

DECEMBER 26, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4 p.m. (Except Dec. 25) Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY: 8:30 A.M. TUESDAY: 8:30 A.M. FOLLOWED BY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. Friday: 9 a.m.

CONFESSION TIMES

Sunday: 9:45-10:15 a.m.; Tuesday: 6-7 p.m.; Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.)

PARISH MISSION

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Sacraments, St. Mary Parish, Vermilion, is a welcoming, Christ-centered community committed to developing spiritual growth, sharing vibrant faith, and encouraging total parish involvement.

GETTING TO KNOW US

The Parish Staff continues to work hard to help our parish family live out our Baptismal call as followers of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions or if there is some way we can be of service to you, please contact us using the emails below.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

Christmas Day All Masses for the Parish Family (No 4 p.m. Mass)

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

Feast of the Holy Family 8 a.m. | Jerry Rose & Sally Super 10:30 a.m. | Stephen Pigott

MONDAY, DEC. 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 8:30 a.m. | Phyllis Turner

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

The Holy Innocents 8:30 a.m. | Charles and Frances Zakely

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29

Fifth Day of Christmas Octave 6:15 p.m. | Cindy Lammermier

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

Sixth Day of Christmas Octave 8:30 a.m. | Nathan Baxter

FRIDAY, DEC. 31

Seventh Day of Christmas Octave 4 p.m. | For the Parish Family

SATURDAY, JAN. 1

Mary, Mother of God 4 p.m. | Stephen Kordupel

SUNDAY, JAN. 2

Epiphany of the Lord 8 a.m. | Jean Dziak 10:30 a.m. | Charlene Kufel

Livestream Schedule

The daily and weekend Masses continue to be livestreamed and can be accessed via the parish website.





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For more information, email asettie@stmaryvermilion.org.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

Family Faith Formation Cancelled 9:45 a.m. - Confessions Life Teen/EDGE Cancelled

MONDAY, DEC. 27

OFFICE CLOSED

3:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball Practice (Gym) 5 p.m. - Adult Choir (Church)

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

9 a.m. - Adoration (Church) 6 p.m. - Confessions 7 p.m. - AA Meeting (PLCC) 7 p.m. - Surviving Divorce (Parish Office) 10 p.m. - Reposition

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Valentino Dziak

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29

3:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball Practice (Gym) 6:15 p.m. - Mass for the Holy Innocents

FRIDAY, DEC. 31

OFFICE CLOSED

4 p.m. - Mass for Mary, Mother of God

SATURDAY, JAN. 1

3 p.m. - Confessions



Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 27; Friday, Dec. 31; and Monday, Jan. 2 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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Thomas Stefanik

WORSHIP TOGETHER

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-

17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf.

5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 In 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/In 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God;

World Day of Peace

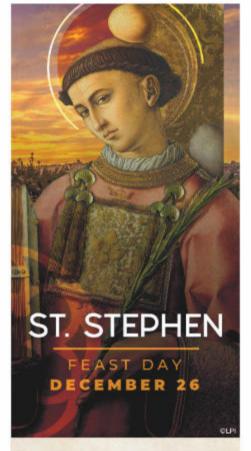
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

WEEKLY BULLETIN REFLECTION

By Fr. Paul Schreiner, Pastor

Merry Christmas! As we celebrate this most joyful time with our families and friends, we remember the first Christmas in Bethlehem where the glory of the Lord was revealed to Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men.

In meditating upon this most joyful mystery of the nativity, we note that this event was not limited to those select few depicted in our manger scenes. Imagine all the other figures that would have known about the Christ Child that same night. We imagine that the shepherds proclaimed the message that "God is with us!" to the



surrounding villages and countryside. They would have been the first messengers of the good news. They followed the instructions of the angels, who told them: "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord."

In turn, the Magi were given signs of the birth of Christ and had made a long journey to pay homage to the King of kings. As they traveled, they inquired to those along the journey on the whereabouts of the Christ Child. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." I see the wise men as the first missionaries who returned to their foreign lands proclaiming the birth of Jesus to all they encountered.

Another king was given the opportunity to pay homage to Jesus – King Herod. As we know, Herod was a very worldly king who was blinded by power and greed. He did not respond to the good news with great joy: "When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." Herod gave into fear and saw Jesus as a threat to his rule. He did not realize that God sent His Son to be in the world, but not of the world – that His rule was to encompass the whole world – to bring all into His heavenly kingdom. Herod had no concept of God's plan for salvation for mankind.

God intended His Son to be revealed to the whole world, and to be acknowledged by all who were willing to listen and accept tidings of great joy. The question that we ask ourselves is: How are we going to spread the good news of His birth this Christmas? Are we going to respond like the shepherds and share the message with our local community? Will we be like the wise men and proclaim the message of Christ on social media and in other ways that are uncomfortable/inconvenient for us? Or will we be like King Herod, who gave into fear and kept the message of Christ to himself to only be troubled at Christ's coming?

As sons and daughters of Christ, let us truly rejoice in Jesus' birth. May this divine truth shine forth in the way we treat others with patience, love, understanding and joy. Jesus has come into the world to heal our sinful and broken world. He is here to stay and remain within our hearts. Let us reflect the words of the prophet Isaiah, whom Jesus quoted:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Renewed in the joy of Christmas, let us now go forth to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord!

NEWS AND EVENTS

Mary, Mother of God

A Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be celebrated Friday, Dec. 31, at 4 p.m. Mass on Jan. 1 will be the regular 4 p.m. Anticipatory Mass.

Holy Innocents Mass

St. Mary Parish will be celebrating a special Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 6:15 p.m. This Mass will be offered in a special way for all parents who have lost and mourn a child.

KofC Free Throw Competition

The Vermilion Knights will hold their annual free-throw contest on Jan. 16 from 12-2 p.m. in the St. Mary gym. T-shirts are provided for all entrants, and awards for each age groups will be given. Members of the parish community and CYO league are welcome to attend.

Parish Office Open House

The St. Mary Parish Staff invites you to a Parish Office Open House! Visit the parish office (located across from Victory Park) to see some of the updates we've made, learn more about our parish's ministries, and become a registered parishioner if you haven't already! Snacks and refreshments will be offered.

Open House times are Saturday, Jan. 8 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 9 from 12 p.m.-3 p.m.

Youth Ministry Updates

Congratulations to our Sacrament Preparation Students who have been preparing for the sacraments of Baptism and First Reconciliation. Celebrating Christmas takes on a brighter meaning for these students and their families. May the Holy Spirit continue to fill their hearts and homes as they journey towards the Table of the Lord.



Many Hands Building God's Kingdom

Our parish invites each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Mary Catholic Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We are asking all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to: (1) Mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in your parish mailing. (2) Or bring your card to Mass next Sunday. (3) Or you may visit our parish website at stmaryvermilion.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card. On the back of the Commitment Card, you can share any prayer intentions you have. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next 12 months. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in touch with you. Our goal is 100% participation. Thank you for your support of St. Mary Catholic Church.

Free Christmas Gift

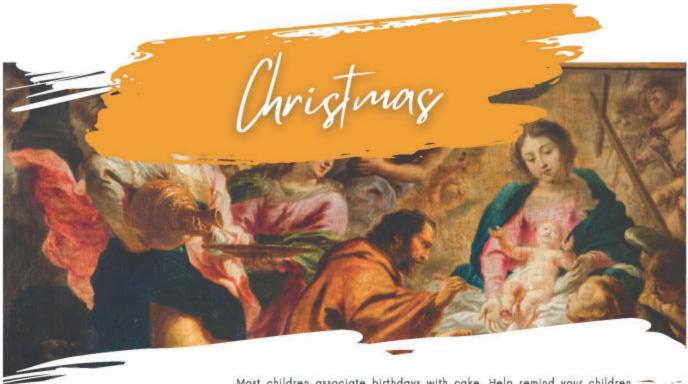
This year, St. Mary Parish is very excited to offer *Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day* by Chris Stefanick to each parishioner household.

Chris Stefanick is a noted Catholic speaker and a graduate of the Francican University of Steubenville. *Living Joy* equips you with the wisdom you need to experience joy to the fullest.

Chris presents nine rules that will empower you to overcome the obstacles that are keeping you from unspeakable joy.

Take your household's copy and grow together in pursuit of joy we all seek!





Most children associate birthdays with cake. Help remind your children that you're celebrating Jesus' birthday by making a birthday cake for him The Clark family from St. Peter, Huron

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts.

You likely already celebrate many Christmas traditions rooted in Catholicism. The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes.

It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends as a way to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones. This Christmas, be intentional about keeping the focus on Christ.



Watch together

FORMED.org has excellent options for Christmas movies, including O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About (young kids) and Mary of Nazareth (adults).



Pray together

The blessing of the Christmas manger can take place on Christmas Eve. Consider making this a tradition after you return from Mass.

All make the sign of the cross

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All Answer: Who made heaven and earth.

Read Luke 2:1-8 or Isaiah 7:10-15

Leader: God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.



Plan together

Be intentional about keeping the focus on Christ this Christmas. How can your family accomplish that goal?



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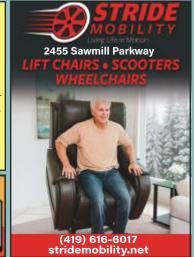
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