



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

A CARING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Toy, Blanket and Coat Drive through Monday, December 10th

Please help us make Christmas merrier for others.

You can do this by donating gently used toys, games, books and coats that are in good condition.

This is a great time to clean your room and donate the items you no longer use.

Parents can also help by donating used or new blankets.

Please make sure all items are **clean!**

Simply bring these items to the alcove next to the Religious Education office **by Monday, December 10th**, and we will pass them along to the needy.

Together we can make a difference.

Let's fill the alcove with donations!



Call the Religious Education office at 694-9072, ext. 101, with any questions.

Thank you for your support!



Mass Times

Holy Family - Grand Blanc
Saturday Vigil 4 pm
Sunday 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 5 pm

Weekday
Monday - Saturday 8 am
Wednesday 6:30 pm

St. Mark's - Goodrich
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

Weekday
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am

Parish Directory

Parish Office..... 694-4891 (fax 694-1583)

Hours..... M-F 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 - 5 p.m.
(closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch)

Email: holyfamily@hfgb.org / Website: hfgb.org

Pastor, **Fr. Joseph Krupp**

Parochial Vicars, **Fr. Peter Lawrence** and **Fr. Bill Wegher**

Deacon, **Dennis Pennell**

Deacon, **Larry Blondin**

Music Director, **Dr. B. Simon Lee**

Associate Music Director, **Dr. Sia Lee**

Liturgy Coordinator, **Lorri O'Dea**

Business Manager, **Brian Kita**

Director of Evangelization, **Erin Cummings**

Accountant, **Aimee Wolven**

Program Director, **Kristin Smith**

Parish Secretary, **Theresa Dyer**

Bulletin Editor, **Linda Doyle**

Special Projects / Communications, **Nicole Urbanik**

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.;

Sunday 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (no summer) - during

10 a.m. Mass - *For children four years old - 2nd grade*

**St. Mark - Goodrich - Sat (Vigil) 5:30 p.m. / Sun 9:30 am*

Weekday: Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. / Wed 6:30 p.m.

**St. Mark - Goodrich - Tue 6:30 p.m. / Fri 8:30 a.m.*

Holy Day: As announced in bulletin.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Sat. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Sun. 9:30 - 10 a.m.
and 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., and by appt.

Wed. 8:30 - 9 am and 6 - 6:30 pm

St. Mark - Goodrich Saturday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance.

Marriage: Please make arrangements with Parish
Priest at least nine months in advance.

Prayers & Devotions

Rosary: 7:15 am MWTF / 5:30 pm Wed / 8:30 am Sat

Eucharistic Adoration: Wed..... 8:30 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.

**St. Mark - Goodrich - First Fridays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

Our Mother of Perpetual Help DevotionWed 7p.m.

Fatima Prayer Cell Tues 4 p.m.

Ministry to the Ill & Bereaved

Linda Waggoner, Nancy Repuyan 694-4891

Social Outreach Ministry.....771-7279

Hours M-F 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. / **Brian Holyfield**

Holy Family School..... 694-9072

School Day 7:40 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Principal, **Theresa Purcell**

Assistant Principal, **Michael Brown**

Administrative Assistant, **Lisa Harvey**

Secretary, **Chasity Campbell**

School Receptionist, **Shelley Corcoran**

Dir. of Adv./Alumni Relations, **Ann Yochim Tabereaux**

Religious Education.....694-9072

Religious Education Classes (Pre-school - Adult)

Children's Liturgy of the Word... during Sun. 10 am Mass

Grades K-6 Sun 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

Grades 7-8 Sun. 6 - 8 pm in St. Joseph Center

Special Education Contact the RE office

Director, **Janet Gravel** ext. 151

RCIA/Baptism Director, **Maddie White**.....ext. 154

Youth Ministry 694-9072

Jan Gravel (Middle School), ext. 151

Erin Cummings (IMPACT High School), ext. 204

All meeting Sundays 6 - 8 pm in the St. Joseph Center
during the school year

Event/Facility Coordinator 694-9013

Carrie Pilarski

Meeting and Event Facilities: Father Bush Parish Center,
St. Joseph Center, and all other venues

Pastoral Council

Chairperson, **Matthew Williams**

Vice Chairperson, **Jordan Mitchell**

At-Large Members:

Rel. Ed./Youth - **Tiffany Minder**

Athletic Boosters - **Jayson Richert**

School/PTO - **Tim Willis**

Communications/Events - **Carrie Pilarski**

Worship Representative, Sr. **Sharon Hektor**

Evangelization Representative, **Deb Hawley**

Christian Service Representative

Parish Life Representative, **Carrie Pilarski**

Finance Representative, **Jayson Richert**

Commissions:

Christian Service Commission

Facilitator, **Susan Hasselbach**

Evangelization Commission

Facilitator, **Randy Petrides**

Finance Commission

Facilitator, **Jim Distelrath**

Parish Life Commission

Facilitator, **Connie Lesley**

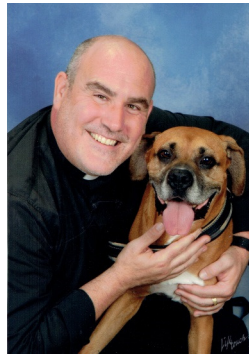
To contact any Facilitators, please call parish office

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for each Sunday
is the previous **Monday by noon**. Watch the bulletin for
holiday early deadlines. Submit to: ldoyle@hfgb.org



A Cup of Joe

Greetings in Christ! I am back at Holy Family and St. Mark today and so blessed to be home. In the end, the procedure on my knee could not have gone better. I should be able to ditch the cane soon and hopefully be genuflecting again shortly after that! Your prayers, kindness, patience and cards were so very encouraging and I thank you.



A couple things happened while I was gone and I want to share them with you:

First, my Uncle Howard died. Since I have moved here, I've lost three uncles to death and it's really been tough on the family. Please keep us in your prayers. My Uncle Howard and Aunt Bonnie opened the Heritage House in Chesaning when I was a kid: they built the restaurant up and kept it running for many years. I'll bet a lot of you ate there! After the restaurant closed, my Uncle Howard made it a priority to go out into the world and do mission work, caring for and helping the poor in countries in Africa and other places. He was a beautiful, faithful, God-fearing man. Apparently, he died at his tractor with tools in his hands and that makes me happy: he loved to work and he worked hard. Please pray for his soul and for comfort for the family.

The day after Thanksgiving, I was also shocked to receive word of the death of Bishop Robert Morlino. Bishop Morlino served as the Bishop of Helena, Montana, and Madison, Wisconsin. He was one of my professors at seminary and a great role model to me. He taught me how to pray Mass; he loved and honored my family and even bought my home parish a tabernacle when he heard we were trying a fundraiser to buy one. He was a faithful and holy priest and I will miss him very much. Please say a prayer for his soul and ask God to comfort the people of the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin.

As Christians, we mourn our dead, but we "mourn as people who have hope!" and our hope in the person of Jesus Christ. I thank God for His loving providence that brought these faithful warriors home.

This Saturday we are celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. As a priest, I have a special love for Our Blessed Mother and a deep gratitude to her for her "Yes" to God that gave us the gift of Jesus. It is her prayers and her example that sustain us in dark days and this feast is a great opportunity to reflect on how Our God is always ahead of us, preparing the way for our salvation. Check out Mass times so we can meet this Holy Day of Obligation with great faith, hope and love.

I pray that God bless you with joy and light in this Advent Season!

Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Vigil - Friday, December 7th - 6:30 p.m.
 (Vigil at St. Mark's 4:30 p.m.)
 Saturday, December 8th - 8:00 a.m.

Liturgical ministers are needed for these Masses. Please sign up on the sheets at the organ or contact Lorri O'Dea at lodea@hfgb.org / 694-4891, ext. 214



Posada and Bless the Baby Jesus

All are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 16th**, for this special event! Our afternoon will begin with noon Mass followed by the Posada and Blessing of the Baby Jesus. A Posada is a simple re-enactment of the events leading up to the birth of Christ. For those who cannot attend the noon Mass, please join us in the church at 1:00 p.m. Bring the baby Jesus from your nativity set to be blessed, along with your family. We hope this event will become an annual family event as you prepare for the Christmas season.

A Mexican dinner will follow in the Fr. Bush Parish Center hosted by the Knights of Columbus for all to enjoy! The dinner is free, but the Knights will be accepting donations for the persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

Please Note: All Religious Education students and their families are encouraged to attend. This will take place of class for those in grades K-8.

To ensure that there is enough food, please RSVP to the Religious Ed. office at 810-694-9072, ext. 101, **by December 13th**.

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. Flower memorial envelopes are located in the church pews and at Sr. Sharon's desk. Please fill out the front of the envelope and put it in the collection (or bring it in to the parish office) along with your donation **by Thursday, December 13th**, to be listed in the Christmas bulletin. If the memorial is to honor a living person, please write "living" after their name. Please clearly print names.



Stewardship & Worship

Receive God's gifts gratefully - Cherish & tend to them responsibly -
Share them in justice & love - Return them to God

"Others First" is This Weekend

We depend on your generosity to stock our St. Joseph 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 and leave them in the wings of the church after any Mass, 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. Thanks!

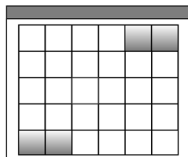


Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend please give to those who have given a lifetime. Perhaps there was a Sister Clare in your life. Perhaps a special woman or man religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all that you could become. Maybe you knew more than one. Today those sisters, brothers, and religious order priests may be elderly, and their religious communities may struggle to meet retirement needs. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports necessities - such as medications and nursing care - and helps ensure the next generation of Sister Clares can continue in ministry. Please give generously. An envelope may be found in your packet or you may choose to give online.

Catholic Calendars for 2019

Again this year the Mission Auxiliary has a beautiful Catholic calendar for your family. Please feel free to take one from the box near the door as you leave church. This calendar sale raises funds for the struggling missions in America and around the world. An envelope is enclosed with the calendar and you can put it in the collection any Sunday. Whatever you are able to give will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!



Would you Like to Light a Candle on the Advent Wreath?

It's that time of year again. We invite you to come light the advent candles. We will need one lighter per Mass, per weekend for the four weekends of Advent. What a

wonderful thing to do as a family! Of course, the Sunday morning Masses will fill quickly, so don't hesitate to give me a call or drop me an e-mail. The first weekend is December 2nd (and also the 9th, 16th and 23rd). Call or email Lorri O'Dea at 810-694-4891, ext. 214 or lodea@hfgb.org.



Advent Reconciliation

Saturday, December 15

8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Our normal reconciliation time will be extended to noon and all three of our priests will be available to hear confessions.

Fr. Joe's well-known *Faith Magazine* column, "In the Know with Fr. Joe" has gone LIVE (the second Thursday of each month). This month's is **December 13th** at 7:00 p.m. at St.

Mark's. Join us at either Holy Family or St. Mark's for an evening of faith and fun! (St. Mark's dates are December 13 and April 1.)



Got Milk?

Dr. Saha's 5th grade Religious Education class will be hosting the Bake Sale (mentioned above). The students learned last year at their Bake Sale that the families did not receive milk with their Christmas food baskets. They wanted to do something about this and we are asking for your help! If you would like to help, we ask you to "sponsor" a family by donating \$2 for a gallon of milk. We will do the work of purchasing and picking up the milk.



The "Got Milk?" jug will be in the school lobby **until Monday, December 10th**. In advance, we thank you for blessing the needy.

Stewardship of Treasure November 24th & 25th

Registered Families	1903
Envelopes received this week	469
Online givers this week	118
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 22,642.00
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 7,526.83
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 1,847.55
Total weekly offerings	\$ 32,016.38

Recipient of 5% tithing on Others First weekend: Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministries provides food, clothing, housewares, and personal care items to families/individuals in need residing in Flint and Genesee County.

Restore the Temple

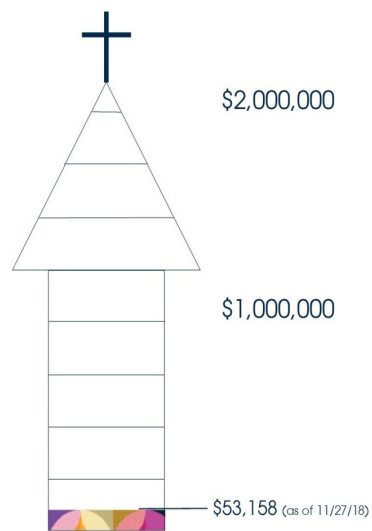
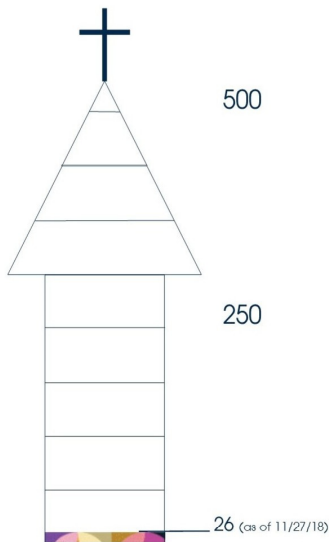
The vision will not disappoint Hab 2:3

Campaign GOAL: \$2,000,000

Witness to Hope Pledges: \$2,700,000 1st Campaign
 Please keep making Witness To Hope pledge payments—we are counting on them for the renovation.
 Campaign Goal: \$2,000,000 2nd Campaign
 Total Pledges Needed for Renovation: \$4,700,000 Combined

Participation - 26/500 Families

Pledges/Gifts - \$53,158/\$2,000,000



YES, I WANT TO HELP RESTORE THE TEMPLE!

- I pledge to give \$ _____ One time Monthly Quarterly Yearly
- My commitment is for 1 year 2 years 3 years
- I commit to praying for *Restoring the Temple*.
- Please contact me about including *Restoring the Temple* Campaign in my estate planning.
- Enclosed is a check (payable to Restoring the Temple).
- I will set up my pledge and payment online at:
www.osvonlinegiving.com/1417

Pledges express a faith commitment, but are not legally binding.

Pledge Level Examples

Pledge Level	# of Years	Per Year	Per Month
\$20,000	3	\$6,667	\$555
\$15,000	3	\$5,000	\$416
\$9,000	3	\$3,000	\$250
\$3,000	3	\$1,000	\$83
\$1,500	3	\$500	\$42

Thank you and may God bless your faithful generosity!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HFS
**CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM**

All Grades will be singing a variety
of Christmas songs.

December 14, 2018 at 1:15 PM
in the Church.

After the 8th Grade performance, the
winning 2018 Panther Draw Ticket
will be drawn.



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



What's Happening Here

2018 Christmas Project

What can you do to help?

Holy Family Outreach and Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen's 6th Annual "Adopt-a-Child Angel Tag Program"

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the love and cheer of Christmas to those most in need.

All gifts are due back by Friday, December 7th. For more information, please call the parish office (810) 694-4891.



Volunteer - Christmas Baskets

Christmas baskets will again be picked up by the requesting families on **Saturday, December 15th**, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We are in need of volunteers to help with unloading of food boxes on **Friday, December 14th**, and with distribution on Saturday. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Brian Holyfield at Outreach (810-771-7279). We would sure appreciate hand trucks being available for this task if you have one to bring/lend.

Our Lady of the Rosary Guild

Our Lady of the Rosary Guild will NOT meet in December. We pray that your hearts and homes be filled with Peace and Joy this Advent and may all hearts open wide to welcome the Holy Family! For supplies or information, call Pat Gaines at 429-3982.

St. Rita's Guild

Our December meeting is **Wednesday, December 12th**, at 6 pm at The Captains Club (10200 Woodfield Dr.) in Grand Blanc. We will be ordering from the menu. See you then.

55 & Over Club

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we show love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

Dale Evans



A special thank you from Holy Family's Outreach program. All your cash donations for 2018 have been of great use to benefit others. First Tuesday, everyone. Lunch this **Tuesday, December 4th**, is 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Board meeting on **Tuesday, December 11th**, at 10:30 a.m.

Unbound Conference

Get unbound and live free! At the Live Free Genesee conference (**January 11-12**), you will receive teaching on each of the "five keys to freedom" developed by Neal Lozano from Heart of the Father Ministries.

Unbound Michigan presents a two-day conference at St. John in Fenton on **Friday, January 11th**, and Holy Family in Grand Blanc on **Saturday, January 12th**, that will bring you closer to Christ and break the shackles of darkness in your life through the "five keys to freedom."

Friday night is a free night of praise in preparation for the full conference day on Saturday where John and Michelle Kazanjian will be presenting. There will be prayer ministry available at points throughout the day as well as opportunities for praise.

This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone at any point in their faith journey. Registration fee: \$40. <https://livefreegenesee.eventbrite.com>. If cost is prohibitive, please contact us for financial assistance

"Men on Fire for God"



Advent by Campfire

Men of Holy Family: You're invited to enjoy an evening with Fr. Joe and Friends
Tuesday, December 11th / 7 - 9:00 p.m.
Fr. Bush Parish Center

Dinner at 7:00 p.m. followed by an evening of storytelling, fellowship and shared faith
Free-will donation for dinner and drinks
To reserve a table or sign up individually

Email blondin@hfgb.org or call (810) 694-4891, ext. 254
Please register by December 5th

Prayer Quilt Ministry

All crafters are welcome to join the prayer quilt/shawl ministry whenever they are able. When finished with a shawl or for more information, please contact Geri Szydowski at (810) 603-1690 or email

geraldineszydowski@yahoo.com. Or attend our next meeting which is

Monday, December 10th, from 10 - 11:00 a.m. in the Fr. Bush Parish Center - small hall. (Meetings are typically the second Monday of each month.)

Please refer to www.shawlministry.com for some easy shawl patterns. A suggested size might be 24x36" wide and 5-6 feet long.



Mass Intentions December 3 - 9

Monday, December 3

8:00 AM Robert Yaklin *by Monica Potasnik*

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 AM Thomas Wanbaugh *by Wanbaugh Family*

Wednesday, December 5

8:00 AM Michael Gilder *by family*

6:30 PM Don Wagner *by Joanne & Dick Wagner*

Thursday, December 6

8:00 AM Robert Yaklin *by Monica Potasnik*

Friday, December 7

8:00 AM Matthew Byk *by the Gaskin Family*

Saturday, December 8

8:00 AM Dec. Mem. of Jobbagy Family *by Richard Jobbagy*

4:00 PM Joanne Fleck *by Leonard & Linda Nawrocki*

Sunday, December 9

8:00 AM Mary Ann Sochor *by Kristin and Rod Shick*

10:00 AM Joan Laszczak *by Mary Ackerman*

12:00 PM John Schoendorff *by Walt & Lorraine Schoendorff*

5:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Liturgical Ministry December 8 - 9 Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Bill Wegher

Lectors: Kathy Swiantek, Sam Burdick

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD Robert Katcavage Jennifer Merciez
Linda Schauman Don Sienko Linda Nawrocki

Mary Ann Hergenreder Darlene McKone Anna Przyjazny

Servers: Claire / Nathan / Joey Holifield

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Peter Lawrence

Lectors: Lori Charboneau, Dan Charboneau

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD Cathy Lane David Roberts II
Karen Horton Cesar Bernabe Peter Cook

Dick Jobbagy Ica Bernabe Paul Wolven

Servers: Silas Babiasz, Drew / Tommy Dowling

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Peter Lawrence

Lectors: Matthew Williams, Doug Benchley

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD Patricia Sheaffer Mary Ann Whidden
Terry Peterson Rosemarie Shick Dan Wyant

Genevieve Riopelle Ed Suess Terri Yochim

Carolyn Roeser Monna Suess

Luci Saha Rob Toth

Servers: Ava Zagata, Blair Zagata, Emmerson Minder

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Bill Wegher

Lectors: Mark Dyer, Scott Heron

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD Cindy Villaire Bill Harris

Dr. Steve James Scott Villaire Jane Harris

Nicole Urbanik Karen Zelle Chris Harris

Servers: Michael / Monica Facchinello, Shawn O'Brien

5:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Joe Krupp

Lectors: Melissa Jablonski, Chris McVannel

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD Erin Cummings Martha Mansour

Marie Copeland Paul Garson Chris McVannel

Julie Crosby Deb Hawley **(Help needed)**

Servers: F. Copeland, A. Foote, **(Help needed)**

Holy Family Happenings

Sunday, December 2 - Bake Sale

9 AM - 2 PM Coffee & Donuts (FBPC)

11:30 - 12:45 PM Religious Ed classes (HFS)

6 - 8 PM Religious Ed classes (SJC)

6:30 - 8 PM RCIA for Adults (FBPC)



Monday, December 3

9 AM - 12:30 PM St. Joseph Guild (FBPC)

6:30 PM Reconciliation meeting for parent & child (FBPC)

7 - 8 PM Respect Life meeting (HFS)

Tuesday, December 4

11 AM - 2 PM Senior Luncheon (FBPC)

1 PM *Restoring the Temple* Reception (FBPC)

6:30 - 7:30 PM Bell choir rehearsal (Dr. Lee's office)

6:30 - 8:30 PM ALPHA for Adults (SJC)

6:30 PM Reconciliation meeting for parent & child (FBPC)

Wednesday, December 5

8:30 AM - 6:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration (CH)

9 - 11 AM Walking with Purpose (SJC)

1 PM *Restoring the Temple* Reception

6:15 - 7 PM Parish Youth Choir (Dr. Lee's office)

7 - 9 PM Cantor/Adult Choir rehearsal (CH)

Thursday, December 6

6 - 9 PM Advent by Candlelight (FBPC)

Friday, December 7

3 - 4 PM Help Put God Back in America (CH)

Saturday, December 8

Weekly Readings December 2 - 9

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 / **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 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24 / **Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37 / **Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27 / **Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31 / **Saturday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 / **Next 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

Youth News and more

High School Youth Ministry

Mission Statement: We, the youth of Holy Family, as disciples of Jesus Christ, seek to deepen our relationship with the Lord and welcome others into that relationship through prayer, fellowship and service.



Youth Group will resume as normal this week from 6-8 p.m. with the topic of apologetics! Please remember to bring your permission form for the swing dance **December 9th** as they are due December 2nd. We are also having a parent meeting at 8 pm after Youth Group to go over the Cincinnati mission trip, the swing dance, and other future plans for youth ministry at Holy Family. For any parents who would like to come for the information, but will not be able to make it, please email Erin Cummings at ecummings@hfgb.org.

Religious Education

Parent/Child Reconciliation Meetings

Just a reminder that our parent/child meetings will be held on the following days:

Monday, December 3, or Tuesday, December 4

Meetings will be held in the Fr. Bush Parish Center from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration “Adorers” Needed



Every Wednesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass we expose the Blessed Sacrament for time of Eucharistic Adoration. This is a wonderful time for private prayer and personal communion with the Lord.

“The Eucharist is not consecrated to be adored, but because it is consecrated, it is adored.”

In the Presence, The Spirituality of Eucharistic Adoration, Sr. Joan Ridley, OSB

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, Adorers. We invite and welcome all to come and spent time with the Lord, but we need some to commit to a time so we know our Lord is not left alone.

Our Adoration ministry is in need of more adorers to commit to one (1) hour on Wednesdays to spend with our Lord.

If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful ministry, please contact Lorri O’Dea at the parish office at 694-4891. This will be the best hour of your day. Let Him transform you.

“We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way.”

-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

EMMANUEL

A free concert featuring

Holy Family Adult Choir, Bell Choir and Youth Choir

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:30pm

in the Church of the Holy Family

Grand Blanc, Michigan

Concert “Emmanuel”

Please mark your calendar for a concert "Emmanuel" featuring Holy Family Adult Choir, Handbell Choir and Youth Choir on **Wednesday, December 12th**, 7:30 p.m. in the church. The concert is free and will include songs of Advent and Christmas such as Days of Elijah, O Holy Night and much more that your entire family may enjoy.

Youth Invitation to Sing at 4 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass in the Church

Holy Family Music Department would like to invite students in 3rd grade and above to sing at 3:30 p.m. Christmas Prelude and for 4 p.m. Vigil Mass in the church. If you are interested in having your child join the choir this year, please contact Dr. Simon Lee at musicdirector@hfgb.org for the rehearsal schedule.

Parish Prayers and more

A funeral Mass was celebrated November 21 for



Rest in Peace

Simone Wunsche. Simone, age 91, died Wednesday, November 14, 2018. She was born March 27, 1927, in Quebec, Ontario, Canada, to Arthur and Berniece D'aragon. She married Robert Wunsche in 1971. Surviving are Brenda (Jeff) Van Etten, Billy (Sarah) Campbell, Heather (Nick Galdes) Campbell, Jeffrey Van Etten, Moriah Van Etten, Matthew (Carrie) Van Etten, William (Sandi) Balkwill, Erika (John) Morrish, stepchildren Robert, Belynda, Mike and Randy, and their spouses, and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a grandson and two siblings.

Another funeral Mass was celebrated on November 21 for **Evelyn Dolan.** Evelyn, age 88, died on Sunday, November 18, 2018. She was born July 10, 1930, in Flint to Herbert and Bernice Wascher. Surviving are her husband Bob, children Debra Carver, Bradley, DeAnn (Todd) Campbell, and Jenifer (Richard) Mueller, as well as eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a brother. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Robert's on November 24 for **Sharalyn Huff.** Sharalyn, age 77, died Monday, November 19, 2018. She was born in Detroit on May 17, 1941, to Roy and Florence Huff. Many will remember her as our kindergarten teacher and principal here at Holy Family School for about 15 years. Surviving are her beloved friend and caregiver, Jean Terpening, a brother and sister, and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Lord, we remember in our prayers Simone Wunsche, Evelyn Dolan, and Sharalyn Huff, 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 may the perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Addresses

In case you would like them for the holidays, here are Bishop Vincke, Fr. Dan and Fr. Gary's addresses:

Bishop Jerry Vincke; Catholic Diocese of Salina;
103 North Ninth St.; Salina, KS 67401-2503.

Fr. Dan Westermann; St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Parish;
700 E Columbia Drive; Durand, MI 49429

Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish; 955 Alton Rd.; East Lansing,
MI 48823



In Loving Memory

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

December 2

Harold Murphy, Edith P. Stein, Leon Tatro

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

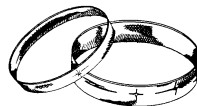
December 7

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

Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to Alexandra Mansour and Matthew Kraemer who were married at St. Matthew's on Saturday, December 1.

Please keep them in your prayers as they start their married lives together.

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... Sharon Balasko, Marcia Balderstone, Sylvana Bedelov, Jeffrey Burchett and family, Janet Carriere, Anne Davis, Yvonne Harris, Paul Hart, Michael Maxwell, Karen Meganck, Lynn Mellott, Sheila Peltier, Helen Pongrac, and Clyde Smith.

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: info@holyfamilygrandblanc.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.



Knightly Update

December 2018

Mother of Perpetual
Help Council
6742

Grand Knight's 5

The Knights have been very busy with charitable activities. During November we gave coats to needy children at the North End Soup kitchen, raised over \$1,000 for our charities with the breakfast and spaghetti dinner, assisted in getting furniture for the St. Francis Prayer Center, and received over \$2,000 with the continuing baby bottle drive to protect newborn life.

We are very pleased that all Holy Family School 8th graders are writing an essay on "How Does Your family Keep Its Faith in Action?." Members of the Youth Group were also asked to write an essay.

December is Advent – a very special time to prepare for Jesus coming again in Glory and to be ready to accept Him as our Joyful Savior during the Christmas Season. The Knights, with Religious Education students, will sponsor a special Christmas Program after the Noon Mass on **December 16th** and a great Mexican Dinner after. The dinner is free, but we will be taking contributions for persecuted Christians in the Middle East, a program dear to the Knights. (See bulletin for more details.) Please join us.

I would like to recognize a couple special Knights. Don Schmidt is always in the background setting up for meetings and other functions. Doug Dutrizac became an active Knight again and is assistant cook at all our functions. A big thank you to both.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Vern Miller 810-513-8520. Also, visit us online at www.kofc.org to learn more or to join.

I wish all my brother Knights, their families, and all of Holy Family Parish a very Blessed and Holy Christmas.

Remember always "Keep your Faith in Action." Pray daily, especially for your families, your parish, your country, and our priests.

In your service,

Rick Perry
Grand Knight Council 6742

Family of the Month

The December Family of the month is the Tom and Susan Hasselbach family. Tom and Susan are very active in Protect Life activities. They pray regularly at Planned Parenthood, have and will attend the January March for Life, and are a committed Catholic family. Tom is our Chancellor and is a great help to the Grand Knight and the Council. His effort on the baby bottle drive and other Council Church activities is outstanding.

Congratulations, Tom and Susan.

K of C Coming Events

Saturday, December 8 - Knights serve at Family Promise.

Sunday, December 9 - Knights family breakfast from 9 a.m. until noon. Delicious food and fellowship. We will be selling cards, advent wreaths and candles, and other small Catholic gifts to support our charities. Please join us.

Tuesday, December 11 - Advent Evening for Men. I hope many Knights attend.

Thursday, December 13 - Short Business Meeting followed by refreshments, pizza, and fellowship.

Wednesday, December 19 - Spaghetti Dinner from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Come for great food and fellowship.

Sunday, December 30 - Corporate Communion and Family Rosary at 10AM. We will also have a special Prayer of Consecration of our families to the Holy Family. Any Knight and family attending the 10AM Mass, please sit with us.

Call me with any questions about our coming activities or the Knights of Columbus.

Rick Perry 810-701-0413

What's Happening Here

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 feel welcome.

Theresa Hurley, children Elizabeth and Brennan Cumby
George and Shirley Goodrich

John and Mary Maranzano, children Nicholas, Sam,
Gina, Nino, Carmen and Jude

Avinash Pudota

Karen Dellinger

Stephanie Dean & Brad Hix, sons Caelan and Henry Hix

Cindy Montgomery

Ginny Vega, children Abby, Bonifasio, Cristal and
Victoria

Melisa Shoskey

Mary Ellen Robinson

Ronald Harris

Shirley Parkhill

Grant Smith

Judith and Marshall Grillo, and daughter Adrianna

Joe and Valerie Swartz, and daughter Kathryn

Gary and Victoria Molloseau



Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Masses: 4 p.m. in the Church and the Hall
6 p.m. Mass in the Church
Midnight Mass in the Church

Masses at St. Mark at 4 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Masses at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Mass at St. Mark at 10:30 a.m.

Advent by Candlelight

There is still room available (until Tuesday, December 4th,) to sign up for Advent by Candlelight (December 6th). Please call Jan Gravel (810) 694-9072, ext. 101, if you are interested.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December

Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith - That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Baby Jesus Nursery Coming!

The Baby Jesus Nursery is coming! Before we can begin tending children during Masses, the following items are needed:

- Swings
- Jumper
- Saucer
- Activity gym
- Rocking chairs
- Changing Tables
- Play rug
- Little table and chairs
- Play kitchen
- Ride-on bikes
- Toys

Please help us.... help them.

Whatever you do for the least... you do for me. Jesus.

Around the Diocese

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Members of all parishes are welcome to join in a county-wide pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration.

Monday, Dec. 3, at 8:30 a.m. Holy Rosary

Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 10:00 a.m. St. John - Davison

Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m. Holy Family - GB

Thursday, Dec. 6, 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's, Mt. Morris

Friday, Dec. 7, at 5:30 p.m. St. John Vianney

Saturday, Dec. 8, at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, Dec. 9, at 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, Dec. 10, at 8:15 a.m. at St. Pius X

Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 12:10 p.m. at St. Matthew

At the end of Mass there will be a couple of Marian songs and an Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena prayer.

Wednesday, Dec 12, Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

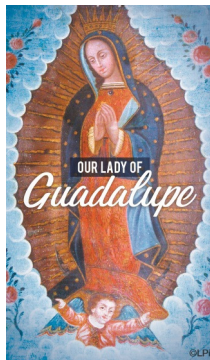
2316 W. Coldwater Rd.

Reception following in

San Juan Diego Hall

For more information,

please call (810) 787-5701.



A Classy, Brassy Christmas



Members of Holy Family Adult Choir participated in *A Classy, Brassy Christmas* recently and were recorded in concert. The first air date is **Saturday, December 8th**, 7 - 8:00 p.m. on NBC25. The broadcast will be repeated several times during Christmas week on NBC25, FOX66 and CW46.

Christmas Experience '18

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Friday, December 7th, at 7:00 p.m.

Featuring Christine Mason, Dan Schmit, Jack Stock, James Cech, Jay Jong, Jessica Cech, John Mira, Melanie Rea, Tara Philip, Kara Ebbot and Maria Mauro-Vetter, along with Holy Redeemer's Worship Team, Holy Redeemer Choir, children's choir and the Christmas orchestra.

Free event with free-will offering.

Married Couples Retreat

St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, MI

December 7 - 9, 2018

This weekend is based upon the movement from Chaos to Order with Christ as the stabilizing force in our lives. Topics covered include Finding Time for God, Finding Time for Each Other, and Reclaiming Order in a Chaotic World. This weekend features a wine and cheese reception at check-in followed by tapas style dinner and dessert. It also includes blessing of wedding rings, renewal of vows, a Vigil Mass on Saturday, plus more! Cost is \$300 per couple with \$50 due at registration. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321.

Post Abortion Healing - Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Friday, December 14, to Sunday, December 16

Rachel's Vineyard is a place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental, environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. www.rachelsvineyard.org

Contact: Beth Bauer 734-879-0427
email toheal4give@outlook.com