



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

A CARING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” - Mt 11:10

3rd Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Come, Divine Messiah

1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The
 2. O come De - sired of na - tions, Whom
 3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For

world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
 priest and proph - et long fore - told, Will break the cap - tive
 low - ly will your cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man

tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.
 fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
 weak - ness We shall your God - head see.

Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the
 night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of
 grace. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The
 world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
 tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: Venez, divin Messie; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877
 Tune: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE, 7 8 7 6 with refrain; French Noël, 16th C.; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880-1968

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10*

The desert and the parched land will exult;
 the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
 They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice
 with joyful song.
 The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the
 splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the
 glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.
 Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm
 the knees that are weak, say to those whose
 hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with
 divine recompense he comes to save you.
 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears
 of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like
 a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
 and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting
 joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow
 and mourning will flee.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 146: Lord, Come and Save Us

Lord, come and save us.

Text: Lectionary for Mass, (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL
 Music: Michel Guimont, (c) 1994. GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: *James 5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

You too must be patient.

Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged.

Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.

Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 11:2-11*

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

CREED

I Believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(All bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, Israel.
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, Israel.
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law. In cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, Israel.
4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, From ev'ry foe deliver them that trust your mighty power to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, Israel.
5. O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, Israel.
6. O come, O Dayspring from on high and cheer us by your drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, Israel.
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; O bid our sad divisions cease, And be for us our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, Israel.

This is Jesus

Refrain: This is Jesus, Emmanuel. God with us, in this sacrament. Come, receive Him. Adore Him. This is Jesus, our Lord.

1. Bright Star of David, Radiance of God; now become the Living Bread, the body of the Lord. Come in adoration, receive with trembling hands; the sacrament most holy, the banquet of the Lamb.
2. Drink of Living Waters, flowing from the Lord. Taste the cup of blessing partake of precious

blood. River of Salvation, holy cleansing tide;
Fountain of Redemption, flowing from the Savior's
side.

3. Priest of highest honor, Kind and Sov'reign
Lord, unblemished Lamb of Sacrifice, Your very
life outpoured: royal paschal victim, true begotten
Son, offered as our ransom by the Holy One.

Psalm 85: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

Refrain: Lord, let us see your kindness; Lord, let
us see your kindness.

1. Let us hear what our God proclaims: Peace to
the people of God, salvation is near to the one
who fear God.

2. Kindness and truth, justice and peace; truth
shall spring up as the water from the earth, justice
shall rain from the heavens.

3. The Lord will come and you shall know his
love, justice shall walk in his pathways, salvation
the gift that he brings.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Days of Elijah

Robin Mark

1. These are the days of E - li - jah, de -
2. these are the days of E - ze - kiel, the
clar - ing the Word of the Lord. And
dry bones be - com ing as flesh; And
these are the days of Your ser - vant, Mo - ses,
these are the days of Your ser - vant, Da - vid, re -
right - eous - ness be - ing re - stored. And
build - ing a tem - ple of praise. And
though these are days of great tri - al, of
these are the days of the har - vest, the
fa - mine and dark - ness and sword, still
fields are as white in Your world. And
we are the voice in the des - ert cry - ing, "Pre -
we are the la - bor - ers in Your vine - yard, de -
pare ye the way of the Lord!" Be - hold, He
clar - ing the Word of the Lord. }
comes ri - ding on the clouds, shin - ing like the sun
at the trum - pet call. Lift your
voice, it's the year of Ju - bi - lee, and out of Zi - on's
D.C.
hill sal - va - tion comes. Verse 2. And

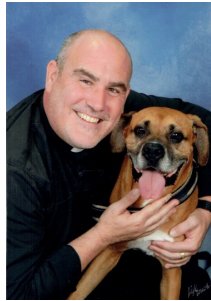
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A Cup of Joe

Hello, all! Happy Third Week of Advent: we are that much closer to celebrating God taking flesh and transforming us...praise Him!

I want to share with you all some struggles I am working through, in order to help you understand a decision I am making in regard to my schedule.



I have, quite simply, hit a wall in trying to keep up. Between phone calls, emails, appointment requests, building meetings, trying to get the finances on track at our parishes, marriage preparation sessions, weddings, funerals, hospital calls, annulments, committees, personnel things, sacramental preparation, helping at the school, preparing for Masses, writing Faith magazine articles, hearing confessions, visiting the sick and numerous other duties, I simply can't keep up and as a result, some of you are feeling let down.

For those of you hurt because I haven't responded to you or responded way too late, I ask for your forgiveness. I type this with a clear conscience: I am absolutely giving all I can to serve here, but I'm learning that is shallow comfort to those who feel they need my help and did not get a timely response. So, I've spoken to my priest support group and the Bishop asking for guidance and, as a result of that and some prayer, I am changing how I do my scheduling. I honestly cannot keep this pace or anything approximating this pace. My desire is to serve you well over a long time and I am sabotaging my own efforts to do so by pushing myself way too hard. In the words of my confessor: "It's a marathon, not a sprint." I'm too old and fat to run when no one is chasing me, so I will take his word for it.

Anyway, I'm booked up all through December and January and we are already plugging in appointments in February, but from now on, I'm going to prioritize my calendar based on some core principles: First, we are going to add some flex time to my calendar so that I can respond to emergencies without cancelling appointments, as much as possible. Right now, the calendar is so jammed that one death or emergency call can put me in a spot of cancelling a lot of appointments.

Second, I am going to make sure that the sacraments get highest priority in my calendar. Fr. Peter

and I are the only ones who can do most sacraments, so that's where our focus needs to go. Third, I need some time each day to pause and think about the many, many decisions I am asked to make. I need some time built into my calendar to do this and to follow up on the tasks that my meetings produce. Fourth, I find a lot of life in doing Bible Studies and we're going to build regular Bible Studies into my calendar: I think that is good for all involved.

That's what I am going to do. Here is what I'll ask of you: Pray that I listen to God and follow His lead. Pray that God sends us more priests. Our beautiful parishes are growing, but the number of priests here is not. As you are probably aware, the number of Catholics in the US is larger than ever, but the numbers of priests have not risen, but in fact shrunk. Please ask for help when you need it and please keep in mind that Fr. Peter is here too and Fr. Bill is sometimes able to jump in.

If the secretary explains that there is no more room on my calendar, please do not yell at her or chastise her for my limitations.

I hope this doesn't sound like I'm unhappy: quite the opposite. Most days, I feel like a kid in a candy store and I absolutely love being your priest. What I'm realizing is that I need to change things so that I can serve you better, make good decisions and keep my sanity in the process.

Thank you for your mercy...I can't tell you how grateful I am that God put us together.

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Christmas Basket Help Still Needed!

Christmas baskets will be picked up by the requesting families on **Friday, December 20th**, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to help with unloading of food boxes on **Thursday, December 19th**, from 8:30 a.m. until all is unloaded and with distribution on **Friday, December 20th**, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Brian Holyfield at Outreach (810-771-7279). We would sure appreciate hand trucks/dollies being available for this task if you have one to bring/lend.

Men's Coats Needed

Outreach is currently in desperate need of men's coats (large, extra-large, and XXL). Any donations may be brought to Outreach or put in the small building behind Outreach after hours.

Stewardship & Worship

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

Blessing of the Baby Jesus

Come celebrate the final time of preparation for the arrival of Our Dear Lord and Savior! All families are welcome and encouraged to bring their figurines of the baby Jesus to be blessed during the weekend of **December 21st & 22nd**. Fr. Peter and Fr. Joe will be offering a blessing after each Mass this weekend so that your family's nativity may be ready for Christ's birth on Christmas.

Parish Office Hours

On **Friday, December 20th**, the parish office will be closed at 3:00 pm for the rest of the day for a staff gathering.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. "Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to the collection. An envelope may be found in your packet or you may choose to give online.

Journey to the Inn

The Knights will be together for a Corporate Communion **today, Sunday, December 15th**, at the noon Mass. All parishioners are invited to join them after Mass for a wonderful Christmas program, "Journey to the Inn." Especially for families. It lasts about 40 minutes.

Renovation Update #2

If you missed the Renovation Update #2 flyer, dated December 1, 2019, it is available to view on our website hfgb.org. Just click on the "About" tab and choose "Church Renovation" from the drop-down menu.

Stewardship of Treasure December 7th and 8th

Registered Families	1955
Envelopes received this week	426
Online givers this week	215
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 21,382.00
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 17,154.09
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 2,403.24
Total weekly offerings	\$ 40,939.33

Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical Ministers are needed for our Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day Masses. (See full schedule on this page.) Please sign up on the sheets in the chapel or contact Lorri O'Dea 694-4891, ext. 2214, or email lodea@hfgb.org.

Octave of Christmas Mass Schedule

Masses are celebrated in the Fr. Bush Parish Center during our church renovation

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4 PM Mass in the Hall and the Gym
(The Mass in the Gym will be the children's Mass)

6 PM - Mass in the Hall and in the Gym

Midnight Mass in the Hall

Masses at St. Mark at 4:30 PM and 10:30 PM

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

(No Reconciliation)

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

Thursday, December 26

No Mass

Friday, December 27

No Mass

Mass at St. Mark - 8:30 AM

Saturday, December 28

8 AM Mass

Reconciliation - 8:30 AM

December 28/29- Feast of the Holy Family
Regular weekend Mass & Reconciliation schedule

Monday, December 30

8 AM Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 31

(No morning Mass)

5:30 PM

Vigil Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass at St. Mark at 4:30 PM

Wednesday, January 1 -

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

8 AM and 10 AM

(No Reconciliation)

Mass at St. Mark at 10:30 AM

*(No incense at any Masses
while we are using the parish hall)*

Santa's Workshop at HFS

Santa's elves were busy setting up his workshop once again! A BIG thank you to our very own PTO for all their hard work in helping our student's choose their special gifts for family and friends this Christmas. Santa's Workshop is a great fundraiser for our school and sincere thanks go out to our parents and students who participate year after year. No peeking!!!!



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

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

Come join us for the K of C Spaghetti Dinner on **Wednesday, December 18th**, (corrected date) from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Please support our charitable activities by joining us.



Welcome.
There is **More to Life**

Hi! I'm Clay Muerhoff.

I came to the Men's Welcome Weekend last year thinking I had a pretty good relationship with Jesus. But I still felt there was something missing in my life.

The time spent in the chapel with the exposition of my Lord, helped me realize that there was a lot of junk in my life - too much stuff that that was crowding out my prayer life and my relationship with Jesus.

The opportunities to connect with other men of the parish helped me to understand that I wasn't alone with the changes the Lord was inviting me to make so I could grow in a deeper relationship with Him.

Since making the Weekend, my priorities have totally changed. My conversations with Jesus are first thing in the morning and often during the day. I'm more at peace with myself and most of the "junk" has gone away.

I look forward to welcoming you to the next
Men's Welcome Weekend
March 14-15, 2020

Register online today: hfgb.org

Parish Office Christmas Hours

To allow our parish staff more time with their families for the Christmas holiday...

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th, through Wednesday, January 1st

The office will be open again at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2nd

In case of emergency, please call Fr. Joe or Fr. Peter at (810) 356-3187.

55 & Over Club

I will hold Christmas in my heart and try to hold it all year through.

Charles Dickens



Our 55 & Over lunches resume on **Tuesday, January 7th**, in the Fr. Bush Parish Center from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Join us and bring a friend.

Merry Christmas to everyone!

Christmas comes with good will and cheer to fill our homes and warm the hearts of those we hold most dear. Stay healthy and happy.

Contribution Reminder

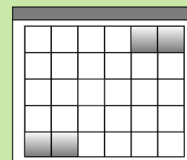
In order to assure accuracy in crediting your donations to Holy Family, may we ask that you either use your parish envelope or write your membership number on your check. This will identify your check as a charitable contribution and not a payment of any kind...which is important at tax time.

If for some reason you did not receive your envelopes or need your membership number, please call Theresa in the parish office (694-4891).

If you would like your donations posted to your 2019 account, envelopes must be received **by December 31, 2019**, otherwise donations will be posted to 2020.

Catholic Calendars for 2020

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!



DBSA Peer-led Support Group

(Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance)

Join a community of caring and supportive people who can help you on your road to recovery. The support group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Center. For more information, call Angela at (810) 347-4706.



Mass Intentions December 16 - 22

Monday, December 16

8:00 AM Maria Redoble *by Felisa Singson*

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 AM Dr. Charles & Margaret Claffey *by KofC 6742*

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 AM James Horton *by Karen Horton*

10:30 AM (Wellbridge) *for Fr. Jim Lothamer by Holy Family Parish*

5:30 PM Bonita Hintz *by Hubert Hintz & family*

Thursday, December 19

8:00 AM Fr. Joseph Krupp (Living) *by Ancient Order of Hibernians*

Friday, December 20

8:00 AM Fr. Peter Lawrence (Living) *by Ancient Order of Hibernians*

Saturday, December 21

8:00 AM Fr. Bill Wegher (Living) *by Ancient Order of Hibernians*

4:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM Dale LeBeau *by Jeff Williams Family*

10:00 AM Robert and Mary Catherine Turnbull *by Kathy Stowell*

12:00 PM Bill and Jane Harris *by Bill and Jane Harris*

5:30 PM Sandra DesOrmeau *by Ron and Cheryl Gelisse*



Liturgical Ministry December 21 - 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Joe Krupp

Lectors: Lorri O'Dea, Darlene McKone

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD Dennis Bridges Debra Thompson

Sandy Sprague Dawn Davis

Laura Wilson Cindy Edmonds

Servers: Claire / Nathan / Joey Holifield

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joe Krupp

Lectors: Greg Gildner, Kim Dinger

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD Mary Throesch Rod Shick

Dick Jobbago Paul Throesch

Rick Perry David Roberts II

Servers: Paul Throesch, Anna Dinger

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joe Krupp

Lectors: Randy Petrides, Matthew Williams

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD Doug Benchley Jim Garland

Betty Ardahl Richard Cross

Colleen Argus Karen Garland

Servers: Nolan Teahen, Elise Teahen

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Peter Lawrence

Lectors: Scott Heron, Help Needed

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD Bill Harris Karen Allen

Cynthia Leavy Jane Harris

Donald Leavy Chris Harris

Servers: Aiden Barry, Ella Barry, Helena Barry

5:30 PM Sunday - Fr. Peter Lawrence

Lectors: Melissa Jablonski, Andy Cocagne

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD Ethan Freel Kristin Koglin

Martha Mansour John Freel

Chris McVannel Tracy Freel

Servers: Allison Foote, Iris Stein



Holy Family Happenings

Sunday, December 15

10:15 - 11:30 PM Religious Education (HFS)

6:45 - 8:15 PM RCIA for Adults (FBPC)

6:30 - 8:30 PM IMPACT (SJC)

Monday, December 16

9 AM - 12:30 PM St. Joseph Guild

9:15 - 10:45 AM Bible Timeline (SJC)

Tuesday, December 17

NO Senior Luncheon (FBPC)

6:30 - 8 PM Adult Bell Choir (FBPC)

7 - 8:30 PM Baptism Prep class (HFS)

7 - 8:30 PM Book Club (SJC)

Wednesday, December 18

8:30 AM - 5:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration (SH)

5 - 7 PM Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner (FBPC)

6:15 - 7 PM Parish Youth Choir (FBPC)

6:30 - 8:15 PM Bible Timeline (SJC)

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

Thursday, December 19

7 - 8:30 PM Walking with Purpose (SJC)

Friday, December 20

9 - 11 AM Walking with Purpose (SJC)

8:30 AM - 1 PM Christmas Basket distribution (FBPC)

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

Saturday, December 21

8:30 AM - 12 PM Secular Franciscans (SJC)



Weekly Readings December 15 - 22

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 / **Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps
25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27 / **Tuesday:** Gn
49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17 /
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt
1:18-25 / **Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-
6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25 / **Friday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2,
3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38 / **Saturday:** Sg 2:8-
14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk
1:39-45 / **Next Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c,
10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Youth News and more

High School Youth Ministry



We have our Christmas party this Sunday. Feel free to invite a friend!

There is no IMPACT until January. Have a wonderful Christmas with your families!

Religious Education



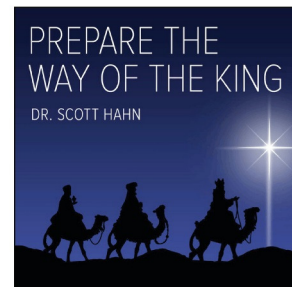
DECEMBER 15 . 6:30-8:30 PM . ST. JOSEPH CENTER

Today **IMPACT CHRISTMAS PARTY**

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Prepare the Way of the King Dr. Scott Hahn

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Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind — Jesus Christ.

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Meals for Moms

Expecting a baby? The women of Holy Family would love to welcome your little one by bringing a few meals to your family after the baby is born.



Contact Elizabeth Petrides at hfgbmealsformoms@gmail.com or 810-265-4189 to make arrangements or to let me know you could provide a meal occasionally.

Box Tops for Education

Our school needs your Box Tops For Education that you clip from products you buy and use in your home. Just look for the logo and clip the small coupon. Drop them off in the collection box located in the lobby of the Saginaw Street entrance to the church. Thank you very much for helping our school.



Parish Prayers and more



In Loving Memory

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

December 15

Joseph Dicaire, Vernon F. Reed, Larry Saxe

December 16

Robert Grieb Jr., Marcie Wohleben

December 17

Leo F. Deshano, James Massar, Robert Dvorsky

December 18

Dorothy E. Grantner, Lillian Bankics, Dean LaJeunesse

December 19

Agatha Stein, Mary Louise Deery, Austin VanWormer

December 20

Robert McGuinity, Sr., Annamarie York, Victoria Tahash, Robert McLaren

December 21

Donald York, Roberta (Bobbi) Piesko, Barbara Koneazny, Carl Jarema, Cheryl Bizovi, Susan Daunt



*Altar flowers in memory of
Albert Perrin
by the late Bonnie Perrin*

Please Pray for the Ill and Their Caregivers

Please remember in prayer those listed in the December 1 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions located in the chapel. Newly added: Fritz Bruening.



Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December

Universal: That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Early Bulletin Article Deadlines

With the holidays, the rest of the year has early bulletin deadlines. Articles for bulletins are due as follows:

Dec 29 bulletin - articles in by Tuesday, Dec. 17

Jan 5 bulletin - articles in by Monday, Dec. 23

The bulletin editor thanks you!

Lost and Found

A pair of women's glasses (brown metal with bifocals) were found recently in the side parking lot of the Fr. Bush Parish Center

Music Ministry Scholarships/ Concert

Adult Choir Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by our past and current adult choir members to promote the ministries of young singers in our adult choir. We have offered \$1,000 each year.

St. Cecelia Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by various parishioners and groups to promote the ministries of young musicians, both singers and instrumentalists, in our music ministries. Individuals usually donate \$50 to \$200 a year toward this scholarship. Our 55 & Over Club and the Knights of Columbus have donated \$500 each this year.

You may donate any time by writing a check or through the parish online giving system. When you write a check, please make it payable to "Holy Family Church" with a memo "St. Cecelia Scholarship." Your check may be dropped off through the collection at Mass, mailed to: Holy Family, 11804 S. Saginaw Street, Grand Blanc, MI 48439, or personally dropped off at the parish office.

Individual Sponsor's Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by individuals, \$500 minimum, to promote and recognize the service of young musicians in our parish. The scholarship will be presented under the individual sponsor's name, such as "Barbara McKay Music Scholarship" or "Richard Dent Choir Scholarship."



Adult Choir Outreach Concert Schedule

Our Adult Choir will present a concert at MediLodge of Grand Blanc **today, Sunday, December 15th**, 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Around the Diocese

Miss Hibernia Pageant Applications

Applications are being accepted for the 2020 Miss Hibernia pageant. Cash scholarships will be awarded with \$1,500 to Miss Hibernia, \$1,000 to First Runner-Up and \$500 to Second Runner-Up. The pageant is open to young ladies ages 16-22 of Irish ancestry who live in or attend school full-time in Genesee County.

Miss Hibernia and Her Court will join Grand Marshal Tony Vance in presiding over the 2020 St. Patrick's Day Celebrations in downtown Flint, including participation in the annual Irish Mass at St. Mike's Catholic Church. Contestants must attend a screening interview on **January 26th** and participate in the pageant on **February 8th**. For more information and to obtain an application form, go to www.FlintStPatricksDay.com or call (810) 730-4446. **Deadline for entry is January 20, 2020.**

Powers Catholic Annual Super Raffle

The Powers Catholic Annual Super Raffle helps support classroom and facility needs, as well as tuition assistance efforts that supplement the true cost to educate a Powers Catholic student. Tickets are \$20 each; only 5,000 tickets in total will be sold. This year's drawing will be held on January 25, 2020. Participants need not be present to win.



Ten Cash Prizes to be awarded:

Grand Prize: \$10,000

Second Prize: \$5,000

Third through Tenth Prizes: \$500

Call Powers at 810-591-0100 to see about getting your tickets!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Opportunity

Give your spouse the best gift of all this Christmas - time with you. Refresh your faith and your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend **Jan. 31-Feb. 2** at the Comfort Inn in Farmington Hills or **Feb. 28 - Mar. 1** at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Check out wwme.org to apply or contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 269-953-8287 for more info.

Powers Position Open

This fulltime Accounts Receivable position assists with the ministry of the school by performing all processing of tuition collection and accounts receivable. The position also prepares routine and special reports on receivables, as well as reconciling deposits. More information on this position available at www.powerscatholic.org/employment. Please submit resume to: Powers Catholic High School, Attn: Business Office, 1505 W Court St., Flint, MI 48507

Special Needs Mass

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Burton will have a special needs Mass on **December 29th** at 1:00 p.m. We encourage and welcome all to attend this Mass, especially children and those with special needs. The Mass is a little shorter and the homily and music is tailored to those with special needs. The Mass allows everyone to be themselves and to serve, to read, to usher, play one of our many instruments, and to participate in whatever way that they feel comfortable. There will be refreshments following the Mass. Come as you are, young and old. All are welcome.

Men-on-Fire

The Livingston Vicariate Monthly Men-on-Fire Men's Night is **Thursday, December 19th**

Prayer 5:45 PM / Mass 6:15 PM / Speaker 7 PM followed by refreshments from The Wooden Spoon Hosted by Holy Spirit Catholic Church (9565 Musch Rd., Brighton 48116). Speaker is Rory Clark on "Receiving the Gifts and Power of the Holy Spirit." Free-will offering.

Thursday, January 16th - Fr. Paul Donnelly / Thursday, February 20th - Paco Gavrilides

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Join Deacon David Lawrence and Fr. Peter Lawrence on a Holy Land Pilgrimage **January 20-29, 2020.**

www.eocatholic.com/mytrip

Tour = HL20, Code M, ID#52760, date 1/20/20

If interested, please contact Fr. Peter at frpeter@hfgb.org for more information

Italy Pilgrimage

Join Fr. Dennis Howard on a faith and culture pilgrimage to Italy. Rome / Vatican City / Assisi

April 26 - May 5, 2020

Pricing starts at \$3,899 per person, double occupancy Book now by visiting www.ctscentral.net/howard-it Questions? Visit CTSCentral.Net to browse FAQs or call 866-468-1420 to speak to a reservations specialist.

Volunteer - Kindred Hospice

Training is available. Volunteer visits usually last 1-4 hours per week and volunteers always have the say as to their time/availability. Hospice visit volunteers must be at least 18 years old and able to provide their own transportation. (Volunteers 16-18 years old may volunteer as administrative support in the office.) Please contact Minnie Cabine at Kindred to volunteer or to ask any questions (810) 733-7250 / Minnie.Cabine@gentiva.com

Parish Directory

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

Hours..... M-F 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 - 5 p.m.
(closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch)

Pastor, **Fr. Joseph Krupp**

Parochial Vicars, **Fr. Peter Lawrence** (fpeter@hfgb.org)
and **Fr. Bill Wegher**

Deacon, **Dennis Pennell**

Deacon, **Larry Blondin** lblondin@hfgb.org

Music Director, **Dr. B. Simon Lee** x2205

Associate Music Director, **Dr. Sia Lee** x2205

Liturgy Coordinator, **Lorri O'Dea** x2214

Business Manager, **Brian Kita** x2218

Director of Evangelization, **Erin Cummings** x2204

Accountant, **Aimee Wolven** x2209

Parish Secretary, **Theresa Dyer** x2200

Bulletin Editor, **Linda Doyle** x2216

Communications Specialist, **Nicole Urbanik** x2202

Facilities & Events694-9013

Carrie Pilarski

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

Ministry to the Ill & Bereaved.....694-4891

Nancy Repuyan, ext. 2211

Social Outreach Ministry.....771-7279

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

High School Youth Ministry.....694-4891

Erin Cummings (IMPACT High School)..... ext. 2204

All meeting Sundays 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the St. Joseph
Center during the school year

Religious Education.....694-4891

Religious Education Classes (Pre-school - 8th grade)

Grades K-8 Sun 10:15 am - 11:30 am / HF School

Katie Church (Elem. Rel. Ed. Coord.)..... ext. 2151

RCIA/Baptisms

Director of RCIA/Baptism, **Maddie White**.....ext. 2154

Holy Family School..... 694-9072

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

Principal, **Theresa Purcell** x2144

Administrative Assistant, **Lisa Harvey** x2100

Secretary, **Chasity Campbell** x2140

School Receptionist, **Shelley Corcoran** x2150

Dir. Adv./Alumni Relations, **Ann Yochim Tabereaux** x2146

Teacher Associate, **Sr. Sharon Hektor**..... x2142

Mass Schedule

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

Sunday 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

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

Weekday: Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. / Wed 5:30 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 5 - 5:30 pm

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

Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance with
our Baptism Director, Maddie White.

Marriage: Please call parish secretary, Theresa Dyer, to
make arrangements to meet with a Parish Priest at least
nine months in advance.

Vocations - If you are interested in the priesthood,
please contact Fr. Joe or Fr. Peter. If you are interested
in the permanent Diaconate, please contact Dcn. Larry.

Prayers & Devotions

Rosary: 7:15 am MWTF / 4:30 pm Wed / 8:30 am Sat

Eucharistic Adoration: Wed..... 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

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

Our Mother of Perpetual Help DevotionWed 6 p.m.

Fatima Prayer Cell Tues 4 p.m.

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