved in the grief support ministry. They are a shining example of a Catholic family who lives their faith!

## Knights Dues

If you are a Knight, and have not paid your dues, please contact our Financial Secretary Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714 or [joe.buffa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joe.buffa@sbcglobal.net) to pay.

## Help your parish! Help your community!

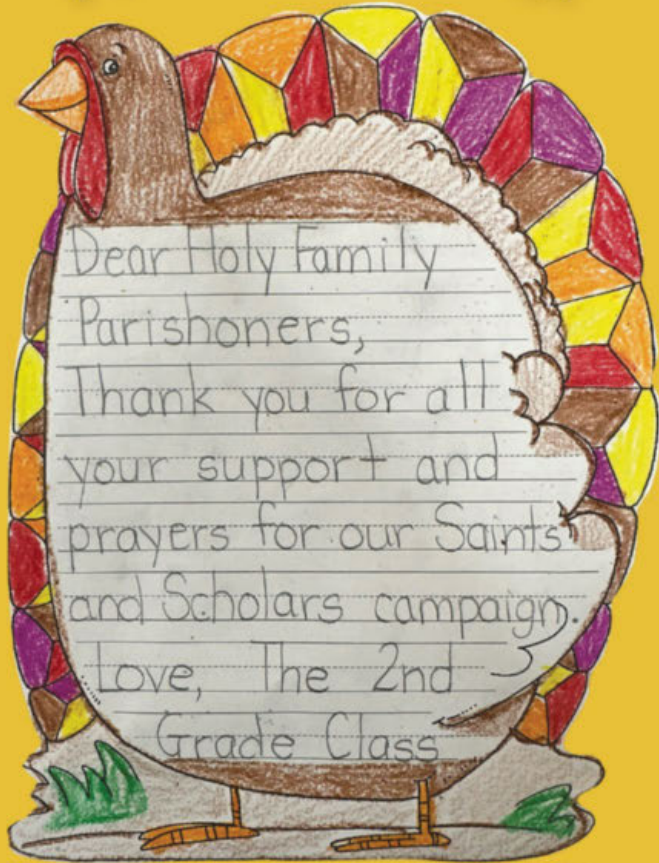
If you are a Catholic Man over the age of 18 and you are looking to become part of a group dedicated to service and fraternity, consider joining the Knights. The time commitment can be minimal, but the difference you can make in our community is huge! Please contact Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714 or [joe.buffa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joe.buffa@sbcglobal.net).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





# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

THANK YOU!



Scan to watch a special message from our 2nd graders.



## IMPORTANT SCRIP HOLIDAY DEADLINE DATES

December 16th is the last Monday to order scrip for 2024. Your order will be available for pick-up December 20th between 1-3pm.

[HFSGB.ORG/SUPPORT-HFS/SCRIP](https://hfsgb.org/support-hfs/scrip)

**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 any 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.**



**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)



# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

## Holy Family Needle Crafters

The Holy Family Crafters Group has been very busy. We have made and donated many hats, blankets and scarves for charity. We will be meeting at Linda Waggoner's home **Monday, December 9th**, at 9:30am. Her address is 1264 Woodnoll Dr. Flint 48507. Her phone number is 810-444-703. We learned to make pillow cases at the November meeting and each member is going to bring two hand-made pillow cases to the meeting. Linda will be purchasing new pillows from our funds and we will donate pillows with two pillowcases to The St. Francis Prayer Center on Carpenter Road. This organization serves underprivileged children in the area. Many of these children have never had a pillow.



Please plan on joining us even if you don't bring anything. We will teach you and we always have a great time. Questions? Call Rose Mary 810-694-8980. Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Keep on crafting and praying!

## Knights' Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus' monthly breakfast will be **Sunday, December 8th**, from 9 am to noon in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. We will also be celebrating Fr. Le's 24th anniversary in the priesthood with cake and thank yous. Waffles, pancakes, omelets, eggs and more will be served. Breakfast is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids, \$30 for a nuclear family (parents and their kids). All profits will go to Holy Family FIRST Robotics Team #23579. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



## Knights' Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus' monthly spaghetti dinner will be **Wednesday, December 18**, from 5-7 pm in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Spaghetti, salads and more. Bake sale items will also be available. The spaghetti dinner is \$9 for adults, \$5 for kids and \$32 for a nuclear family (parents and their kids). Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



HOLY FAMILY 2024

## Christmas Mass Schedule

<p><b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24</b> 8 a.m.* (Morning Mass)</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE 4 p.m.* (no incense) 6 p.m. Midnight</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY 8 a.m.* (no incense) 10 a.m.</p> <p>No Confessions</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY- SATURDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 26 - 28</b> Regular Morning Masses 8 a.m.* No Confessions on Sat.</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28</b> FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY VIGIL 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29</b> FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 8 a.m. 10 a.m.* Noon</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 30</b> 8 a.m.* (Morning Mass)</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31</b> 8 a.m.* (Morning Mass)</p> <p>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025</b> MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 8 a.m.*</p> <p>No Confessions No 6 p.m. Mass</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



## Mass Intentions December 9 - 15

### Monday, December 9

6:30 AM All Holy Family Parishioners  
8:00 AM Joe Arnes *by Mike and Tina Benjamin*  
6:00 PM Marion Theresa Palmer *by Theresa & Mark Dyer*

### Tuesday, December 10

8:00 AM David Benjamin *by Mike and Tina Benjamin*

### Wednesday, December 11

8:00 AM Mary Tillotson (Living) *by Randy & Elizabeth Petrides*  
6:00 PM Thaddeus Koster *by Maxine Shonk*

### Thursday, December 12

8:00 AM Patricia Forsythe *by Thomas Forsythe*

### Friday, December 13

8:00 AM Maria Festejo Maderang *by Leo Maderang*

### Saturday, December 14

8:00 AM James Greenwood *by Holy Family Parish*  
4:00 PM Marcie Wohleben *by Eric Wohleben*

### Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners  
10:00 AM Nick Sheeran *by Powell Family*  
12:00 PM James and Evelyn Londrigan *by Paul & Desiree Londrigan*

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

Mary Jane Lee (Living) *by Janice Hennen*  
Dr. Richard Shick (Living) *by Janice Hennen*  
Eileen Clifford *by Tom Haney*  
Mary Lou Koerber (Living) *by Janice Hennen (2 Masses)*  
Randy & Donna Koerber (Living) *by Janice Hennen*  
Mr. & Mrs. James Hill Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*  
Herbert & Carol Dyer Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

*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. Mon, Tue or Thur.*

## Liturgical Ministry - December 14/15 Third Sunday of Advent

*(schedule may not reflect recent changes)*

### 4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

**Lectors:** Doug Zloto, Kathy Stewart  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**  
Mary Throesch Paul Throesch Doug Zloto  
Bethany Zloto  
**Altar Servers:**  
James Londrigan Emily Martin Grace Martin  
Liam Verdun

### 8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

**Lectors:** Greg Snyder, Mike Wilson  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**  
Cesar Bernabe Ica Bernabe Jane Avereyn  
Jerry Avereyn  
**Altar Servers:**  
Joseph Craft Caleb Craft  
**(help needed - 2)**

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

**Lectors:** James Cech, Daniel T. Charboneau  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**  
Lisa McNally Ken Mraz Amy Sappington  
Rod Shick  
**Altar Servers:**  
Madigan Elston Matthew Kilbreath Arabella McVeigh  
Theo McVeigh

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

**Lectors:** Bill Harris, Karen Allen  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**  
Desiree Londrigan Paul Londrigan Cindy Villaire  
Scott Villaire  
**Altar Servers:**  
**(help needed - 4)**

A funeral memorial Mass was celebrated at Holy Family for



## Rest in Peace

**Lawrence "Larry" Drews** on Saturday, November 30, 2024. Larry, age 65, died on Saturday, November 9, 2024. He was born November 29, 1958, to Herbert "Ron" and Edith. Surviving are his wife Donna; sons, Matthew (Ann) Drews, Johnathan Drews, and Adam Drews; special family, Jamie and Kristin Wylie; grandchildren, Emma and Alexander Drews and Cadence and Elliana Wylie; several nieces and nephews; sister, Margaret; and brothers, Ronald and Daniel. He was predeceased by his mother, Edith (Chupka), father, Herbert "Ron", and brother, Jeffrey.

*Lord, we remember in our prayers Lawrence "Larry" Drews, 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.*

## Weekly Readings December 9 - 15

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

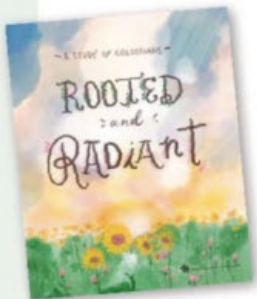


# WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

*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](http://hfgb.org)  
or Holy Family app!

For more information, contact:  
**Vikki Lasota**  
vlasota@msn.com or 248-653-2117  
**Kristin Smith**  
kristinsmith265@gmail.com

## 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 13th 10:00 am

- Holiday Toddler/Pre-schooler Sing Along and Hot Chocolate Get-together
- St. Mark Goodrich

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



Drop in anytime!



Catholic Moms of Young Children Play Group

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can get the "big picture".

MONDAYS

February 10 - April 7, 2025

(no meeting on Feb. 17)

10 - 11:15 am

St. Joseph Center

Cost: appx. \$35

(link to purchase book/materials found in registration)

Coming  
Soon!  
Registration  
opens in  
January!



Facilitators for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:  
**Paul Racine:** 810-516-9739, pauljraccine@gmail.com  
**John Hendler,** Master of Art in Theology:  
johnhendler222@gmail.com

# FOLLOWING OUR FAITH



by Matthew Kelly

## **Holy Moments Explained -**

**What gives you hope?**

Valjean repays this generous hospitality by stealing his host's silverware. The police capture him the next day and bring him back to return the silverware. But Valjean's host protects his thieving guest, telling the police that the silverware was a gift. This act of kindness, this Holy Moment, sets Valjean free in every way imaginable.

Jean Valjean's host was an elderly bishop, a true man of God. He knew Holy Moments had the power to ransom people from fear and hatred and return them to God.

This encounter with the bishop was the first time in decades Valjean had been treated with love, respect, and compassion. It forever changes him.

It was a moment of tender care. The bishop did not see Valjean as a thief and did not see himself as a bishop. He saw only two brothers. In that moment nothing else mattered to him except what was best for Jean Valjean. It was indeed a Holy Moment.

(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life.* Blue Sparrow. Pg. 71

## **Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral** **Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 1448)**



*"Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late."*



## **Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena**

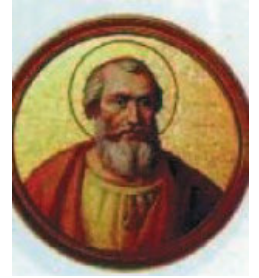
Please join us in devotion each Wednesday in church after the 6:00 PM Mass to pray the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena.

## **Our Catholic Heritage**

by Earl Hagen

### **168th Pope - Pope Anastasius IV**

Pope Anastasius IV, born Corrado Demetri della Suburra, began serving as the head of the Catholic Church on July 12, 1153. Corrado (Anastasius) born in Rome circa 1073, and was appointed the cardinal deacon 54 years later of a church in Sabina in December of 1127. His father was instrumental in helping him become a clerk for the Church before he became a cardinal deacon. His name came up in previous papal elections, however, it wasn't until 1153 that he was finally called as the next pope taking the name Anastasius IV. Anastasius IV developed a strong reputation as a peacemaker during his short time as a pope. Anastasius IV's short papacy, almost a year and 5 months was marked by diplomatic skill and efforts to maintain peace. He was known for his experience, generosity, and attempts to reconcile conflicts within the Church, particularly regarding appointments of clergy in England. Historians believe he was one of the oldest men (around 80 years old) to ever serve as pope. Pope Anastasius IV was buried in a sarcophagus that is now in the Vatican Museum in Vatican City. Pope Anastasius IV died of natural causes on December 3, 1154.



## **Saint**

### **December 14: St. John of the Cross**

John of the Cross was born at Fountiveros in Spain around 1542. After a number of years as a Carmelite, he was persuaded by Saint Teresa of Avila in 1568 to lead a reform movement among the brothers which brought a new energy to the Carmelite Order. Renowned for his wisdom and sanity, he died in Ubeda in 1591. His spiritual writings remain a fitting testimony to his life.



## **55 & Over Club**

No 55 and over lunch Tuesday, December 10th, as we will be going to a local restaurant for our Christmas outing.





# PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

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



Baptized on December 1, 2024

**Summer Christine Duff**,  
daughter of Austin and Devin Duff

**Asa Carlyle Kirtek**,  
son of David Kirtek and Allison Guerin

## Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December

**For pilgrims of hope** - We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

## Prayer for Vocations

*Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son.*

*Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious.*

*By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

*Gracious and loving God, help men and women to hear the call to serve your kingdom.*

*Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.*

*Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.*

*Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## In Loving Memory

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

### December 8

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

### December 9

Nonnita Durant, Dorothy Benson, Jean Wrocklage, Terrance "Terry" Duffy

### December 10

Jonathon Sullivan, Julia Evinski, Darryl Mason, Robert Herrmann

### December 11

Harvetta Furden, Pauline Gainey, Carol Morris, Julia Strudgeon, Richard Mather

### December 12

Martin Schroeder, Neva Foy, Joyce McVey, Vincent Narde, Edward Oset, Albert Perrin

### December 13

Mary Kehn, Richard Matsko, Sharon Callahan

### December 14

Isabella Kundinger, Helen Kropiewnicki, Clara Jakust, Edward Tovey, Gemma McKerney, Joanne Emmendorfer

*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  
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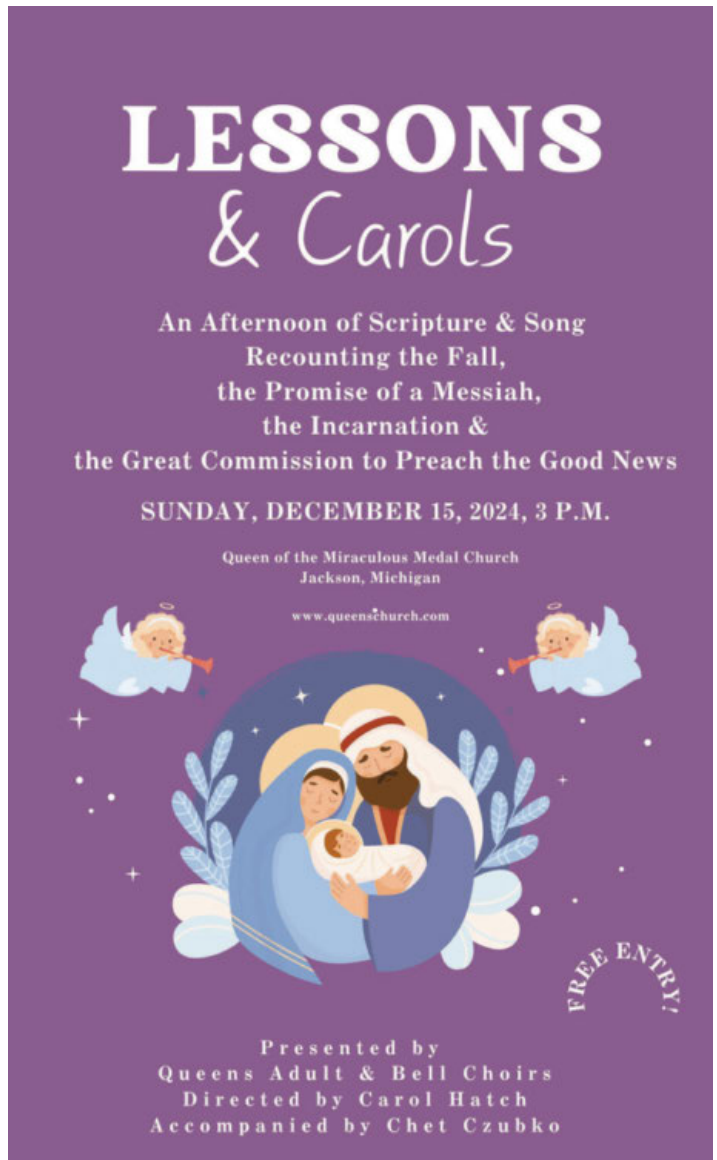
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