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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 26, 2021
Jesus said to his parents, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"
Luke 2:49

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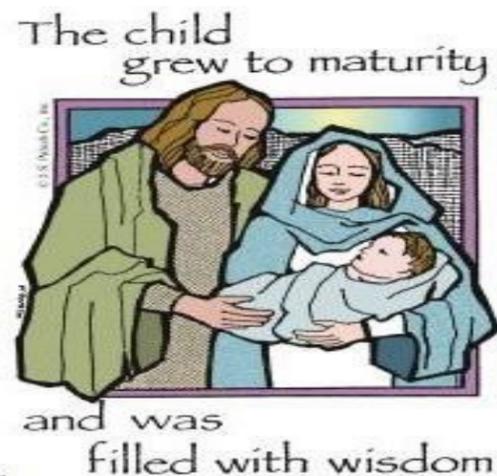
What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, December 27
9:30 a.m.—Special Intention for Jim & Nancy Ellis/Jim & Nancy Ellis
TUESDAY, December 28
5:00 p.m.—Szczepanski Baptism
6:30 p.m.—Mass—People of the Parish/Parish
WEDNESDAY, December 29
9:00 a.m.—Bob's Morning Devotions/Conference Call
10:00 a.m.—AA
THURSDAY, December 30
7:00 p.m.—Choir
FRIDAY, December 31—New Year's Eve
4:30 p.m.—Mass—60th Anniversary Intention for Nancy & Jim Ellis/ Kay and Mark Carlson
SATURDAY, January 1—New Year's Day
10:30 a.m.— Mass—+Serafino Salvati/Frank & Joanne Salvati
SUNDAY, January 2
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Joanne Hebert/John & Patty Candiloro
10:30 a.m.—Hospitality

Ron's Thoughts...

One of my favorite Christmas songs is "Silent Night." I love the peacefulness of the melody, the poetic reflection of the lyrics and the place that it takes me whenever I hear it sung or played.

It's a song that reminds me that nothing, and I mean nothing, should ever get in the way of my focus of Christmas. It reminds me that in my relationships I need to make peace where there is none. It reminds me that I need to think of others a little more than myself. It reminds me that I need to try harder to love my family, my friends, my co-workers, the stranger on the street, my neighbor. It reminds me that I need to seek God, see God, speak God, a little bit more in all that I am and do. It reminds me that I need to find more ways to be Christ-like to others. It reminds me that without this moment in time, this Emmanuel, THE GOD-WITH US, our lives and world would not know God and have the joy and love that he shared with us in our everyday lives. Take a moment in the next couple of days to pause and find the peace in the "SILENT NIGHT." Merry Christmas To ALL!!!

Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron
(rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)



Faith Formation Schedule

- 1/9—Family Faith Formation (Pre-K-5th) 11-12:30pm (Church/Parish Center)
- 1/9—Youth Group (6th-12th) 5-6:30pm (Parish Center)

New Accessible Entrance

- Our automatic door has been installed at the North/East entrance of our church building. We have added 2 accessible parking spaces along with a ramp leading up to the door. A handrail will be installed in the future. This will allow easier access to church for those who might need it.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.— 1 John 3:2a

"Sock It To Me" - Jan 8-9 and Jan 15-16

The Social Justice Commission asks for your help once again. We would like to collect socks for Catholic Charities on the weekends of January 8-9 and 15-16. Socks are one of the greatest needs for their clients. Thank you in advance for all the support you show in helping others.

CCW and Fleece Blankets

Every year in January the CCW makes tied fleece blankets for Catholic Charities and Heartbeat. We invite all women to join us on Jan. 11 after the 6:30 Mass. We are looking for donations of fleece as well as workers to tie the blankets. If you are interested in picking up fabric, look for sales at JoAnn's. We need 1 1/2 yards at 60" long of two matching colors to make one blanket. Call the Parish Office for more information.

COVID!

PLEASE during these days of increased spread of the virus let us remember to be diligent in thinking about others and doing our part to decrease the spread. Wear masks if not fully vaccinated or have compromised health, wash hands, don't come to church if you are feeling sick.

Family Life

Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

Mass Schedule

- Friday, December 31**
Vigil Mass for Blessed Virgin, Mother of God
4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 1**
Bless Virgin Mary, Mother of God
10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, January 2**
The Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 a.m.



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I want to invite you to join me as **Disciples Together on the Way**. What's that? Let me explain. In the Holy Gospels, Jesus Christ identifies himself as "the way". Indeed, the early Christians often referred to their new life as disciples of Christ as "the Way" (e.g., Acts 9:2). Last year, many of us spent time together reading through selected books of Sacred Scripture as part of our Year of the Bible. As we read the Bible, we were encountering the Word of God, that is, Jesus Christ himself. He was making us his disciples. We are his chosen. Now, he wants us to become even better disciples. He wants us to walk with him; to talk with him; to fall in love with him; and to learn from him. But how do we best respond to his loving invitation? That's where Disciples Together on the Way comes in. Starting in January 2022, I will send you a specific challenge focusing on a particular habit of authentic discipleship. Inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, it will then be for each of us to live-out that habit over the subsequent seven days. Across the coming year, we will then attempt to acquire a different good habit each week in order to help you and me develop in four key areas of discipleship: prayer, catechesis, community and apostolate. Do you want to take up the Disciples Together on the Way challenge? If so, simply pick up your cellphone and text **ONTHEWAY to 84576** or click on [this link](#) to register. It's that easy! Remember, this life is a journey from God to God. He is our source and our destination. We are each a pilgrim on that narrow path. It's not an easy journey. We all know that. However, if we co-operate with God's grace we can make it and, even better, we can make it together. Assuring you of my prayers, I am sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Earl Boyea



Week December 27th—January 2
Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8, **Tue:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18, **Wed:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35, **Thu:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40, **Fri:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18, **Sat:** Nm 6:22-27; Lk 2:16-21, **Sun:** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

CHRISTMAS IN THE EYES OF CHILD... Four year old preschoolers told their versions of the Christmas story. Here are some of their stories:

Once upon a time there was a Jesus born on Christmas Day. A fairy watched over him. Shepherds came with their sheep. The star was shining high up in the sky. Three wise men came and brought frankincense, gold and myrrh.

There was a fairy on the house up by the star. The camels came to see Baby Jesus born. They brought the wise men with them. They brought presents. They brought the baby jingle bells. They sang "Three Wise Men". Everyone was happy!

Baby Jesus was born. The wise men came. The shepherds came too. There were angels there. The baby was born in a stable. There were animals in the stable. There was snow. It was pretty. Santa came and brought presents. That was the first Christmas!

Once upon a time there was a little baby. It was Jesus. Shepherds came to see him. The star was bright when Jesus was born. The angels came to see him. They touched him and sang to him. And they told him a night story. That was Christmas – the first one.

Once upon a time there was a baby whose name was Jesus. Joseph and Mary came to the stable and had a baby. That baby was Jesus. They put him in the dusty, old hay in the manger. Then they wrapped him in a blanket and fell asleep. And there wasn't a sound from him. He was a very good baby. He had a fun Christmas. He opened his presents from Santa Claus.

The story of Christmas is an old one. Yet if each of us hears it anew like a little child it becomes a story brimming with joy and promise. It is my sincere hope that each of us, especially this year, can hear the story again in a way that will fill us with wonder and awe at the God who came to share our lives in love. May God bless each of us with the heart of a child this wonderful Christmas Day!

NEW YEAR... A new year is much like a Christmas tree with a pile of presents under it. One might suspect what might be in each gift, but it is only a guess and those are frequently wrong. No one, except God, knows what 2022 will have in store for any of us. At best, we know it will be a mixture of good and bad, wonderful surprises and difficult moments. We can worry and obsess over what problems may loom in the coming year; or we can approach each day as a real gift from God. Trusting that the God who gave us the gift of another day will also give us the grace to make the best use of whatever it may bring. I invite you to begin the New Year with the Lord. Liturgies will be at 4:30 pm on New Year's Eve and at 10:30 am on New Year's Day. Begin the new year with the Lord. Amen!

Fr. Dave Howell

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