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THE HOLY FAMILY OF *Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

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

Luke 2:40

*El niño crecía
y se desarrollaba
lleno de sabiduría,
y la gracia de
Dios permanecía
con él.*

Lucas 2, 40

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE *Jesús, María & José*

Mission Statement

Rooted in God's Love, St. Joseph Parish takes as its mission to be a welcoming faith community that lives and shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Prayer, Faith Formation, Evangelization, Fellowship and Service.

Arrraigada en el amor de Dios, la parroquia de St. Joseph es una comunidad que "da la bienvenida en la fe"; que vive y comparte el evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la veneración, la oración, la formación, la evangelización, la hermandad y el servicio voluntario.

Message From Fr. Antony

My dear loving parishioners,

Thanks to each of you for making this Christmas celebration a wonderful and remarkable one by sacrificing your time and energy as **volunteers** to decorate the church and to prepare our church for a beautiful Christmas celebration. Thank you also for the Christmas cards, gifts and wishes. I cherish your love and care for me.

The Christmas season is quickly coming to a conclusion. Today we celebrate **The Feast of the Epiphany**, recalling how the Three Kings or the Magi were guided by a star to the new born king. They came to adore the King and offer him gifts. Even when Jesus was a baby, we saw how the message of God's salvation was not only meant for the Jewish people, but the entire world. Like the Three Kings, we are to take the message of salvation to all those we encounter. As we begin the **New Year** let us ask for the grace of God to be with us and lead us to do His will at all times, to make the world a better place for you, myself and everyone else.

This year 2020, was difficult for all. We never thought that the year 2020 would be full of so much suffering and challenge, but we have survived and are going to complete it in a few days. Let us strongly hope that the year 2021 brings happiness, times together without masks and return to the Church without any worries.

I wish you all a blessed New Year 2021!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Antony Rajesh MSFS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26 , 2020 Feast of Saint Stephen

4:30 † Sally Hammond Req. by Richard Hammond
7:00 Los Fieles de St. Joseph

Sunday, December 27 , 2020. Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 † Sally Lynn Barnes Req. By Bill Barnes
11:00 Starnes Family Req. by Family
1:00 Los Fieles de St. Joseph

Monday, December 28, 2020 Feast of the Holy Innocents

8:30 † The Deceased Members of the Nemedi & Mero Families

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 Saint Thomas Becket

8:30 Los Fieles de St. Joseph

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

8:30 In Thanksgiving Req. by Mary Mero

Thursday, December 31 , 2020 Saint Sylvester I

8:30 † Rosemary Nowak

Friday, January 1, 2021 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 The Faithful of St. Joseph
11:00 Los Fieles de St. Joseph

Saturday, January 2 , 2021 Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

4:30 † Joseph J. Livingston Req. by Gram & Pop Livingston
7:00 Los Fieles de St. Joseph

Sunday, January 3 , 2021. Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 † Sally Lynn Barnes
11:00 † Rose Nowak Req. By Pat K. Bailey
1:00 Los Fieles de St. Joseph





Readings for the Week of December 27, 2020

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| 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 |

Due to early bulletin deadline we will update numbers as we are able

Week of Offertory 12-7-2020

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| Envelopes (Checks and Cash) | \$ 7,494.00 |
| Loose cash | \$ 437.00 |
| Holy Days | \$ 278.00 |
| Total | \$ 8,209.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$ 764.00 |
| Other Ministries | |
| (Food Pantry, Diocese of Lodwar) | \$ |
| Home Heating | \$ 320.00 |

Prayers For The Sick



Please pray for our friends each day and during Mass

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Tony Baldwin
Karen Barnes
William Barnes Sr.
Laura Buccarelli- Young
Luz Elena Chavez E.
Jim Carow
Manuel Cordoba
James Duncan Sr.
Marlene Estrada
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Mary Fitzpatrick
Pat Fitzpatrick
Edward Frybarger

Tim Harrington
José Angel Ibarra
Shaid Juarico
John Moore
Andrew J. Pineda
Jeannette Pushell
Frank Raith
Maria Ramsey
Roxanne Reisterer
Dcn. Joe Schmitt
Michael VanArkel
Maria VanderPloeg
Yareli Velázquez
Martínez
Francisca Zepeda



To Our Wonderful Parishioners Whose Birthday Fall between the 27th of December and the 3rd of January. ☺

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Paul Cusano | Danielle Pojar |
| Ernesto De Leon | Samuel Rice |
| Michael Denny | Kathleen Sootsman |
| Greg Locke | Francisco Tapia |
| Annamma Mathew | Peter Vanderploeg |
| Rafael Nonato-Nonato | |
| Raymond Trevino | |
| John Wayne | |

Adoration Has Been Moved To Tuesdays

Please join us this
and every Tuesday
from 4-6 to have
personal time with
our Lord.



First of The Year Mass Schedule

9:00 AM English Mass

11:00 AM Spanish Mass

Please join us. No registration required.

Online Giving~ If you are interested in setting up an account for online giving, visit our website and select online giving from the drop down menu on top of the page, or call 1-800-348-2886 ext 2. for help or questions. Or for simple questions, we are here to serve you.

Food Pantry Update

Our Food Pantry has asked of your generosity to help the homeless. Please bring canned tuna, canned ham, canned vegetables, canned fruits, bread, peanut butter, jelly, and any other non-perishable meal that does not need to be cooked. Please also bring personal hygiene products small sizes.

Thank you



December 27th Holy Family

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy spirit.

St. Vincent de Paul Requires Your Help

Our St. Vincent de Paul group helps residents of the Edison neighborhood. Regardless of the specific request we always ask if they also need food and personal or household cleaning supplies. So, if you are able to help our neighbors, please send:

Personal Care Items: shampoo, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, moisturizing lotion, hand sanitizer, face masks.

Household Supplies:

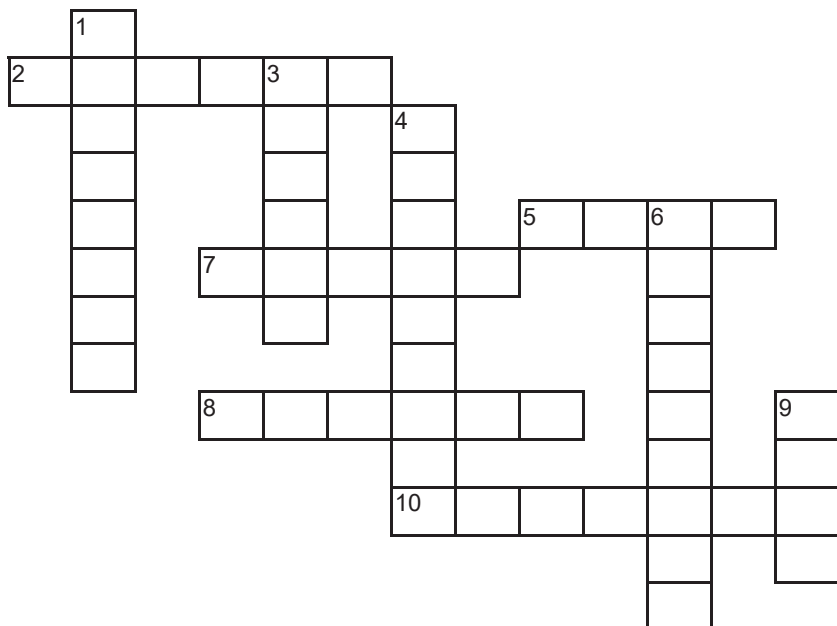
Laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, facial tissue, sanitizing wipes, multipurpose cleaners, paper towels.

Many Thanks

As every year we would like to wholeheartedly thank Lewis C. Howard, Inc. for the wonderful calendars they have donated to St. Joe. Thank you for your generosity on behalf of every member of our parish.

Fr. Antony's Puzzle for You

Lk 23-24 NAB Bible



Across

2. John was baptizing the people across this river
 5. The first miracle took place here
 7. He is the Lamb of God
 8. He is from Bethsaida from the town of Andrew and Peter
 10. John said that he was not the _____

Down

1. The temple had been under construction for these many years.
 3. He is the brother of Simon Peter
 4. Jesus went to this city for the Passover
 6. Who said, "Can anything good come from Nazareth"?
 9. He was sent from God for testimony

BAA Update 12/5/2020

Parish Goal: \$100,467.00
 Pledged to Date: \$ 65,913.28
 Families Participating: 182
 To be Pledged: \$ 34,553.72

All monies pledged and paid above \$50,233.50 will be returned to our parish.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge today. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.



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|------------|-------------|
| 10 Messiah | 9 John |
| 8 Philip | 6 Nathaniel |
| 7 Jesus | 4 Jerusalem |
| 5 Cana | 3 Andrew |
| 2 Jordan | 1 Forty Six |
| Across | Down |

Horario de Misas de Año Nuevo

9:00 AM Inglés

11:00 AM Español

No es necesario que se registre. Por favor acompañenos.



Mensaje del Padre Antony

Mis queridos feligreses,

Gracias a cada uno de ustedes por hacer de esta celebración navideña una maravillosa y extraordinaria al sacrificar su tiempo y energía como voluntarios para decorar la iglesia y preparar nuestra iglesia para una hermosa celebración navideña. Gracias también por las tarjetas de Navidad, los regalos y los deseos. Aprecio su amor y que se preocupen por mí.

La temporada navideña está llegando a su fin rápidamente. Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Epifanía, recordando cómo los Reyes Magos o los Reyes Magos fueron guiados por una estrella hasta el rey recién nacido. Vinieron a adorar al Rey y a ofrecerle regalos. Incluso cuando Jesús era un bebé, vimos cómo el mensaje de la salvación de Dios no solo estaba destinado al pueblo judío, sino al mundo entero. Como los Reyes Magos, debemos llevar el mensaje de salvación a todos los que encontremos. Al comenzar el Año Nuevo, pidamos que la gracia de Dios esté con nosotros y nos lleve a hacer Su voluntad en todo momento, para hacer del mundo un lugar mejor para ti, para mí y para todos los demás.

Este año 2020, fue difícil para todos. Nunca pensamos que el año 2020 estaría lleno de tanto sufrimiento y desafío, pero lo hemos sobrevivido y lo vamos a terminar en unos días. Esperemos firmemente que el año 2021 traiga felicidad, tiempo sin cubrebocas y regresar a la Iglesia sin preocupaciones.

¡Les deseo a todos un feliz año nuevo 2021!

Tuyo en Cristo,

P. Antony Rajesh MSFS



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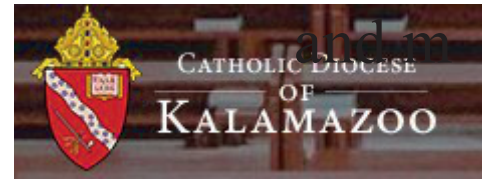
27 de diciembre Sagrada Familia

“Todo lo que hagas”, dice San Pablo a los Colosenses, “... hazlo en el nombre del Señor Jesús. Den gracias a Dios Padre por medio de él”. Y así es como ofrecemos nuestros dones en la Eucaristía “por Él, con Él y en Él, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo.

Adoración Ahora Los Martes

A partir del Martes
1ro de diciembre
acompañe a Nues-
tro Señor de 4-6.
Gracias.





Some Tricks to Save Energy (and Water) in the Bathroom

Did you know you can cut your environmental impact with a few simple changes in your bathroom buying and habits?

The largest energy users in your bathroom are the largest water users: the shower and the tub.

Water heating accounts for about 17% of an average family's energy usage or about 4,000 watts a year. You can reduce this energy usage by lowering the temperature on your hot water heater. It is recommended to set temperature below 120 degrees to reduce scalding and 115 is often just as comfortable. Experiment for a few days to see your tolerance levels.

Additionally, you can reduce water usage by installing a low-flow showerhead that aerates the water so it uses less of it. Of course, taking shorter showers (and lower baths) will also use less water. To encourage shorter showers, use a waterproof timer to create competition between the kids — and adults! Your sinks don't use nearly as much water as the shower and tub but low-flow faucets and aerators help reduce water usage there as well.



World of Life

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

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Aunque la oficina está cerrado por el orden de queda-en-casa, el Programa de Asistencia de Inmigración continua de ofrecer los siguientes servicios por remoto: Renovaciones de DACA

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Kalamazoo Diocese News

December 11

Bishop Paul J. Bradley welcomes Pope Francis' recent announcement, declaring the Catholic Church observe a "Year of St. Joseph". In conjunction with the declaration, the Holy Father released an Apostolic Letter to the world, entitled Patris Corde/With a Father's Heart. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. This special "Year of St. Joseph" began on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2020 and lasts until December 8, 2021.

"Pope Francis has used the occasion of this challenging and distressing time of the worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic, to focus on what he refers to in *Patris Corde* as 'the importance of ordinary people who, like St. Joseph, don't seek the limelight, but just do what needs to be done for the good of others---such as the frontline workers, medical people, scientific researchers, and all those working so hard to defeat this virus and to protect all of us.'," said Bishop Bradley.

"As Pope Francis reminds us, St. Joseph had the deep and strong faith to 'courageously and firmly be proactive' and to 'accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.' He also wrote toward the end of this Letter, this beautiful message: 'As the Guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot be other than the Guardian of the Church', of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is the child whom Joseph continues to protect.'" The Diocese of Kalamazoo has five Parishes under the patronage of St. Joseph: St. Joseph, Kalamazoo; St. Joseph, Battle Creek; St. Joseph, St. Joseph; St. Joseph, White Pigeon and St. Joseph, Watervliet.

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