

La Sagrada Familia



The Holy Family

Reflection on the Holy Family

When I think of the Holy Family, I contemplate a God who is in love with our humanity, a God who desires to share in what it means to be a human. This God is eager to become like us, even to the point of clothing himself in the flesh of a Virgin, feeding at her breast, dependent upon her, so as to be able to live and give us life.

Jesus is not born of Mary by some accident, nor is Joseph a step father by chance. They are chosen from within eternity for an incredible mission: to raise the God who created them. Is there anything outside the grasp of God? God prepared Mary and Joseph before their conception; it was a fruit of God's loving mind, and afterward, God breathed life into them and coached them for what was to come. God knew all the while what was to come. And it is that way with each of us. We are not the result of chance, and He has already given a mission to you and one to me, and God has trained us for that mission.

Do you want to know the difference between the Sacred Family and our families? I want to share with you that you and I, our families, are very similar to the Holy Family of Jesus. Your family also has been called and chosen by God for a marvelous plan of salvation in your family history and much more. Your family is called by God to give God's light to children, so that they grow in stature, wisdom, and grace, and so that those things are found in the next generations. Your mission is to take care of the hearts of children and not allow anyone else to extinguish their love of Christ. Your family has been called to be a sign in the world that Jesus continues to be born in our society, in our Christian service, in our words.

The model of family that the Church gives us in Jesus, Joseph, and Mary is not a lofty and unreachable ideal. They were a normal family! They had problems, difficulties, were rejected when they asked for lodging in Bethlehem which was the homeland of Joseph. Mary had to give birth in a place designed for animals to give birth. They had to flee their homeland to save the life of their Child from Herod. They experienced great tests, similar to the ones we go through, but they never lost their trust in the plan of God.

If there is a small difference between that family and our families, and it is good to ask this question in our hearts, the question is *how is my faith?* Mary and Joseph's faith made their family a *holy family*. So it has nothing to do with the many sufferings in our lives, but rather the way in which we suffer and put our trust in God's hands. That is the key to deep peace and truth in the middle of adversity and in joys. The one who doesn't have God has nothing, which is the same as saying that the person who experiences life in God's arms has it all. Helpless God, God the baby, innocent God, God who needs to be taken care of, and from that same One comes salvation.

I hope that in these days of Christmas, the Holy Family might teach us the value of faith in our homes and help us complete in faith the plan that God has given each of us in our families. I hope we can do this without worry over the risks needed to be taken and that we discover the value of the small things which teach us to love Jesus.

Sister Karen

Reflexión sobre la Sagrada Familia

Cuando contemplo la Sagrada familia, contemplo a un Dios enamorado de nuestra humanidad, deseoso de compartir nuestra naturaleza humana, de hacerse uno como nosotros, tanto así, hasta el punto de revestirse con la carne de una virgen Pura y alimentarse de su seno, dependiente de ella, para poder vivir y darnos vida.

Jesús no nace de forma accidental de María, ni es fruto del azar la paternidad de José, ellos son elegidos desde la eternidad para tan excelsa misión: Criar al Dios que los creó. ¿A caso hay algo que se escape de las manos de Dios? Dios preparó a María y a José desde antes de la concepción, fueron fruto de un pensamiento enamorado de Dios y luego soplo vida y los capacitó para lo que vendría... Dios sabía lo que venía... Y así hace con todos nosotros, no somos fruto del azar, y ya ha puesto una misión para ti y para mi, y nos capacita para ello.

¿Quieres saber cuál es la diferencia entre esta Sagrada familia y nuestras familias? Quiero empezar compartiéndote que tú y yo, nuestras familias, son muy similares a esta tan sagrada de Jesús. Tu familia también ha sido llamada y elegida por Dios para cumplir un plan maravilloso de salvación en la historia de los tuyos y muchos más, tú familia es llamada por Dios para dar a luz a Dios en tus hijos, para hacer crecer en estatura, sabiduría y gracia a las nuevas generaciones, para cuidar a Dios en los corazones de los niños y no permitir que nadie les arrebatase a Cristo de sus vidas, tu familia ha sido llamada para que toda ella sea un signo de que Jesús sigue naciendo en nuestra sociedad, en nuestras acciones cristianas, en nuestras palabras.

El modelo de familia que nos presenta la Iglesia en Jesús, José y María no es una idea altísima e irrealizable.... ¡Ellos fueron una familia normal!, con problemas, dificultades, fueron rechazados por los suyos al pedir posada en Belén, la propia tierra de José, María tuvo que dar a luz en un lugar donde solo los animales dan a luz, tuvieron que huir de su tierra para poder salvar a su hijo de la mano de Herodes... tuvieron grandes pruebas, similares o mayores a las nuestras, solo que ellos nunca desconfiaron de plan de Dios...

Si hay una pequeña diferencia entre esta familia y nuestra familia, y es bueno que nos preguntemos durante este tiempo en nuestros corazones. ¿Cómo está mi fe? La fe de María y José fue lo que hizo de esta familia, una familia santa, pues no se trata muchas veces de lo que sufres, sino de la manera en que lo sufres y te abandonas en las manos de Dios, esta es la clave de la paz profunda y verdadera en medio de las adversidades, en medio de las alegrías, porque poseían a Dios, y aún sin tener nada, podemos decir que lo tenían todo, tenían a Dios entre sus brazos: Dios indefenso, Dios bebé, Dios inocente, Dios que debían de cuidar y del cual les vendría su salvación.

Que en estas fiestas Navideñas, la sagrada Familia nos enseñe el valor de la fe en nuestros hogares, y nos ayuden a cumplir con fidelidad el plan que Dios trazó para cada uno de nosotros en nuestras familias, sin importar los riesgos que se deban de tomar, que descubramos el valor de las cosas pequeñas ya que nos enseñen a amar al estilo en que ellos saben amar a Jesús.

Hermana Karen



Scripture Readings for the Week of December 31

Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40
Monday	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday	Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday	Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday	Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

In gratitude to our parish families and our visitors for their contribution to the Flower Fund, we remember...



Leonila Calderon
Bob
Harry Sarno
Francis and Irene Naessens
Stephen Howe
Peter Fleming
Elizabeth Culver Hoppes
Endres and Rock families
Aaron Umbanhowar
Marcella Merriman
Inez Mejia
Ann Meltzer
Marie Sachen
Sharon Forbes
Frank Knytych
Kay Mielke
Tom Mielke
Marie Mielke
Rex Nower

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Don and Dormah Woodhams
Charles and Del Reavy
Carole E. Hillsman
Lois Klages
George Fann
Busia y DziaDzia Muszkiewicz
Busia y DziaDzia Turel
Stanley and Phyllis Muszkiewicz
Snyder and Jillson families
Walter and Josephine Glogowski
Vitus and Florence Zupanic
Bill Murphy
Robert W. Slentz
Peter Goberling
Don, Virginia, and Jeff Walantyn
Patrick Shanahan
Robert Camburn

Religious Education

1st Year Confirmation

Saturday, January 6 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 20 6:00 p.m.



2nd Year Confirmation

Sunday, January 7 12:15 p.m.
Sunday, January 21 12:15 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30

5:00 p.m. † Steve Howe
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m. † Sharon Forbes
11:00 a.m. † Bennett Mills

Monday, January 1

9:00 a.m. People of the parish

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 a.m. † Tom Stieve

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 a.m. † Tom Murray

Thursday, January 4

9:00 a.m. † Geoffrey Balkwill

Friday, January 5

9:00 a.m. † Patricia Farrell

Saturday, January 6

5:00 p.m. † Dorothy Verdonk
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, January 7

9:00 a.m. † Helen Zappa
11:00 a.m. † Hildegard Molter

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in His ways.*



Thank you for all the cards, gifts, and prayers that I received throughout this Christmas season. I sincerely appreciate being remembered at this time of year.

Fr. Richard

Thank You!

A very heartfelt thank you to our Arts and Environment Committee and their team of helpers for their beautiful decorations this Christmas, all accomplished in a short window of time. The gorgeous potted trees were a gift from the Armintrout family, and after the Christmas season they will be planted on the grounds of the rectory. Thank you, Lauren Kimbler and Kristina Lindemulder, for enriching our Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m. Mass with your musical gifts.

St. Basil Catholic School

Miss Sue, our Kindergarten teacher, asked the children why we get gifts on Jesus's birthday. They replied that "Father said that Jesus is a gift to us!" The children had some great ideas on what they want to give Jesus for his birthday.

Tripp will give him love.

Emerson will give Jesus a birthday cake.

Maxwell is giving him a Golden X box.

Franco is giving Jesus a cupcake.

Marianan and Thiago are also giving him a cupcake.

Sebastian is giving Jesus a toy fire truck.

Juniper is giving him flowers.

Amina and Camila are drawing Jesus a picture of themselves and Jesus.

Elowen is giving Jesus Peace.



Life Line Screening

Monday, January 15 in the church basement

Register for an appointment by calling 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC.

Adoration Schedule Change

Friday, January 5 after 9:00 Mass

with **Benediction at 12:00 noon**

We will return to our regular schedule beginning January 12.

Grotto Paver Bricks

St. Basil Parish offers you an opportunity to order a grotto paver for installation in the spring. A contribution of \$100 entitles you to a standard 4x8 paver brick engraved with your name, your family name, or a personal message or intention.

Forms are available outside the church office window, or on our website under the Info tab, then Links. You may mail in your form and payment. Call Cecilia at the parish office for more information, 269-637-2404, ext. 1103.



2023 Church Contributions

In order to receive credit on your church contributions statement for 2023, any donations must be in the church office (postmarked by December 31) or collection basket/dropped off at the office by December 31 in order to be posted for 2023. Contributions received/postmarked after

Can You Help?

Food Pantry

Please take non-perishable food items to First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Winter Wear Collection Final Weekend

Your final opportunity to donate winter outerwear for St. Vincent de Paul is **THIS WEEKEND**. Your continued generosity has been overwhelming and is very much appreciated.

Personal Care Pantry/Baby Care

First Assembly of God, 06500 Blue Star Hwy.
Wednesdays 10:00 –1:00

Bloomers, Boxers, and Sox FINAL WEEKEND

Containers are in the South Lobby. Collection; **ends this Sunday, December 31. Thank you!**

Blessings in a Backpack

Next date to help pack is February 22.



Movie Night

Sunday, January 7 5:00 p.m.
Upper Level Meeting Room

Mark your calendars to join your fellow parishioners!

Online Giving Made Easy



This QR code takes you directly to the online giving page of our parish website. No checks to write, no envelopes to fill, just enter the appropriate information and your contribution goes directly to St. Basil Church.

Stained Glass Booklets

These booklets explain each stained glass window of our church, along with the Bible reference. Pick one up at the parish office for a donation of \$5.



Church Replicas

Also available at the office are the beautiful wooden replicas of our church, \$25 donation. This is a lovely remembrance of our church in celebration of our centennial!





Our Stewardship

December 17

Envelope Offering (71)	\$ 5,356.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 2,611.50
Loose Offering	\$ 1,930.19
Total Collection	\$ 9,897.69
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	(\$ 3,852.31)

Our Generosity to God for the weekend of December 24

Due to the Christmas holiday printing schedule, our collection report for the weekend of December 24 will appear in the January 7 bulletin.

Mission Statement

Called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to live the Good News of Christ through Worship, Evangelization, Service, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship.

This week's bulletin sponsor
Roberta Otto, CPA, PLC

The advertisements that appear in this bulletin completely defray all publishing costs which the church would otherwise incur. Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin and thank them for their kind generosity.

St. Basil Catholic Church Directory

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www.SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m. (en Español)

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9:00 a.m.
No Mass on Monday

- So that we all may be fully present at Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- We ask that you be considerate of others if you are coughing or sick by refraining from the handshake of peace. This is thoughtful consideration for the rest of the parish community.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridayafter morning Mass,
with Benediction at 2:30

Parish Staff

Pastor Fr. Evelio Ramirez
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269-692-5142

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Low-Gluten Hosts

We offer low-gluten hosts at ALL Masses, both weekend and daily. They are available at the front of church (and also in the back on weekends). Simply ask the Eucharistic minister.

Mass In Our Collaborative

St. Peter, Douglas, MI

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30 a.m.

San Felipe, Fennville, MI

Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 12:30 p.m.