



THE HOLY FAMILY OF

Jesus, Mary & Joseph



THOUGHTS FROM FR. SCOTT

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. What an awesome time to celebrate this wonderful day. The family and family life in general are under attack in our society today. We should take time to reflect upon the mystery contained here and to learn from the Holy Family how we ought to be. We need to see Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the perfect example of love and togetherness for us to imitate as we live in the Family of God. This feast should give us pause in our very busy schedules and allow us to appreciate our families even more. The Holy Family is the one true example of hope for all families to imitate with joy. Let us celebrate this feast with great joy!

Thanks are in order for the many people who worked so hard to make this Christmas season an enjoyable and prayerful event. Thank you to the folks who worked so hard at decorating our Church and grounds. Hopefully our decorations added to your prayerful celebrations this year. Thanks as well to our maintenance personnel for working so diligently during this time as well. Without their extra effort we would not be able to move so easily around our parking lots and grounds. They also did a fantastic job by assisting with the decorations for the Church.

Thank you to everyone who sent along a greeting or gift to me during Christmas. I am overwhelmed by your love and support. Thank you for thinking of me and keeping me in your prayers. I am very grateful to have this opportunity to be your Pastor and servant. Thank you once again for all the many gifts, cards, food and great wishes.

Hopefully, everyone enjoyed and celebrated a beautiful day at Christmas. I would like to review our daily Mass

schedule for the coming week and remind everyone that Friday, New Year's Day is a Holy Day: The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Our liturgical schedule for the coming week follows. We will not have a morning Mass on Monday, December 28th and will celebrate our normal 8:15 morning Mass Tuesday through Thursday. On New Year's Eve, Thursday, 12/31/20, we will have morning Mass at 8:15 and Mass in the afternoon at 5:00 p.m. for the Holy Day of obligation. On January 1st we will celebrate two Masses at 9:30 and 11 a.m. for the Holy Day returning to our normal schedule of Masses on Saturday 1/2/21. I understand this time of year causes some confusion for everyone. Thank you in advance for your understanding of our Christmas season Mass schedule.

Our parish office will be taking a break the week between Christmas Day and the New Year. We are always available for emergencies if needs be. On Monday, 12/28 our office will be closed. From Tuesday, 12/29 through Thursday, 12/31 our office will be open 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. The office will be closed all day Friday, 1/1/21. It is best advised if you call in advance of a trip to see if anyone is actually in our parish office building during these weeks. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with our office schedule. We will resume "normal office hours" on Monday, January 4th. Have a blessed and holy New Year celebration.

God Bless and have a great week!

Fr. Scott

Thought for the week: Who could be a better intercessor for our country and families than Mary, the Mother of God?

*The child
grew and
became strong,
filled with
wisdom; and
the favor
of God
was upon him.*

Luke 2:40

FR. CHRISTOPHER'S CONTEMPLATIONS

Hello and merry Christmas!

I hope that everyone has had a great celebration of Christmas and that we all might continue to receive many blessings from God as we continue our celebration of Christmas. As I was growing up I used to think that Christmas was over on the 26th, this isn't the case. We are now entering the Christmas season in the Church where we continue to celebrate the great incarnation of Christ into our humanity. As we gathered for Christmas, I have been reflecting back over this past year and thinking about all of the many blessings and the strangeness of the year. It has been a great blessing that we have been able to gather in person (and from home) to celebrate Christmas.

In my reflections, I was thinking about how strange it was to celebrate Easter last year with no one in the church. It was quiet and there wasn't the same amount of joy and rejoicing at the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Something was missing, all of you, our parish family. There is something special about a family (a biological family, a spiritual family, and a family of friends). I remember the first public Masses we had and the thing that I realized I missed the most was the noise of the people, especially that of the children. That joyful noise let me know the family of faith was together again.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family; of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Holy family

provides for us a great example of faith, love and confidence in God. This feast reminds us of the importance of the family. We belong to a family of faith as a parish community, but the biological family is so very important to our faith; this is why we call it the domestic Church.

The domestic Church (the family) is where, for most of us, the faith has been handed on, nurtured and cultivated. The family is so important to the spiritual life of the members of the family, and to the entire global Church, the body of Christ.

As we continue our celebration of Christmas with the celebration of the Holy Family, I want to encourage all families to continue to grow together in faith. Remember, we all belong to a family even though some are large and some are some small. Let us make our families places of prayer and peace. To strive to build each other up in prayer, to encourage each other in faith and confidence in God. None of us our meant to walk the journey of faith alone. This is why God gives us a biological family and a spiritual family here in the Church. May God continue to bless our families and help us to be a great example to the world, like the Holy Family, on how to trust in the grace of God, cultivate His love in our families and how to be a source of encounter for others with God.

Led by the Spirit on Mission

A Pastoral Note on Families of Parishes



Another of the bad habits is a **status quo mentality**. This resistance to change is at odds with the words of Christ who came to "make all things new." [10] If there is one lesson from these past several months, it is that we need to adapt to circumstances we cannot control. God permits these times of great challenge and discomfort with an eye toward bringing new life. He wants us to be co-workers in the great task of sharing the Gospel with every person in Southeast Michigan, using new methods and new expressions, imbued with a new ardor.

Among those things which can keep us from this great task is **fear**. We do not know what the future will hold. None of us can be certain how things will play out with our pastoral strategy over the years to come. But we know that fear cannot be our guiding principle. Jesus desires something far greater for us

than to be paralyzed by fear. "Whenever we become aware of fears and anxieties influencing us, we can bring them before the Lord in all honesty and ask him to replace them with apostolic courage."

Finally, among the bad habits mentioned in *Unleash the Gospel* is a **complaining attitude**. It is no accomplishment to find something about which to complain, especially in the midst of a difficult journey. Things will never be precisely to our own liking, or as we each think they need to be ordered. People will not always react in the way that we believe best. But complaining does not build up the Kingdom of God. It sows seeds of doubt, discouragement and even despair.

CONTINUE READING ARCHBISHOP VIGNERON'S PASTORAL NOTE AT FAMILIESOPARISHES.ORG

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:15 AM | † Edward Gauronskas *by Family*
† Al Kroeplin *by Art Robak*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:15 AM | † Ignatius Sutherland *by Family*
† Mary Ann Lux *by OLL Parish Staff*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:15 AM | † Elisabeth Kraus *by Dave & Cathy Robertson*
† Mary Ann Haase *by Dave & Cathy Robertson*

5:00 PM | Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

9:30 AM | † Deceased members of the Francis Family
by Andrea Ames
† Carl Roselli *by Kay Connelly*

11:00 AM | Intentions of the Campbell Family
Intentions of the Romkema Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

5:00 PM | † Elizabeth & Edward Gauronskas *by Family*
Intentions of Barb Renkiewicz
by Bernie Tomko & Barb Radziewicz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 AM | † Souls at All Saints Cemetery
† Roberta Blust *by The Blust & Hull Families*

9:30 AM | † Millie Robak *by Robak Family*
Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes

11:00 AM | † Rosalina Acapulco *by Grace Nassan*
† George Acapulco *by Grace Nassan*

12:30 PM | † Jose & Eusebia Garcia *by Their Daughter*
† Ricardo Dino, Sr *by Mary Grace Macalino*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27

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 Col 3:12-17 or
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk
2:22, 39-40

Monday

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10;
Lk 2:36-40

Thursday

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

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

Friday

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Saturday

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

Sunday

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MASS TIMES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, December 31 | 5 p.m.

Friday, January 1 | 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

OUR PARISH LIFE TOGETHER

REST IN PEACE

Remembering those who have gone before us:



Patricia J. Hudson

Patricia J. Hudson
Joseph Sutherland
Jerome Lasinski
Jeffrey Gelil
Ray McAllister



Joseph Sutherland

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. .

WEDDING BANNERS

Caitlin Dodge & Ian Anglin—III

Let us pray for God’s blessing to come them: that as they await the day of their wedding, they will grow in mutual respect and in their love for one another



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.”

- Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone - a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Diane, Lynn and Maria at the Oakland/ Macomb office of Right to Life-LIFESPAN wish you a beautiful, peaceful and blessed Christmas. The Christ Child is born and blesses us all.

Right to Life-LIFESPAN's New Year's wish for all of us is a country free of discord, a nation that recognizes the worth of all human life, and every blessing possible for each of you.



Right to Life - **MILIFESPAN.ORG**
LIFESPAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

Our Lady of the Lakes

Please prayerfully consider switching to e-giving.



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Between demanding schedules, traveling, or just trying to get out the door on time for Mass, it can be challenging to tithe on a regular basis. Plus, for many families, the parish is one of the last places where you still have to use a checkbook or cash.

Our Lady of the Lakes is excited to offer online giving for families to easily give one-time and recurring gifts! Simply make a secure donation via electronic check, debit or credit card by visiting [**https://ollonline.org/donate**](https://ollonline.org/donate). After setting up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts. It's as easy as online shopping or banking!

Provided by **eCatholic**, the same company that hosts the parish's website, and live streaming, this online giving service has already been a proven success for many parishes, schools, and dioceses across the country.

Please consider sharing your gifts without the hassle of remembering checks and envelopes. Visit [**https://ollonline.org/donate**](https://ollonline.org/donate) today!

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Website: ollonline.org/school/admissions



TUITION ANGELS

As we all know, the economic situation in our community has been difficult for many of our school families. We have families who currently send their children to Our Lady of the Lakes School, and make financial sacrifices to continue to do so, but need a helping hand. Can you help? Would you consider being a "Tuition Angel" this year?

If so, please send your donation to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket marked "Tuition Angels" or make a donation online at

**[OLLONLINE.ORG/
TUITIONANGELS](http://OLLONLINE.ORG/TUITIONANGELS)**

A gift of any amount can make a difference. **Thank you!**

CHRISTIAN SERVICE



**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO
MADE A DONATION TO THIS
YEAR'S ADVENT GIVING TREE!**

TAKE-A-SACK THANK YOU

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the vast amount of groceries that were donated by the very generous members of our parish. Approximately 130 bags of the food that we collected was distributed to St. Anne's food pantry in Ortonville. About a 150 bags of groceries and 30 turkeys were taken to Matchan Soup Kitchen for distribution. Roughly another 150 bags of groceries were taken to St. Rita's in Holly for their food pantry. In addition, I was able to fill the small food pantry that is run out of our parish. Finally, we delivered 30 turkeys down to Holy Redeemer in Detroit. Unfortunately, I was unable to take pictures this year as St. Joe's hall is in use. Your generosity has allowed many families in the surrounding area to enjoy Thanksgiving as well as the ability to receive food for months to come. Thank you again for your support for this outreach program.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Today, the Feast day of the Holy Family, I reflect on the many messages given to us by Pope Francis during the October Synod on the family a few years back. The Pope reminded us that, "The family is a place of discernment, where we learn to recognize God's plan for our lives and to embrace it with trust." "It is a place of gratuitousness, of discreet fraternal presence and solidarity, a place where we learn to step out of ourselves and accept others, to forgive and to be forgiven." He also recognized that families go through many hardships and that they are not always places of comfort and joy. He encouraged that, through those times, we should look and reflect on the Holy Family as it was not unlike most families of today: "with their problems and their simple joys, a life marked by serene patience amid adversity, respect for others, a humility which is freeing and which flowers in service, a life of fraternity rooted in the sense that we are all members of one body."

I believe that OLL is a family and that we have a true gift as we can lean on each other and witness the strength of our value and dignity as a community of believers. I see us witness to this several times a week as I hear groups of people praying together and for each other. I read daily through the [prayer page](#) on Facebook how people are being nourished and strengthened and testifying to God's healing powers. I have had the privilege to pray numerous devotions and novenas with this community. Pope Francis, during the synod talked about the Church as a family. As mother, it is "ever capable of giving and nourishing life, accompanying it with devotion, tenderness, and moral strength." The Pope also spoke of the Church in terms of brothers and sisters, who never view one another as "a burden, a problem, an expense, a concern or a risk." OLL, you accomplish this very well.

As I sit and write this article I feel truly blessed for my work family; those that have become my sisters and brothers in ministry. I absolutely could not have gotten through C19 without you all. The laughter, the tears, the working through our fears and frustrations has been a blessing to me. You have been my safe harbor when I have felt overwhelmed by the changes and newness C19 has brought to us. You have allowed me to be vulnerable in front of you and helped me walk through those vulnerable moments. I thank God for you all; my OLL co-workers/work family.

May this day we be reminded of the power example the Holy Family offers to us of; an example of hope through challenges, faith through fears and trust through questions.

Peace and prayers,
Jean, DRE

TODAY'S MASS TRANSIT CARD

*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
—Luke 2:40*

It's amazing that the Son of God was part of a family here on earth and grew up just like each of us. He is God but he still was a human being and had to learn things just like we do. The favor of God was upon Him and the favor of God is upon us. Just as Jesus was a child of God, so are we! We are precious to God, and He wants us to become strong and grow to love Him and others, more and more. We also learn how to not be tricked into turning away from God and His teachings. God gives us parents to guide us and teach us right from wrong.

Dear Lord, fill me with wisdom so I will know the right things to do so I will grow closer to You and to give You honor and glory. Help me to trust and obey my parents. Take a moment to thank your parents for caring for you and guiding you each day.

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Holy Family

**"The child grew and became strong"
—Luke 2:40**



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

THANK YOU

As the calendar year 2020 comes to an end, The Knights of Pope Saint John XXIII Council #5436 would like to take a moment and thank all those that have generously supported our efforts, both financially and with sweat equity. While it is our mission to support our parish, we could not do what we do without the support of our parish, the school and our leaders, Fr. Scott and Fr. Christopher. Again, thank you to everyone that has helped throughout the year!

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Family Consecration is a practical way to intentionally live your baptismal consecration (promises) and grow in union with God, as a family. Through Baptism, we become children of God, called to eternal life with Him in Heaven. But to grow in union with God, we must choose to live for Him.

With Family Consecration, your family can renew your baptismal commitment by making an act of consecration to the Holy Family. This act of consecration is a deliberate choice to follow Jesus Christ more fully, with the help of Mary and Joseph, and to set your family apart for God. Then, taking the Holy Family as your model, each family member seeks to lead a life that gives glory to God.

Sunday December 27th is the Feast of the Holy Family and we encourage all families to pray the consecration together in the comfort of your home. Prayer cards are available at the back of church or at: tinyurl.com/HolyFamilyHolyCard

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

In honor of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, we are having a special membership promotion for all men over the age of 18 interested in becoming a Knight. For additional information please contact:

Grand Knight Chris Scheuer GK5436@mikofc.org
Deputy Grand Knight Michael Mandziuk MD5436@mikofc.org

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers this week the following:

Beverly Armstrong
Joe Batwinas
Christian Bodenmiller
Mikela Bodenmiller
William Bodenmiller
John Boncella
Margo Brown
Chuck Campbell
Janet Cobert
Dean Coleman
Kevin Dalley

Ben Darmofal
Irene Delasko
Joyce Delasko
Maria Deliro
Patty Fincannon
Donna Foran
Jennifer Gaffey
Jean Gannon
Bill Grace
Suzanne Grimminger
Karen Haines
Linda Hemphill

Kathy Horn
Maureen Hubbel
Patrick Hull
Tara Isaac
Lucas Isaac
Bill Keul
Ethan Lewis
Larry Lovejoy
Bill Martin
Cindy McConnell
Jean Messing
Tim Nepjuk

Cam Pardington
Frank Pardington
Carol Pawlowski
Irene Pawlowski
Karen Phelps
Marie Phillips
Mark Pidgeon
Tania Price
Scott Przybylowicz
Shawn Randazzo
Dennis Ritter
Roxxy Ryan

Holly Sanders
Roger Smith
Joe Sommerville
Joe Sutherland
Kenneth Turner
Theresa Villereal
Ralph Vogan
Lucy Wilhelm
Norm Wood

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| CW3 Jacob Beno | Army |
| Capt Kelsey Beno | Army |
| † Jenna Beno <i>died 10/15/12</i> | |
| AMN Stewart Blaquiere | Air Force |
| † PFC Damian Bushart <i>died 11/22/03</i> | Army |
| SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres | Marines |
| Eddy DeRocher | |
| Jacob Dumont | Army |
| SFC Scott Emanuel | |
| 2LT William Gischia | Army |
| SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr. | Army |
| Dillan Johnson | Air Force |
| Jackson Jones | Army |
| Msgt Justin Jones | Air Force |
| Matt Koetting | Marines |
| Robert Maher & Crew | Navy |
| † Sgt. Joseph Martin <i>died 8/16/18</i> | Army |
| Francesca Meno | Army |
| Karolyn Meno | Air Force |
| † PFC Joseph Miracle <i>died 7/5/07</i> | Army |
| LCP Derek Monday | Marines |
| Gunnar Ottman | Army |
| Amanda Paczynski | Army |
| Capt. Adam Renkiewicz | Army |
| Capt. Matthew Richards | Army |
| Katie Rounds | |
| Sgt. Gerald Sanchez | Marines |
| CPTN Daniel Schasser | |
| Anthony Schmidt | Marines |
| Lt. Col. Nick Strelchuk | Air Force |
| Cory Vaught | Army |
| James Whitlow | Navy |

If your son, daughter or grandchild is serving us in troubled places, please let us know at the parish office.



NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 2 & 3

Time	Presiders	Servers	Lectors	Captains
Saturday, 5:00pm*			Jennifer Reimer	Bernadette Tomko
Sunday, 8:00am			Brooke Eubanks	Mark Blaszkiewicz
Sunday, 9:30am*			Christopher Drouin	Jim Brusco
Sunday, 11:00am			Evelyn Clark	John & Evelyn Clark
Sunday, 12:30pm			Jose Soliman	

Altar Help

December 31, 2020	Paul and Felice Schneemann, Annette Kobylarz, Caron Rolinski, Gail Domitrz
January 7, 2020	Art Robak, Patty, Mary Ellen Robertson



*5pm & 9:30am Masses are streamed live at ollonline.org/live and facebook.com/ollwaterford/live

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays at Noon for following Sunday
Submissions to: Claire Boomer, Editor
Bulletin@OLLonline.org

Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry...1-888-722-4355
National Domestic Violence Hotline...1-800-799-7233

MASSES

Saturday Evening....5:00pm*
Sunday.....8:00, 9:30* & 11:00am, 12:30pm
Monday - Friday.....8:15am
*Livestreamed at OLLonline.org/live

BAPTISMS

Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class.
Call 623-0274 for more information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:30pm until all are heard

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

3rd Tuesday of the month after 8:15am Mass
until Rosary and Benediction at 7:00pm

FAITH FORMATION

Ages 4/5: Sundays 9:30am | Grades 1-8: Mondays 6:15pm
Family Catechesis: 1st Sunday of each month 1:30pm
RCIC: Tuesday 7:00pm | RCIA: Tuesday 7:00pm

WEDDINGS

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.
Couples must attend the Pre-Marriage Workshop.

REGISTRATIONS

Register online at OLLonline.org/join or stop by the office
Please notify the parish of all address, phone, email
changes by phone or online at OLLonline.org/update

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