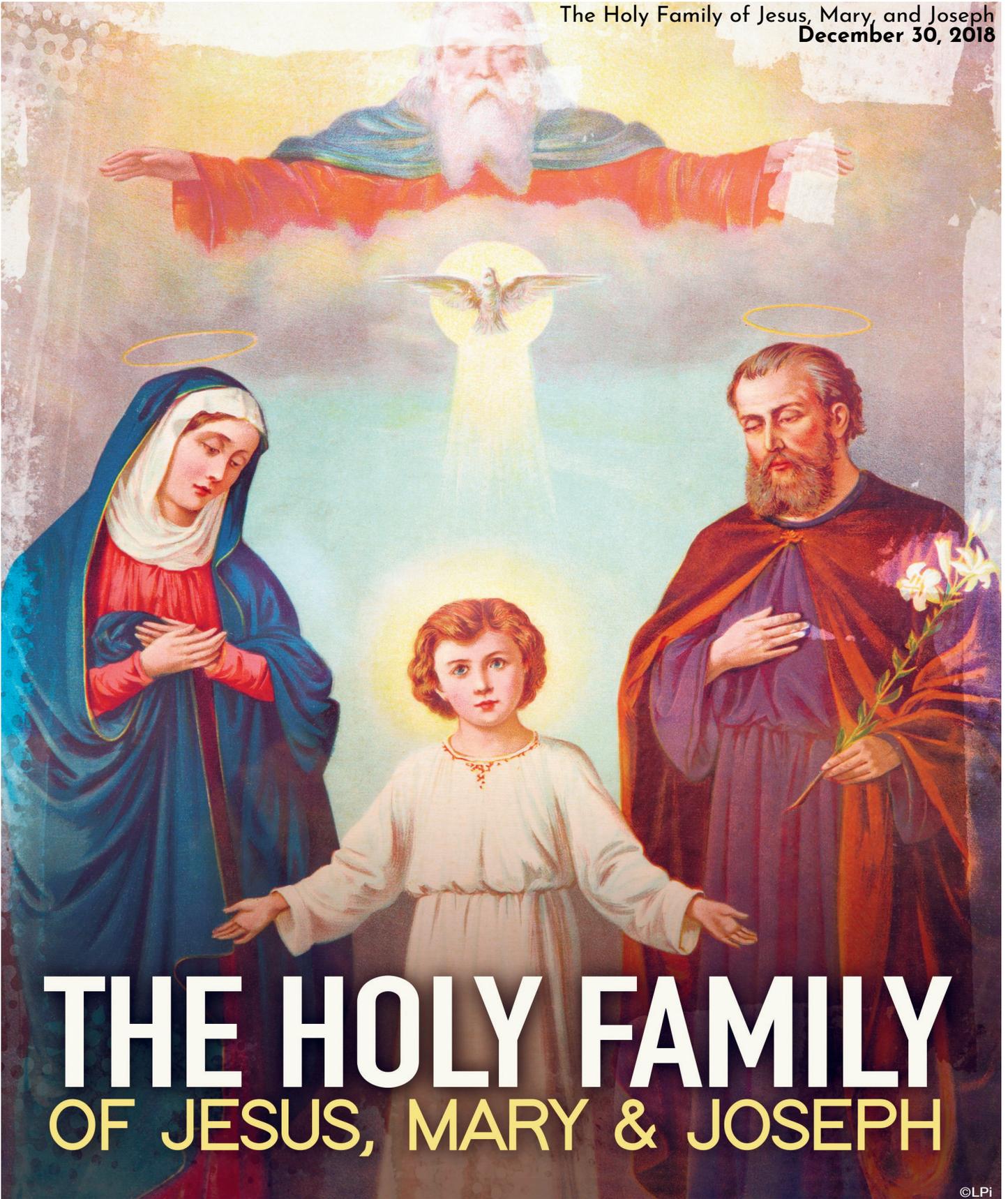


The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2018



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WEEK AT A GLANCE

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

If you'd like to volunteer as a coffee hour host, sign-ups are available in the cafeteria or contact Becky in the office!

12.31 MONDAY

8AM Mass
8:30AM Rosary

01.01 TUESDAY

9AM Mass: Solemnity of Mary *Holy Day of Obligation*

01.02 WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Mass

01.03 THURSDAY

9AM Mass
7PM Choir Rehearsal
7PM Book Club *St. Mary Room*

01.04 FRIDAY

8AM First Friday Mass
8:30AM First Friday Adoration *Until 11AM*

01.05 SATURDAY

8:30AM Rosary
9AM First Saturday Mass *w/ Anointing of the Sick*
10AM Prayer Group *Parish Center*
10AM Baptism Class *Parish Center*

01.06 SUNDAY

8AM Mass *For the People*
10AM Mass *Paul Waldie* †
4:15PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

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	Offerings	Budget
November	\$ 33,595	\$ 33,578
YTD	\$170,174	\$180,481

2019 Fiscal Year Budget: \$444,906
Thank you for your ongoing support!



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL MATCHING GIFTS

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SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK

Monday
7th Day in Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday
Solemnity of Mary
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:29-34

Thursday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34

Friday
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 Jn 3:7-10
Jn 1:35-42

Saturday
St. John Neumann
1 Jn 3:11-21
Jn 1:43-51

Sunday
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Dear Friends,

For many of us, this weekend will be spent putting away all the decorations that were carefully put up for Christmas, and cleaning and organizing in anticipation of the fresh start offered with the new year. The commercial Christmas is finished, but as a Church, we continue to celebrate the Christmas season until the baptism of Jesus on January 13th. I encourage you to continue in the spirit of this truly blessed time of year.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It comes at an interesting time since many of us may feel like we've had enough of family for a while – with gatherings and obligations throughout the holiday season, children home from school, and a little more togetherness than we may be used to! This is the perfect time to consider what it means to be family!

Gazing on the beautiful nativity scene we can misunderstand the challenges faced by Joseph, Mary, and their infant son, Jesus. Their long journey and search for even basic necessities was real. Today, more than ever before, I notice the same struggle in our brothers and sisters who live on the streets wanting for a friendly greeting, something to eat, a roof over their head, and maybe a warm place to call home. Sitting in the church we see both the nativity and the crucifix in close proximity – a great reminder that life has challenges big and small.

The Holy Family was holy, but they were also human. This is worth considering when we face our own challenges. The lives of the Holy Family, from the moment of the annunciation, through the passion and the resurrection, were marked by trust in God. Perhaps that is the best example for us when life isn't going quite as we expected or planned– when unforeseen challenges come our way.

The Holy Family stands beside us when we face struggles of every kind and we are challenged to follow their example. First, to trust in God but also, to offer hospitality, to support and comfort one another, to pray for, forgive, show compassion and love - first and foremost to those in our natural family but also to members of our parish family and to our neighbors. As we enter into this new year, let's remember those who are still in need, especially those who have lost hope, and who we have the ability to help in some way.

Christmas blessings,

Marti Lundberg

From our Pastoral Coordinator



SACRAMENTS

www.parish.stbens.net/liturgy-sacraments

BAPTISM CLASS

If you desire to have your children baptized or have been asked to be a godparent, please plan on attending the **January 5th** baptism class immediately following the 9AM Mass. Register for the class at: parish.stbens.net/baptism

CONFIRMATION

Registration for high school Confirmation has closed. For more info, visit nscy.org or contact the Parish Office.

If you are an adult who has not yet been confirmed, please plan to attend the Theology Series starting January 6th (see right).

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Our next session is Sunday, **January 13 at 8:45AM in the School Library**. This will begin Part 2 preparation for First Holy Communion.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Church or wanting to know more about the Catholic faith? Join us for our RCIA program! We have a session **January 6th after the 10AM Mass in the Parish Center**. Full meeting schedule posted online.

DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Theology Series

For those interested in joining the Church, getting Confirmed, taking their first steps toward Baptism, or just wanting to learn more!

Jan 6 - Who Is God and Who Are We?

**Jan 13 - The Sacraments/Mass:
Sacramental Theology**

Jan 27 - The Church: Ecclesiology

Feb 3 - Prayer: Spirituality

Feb 10 - Morality: Ethics

Feb 24 - Q&A and Next Steps

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi will offer this series with meetings from 11:30AM-1PM in the Parish Center.

Register at parish.stbens.net/rcia or contact Marti at (206) 518.6017 | m.lundberg@stbens.net

2018 YEAR-END WRAP UP

ST. BENEDICT TAX REMINDER

Our annual reminder about your taxes.

For those who might be itemizing their deductions, we will process all donations (sacrificial giving, St. Vincent de Paul, Building fund, etc.) on **December 31st**. Donations received by that date will be recorded on your 2018 parish giving report. *Online Giving* transactions after **December 27, 2018** may not be recorded in 2018 due to varying processing procedures of banks. Please consider an end of year donation to your parish or one of the many Catholic charities.

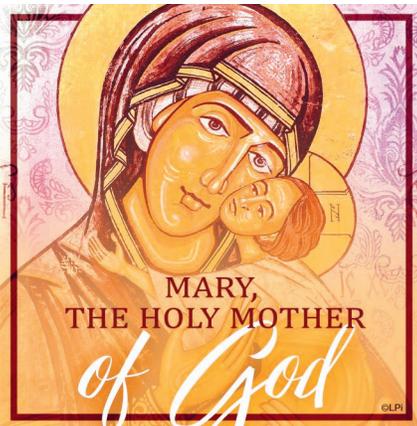
ST. BENEDICT 2018 MISSION UPDATE

We often hear from parishioners who want to know how their donations of time, talent and treasure are making a difference in the lives of others:

- Food donations to Family Works
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- N. Seattle Catholic Youth group
- St. Vincent de Paul Ministry
- Sandwich making for St. Martin de Porres shelter
- Volunteer labor to improve our facilities and grounds
- Seismic upgrades completed on south side of school
- Adoration on First Fridays
- Rosary prayed weekly
- Prayer for all those listed in our parish book of intentions
- Giving Tree during Christmas
- Thanksgiving Dinner drive
- Boxes of Joy delivered to Noel House and Jubilee House
- and many more!

AND FINALLY...

*A grateful thanks to you, our faithful parishioners,
for blessing the parish this past year as together
we continue to do the work of Christ.
Please keep our parish in your prayers.*



Don't forget:

Mass honoring the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is January 1st (New Year's Day) at **9AM in the Church.**

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

We say goodbye...

Today is the last Mass that Charlie Hiestand will be directing music at for St. Benedict Church. We are so gracious to Charlie for his years of dedication to the music ministry and will miss him dearly. Please join us after **all Masses** today as we gather to celebrate and send Charlie off to his next adventures. *Charlie's last day in the office will be January 4th, so please stop by to say farewell if you missed the opportunity to join us today.*

We say hello...

We have TWO new staff members joining us this week.

Mitchell Price is our new Pastoral Assistant for Music. He has many years of experience as an accompanist and liturgical musician. He will continue the good work of supporting all those in our community who enhance our liturgies with prayerful music and song.

Heather Snyder begins Jan. 2nd as our half-time bookkeeper. She is from the Seattle area and brings her exceptional organization and attention to detail to this important position.

We are blessed to have these two individuals join our parish staff.



Blue-Bag Program

Join our fight against hunger! Take a blue-bag home with you, shop for the items on the list and return to the church. All items will go to support our local food bank, Family Works!

To-date, we've donated over **5,898lbs** of food!

SCHOOL NEWS

WE DID IT! - CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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A Campaign for St. Benedict
Church & School Structural
Improvements

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Matching Gift Challenge. In just over 9 weeks we were able to meet and even exceed our \$25,000 goal. As of now we have raised \$40,000. Our anonymous donor will be matching

\$25,000 of that bringing our total to \$65,000.

Thank you!



SPAGHETTI DINNER

January 27, 2019

Come join us from **11AM-7PM** in the **St. Benedict Cafeteria** as the 6th grade students and their parents host this gathering to raise funds for Environmental Education at Camp Hamilton. Consider inviting friends and family as you share your holiday celebrations with them. Advance tickets will be available after Mass in January. \$12/adult, \$8/seniors & children (12 and under).

Further details, ticket sales and reservation to come.

YOUTH MINISTRY **Kate Brown, Youth Ministry Director, kate@nscy.org | 206-488-5970**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years from NSCY! We hope that you have a very joyful and blessed Christmas and New Years! Our Youth Ministry programs will start up again on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

Middle School students are invited to join our **Sunday Gatherings at 5PM at St. Catherine Parish** for a time of fellowship, fun, and faith. We conclude with a free meal. Our next topic is *Digital Discipleship: How To Be Like Christ Online!*

High School students can join our **Discipleship Group on Sundays at 7PM at St. Catherine.** We meet weekly to talk about important topics in our faith and share our stories.

Confirmation Prep Sessions start the week of January 8. Choose from 3 locations/times:
St. Mark — Tues., Jan. 8, 7:00 pm
Christ the King — Thurs., Jan 10, 7:00 pm
Our Lady of the Lake — Sat. Jan 12, 11:00 am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you are an adult that is interested in serving the youth of our Church by walking with them as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Kate Brown at kate@nscy.org. We have over 100 youth signed up for Confirmation prep, so much help is needed! Please pray for those who are preparing to receive Confirmation!

Catholic Youth Convention: World Youth Day in Seattle! You are invited to join hundreds of youth and young adults in a local celebration of World Youth Day Panama at the Lynnwood Convention Center on January 26-27.

For registration and questions, visit: www.tinyurl.com/WYDSeattle2019. Please register under "N Seattle Catholic Youth" so that Kate gets the notifications and can be in communication with you.

Visit www.NSCY.org for more info about our ministries!



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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Bruno Berselli, Carmen Gonzalez, Nora Taylor, Dale Steen, Willie Kleffner, Easton Brown, Eli Mahnken, Esther Hunsaker, Janice Mosey, Eugene Haydu, Roseanne Borden, Xavier Schmitt, Alexander Hargis, Kathleen Huck, Kim Gruenberg *Contact the Parish Office to have a name added to this list. For privacy reasons, the individual must expressly give consent.

Items for Jan 6 bulletin are due Dec. 28 @ 4PM, please send to: parish@stbens.net

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