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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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MASS SCHEDULE (DEC. 29TH - JAN. 2ND)

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASS TIMES (MARY, MOTHER OF GOD)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31ST: 5 PM

THURSDAY, JAN. 1ST: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

CONFESSIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

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Saturday, December 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Norbert Huseman +

Sunday, December 28

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert
Bates +

Monday, December 29

No Public Mass

Tuesday, December 30

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, December 31

5:00 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +
10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Friday, January 2

8:30 a.m. Al Gillig +

Saturday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Emily Butler +

Sunday, January 4

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Lawrence Robinson +

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr - 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 / Lk 2:22-35

Tues., Dec. 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord - 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Ps 96:7-10 / Lk 2:36-40

Wed., Dec. 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord - St. Sylvester I, Pope - 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 / Jn 1:1-18

Thurs., Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God - Nm 6:22-27 / Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

Fri., Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church - 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 1:19-28

Sat., Jan 3 - Christmas Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Jesus - 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 / Ps 98:1, 3c-6 / Jn 1:29-34

Sun., Jan. 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord - Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, Richard Payne and Matt Norris.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 28, 2025

This weekend (December 27th/28th), the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**. Falling immediately after our celebrations on **Christmas Day**, this feast day emphasizes how the Holy Family serves as the exemplary model for Christian family life. The grace of the Incarnation is not contained to **Christmas Day**, but is meant to “dwell” among us and shape the ordinary and everyday life of our own families.

At the close of our 10 AM Mass this Sunday, we will process the Blessed Sacrament to our temporary daily Mass chapel in the Parish Conference Room. This will allow us to begin moving our liturgical furnishings from the Church to the Parish Social Hall after Mass. By Wednesday evening and our vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, the Social Hall will have been transformed into a make-shift sanctuary for the next few months.

Thank you for **your patience and flexibility** over these next few months. Throughout the planning process, we have worked to anticipate the various challenges that may arise and to prepare accordingly. Our parish goal during this time is to ensure that our church remains both accessible and able to seat as many people as possible for all who join us in prayer.

For our weekend and Holy Day liturgies, a team of volunteer ushers will be available to assist with lift use before and after Mass, helping ensure that the Parish Social Hall remains fully accessible to all. If you are willing to volunteer to serve in this role and assist our fellow parishioners, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

For our weekday liturgies, the Parish Conference Room has been arranged to maximize accessible seating. Please note, this does require that our daily Masses be celebrated *ad orientem* in the Conference Room, meaning that the Tabernacle is secured on the altar and, during the Eucharistic Prayer, the celebrant faces *with* the Faithful towards the Tabernacle. This arrangement allows us to increase available seating in the room by approximately one-third.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Thursday, January 1st, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. This ancient celebration traces itself back to the 5th Century. At the Council of Ephesus in AD 431, Mary was recognized as *Theotokos*, or “*God-bearer*,” by the Church. This title, though given to the Blessed Mother, truly emphasizes that Jesus is both true God and true man. As with all things Marian, our Blessed Mother always points us right back to her Son.

The **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation**. To help ensure that we have the opportunity to meet our obligation of assisting at Mass on this day, we will have Masses for the Holy Day as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 31st—Vigil Mass—5:00 PM

Thursday, Jan. 1st—Mass—7:30 AM and 10:00 AM

Note: Masses will be held in the Parish Social Hall due to renovations in the Church

LIVING WITH THE SAINTS IN THE NEW YEAR

As we gather to celebrate the coming Holy Day and New Year celebration, we will continue our parish tradition of “*choosing*” a Saint to spend the coming year with. As we know, however, in the wise and loving plan of Jesus Christ, it is not we who “*choose*” the Saint but the Saints who “*chooses*” us! As we have so many friends in Heaven, should we not strive each year to learn a little more about them each year and grow closer in relationship with them?

You will find a basket by the Social Hall doors with little strips of paper, each with a Saint’s name and a biographical information, for you to “*choose*” from. This practice, first started by Saint Faustina Kowalska among the Sisters in her convent, invites us to spend the year learning about our Saint, both historically and spiritually. By inviting these Saints into our lives, they become intercessors on our behalf before the Lord as we enter the New Year. ~Fr. David



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 31st - Vigil Mass at 5 PM

Jan. 1st - Masses at 7:30 & 10 AM

Masses will be held in the Parish Social Hall.



**The Parish Office will be closed
Wednesday, December 31, 2025
through Monday, January 5, 2026
and will reopen on
Tuesday, January 6th at 9:00 a.m.**



**Thurs., Jan. 8th from 6:30-8:00 PM
in the Parish Social Hall**



Sign in at [FORMED.ORG](https://formed.org) with our Parish Code: 7N68MY

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Dec. 27** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 28** - No Religious Ed. Classes - Christmas Break
- **Tues., Dec. 30** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 31** - Parish Office Closed
- **Wed., Dec. 31** - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **2026**
- **Thurs., Jan. 1** - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, A Holy Day of Obligation - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Jan. 2** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Jan. 2 Through Mon., Jan. 5** - Parish Office Closed
- **Sat., Jan. 3** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Jan 3** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Jan. 3** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 4** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 4** - Religious Ed. Classes Resume 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 6** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 3RD & 4TH



MASS
5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel
10:00 a.m. Teresa Smith



Lectors
5:00 p.m. Carol Butler
7:30 a.m. Sarah McCorkle
10:00 a.m. Mike Dunn



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper
7:30 a.m. None needed
10:00 a.m. Larisa Sudhoff, Kevin Seago



Servers
5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Angela/James Mayer, Annie Herr
10:00 a.m. Charlie/Louis Andrews, volunteer

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Dec. 20th / 21st

Adult Envelopes - \$6,684.60
Loose - \$363.00
Repair / Rainy Day - \$735.00
Holy Day Offerings- \$290.00
Christmas Flowers- \$685.00
Cookbooks- \$25.00
Donations- \$1,000.00
Bulletin Ad- \$180.00
Total- \$9,962.60

K of C donation to Youth Group-
\$1,200.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$3,120.54** ahead of
our budget for the month
of December 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund -
\$937.99

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are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!*

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through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:
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DIocese of FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

SYNOD 2026

SPREADING THE FIRE OF GOD'S LOVE

OPENING PARISH PRAYER SESSION

Monday, January 29th from 6:00 –7:00 PM

PARISH SYNOD—LISTENING SESSION

Monday February 29th from 6:00 –8:00 PM

*Note: Childcare Provided for Listening Session
Location: Parish Social Hall / Temporary Church*

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the
soul of Garold "Joe" Pfeifer, father of Jenny
(Ben) Cruz, who passed away on Friday,
December 19, 2025



*Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light
shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.*

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T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

"Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
- St. John Paul II