

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls—Billings



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:45 am, 11:00 am

Daily Low Latin Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 5:30 pm
Wed – Sat 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 7:45 – 8:30 am
Tues & Sat 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Before & After Daily Mass

OR By Appointment

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Please remember to contact Fr. Bart if you or someone in your family is hospitalized or enters a care facility.

Feast of the Holy Family



"The Messiah wanted to start his redemptive task in the bosom of a simple, ordinary family. The first thing that Jesus sanctified with His presence was a home. Nothing extraordinary happened during those years in Nazareth where Jesus spent the greater part of His life."

"The Holy Family would have devoutly recited the traditional prayers which were said in every Jewish home... How keenly and fervently, and with what a spirit of recollection, would Jesus have repeated the verses of Sacred Scripture which all Hebrew children had to learn. He would often recite these prayers learned from His parents' lips."

"When they contemplate these scenes, parents should frequently consider the words of Pope Paul VI, recalled for us by Pope Saint John Paul II, *"Do you teach your children the Christian prayers? Do you prepare them, in conjunction with the priests, for the sacraments that they receive when they are young..."*

[In Conversation with God; Francis Fernandez]

*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi!**"How we pray forms what we believe, which forms the way we live."**Holy Families*

All the way back in 1893, Pope Leo XIII foresaw the war that would be waged against the family. And so, he instituted the Feast which we are celebrating today, the Feast of the Holy Family. **Devotion to the Holy Family** primarily consists in imitation, as Pope Leo XIII wrote, "To all **fathers** of families, Joseph is verily the best model of paternal vigilance and care. In the most holy Virgin Mother of God, **mothers** may find an excellent example of love, modesty, resignation of spirit, and the perfecting of faith. And in Jesus, who was subject to his parents, the **children** of the family have a divine pattern of obedience which they can admire, reverence, and imitate." Let us consider how we can better imitate the Holy Family.

Husbands and fathers (and those who might become them)—imitate Saint Joseph: strong, courageous, **humble**, devout, just, chaste. **Protect** your families from evil: from Satan and all his works in the world; especially his lies. **Protect** your families from heresy, which the Saints tell us is the worst evil of all. Keep them in the Truth. **Lead** your families, by your word and example, in **Christian virtue**, in **prayer**, and in the **practice of the Catholic faith**. Always remembering that actions speak louder than words. It doesn't matter if your wife is more holy and religious than you. Joseph's wife was the Immaculate Mother of God, the greatest of all God's creatures, full of grace! **And yet**, Joseph led the Holy Family. And this is humility. Humility means knowing your place and taking your place. Joseph courageously and humbly took his place as head of the Holy Family.

Wives and mothers (and those who might become them), imitate **Mary**: humble, gentle, modest and trusting. Humility means knowing your place and taking your place. Mary was much more qualified to lead the Holy Family in virtually every way. And yet, she humbly submitted to Joseph's leadership in the Holy Family.

Imitate Mary by your **gentleness** and **modesty**. As Saint Peter writes in his first letter concerning wives: "Your adornment should not be an external one: braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry, or dressing in fine clothes, but rather the **hidden character of the heart**, expressed in the imperishable beauty of a **gentle and calm disposition**, which is precious in the sight of God."

If Joseph was the head of the Holy Family, Mary was the heart. As **Saint Mother Teresa** tells us: "The woman is at the heart of the home. Let us pray that we women realize the reason for our existence: to love and be loved and through this love become instruments of peace in the world."

And finally, to **children**, imitate Jesus: be **obedient** to your parents. Think about it: Jesus was God-Incarnate. As a child He knew everything that could be known about anything, past, present and future. And yet He obeyed Joseph and Mary. He submitted to them. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart."

As many Popes over the last century have said, as the family goes, so goes society. We need holy families. And so, **we need the Holy Family**. Let us devote ourselves to the Holy Family by seeking to imitate them more and more.

Pax, Fr Bart

The Knights will be serving their 5th Sunday Breakfast on December 31st. They always serve a delicious menu! Plan now to attend and support them.

**Blessing of the Epiphany Water and Homes**

The **Feast of the Epiphany** celebrates the threefold manifestation of the divinity of Our Lord to the whole world: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana.

The Magi, in seeking the Christ Child to adore Him, fore-shadow the spread of the faith to the Gentiles. The Blessing of the Epiphany Water begins with the Litany of the Saints, the Agnus Dei and psalms, after which, the priest chants a powerful exorcism against Satan and his legions. An antiphon extols the fruits of the baptism of Our Lord and references the wedding feast at Cana, and then the exorcism of salt and water begins. After the salt is added to the water, the Te Deum is sung, and a simple, but profound prayer beseeching God's mercy ends the ceremony. *The exorcisms are unique to the Epiphany water and make it a powerful sacramental against attacks of Satan* so that "wherever this water and salt is sprinkled it may turn aside every attack of the unclean spirit".

The water is poured into the Holy Water tank and is used in the blessings of the homes during the Octave of the Epiphany. The home is blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany or during the Octave by a priest or senior member of the household. The purpose of the blessing is to witness to the Faith and to beseech salvific benefits and protection from evil. If a priest is present, incense is used. Holy water is sprinkled throughout the home and, using blessed chalk, the lintel of each exterior-leading door is marked with the year and initials of the three kings, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The initials also form the first letters of the Latin prayer Christus Mansionem Benedicat [May God bless this house], and serve as a reminder of the date and purpose of the blessing.

Fr Bart will be blessing Epiphany Water on Friday, January 5th, at 6 pm. For January, the Blessing of Epiphany Water Service will take the place of the monthly First Friday Holy Hour of Reparation. Please bring your containers over the next few weeks and fill with this special gift to bless your home !



Have you thought of choosing a patron saint for the year? This is a beautiful tradition that is being implemented at Saint Anthony this year. **Why might you want to get to know the saints?** There are two main reasons. The first is that the Saints are

examples of how to live like Jesus and be close to Him in our daily lives. And the second is that they are in Heaven with God and can pray for us (ie talk to Him) just as our friends on Earth do.

How should you go about selecting a new patron saint for the year? First-pray. It is wise to begin any new endeavor with prayer. Ask the Lord to send you a saint who can guide and inspire you. To help out with this new endeavor, the parish has placed two baskets in the Narthex with names of saints for you to draw out: one basket for children and the second for adults.

If you get the name of a saint you've never heard of, the temptation is to (metaphorically) throw them back and pick another. This is a little rude (I don't want to be friends with you!) – you might be pleasantly surprised to find that your new saint friend is a perfect fit for you! Good places to find out more about your saint are CatholicSaints.Info, Catholic Online, the Catholic Encyclopedia, your parish library or Catholic bookshop. Once you have received the name of your saint, get to know him or her. Read about their life. Read something they wrote. And talk to them: ask them to pray for you. We can never have too many friends in heaven!



THE FEAST of the Epiphany

JANUARY 6

Also known as Three Kings Day, or Theophany, the Feast of the Epiphany is a great and very important Feast in memory of Jesus, showing His glory in four events in Christ's life; events that manifested his royal kingship: as an infant in the Nativity, the visit of the Magi, at His baptism in the Jordan, and at His first miracle changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

So important is this Feast, that it is a Holy Day of Obligation in many parts of the Catholic world, though not presently in the United States. Except for Easter and Pentecost, the Solemnity of the Epiphany is the oldest of all Christian festivals, one that originated in the Eastern Churches beginning between the second and fourth centuries. Epiphany means to reveal, show or manifest; Christ is revealed.

Take time on the Epiphany to read the Biblical account of the Magi visiting Jesus found in the second chapter of the Gospel of Matthew.

Come and join us! Saint Anthony Parish will be celebrating the beautiful tradition of gathering as parish community for our annual **Epiphany Potluck Dinner** after the 11:00 am Mass on **Sunday, January 7th**. If you would like to bring in your Christmas tree to help us decorate the Hall with a festive atmosphere, please drop trees off during the week prior to the 6th.

We will enjoy a delicious dinner, live music, King's cakes, Yule Log cake, prizes, and joyful fellowship! The Liturgical Committee will provide the main entrees. You are invited to bring your family's favorite dessert to share. Financial contributions towards the various liturgical celebrations are always welcome. **Everyone please come!** We want to celebrate this special season with our entire parish family and feel free to invite others!



"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die." — St. Peter Chrysologus



20 + C + M + B + 18

Lord God almighty, bless + this home,
and under its shelter let there be
health, chastity, self-conquest, humility
goodness, mildness, obedience to your
commandments, and thanksgiving to
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
May your blessing remain always in
this home and on those who live here;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM THE ROMAN RITUAL EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

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Where is Epiphany in the Bible?

In the New Testament, Matthew 2:1-12 says, Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained

from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. There are also Old Testament prophecies concerning the Epiphany.

Every year families are reminded during the Feast of the Epiphany to bless their home. We invite you to adopt this custom in your family. **Home blessing kits are provided in the Narthex.** Gather your family to ask God's blessing on your home and on those who live in or visit the home. This blessing is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, to watch over and protect our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use blessed chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 24. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2024 is the new year.

What's So Special About Epiphany Water?

The symbolic importance of water is ancient, and its ritual use can be found in the Old Testament, where it was used for purifying rites privately and liturgically. It is also a sign of God's creative power ([Genesis 1:2](#)), a metaphor for Jehovah as the source of life spiritually ([Isaiah 55:1-2](#)), and it is used as an agent of healing ([2 King's 5:10](#)). In the New Testament, water takes on even greater significance in its connection with Christ, who identifies himself with the Living Water ([John 7:37-39](#)). Baptism in water is also declared as necessary for our salvation, as Jesus himself said, "unless a man be born of water and the Holy Ghost" he cannot be saved ([John 3:5](#)).

There are many, many more scriptural references to water, and its significance is deep. But for the Catholic, water is first and foremost a reminder of our baptism—one of the most significant events in the life of a Christian. Holy water is the primary way Catholics encounter water as a sacramental. It is blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) and is used throughout the year. **Fr Bart will be offering the prayers for the blessing of Epiphany Water for the parish at 6 pm on the evening of January 5th.**



Holy water is also used to bless ourselves before entering and leaving a church as a reminder that baptism was how we entered the Church, the Body of Christ. Holy water can also be bottled and taken home for personal use. Many Catholics have holy water fonts in their homes. Again, you can use this sacramental for blessing yourself before bed, when entering and leaving the home and for blessing your children and family members.

But the question arises, why use holy water? What's the point? First of all, holy water has the [power to forgive](#) venial sins. When we turn to God and remember our baptism, in which we vowed to reject sin and Satan, our sins are forgiven!

Second, holy water [prepares us](#) to receive the sacraments. With our sins forgiven, our baptism remembered, and with God's blessing upon us, we are ready to receive the grace of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

Here is a simple prayer: Dip your fingers in Holy Water and say, **"By this holy water and by Thy Precious Blood, wash away all my sins, O Lord."** Sprinkle Holy Water on the Holy Souls in Purgatory, then make the sign of the cross.

Finally, [demons hate holy water](#). St. Teresa of Avila once said, "I have found by experience that there is nothing from which the devils fly more quickly than from holy water. They also fly from the cross, but they return almost immediately. Certainly, the power of holy water must be great; for my part, my soul feels particular comfort in taking it, and very generally a refreshment and interior delight which I cannot express" (Autobiography). Holy water is an excellent way to protect yourself, your family, or your home from the attacks of the evil one!



Save the date for the KC & PCCW Annual Roast Beef Dinner which happens on the last Sunday of February each year, which is Feb 25th in 2024. Ladies, pull out your favorite pie recipe to bake and contribute!

What is your resolution this year?

A better diet, consistent exercise, less sugar, more travel?

What about spiritual resolutions?

1. INCREASE YOUR MARIAN DEVOTION

St Louis de Montfort reminds us that Mary is "the easiest, the shortest, the most perfect means of approaching Jesus Christ." Our Lady wants us to love her Son, and she will lead us to Him in a deeper way this New Year!

2. IMPLEMENT REGULAR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is available every Thursday and Friday at St Anthony.

3. MAKE MORE TIME FOR SPIRITUAL READING

If you want to make progress in your walk with God in 2024, spiritual reading should be high on your list. Your best bet is to stick to the classics written by saints known for their practical spiritual wisdom.

4. MAKE GOOD STEWARDSHIP A LIFESTYLE

We live in a world of materialism and greed. Let's keep in mind that we are called to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. How can we utilize our blessings in service to others?

5. SHARE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

You don't have to be obnoxious or overbearing when sharing your faith. Just focus on doing simple things like being joyful in your walk with Christ or inviting people to come to Mass with you.

6. BRING BACK REGULAR PENANCES

Many Catholics don't know that Fridays outside of Lent are also days of abstinence or fasting. What small penitential practice can you adopt for Fridays in 2024?

7. GO TO MASS ONE EXTRA DAY OF THE WEEK

Mass is the source and summit of our faith. Think of ways you can arrange your schedule so that you can make it to Mass one extra day each week. (Remember that daily Masses are usually only 45 minutes long!)

8. PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

No Catholic list of New Year's resolutions would be complete without a daily rosary added in. If you already pray the rosary daily, that is fantastic! Maybe invite someone to pray it with you.

9. PICK A NEW SAINT BUDDY

Choose a patron saint whose virtues you would like to emulate in this new year and entrust 2024 to their special intercession. This is a great way to guard against the typical two-week lifespan of New Year's resolutions. With a saint to walk with you and inspire you, it will be easier for you to attain your goals!

Consider the opportunity you have to utilize the parish FORMED account. The Christmas season is the perfect time to enjoy the many and varied offerings! Explore the topics available: Daily Reflection, Opening the Word, Lectio series and Bible Studies, Movie Night, The Sacraments, Faith Formation, Especially for Kids, Youth Programs, Documentaries, Modern-Day Saints, Saints of History, Men & Women of Faith, Life & Witness of Mary, Devotional, Vocations, Current Topics, Lighthouse CD talks, Apologetics Videos, Audio Dramas, Audio Books, Books to download on Being Catholic, Exploring the Faith, Catholic Works of Fiction, & books for Kids & Teens. Lots of these programs are also available in Spanish!

Everyone should have investigated "Formed" by now! If not, let's walk through the process:

Go to: www.formed.org on your computer or smart phone. Click [sign up](#). Click on [I belong to a parish or organization](#). Click on [Saint Anthony, Laurel, MT](#). Enter [your name and email address](#). You will then be taken directly to the website. [Sign In](#) and enjoy! Any questions? Call the office.



PCCW officers:

President — Stephanie Swecker, 855-8416

Coffee & Rolls schedule:

December 31 Knights 5th Sunday Breakfast

January 7 Parish Epiphany Celebration

January 14 Coffee & Rolls St Joan

January 21 Coffee & Rolls St Bridget

January Altar Cleaning - St Joan

PCCW Meeting Monday, January 8, 6:30 pm

Knights of Columbus -

Fr Shevlin Council #6455



Grand Knight, Dale Blom

Knight of the Month - Steve Chechet

KC Family of the Month -

Darryl & Sharon Carpenter

Knights Council Meeting, Tues, Jan 23, 7 pm

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Men's Holy League—Contact JosephKalinowski at montana_skis@yahoo.com**Men's Book Club**—Sundays-Contact Chris

White at 406-445-9106

Women's Book Club—Wednesdays-Contact

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Seven Sisters Apostolate—Contact BrookeSpeidel, Seven Sisters Anchoress, at speidelbunch@gmail.com or call/text 307-575-2547**Parish Meal Train**—Contact Briana Leslie,brianacollins04@gmail.com; 847-340-2742**Homeschool Co-Op**—Contact JamilleWinrow at jamille.winrow@gmail.com.**St Anthony Art Guild**—Wednesdays—

Contact Meredith Bergin at 406-855-2430

by text or at meredithibergin@proton.me**St Anthony Homeopathy Study Guild**—3rd

Sundays—Contact Michelle Lopez at the office.

Prayer Shawl—if you would like to gift a hand-knit shawl to someone in need, please contact the office staff.

More ministry details on our website.

Will you be traveling?

Look up **Reverent Catholic Mass** at <https://reverentcatholicmass.com> to find parishes listed and shown on a map of the US. To stay informed about parish events follow the St Anthony website.

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Confidential Line 406-750-2373

Email victimassistancecoord@gmail.com

Billings Catholic Radio

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Give your marriage the gift of Natural Family Planning. Learn how to observe, record, and interpret a woman's natural signs of fertility. Discover God's beautiful plan for married love. **The first class in a 3-part series will be taught online on Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 pm.** The class will be taught by Ben and Rita Pehl, from Sacred Heart Parish in Terry, MT. Ben and Rita are a Certified Volunteer NFP Teaching Couple through the Couple-to-Couple League. There are also other options for learning NFP. Contact Ben and Rita for more information (402-640-9494) or visit www.fertilityscienceinstitute.org.



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Contact the Foundation to discuss this option: forever@catholicfoundationmt.org or 406-315-1765.

A Friendly Reminder—Year End Charitable Giving

Charitable contributions are tax deductible (for those who itemize) in the year the gift is made. For your charitable gifts to be credited in 2023, please note: The donation check's date—and the postmark date—must be before midnight on December 31. Contributions given online are deductible in 2023 as long as you make the gift online before midnight on December 31.

Stewardship at St Anthony**Saint Anthony Stewardship Report****Fiscal Year-to-Date Income (Week 27)**

Offertory—taxable	\$ 142,725.37
Other taxable income	\$ 4,074.45
Designated donations (nontaxable)	\$ 21,350.00
Total Income	\$ 168,149.82
Budget YTD	\$ 167,400.00

Offertory Week of December 24	\$ 4,911.00
Christmas Collection, Dec 25	\$ 3,166.00
Designated Donation	\$ 4,900.00
Total Income for Week	\$ 12,977.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,200.00

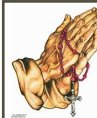
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Thank you for your continued support!

Weekly Giving
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SCAN TO GIVE

A special "Thank you!" to our volunteers who quietly transformed the church decorations from the penitential violet and rose of Advent into the vibrant reds and greens of the joyful Christmas season: Jack & Vicki Auzqui, Judy Goldsby, Kathy Manders, and the Baeten family: Rita, Justin & Baylie, Rose, Mary & Jacob.



We are looking for members of the parish who are interested in being part of a dedicated special intention prayer group, to pray for one hour per week for a full year. For details email catholic.standish@gmail.com.



The Men's Holy League will not meet Jan 2nd. Next meeting is Jan 16th. For questions, contact Joseph Kalinowski via email at montana_skis@yahoo.com

St. Anthony will be preparing/serving breakfast at St. Vincent DePaul next on January 13th. For more information and to volunteer to bake casseroles and/or help serve, contact **Joseph & Lise Kalinowski** at montana_skis@yahoo.com.



There will be no RE classes on January 3. Classes will resume Jan 10.

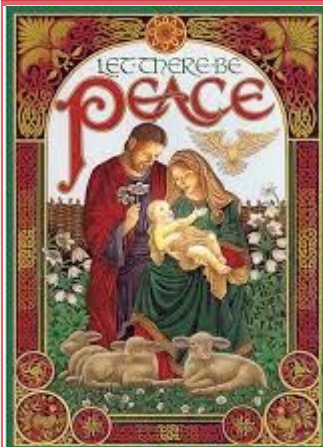
Ladies! Save the date and invite your friends to the PCCW Annual Women's Retreat and luncheon to be held January 27, 2024. Featuring Fr Bart, speaking to the ladies in the morning, and North American Lourdes Volunteers presenting a *VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE* to Lourdes, France, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, **Saturday, January 27th** at 1:00 PM. The Pilgrimage presentation is open to all. Please **RSVP to each of them** on the website.

Billings Catholic Young Adults Invitation: Upcoming events posted in the Narthex, Instagram@billingscya, Facebook, or website www.billingscya.com. Questions? Call or text Sabrina, 406-694-3180, or Valerie, 406-208-3642.



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Prayer to the Holy Family



O Jesus, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father, well-beloved Son of the Blessed Virgin, and foster Child of Saint Joseph, we most fervently implore Thee, through Mary, Thine ever-blessed Mother, and Saint Joseph, Thy foster father, take our children under Thy special charge and enclose them in the love of Thy Sacred Heart. They are the children of Thy Father in Heaven, created after His own image; they are Thy possession, for Thou hast purchased them with Thy Precious Blood; they are temples of the Holy Ghost, who sanctified them in Baptism and implanted in their hearts the virtues of faith, hope and charity.

O most loving Jesus, rule and guide them, that they may live according to the holy Catholic Faith, that they may not waver in their confidence in Thee, and that they may ever remain faithful to Thy love.

O Mary, Blessed Mother of Jesus, grant to our children a place in thy pure maternal heart! Spread over them thy protecting mantle when danger threatens their innocence; keep them firm when they are about to stray from the path of virtue; and should they have the misfortune of falling into mortal sin, oh, then raise them up again, reconcile them with thy Divine Son and restore them to Sanctifying Grace.

And thou, O holy foster father Saint Joseph, do not abandon our children! Protect them from the assaults of the wicked enemy and deliver them from all dangers of soul and body.

O dear parents of the holy Child Jesus! Intercede for us parents also, that we may bring up our children in the love and fear of God and one day attain with them the Beatific Vision. Amen.



As head of the Holy Family "In that blessed [Christmas] night also Joseph became the patron, the vicar, and the patriarch of the whole Catholic Church. It is certain, St. Athanasius tells us, that the stable where Jesus was born is 'a figure of the Church, whose altar is the manger, whose vicar is Joseph, whose ministers are the shepherds, whose priests are the angels, whose great High-Priest is Jesus Christ, and whose throne is the Blessed Virgin.'" — Edward Healy Thompson, p. 233, An Excerpt from *The Life and Glories of St Joseph*.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Please Note: Low-Gluten hosts are available—please let Fr Bart know your need prior to Mass. The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (5:15 pm), is prayed on Tuesdays and the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Thursdays and Fridays. The Church is open from 7 am—7 pm daily, allowing parishioners opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr Bart will hear confessions according to the posted confession schedule or by appointment.

Date/Observance	Time	Auxiliary		Intention	Offered By
Monday, January 1, 2024	10:00 am	Daily Mass		Pro Populo	
Solemnity of Mary					
Tuesday, January 2	9:00 am	Rosary & Liturgy			
	5:30 pm	NO Daily Mass	✝	Fr Raymond Nyquist	Fr Bart Stevens
Wednesday, January 3	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	Melanie Beth (Mayes) Kanuit	Manders Family
Most Holy Name of Jesus					
Thursday, January 4	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	Robert Parks	Manders Family
	10:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	5:00 pm	Benediction	All visitors welcome!
Friday, January 5	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	End of Abortion	PCCW
First Friday	10:00 am	24-Hour Adoration	8:45 am	Saturday Benediction	All visitors welcome!
	6:00 pm	Epiphany Water Blessing		Led by Fr Bart Stevens	
Saturday, January 6	9:00 am	Daily Mass	✝	Memory of the Unborn	Knights of Columbus
First Saturday	5:30 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	✝	Paul Huntsman	Diane P Lievens
Sunday, January 7	8:45 am	Solemn Mass		Pro Populo	
Epiphany of the Lord	11:00 am	Sunday Mass		Janet Lawrence	Jack & Vicki Auzqui