

December 30, 2018
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

1101 S. LAFAYETTE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46802

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Mass Schedule
Sunday - 10:45 am
Holy Day - 5:15 pm



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Prayer Line

Dottie Carpenter (260) 705-1690

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Jennifer Hayes (260) 450-2193

Sacraments

Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Baptism

For details please call the Church Office. Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR
Anytime by appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm
Call or email submissions.

Parish Mission Statement

"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."

Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name _____ Phone No _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check one:

New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Moving, remove from list

The Holy Family

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, "they were astonished." But at what? Mary's response is surprised. They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers. They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with

great anxiety." All our children have an "otherness" about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not "me." What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Blessed are they,]

blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

To all those who remembered me with extra prayer, gifts and salutations at Christmas time, know of my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness and be assured of a remembrance in my prayers.....*Fr. Phil*

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Sunday, December 30

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Commentator/Petitions: Rena Zirille

Servers: Katy Parrott, Jennifer Hayes, Antonio Salazar

First Reading: Katie Lamee

Second Reading: Dottie Carpenter

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Chuck Luther,

Sue Koester, Maxine Stovall, Dottie Carpenter, Louise Yahne,

Maureen McCon, Peggy Neidhart, Joanne Miller

Ushers: Ken Yahne, Dennis Doyle, Kera Parrott,

Greg Gemperline

Greeters: Judy & Katy Parrott

Tuesday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Commentator/Petitions:

Servers: Pat McBride, Aric Koenig, Tony O'Neil

First Reading:

Second reading:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Chuck Luther,

Sue Koester

Ushers: Ken Yahne, Val Vordran

Greeters:

Sunday, January 6

Sacristan: Sue Jehl

Commentator/Petitions: Tom Rumschlag

Servers: Payton Hinsey, Maxine Stovall, Nathan Johnson

First Reading: John Barnett

Second Reading: Joe Miller

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Jehl, Kate

Brogan, Pat McBride, Joanne Miller, Celeste Streicher, Eugenia

Barnett, Melinda Reyes, Kathleen Smith

Ushers: Andy Johnson, Katrina Johnson, Gary Grider, Megan

Horrell

Greeters: Mary Ashby, Joel Lamee



"to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"

"a time to be born..."

"a time to love..."

"a time to be healed..."

Pray for the sick of our parish

"a time to die"

Thomas F. Rorick, brother of Mike and Charlene Rorick

"and a time for peace"

and in our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war or natural disasters.

Ecclesiastes 3:1f



Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk:45-47

Readings for the week of December 30, 2018

Sunday:	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 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
Friday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51
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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 30, 2018

10:45 am *Ron Mausser*

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

10:45 am *For the People of St. Mary Mother of God*

Sunday, January 6, 2019

10:45 am *Lawrence Endress*



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for ...RICE.

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Sunday, December 30: Jordi G.

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.

Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS:

Toilet Paper and Paper Products

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 30

- No *Mary's Kids* Classes Today

Tuesday, January 1 Mass at 10:45 am

- Second Collection is for The Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, January 6

- *Mary's Kids* Classes Resume Today
- RCIA Meeting 11:30 –*Topic Baptism and Confirmation*
- Parish Council Meeting After Mass

BAPTISMS

Today after Mass- Deacon Jim Tighe will celebrate the Baptism of Sadie Reagan Toy daughter of parishioners Ashley and Eric Toy and Adesza Kay Cronin-Rodriguez daughter of parishioner Christine Cronin and David Rodriguez



Parish Announcements

A SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

As most of you are aware, in the course of its 170 years of existence, St. Mary Mother of God Parish has been blessed with the service of three Religious Orders of Women—the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC) and the Sisters of Providence (SP). The longest serving of these religious Orders here at Saint Mary's were the School Sisters of Notre Dame, who served here from 1865-1963-some 98 years! As we bring to a close the 2018 calendar year, we continue to pray for, salute and congratulate the SSND's as they celebrate the 185th anniversary of their foundation by blessed Mother Mary Theresa of Jesus (Caroline Gerhardinger) in Bavaria, Germany.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

The Diocese is hosting a twelve-week support group for divorced men and women at the Archbishop Noll Center. This group will meet on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. beginning January 7 and continue through March 25. The support group will feature Ascension Press' "Surviving Divorce" DVD series which covers topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, helping children cope and annulment and remarriage. It is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after divorce. The cost of the program is \$20 and includes a Personal Guide for each participant. The Archbishop Noll Center is located at 915 S. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne 46802 (corner of Washington & Clinton.) Free parking is available in the garage and can be accessed off both streets. To register, contact Allison Sturm at asturm@diocesefwsb.org or 260.399.145 Pre-registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcomed in the first two weeks. <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Divorce-Ministry>

NEW FAMILY FINANCIAL AID KNIGHT AT BLHS

Bishop Luers High School will host a New Family Financial Aid Knight on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 6 p.m. in the media center. Enter through Door No. 3 near the cafeteria. The meeting for is for new interested parents and guardians of students entering Bishop Luers for the 2019-20 school year. Topics include financial aid opportunities, scholarships, School Choice Scholarship vouchers and the tuition management payment plans available. Spanish interpreter will be available for families.

VOLUNTEERS OF ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

For the tireless effort you put forth in the enrichment of the lives of St. Mary's Parishioners, and those of the wider community, we offer our heartfelt thanks and gratitude. May God bless you for all you do and be assured that your efforts are greatly appreciated.

"What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good"

Aristotle