Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 26 - Vigil: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
5:00 pm 64th Wedding Anniversary of Al & Jane Haefner by Family

Sunday, December 27 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:00 am Conversion of our Nation thru Our Lady of Fatima
10:00 am † Max Stark by Bob & Kathy Valkner
12:00 pm Sr. Cyrilla Jegla, RMS by Laura Miller
2:00 pm The People of St. Joseph & St. Jerome **Burmese**
5:00 pm Joan Marshall by Dee Wygant **Spanish**

Monday, December 28
8:00 am Janet Germain by Yvonne Pierce
Tuesday, December 29
8:00 am John Paul Lans 9th Birthday by Peter Lans Family
Wednesday, December 30
8:00 am † Germain & Vorda Families by Yvonne Pierce
Thursday, December 31
8:00 am † Rev. Tom DeVita by St. Joseph Parish

Thursday, December 31 - Vigil: Solemnity of Mary
5:00 pm † Pablo & Cristina Briones by Ruby Briones **Spanish**
7:00 pm † Bob Rogers by Barb Kincaid
Friday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
8:00 am † Lester Family by Kim Gould
10:00 am Adam Sprague by Ruby Briones
2:00 pm † John Thang Nawl by Friends **Burmese**

Saturday, January 2
8:00 am Intentions of Neil & Nancy Haack by Family
3:30 pm Holy Hour for Life
3:30 pm Confessions

Saturday, January 2 - Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 pm † Ed Wyson by Jonny & Frank Skeltis.
Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 am † James & Joseph K. Bizon by Family
10:00 am † Max Stark by Bob & Kathy Valkner
12:00 pm † Florence Bischoff (21st Anniv.) by Linda Abramowicz
2:00 pm The People of St. Joseph & St. Jerome **Burmese**
5:00 pm † Ceferina Marmolejos by Family **Spanish**

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

The St. Joseph Parish Office will be closed through January 1. Regular hours will resume January 4.

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary - December 31
St. Joseph 5:00 pm Spanish
St. Joseph 7:00 pm English

Solemnity of Mary
Holy Mother of God January 1
St. Joseph 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm Burmese
St. Jerome 10:00 am
St. Philip 9:00 am, 11:30 am

Vigil Mass Epiphany of the Lord - January 2
St. Joseph 5:00 pm

Epiphany of the Lord - January 3
St. Joseph 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
2:00 pm Burmese, 5:00 pm Spanish

Vigil Mass Baptism of the Lord - January 9
St. Joseph 5:00 pm

Baptism of the Lord - January 10
St. Joseph 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
2:00 pm Burmese, 5:00 pm Spanish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Monday 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Center Chapel
- Wednesday 9:00 am - Saturday 9:00 am in St. Philip Seton Center Chapel
- Thursday 5:00 to 6:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations
- Friday 8:30 am - Benediction 4:45 pm in St. Joseph Church
- Saturday 3:30 - 5:00 pm Holy Hour for Life in St. Joseph Church

St. Joseph: *To sign up for a Holy hour or to be on the sub list for Friday Adoration, please call Marlene: 962-8641 and leave your name and phone number.*

St. Philip: *Seton Center Chapel, Wednesday 9:00 am to Saturday 9:00 am, call Betty Dillard: 962-8255 to sign up.*

Terror of Demons, Pray for Us

From Fr. Christopher Ankley

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, Pope
Christian, remember your dignity

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: *Glory to God in the highest,* and they proclaim *peace to men of good will* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and *when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ,* so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

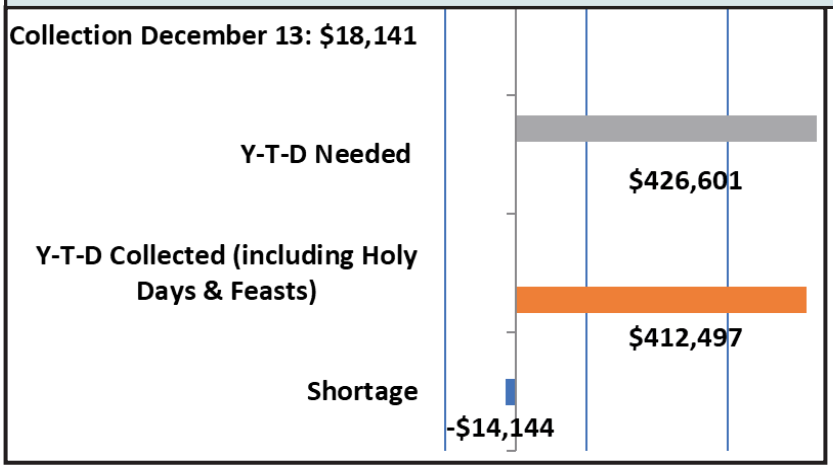
Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

To read the letter from Sister Laura and to learn more about the Franciscans of the Eucharist, visit our website stjosephbc.org under Important Information This Week.

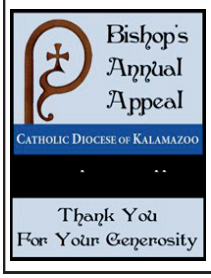
Financial Information

As the calendar year comes to a close, now would be a good time to make up any missed envelopes. Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Parish.



Special Collections

JAN 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
JAN 1 Initial
FEB 7 Three Churches
MAR 7 Diocesan Priests' Retirement



Our Parish Bishop's Annual Appeal Update As of December 1

Pledges $110,184
(Includes online)
234 Families

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Minister Schedule

January 2 & 3

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM	Sunday, 12:00 PM
Cantor	Jen Grady	Cecilia Krajewski	Robert Valkner	Bernadette Heldt
Reader	Pat Squires - rd 1 Phillip Avery - rd 2	Angela Adamson	Andrew Cutshall - rd 1 Cheryl Bess - rd 2	Crestlie Bauman
Usher	Jeremy Gallaway Lucinda Gallaway Kenneth Kropen	Carl & Kimberley Bolles Rita Wahmhoff Sharon Zapata	Kathy Askler Chris Staab **NOT FILLED**	Michael Olson Shirley Youmans **NOT FILLED**

Prayers for the Sick/Those in Need

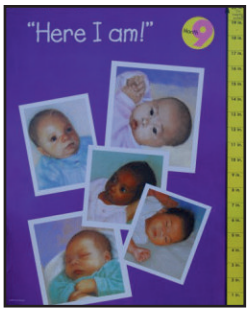
Geri Bateman, Chris Bradley, Chuck Brown, Peggy Crane, Melody Dulyea, Patricia Elliott, Bernadette Emmons, Jeannette Gagnon, Theresa Henderson, Sr. Cyrilla, Carolyn Kewley, Pat Kukla, Nathan & Robert Lindstrom, Jakob Livingston, Victor Lupina, Scott Marko, Doug Marshall, Curtis Mason, Lori Ann McAdam, Katie Miller, Laurie Morris, Karen Partin, Sally Ringle, Cheryl Scales, Gerald Smith, Margaret Smith, Shirley Springer, Carol Strope, Michael Wells, Elizabeth Wells, Leon White, Sara Wixson, Dee Wygant, Ann Wyson, Christine Ybarra, Marion Zull

Prayers for the Deceased

James Elliott, Gerardo Gonzales Ortiz

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Spiritual Adoption Program



Month 9 - Developing Baby: "Here I am!"

Our spiritual babies, whom we have been praying for the last nine months will be arriving this week! Thank you to the parishioners who have been praying every day since the Annunciation in March for our 114 adopted babies. Your prayers do make a difference. Just as we are welcoming Jesus at Christmas, we will also be welcoming these babies into His world. The "birth" of these babies will be celebrated in January and we invite all parishioners to take part in a collection of items for Caring Network that serves pregnant women and their families in the Kalamazoo Diocese. Please watch the bulletin for more details after Christmas

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Liturgy of the Hours, eBreviary

The Liturgy of the Hours prayer for the current hour is offered using the QR code pictured, courtesy of ebreviary.com. Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer are available for every day.

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A gift of flowers and decorations for the Christmas Season

You can remember family and friends by making a donation for flowers and decorations to St. Joseph Church. Your donation will be used to enhance our worship space by purchasing decorations and keeping flowers and plants fresh throughout the Christmas Season. Please fill out the form below and return to the parish office by December 28. Remembrances will be printed in a bulletin insert during the Christmas Season.

In memory of: _____

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Donated by: _____ *Env. #*_____

Please use my gift for plants and decorations.
Minimum suggested donation: $15.00

Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools FOUNDATION

2020-2021 Annual Fund Drive

Holiday Match Challenge

Our schools depend on the important work of the BCACS Foundation. Every year, the Foundation's Annual Fund Drive supports our schools' overall operating costs, which in turn makes tuition as low as possible. This helps us to continue providing Catholic education to as many families as possible. The more successful the Annual Fund Drive is, the more our schools are positively impacted. This year's campaign is especially important as our schools have had to address the necessary changes due to Covid-19.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to leverage your contribution and give back to the schools in a time when it's needed most.

Thanks to a generous donor, from now until December 31st, any dollar that you give to the 2020-2021 Annual Fund Drive will be doubled (up to $20,000)!

All funds raised from this campaign come directly back to our schools to continue giving our students the best education in the area.

BCACS Position Available

St. Philip Catholic Central High School is seeking an English Teacher. Applicants should have a valid Michigan teaching certificate with appropriate endorsements. Qualified applicants should have strong classroom management skills, knowledge of various learning styles and knowledge of the Catholic faith. To apply, please provide a letter of intent, resume and letters of recommendation to vgroat@bcacs.org.

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy As To Students

The Schools of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Schools of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of education policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs and activities, employment policies or contractual agreements.

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Sacrament of Baptism
Parishioners should call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Eucharist
Sacrament of Confirmation
Contact our Schools or our Director of Faith Formation.

Sacrament of Marriage
Parishioners must contact one of the parish priests at least six months before setting a wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders
If you or someone you know has a vocation, contact a parish priest for assistance.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick
In case of an accident, surgery or other emergency, call 962-0165.

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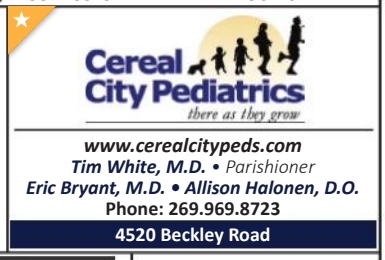

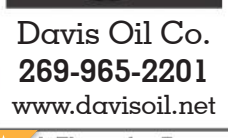

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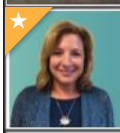

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