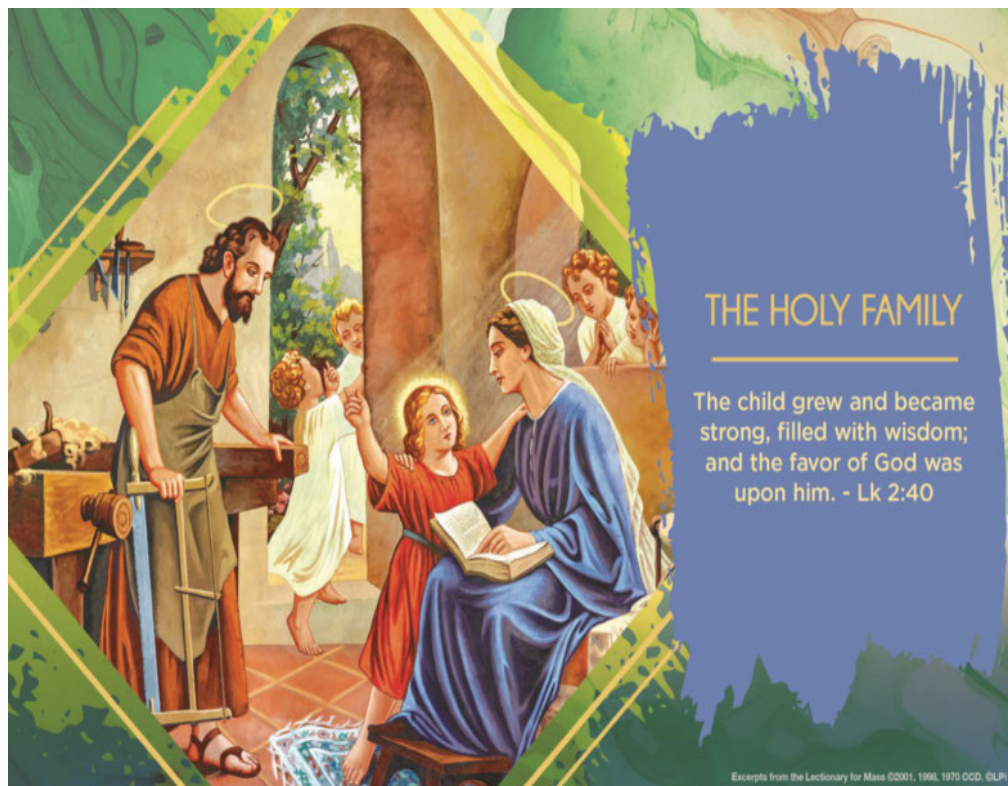


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Father John Meyer, Pastor
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Weekly Meditation

The child's father and mother were amazed. (Luke 2:33)

"Amazed." That's how Mary and Joseph reacted when Simeon said that their son would be "a light for revelation" and "glory for . . . Israel" (Luke 2:32). They knew that Jesus was special, but seeing a prayerful, holy man treat him with such awe and reverence left them speechless. Who was this child whom God had given them?

This is a perfect image for today's feast of the Holy Family. For all that Mary and Joseph had already experienced, Jesus was still a mystery to them. And he would continue to be a mystery. They would be "astonished" when they found him, at twelve years old, debating with the scribes in the Temple (Luke 2:48). Surely Mary was surprised when Jesus seemed to rebuke her for trying to see him (8:19-21). And imagine her shock when she saw him crucified!

So how did Mary and Joseph respond to the great mystery of their child? With prayerful, open hearts. Luke says that Mary—undoubtedly along with her husband—reflected "in her heart" every time a new challenge arose (2:19). They knew they didn't have all the answers. They needed to be open to God's plan for Jesus rather than respond quickly and rashly based on their own ideas.

What a model for us! Whether we are relating to our parents, our spouse, or our children, we should always approach them with a sense of awe and humility. Because they are "wonderfully made" by God himself, they deserve to be treated with respect and honor (Psalm 139:14). May we never try to impose our plans on them. May we instead be open to God's work in them and love them as he loves them.

Amazed. Prayerful. Humble. Imagine how much peace could flow in families this coming year if we all followed the Holy Family's example!

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for all families this year!"

Ministry Schedule

Monday, January 1st @ 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Molly Schnabel & Celia Erickson

Eucharistic Ministers: Gael Zachman & Shelly Naaktgeboren

Greeter: Gerald Dock

Lector: Jessica Chapman

Live Stream: Tom Gay

Sacristan: Shelly Naakegeboren

Ushers: Dan Oliver, Doug Zachman, Cliff Zimmermann & Jerry Elsenpeter

Monday, January 1st @ 7:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Luke & William Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Greg & Audrey Roth

Greeter: Paul & Karla Braun

Lector: Claire Millner

Sacristan: Patrick Meuwissen

Ushers: Randy Latour, Deb Goodale, Ron Mares & Al Jude

Saturday, January 6th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Presley Dwenger & Caleb Danzeisen

Eucharistic Ministers: Bonnie Hoglund & Renee Logeais

Greeter: Yvonne Schreifels

Lector: Angie Manuel

Sacristan: Mark Logeais

Ushers: Mike Zuehlke, Brad Holte, Fred Schlafke & Joe Martin

Sunday, December 7th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Michael & Luke Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry May & Tish Callahan

Greeter: Pat & Dianne O'Keefe

Lector: Claire Millner

Live Stream: Brent Danzeisen

Sacristan: Diane Fournier

Ushers: Dominick Braun, Bill Healy, Ric Fournier & Peter Braun

Sunday, December 7th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Wesson & Wyatt Reich

Eucharistic Ministers: Roy Martin & Peggy Jo Fortner

Greeter: Lori Guck

Lector: Mary Nowak

Sacristan: Shelly Naaktgeboren

Ushers: Bob Guck, Al Guck & Traci Arends

All of us make up the Church, the Body of Christ, and there is always a need for volunteers! If you feel called to assist at Holy Mass (altar server, greeter, lector, sacristan, usher, music ministry) please contact the parish office for more information. Prayerfully consider how you can help!



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

The CCW meeting will be held on Thursday, **January 4th at 6:30** in the Gathering Space. Join us for guest speaker Betty Thomes- Action for Children Zimbabwe, with the meeting to follow.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Share Your Christmas 2023!

Donations this year were over \$1500 including a donation from the Knights of Columbus. We are so gracious for your generosity once again.

Barb Groth, CCW Chair

Mardi Gras Tickets Available Every Weekend Starting January 6th, 2023

Are you ready for a fun filled evening that includes social time, a fabulous dinner, games with prizes and our yearly cash raffle? Buy your tickets early to guarantee a spot.

Dinner will include an appetizer, Jambalaya (chicken or shrimp), red beans and rice, grits, corn muffins, dessert AND 2 adult beverages. Tickets are \$45 per person and there will be limited seating to this adult only event. Our yearly cash raffle tickets are also available to purchase, \$10,000 in cash prizes, only 200 tickets sold and 10 lucky winners to be drawn at the event. Tickets will be available every weekend in the gathering space starting January 6th until they are sold out. Hurry before they are gone!



Volunteer Request

The St. Ignatius Environment and Liturgy Committee is requesting volunteers to assist in the Christmas take down and setting up for ordinary time on Sunday, January 7th following the 10:30 am Mass.



SYNOD SCOOP

In response to Archbishop Hebda's dream for all parishioners to be part of a Small Parish Group, 20 St. Ignatius parishioners have taken part in 7 weeks of Leadership Training. We ask God's blessing upon them and thank them for their participation.

Beginning in Lent 2024, St. Ignatius will be implementing several Small Groups with a variety of themes and components. All parishioners will be invited to join these groups. We ask for your continued prayers for all participants and their group leaders as we endeavor to spread and share the news of God's love for all.

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Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency

Since 2011, Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency has offered adoption as the loving answer to abortion. It is the only Catholic Adoption Agency in our Archdioceses. It is a non profit organization and relies upon donations. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to assist in their pro-life ministry. For more information about donations or adoptions, please visit www.holyfamilyadoption.org or call 651-298-0133

2023 Parish Contributions

IRS Reminder: In order for year-end donations to be credited to the 2023 tax year, they must be received by December 31, 2023.

Thank you for your generosity this year .

Central Minnesota Koinonia Retreat

Whether it's the best of times or the worst of times, it's the only time you've got. Make it count. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held **March 1-3, 2024**, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille:

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential.

When: **February 2-4, 2024** Where: Best Western Hotel, Eagan, MN

Register: www.helpourmarriage.org

God Bless, Mike and Ann Cerney TCR Community Coordinators Mike 651-755-8330 Ann 612-685-3048 Twin Cities Retrouvaille

Demontreville Jesuit Retreat

Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House invites you to a men's three-day silent retreat on the beautiful grounds of Lake DeMontreville guided by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The retreat begins **Thursday evening January 18, 2024, and ends Sunday evening, January 21, 2024**. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com.

Personal Reflection

First Reading:

Abraham and Sarah relied on their faith in the Lord as they struggled with family matters. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

Second Reading:

Hebrews teaches us that at every challenge in his life, Abraham consistently trusted and obeyed God. When have you had to surrender complete trust to God?

Gospel:

In their purification ritual in the Jerusalem Temple, Mary and Joseph learn news from Simeon and Anna about their newborn baby, Jesus. In your family, how do you deal with startling or unsettling news?

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Gospel Meditation

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir

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in your prayers

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Dan Schultz	Leon Zachman
Louise Borstad	Nicki Wilson
Nick Mares	Tanya Anderson



Saturday, December 30th

5:00 pm † Gordon & Rose Ann Diethert

Sunday, December 31st

8:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

10:30 am † Harvey Fraber

Monday, January 1st

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

7:00 pm Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Tuesday, January 2nd

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Wednesday, January 3rd

8:00 am † Francis "Ozzie" & Mary Logeais

Thursday, January 4th

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Friday, January 5th

No daily Mass on Fridays

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy

Saturday, January 6th

5:00 pm † John Anderson

Sunday, January 7th

8:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

10:30 am The living and deceased members of the Brennan & Fraber Families



Projected weekly giving.....\$5,890.00
494 parish families

Weekend of December 17th

Envelopes.....\$4,515.00

Plate.....\$1,116.06

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Total.....\$6,655.06

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Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the "Ministries" menu at the top of the page, and then select "Pastoral Council" on the drop down menu.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00am

(No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

5:30 pm Monday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

**Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at noon
unless an early deadline notice is posted here:**

January 7, 2024 - Past

Monday, January 1:
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Masses 8:00 am & 7:00 pm



This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.
She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.

Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability
to create a world of peace.

We ask all this,
through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Tuesday, January 2: Care Center Mass 10:30 am
Thursday, January 4: CCW Meeting 6:30 pm
Friday, January 5— Sunday, January 7: YM Winter Retreat
Sunday, January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday, January 8: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 14: 7th Grade Mass
Thursday, January 25: Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, January 28: Donut Sunday following
8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

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