

St. Stephen's Parish

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December 26, 2021

Reconciliation (Penance): Saturday 4:15 -4:45 PM

Marriages: Six months' notice

Baptisms: By Appointment. Godparents must be confirmed and practicing Catholics.

Mass Intentions This Week

Sat.	Dec.	25	9:00 AM	The People of the Parish
Sun.	Dec.	26	8:30 AM	Edna & Carl Ritz by The Family
			5:00 PM	The People of the Parish
Mon.	Dec.	27	NO MASS	
Tues.	Dec.	28	11:00 AM	FUNERAL - Gabrielle Thomas
Wed.	Dec.	29	NO MASS	
Thur.	Dec.	30	8:15 AM	Gene Nortz by Lindsay & Brenda Nortz
Fri.	Dec.	31	5:00 PM	Harold Wood by Croghan Free Auxiliary
Sat.	Jan.	1	8:30 AM	Gerald Boliver by The Family
			5:00 PM	Nicole Brown by Patrick & Robin Brown
Sun.	Jan.	2	8:30 AM	The People of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle lit in memory of Kim Pominville by The Family

Pray for the Sick: Theresa (Brownell) McCane, Robert Peters, William (Bill) Davoy Jr., Bernard Ardison, Elizabeth Tabolt Jasinski, Jeff Bruckman, and all ill at home, in the hospital or nursing homes. (The sick that wish to be remembered in prayer will be included on this list only if they agree to have their names included or family members specifically request this). Please call to have a name included on this list.

FEAST HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

This weekend we celebrate another aspect of the Christmas story - the Feast of the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph cared for their son, raising him in the religious traditions of their faith. In this environment, St Luke tells us "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man"

The Scripture readings of this Mass offer challenges and encouragement to parents as they form their families according to God's Word. Sirach speaks to an adult child taking care of an aging parent and St Paul offers advice about "putting on" kindness patience so we may bear with one another. No doubt Mary and Joseph treasured their memories of Jesus' presence in their lives as parents often treasure memories of their children and grandchildren.

MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD-JANUARY 1st

On the first day of the New Year, we honor Mary as the Mother of God because Jesus in true God and true man, fully divine and fully human. It is appropriate we celebrate this solemnity on New Year's Day, for by accepting such an awesome responsibility this young woman ushered in a new beginning for the human family.

The Gospel of St. Luke tells us Mary reflected and pondered all that happened to her – especially the words of the shepherds at Christmas which she kept in her heart. This feast is a great way to begin a New Year inviting us as we resolve to bring the love, peace and mercy of God to others in the goodness of our daily life.

Masses for the Feast of Mary are Friday at 5 pm and Saturday at 8:30am

CHRISTMAS - FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Our Advent journey comes to an end with glorious fulfillment as we celebrate the birth of our Lord into this world. We mark Jesus' birth as a tiny baby two thousand years ago, but also recognize that he is continually being born in our hearts and in our world as we allow him to penetrate ourselves and our lives.

Into a lowly stable the Light of the world shines forth to the present day. We welcome Jesus into our hearts, our lives and our world to lift us up out of our brokenness, struggles and pains that we may become the Light of the world shining forth today **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:

On January 1, Feast of Solemnity of Mary, the Church asks us to join in prayer for the World Day of Peace. Beginning in 1967 with Pope Paul VI, each pope addressed heads of state and governments especially, and all people in the world. We are called to create a culture of care as a path to Peace, one that will promote justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations. Mary, Queen of the Universe, pray for us.

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Regular Collection 12/19/21 : \$ 4,681.00

Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,476.00

Restoration: \$ 125.00

**Thank you for faithful support
to St. Stephen's Parish**

MASS FOR HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 26th 8:30 AM
5:00 PM

MASS FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Friday, December 31st 5:00 PM
Saturday, January 1st 8:30 AM

MASS FOR FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 1st 5:00 PM
Sunday, January 2nd 8:30 AM

Faith Formation

- ❖ There will be No Classes this weekend Dec. 26th (Sorry for the misprint on the class schedule) **Happy New Year**

THANK YOU to
Karen Hall and Kathy Wooschlager for the
new Christmas Eve Costumes!