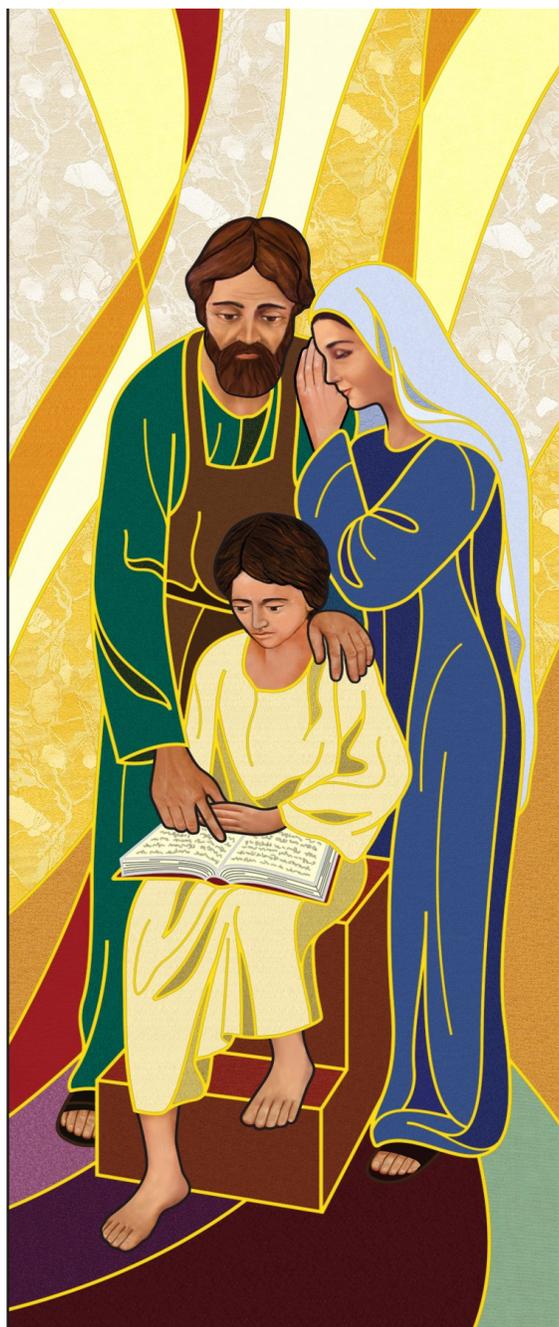




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12.29.19

Welcome New-member registration forms are available in the church entrances and on our website. One Eucharistic family united on our faith journey: Welcome Home!

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CLEANING SERVICES NEEDED..

In need of house cleaning services for the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Rectory along with some laundry and ironing. This part-time position would be once-a-week or every other week for a total of 8-12 hours in a month. Applications are available in the parish office or by emailing office@sjwhf.org

STEWARDSHIP FAIR

This year instead of one large event, the Stewardship Committee will be hosting four "mini" fair weekends to bring focus to specific ministries by category. The event will be in the gym following Mass. Refreshments will be served, and ministry volunteers will be available to answer questions and gather contact information for those interested in exploring new opportunities.

- January 11 and 12, 2020 – Faith Formation

**Please join us after Mass January 11 & 12 for our third MINI FAIR to learn more about the following:
Faith Formation**



Get rid of your landline?

New email address?

Please remember to update your contact information with the Parish Office by calling (388-3766), emailing (office@sjwhf.org) or filling out the parishioner update form on our website (sjwhf.org). It will only take one minute out of your day and it is very important for us to keep our records up to date. Thank you!

"It's Not Just about Migrants"



As we continue with our celebration of the Christmas Season, which lasts until the Baptism of the Lord (January 12th this year), it can be surprising to see that we include events like the Holy Innocents and the Holy Family's Flight into Egypt. The mystery of Jesus' birth, the Incarnation, leads to the central mystery of his saving death and resurrection. Next week on Epiphany, we also mark World Day of Migrants and Refugees and Immigration Sunday; to prepare for this, I thought you might appreciate an abbreviated form of the Pope's message:

"Faith assures us that in a mysterious way the Kingdom of God is already present here on earth (cf. Gaudium et spes, 39). Yet in our own time, we are saddened to see the obstacles and opposition it encounters. Violent conflicts and all-out wars continue to tear humanity apart; injustices and discrimination follow one upon the other; economic and social imbalances on a local or global scale prove difficult to overcome. And above all it is the poorest of the poor and the most disadvantaged who pay the price.

The most economically advanced societies are witnessing a growing trend towards extreme individualism which, combined with a utilitarian mentality and reinforced by the media, is producing a "globalization of indifference". In this scenario, migrants, refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking have become emblems of exclusion. In addition to the hardships that their condition entails, they are often looked down upon and considered the source of all society's ills. That attitude is an alarm bell warning of the moral decline we will face if we continue to give ground to the throw-away culture. In fact, if it continues, anyone who does not fall within the accepted norms of physical, mental and social well-being is at risk of marginalization and exclusion.

For this reason, the presence of migrants and refugees – and of vulnerable people in general – is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society. That is why it is not just about migrants. When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves, for everyone; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give voice to a part of ourselves that we may keep hidden because it is not well regarded nowadays."

Pope Francis uses the phrase, "It is not just about migrants," and adds an observation in the remainder of his letter. These include: "it is also about our fears ... about charity ... about our humanity ... a question of seeing no one is excluded ... about putting the last in first place ... about the whole person, about all people ... about building the city of God and man." He states that current challenge can be summed up with four words: "welcome, protect, promote and integrate." The entire letter can be found online if you would like to read more. Blessed Feast of the Holy Family!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Tim Reber

P.S. Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas liturgies and all who made them possible, including all the liturgical ministers and Parish Staff! Some work behind the scenes, like those who decorate the church environment and others lead us in worship as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Mass servers, music ministers, ushers and sacristans. Each of us has a role to play in welcoming, preparing and celebrating the Church's liturgy at Christmas and throughout the year. Thank you, too, for your financial support of the parish.

On a personal note, I wish to thank you for your kind words, Christmas cards, gifts and treats; may the Lord reward you for your kindness to the parish and to me.

New Year's Eve & Day (Mary Mother of God)

Tuesday, December 31st - 4:00pm (SJW)

Wednesday, January 1st - 9:30am (HF)

Stewardship of TREASURE

Holy Family

Dec 22, 2019
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Fiscal Year to Date

\$49,760.94 Actual
\$52,985.68 Budget

St. Joseph the Worker

Dec 21 & 22, 2019
\$11,274.17

Fiscal Year to Date

\$159,327.18 Actual
\$164,681.93 Budget

Children's Weekly Stewardship

Treasure: HF: \$16.00 SJW: \$48.50



We pray for the family and friends of

Verena Schugel (SJW) who passed away
December 22.

Catherine Kasper (mother of Laurie (Tom)
Farrell) who passed away December 19.

Paul Gerasch (brother - in - law of Ben
& Kathy Moldan) who passed away
December 27.

May they rest in peace.

Liturgical Ministries

SATURDAY, JAN 4

SJW—5:00 P.M. MASS

Reader: Tom Hallett

Servers: Charlie & Sami Hudrlik, 1 SUB

ECM: Joyce Wilcox, Sheryl Peterson, Lia Price,
Cookie Oberle, 3 SUBS

Ushers: Rob Gunther, Tim Murray,

Scott Peterson, Al Honermann

Musicians: Cindy Lawrence, Joyce Wilcox,
Carolyn Fox

SUNDAY, JAN 5

HF—8:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Youth Mass

Servers: Kendra Kirchner, Ceilliah Slama

ECM: Dan Jones, Jan Anderson, 1 SUB

Ushers: Youth Mass

Musicians: Erika Seppmann, Sheila Sickler,
Youth Choir

SJW—10:30 A.M. MASS

Reader: Youth Mass

Servers: Ethan Naylor, Isaac Coudron, Jasper Rogers

ECM: Donna & Richard Hansen, Julie Freyberg,
Wendy Weingartz, Shelly Nachreiner, Kevin Doyle, SUB

Ushers: Youth Mass

Musicians: Julie & Bob Dickhudt w/Youth Choir

SJW: Doorkeeper: Randy Haley

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, Dec 31: New Year's Eve

SJW 4:00pm - Leonard Schwamberger

Wednesday, Jan 1: New Year's Day

HF 9:30am - †Bill Fieber

Thursday, Jan 2:

HF 8:30am -†Leona & Clarence Schneider

Pathstone 10:15am - Word and Communion

Friday, Jan 3:

SJW 12:05pm - †Jim Lawrence

Saturday, Jan 4: The Epiphany of The Lord

SJW 5:00pm - †Mardelle Warren

Sunday, Jan 5: The Epiphany of The Lord

HF 8:30am - For the Parishioners

SJW 10:30am - †Joseph Phillips

Monday: 1 Jn 2: 12-17 Ps 96: 7-10 Lk 2: 36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2: 18-21 Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1: 1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6: 22-27 Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a) Gal 4: 4-7 Lk 2: 16-21

Thursday: 1 JN 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 HEB 1:1-2 JN 1:19-28

Friday: 1 JN 2:29-3:6 PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 JN 1:14A, 12A

JN 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 JN 3:7-10 PS 98:1, 7-8, 9 HEB 1:1-2 JN 1:35-42

Sunday: IS 60:1-6 PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6

MT 2:2 MT 2:1-12

This Week at a Glance

Tue. 12/31: OFFICE CLOSES at NOON

Wed. 1/1: OFFICE CLOSED

Sat. 1/4: 4:00pm Confession - SJW

Sun.1/5: 8:00am Confessions - HF

9:00am Men's Club Mtg.

*Congratulations to Steve Saffert the
"301" winner of \$100 for Dec 21!*

Additional Announcements

YEAR END REMINDER REGARDING CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

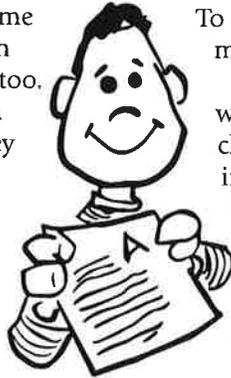
For income tax purposes, charitable contributions must be applied in the year that it is received regardless of the date of the check. If a donor wishes to claim a contribution as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes, the donor must relinquish control of the funds before the IRS considers it a charitable donation. St. Joseph the Worker and Holy Family Parishes will consider all contributions received on or before December 31 to be a 2019 contribution. These gifts will be included in the letters given to parishioners in January summarizing their gifts. Contributions received on January 1, 2020 or later will be considered 2020 contributions. Mailed contributions postmarked on or before December 31, 2019 are 2019 contributions.) Collections received at the New Year Eve Mass (December 31) are 2019 donations; collections received at the New Year Day Mass are 2020 donations.

Making parent - and child-friendly resolutions

Making New Year's resolutions helps us to become better people each year. Consider helping children choose appropriate resolutions for the New Year, too.

Share kindness. Encourage children to perform one random act of kindness each week. When they look for ways to be kind, kindness becomes a mindset.

Develop better habits. Taking small steps to improve will help new positive habits last. If you want to eat healthier, try, "I'm going to drink milk and water today instead of soda or juice."



To cut down on screen time, consider reading for 30 minutes instead of watching TV or playing on devices.

Achieve milestones. Children love setting goals as a way of measuring progress and growth. Encourage children to pick an age-appropriate goal – getting an A in the hardest subject at school, learning to tie shoes, master swimming underwater – and focus on steps to achieve it.

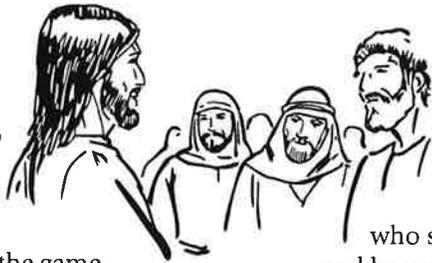
Encourage prayer. Try choosing one prayer to say together as a family each day. Let children add a favorite prayer to their personal prayer time.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23, Follow the Leader

Almost every child has played some version of "Follow the Leader." In the game, players follow a "leader" wherever he goes and do whatever he does. We stomp through puddles, climb over fences and swing from trees, all to stay in the game.

We follow leaders in real life, too: at school, in sports, and at church. Our parents are also our leaders until we leave home. Some leaders have more authority over us than others. In cases where we can choose our leaders, it's important to choose the one who will



lead us safely in the right direction.

Jesus chose twelve men to be his closest followers and he became their leader. They went where he told them and did what he asked. They followed his example. Those who stayed with him to the end became great saints.

What can a parent do? Explain to children that Jesus is our true leader, meaning that we follow him before anyone else. If we stay close to him, he will lead us safely to Heaven. The prize is always worth it.

Parent TALK

My family had stopped listening to me. The more I talked to (at) them, the more obvious it was that they were tuning me out. I tried talking louder and repeating myself but the problem only got worse. Finally, I heard how I was talking to them. I was so



stressed by our busy pace that I barked constantly. "Hurry up, we are late!" "Stop talking with your mouth full." "Clean up that nasty bedroom." "What? You forgot your homework?!" For every kind remark I made, I snarled five negative ones.

That very moment, I changed my tune. I called a family meeting and apologized. Then I gave each child just five tasks on which to focus. I let the rest go. The change in the atmosphere of our home was immediately noticeable. I continue to monitor the way I communicate and everyone pays more attention to what I say.

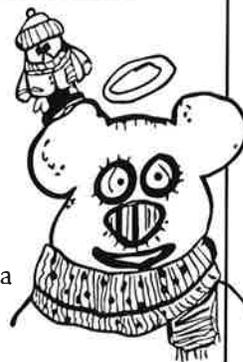
Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 2 – St. Basil the Great (379). St. Basil founded the first monastery in Turkey. He fought passionately against the Arianism threatening the Church and worked to protect the faith and religious freedom. He is best known for his skill as an orator and for being tireless in his pastoral care.

Jan. 3 – Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Today, we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. "...At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).

Jan. 5 – Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany is Greek for "manifestation." When they honored the infant Jesus, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God's promise of a savior.

Jan. 21 – St. Agnes (c.304). At a young age, St. Agnes consecrated herself to God. Reportedly she was turned in for being a Christian by a suitor whom she refused to marry. She maintained her faith and was executed as a result.



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Parish & Area Announcements

Want to grow in your spiritual life this winter? The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is offering a free online book study of Fr. Jacques Philippe's *Fire and Light: Learning to Receive the Gift of God*, about growing in prayer in everyday life. It is led by Dr. Susan Windley-Daoust, Director of Missionary Discipleship. Tuesdays, Jan 7-Feb 11 at 7pm online through Zoom technology (you need a smartphone or laptop with camera and mic to participate). All are welcome. If interested, please buy the book online and contact Michele Klein asap at mklein@dowr.org.

DO YOU FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK? We have been sharing daily content to both the Holy Family and St. Joseph the Worker Facebook pages. A lot of the content is interactive and we would love for you to follow us and share your thoughts if you would like to! It is a great way to grow in your faith daily and get to know fellow parishioners better!

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Congratulations to the new Loyola Activities Hall of Fame inductees:
Female Athletes: Kim (Sheldon) Brunmeier '92, Sarah (Price) Boyle '05, Stephanie (Price) Reneau '08
Male Athletes: Kevin Mettler '85, Dan Ward '91, Truc Ho '04
Fine Arts: Kim Rotchadl '75, Bridget Hermer '80,
Coaches: Dale Compton '91, Chris Biehn

Inductees will be formally recognized at halftime of the boys' varsity basketball game on Saturday, January 11 in the Fitzgerald gym, 110 N 5th Street, Mankato. Inductees and their families are also invited to a pregame reception at Fitzgerald starting at 6 pm.

Enrollment is always open at Loyola. Contact acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507.388.0615 for more information. 103 new students this year PS-12 grade.

Loyola will soon be offering bus service to some of our students outside of the District 77 bus routes. We are seeking a shuttle driver for the morning route, with the potential of adding shifts. For more information, please contact Trudi Clements, 507-388-0606.

During this season of Advent and reflection, please consider a year-end gift to Loyola and its students. Your support is a direct investment in their future and tells them, "I support you; I'm here with you." Please contact Sam Smith or Matt Fink in the Development Office with any questions They can be reached at 507-386-5300. Gifts are tax deductible, as applicable under IRS guidelines.

THANK YOU to all who send us Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts. Loyola no longer processes Campbell's soup labels.

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Mon-Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Information

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HF Prayer Chain.....Margaret: 317-4785
Email: margaretbuss@yahoo.com

Pastoral Staff

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Kathy Moldan - Office Assistant
Sister Janet Wermerskirchen - Music Director
Jon Hermanson - SJW Custodial Engineer
Mike Murrain - SJW Custodian
Ben Moldan - HF Custodian

Sacraments

Baptism - Please contact Fr. Reker in the parish office to schedule the baptism and the baptism preparation class.

Marriage - Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Fr. Reker at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

Anointing of the Sick - If you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please notify the office.

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