



Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor

Deacon Bill Vrazel

Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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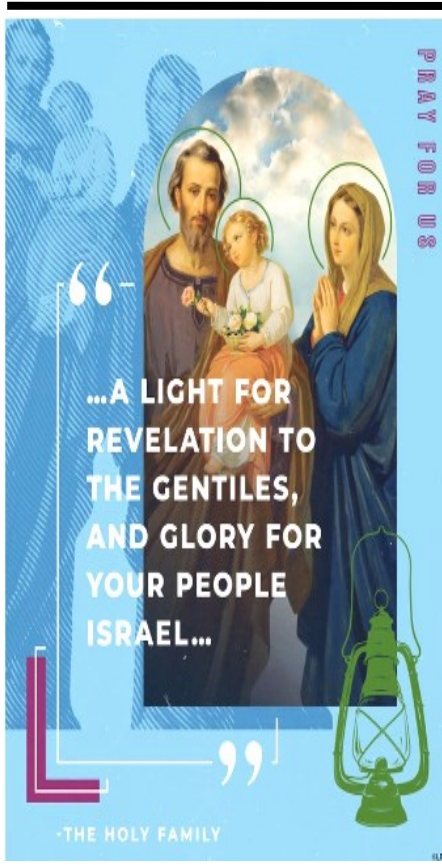
You Are Qualified to Hold Jesus in Your Arms

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— *Father John Muir*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm: The Lord remembers his covenant forever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading: By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age — and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 1, 2024 —	- 10:00 am Mass - Church New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 2 —	- 6:30 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel - 7:00 pm Vigil Mass - Chapel
Wednesday, January 3 —	- 8:00 am Mass — Church - 10:00 am Altar Society Meeting— Church Multipurpose Room
Thursday, January 4 —	- 8:00 am MASS — Chapel - 9:00 am — 5:00 pm Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm—Chapel
Friday, January 5 —	- 8:30 am Mass — Church - 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet— Chapel
Saturday, January 6	- 4:00 pm Mass — Church Reconciliation offered 30 minutes prior to Mass

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Sandra Angeline, Lois Audley, Andrew B. Barrett, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Dian Bradley, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Fr. David Carucci, Bruce Carver, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Cecil Creel, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Dawn Domecq, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Charles Grey, Hannah Gest, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Fay Hogan, Daniel Huck, Butch and Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Sally James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, John Knight, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Dustin Leochner, Debbie Lizana, Charlotte Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Evelyn Lumpkin, Laura Creel Meadows, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Taige Roof, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Janet Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter", Leah Scott, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Jimmy Wetzel, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Becky Wooley, Angie Parker Yonkin



In Memoriam



Lynne Bohn
Elizabeth Yoder

Please contact the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 to add or take some off the Holy Family Prayer List. Thank you.

Weekly Operating Report

December 26, 2023

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection: \$28,285
Building Fund: \$199
Youth Ministry: \$463
Masses: \$220
Cemetery: \$55
Memorials: \$5
Second Collection: \$25
Christmas Flowers: \$418

Direct Debit—Electronic Transfers
Forms are available in the back of the church or by calling the office at 228-452-4686

Weekly Fixed Expenses

Schools: \$3210
Salaries and Benefits: \$4750
Diocese Support Tax: \$917
Utilities: \$1187.50
Janitorial, Maintenance, Grounds: \$1189.75
Insurance: \$584
TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$13,075.00

"These are just the fixed expenses. There are many areas of ministry that require funding throughout the year (Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Adult Education, Liturgy, Office Supplies). I am publishing this as part of our new financial budgeting system. There will also be a general report quarterly.

God Bless!" Fr. Mike

Pray For a Priest Each Day

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us, rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for our priests! Amen.

Sun., Dec. 31: For Fathers Mike Austin and Donbosco

Mon., Jan 1: For Father Satish Adhav

Tues., Jan 2: For Father Vincent O. Ajayi

Wed., Jan. 3: Father Godfrey Andoh

Thur., Jan 4: For Father Charles Arthur

Fri., Jan 5: For Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F. Kihneman III

Sat., Jan 6: Please Pray For An Increase In Voations

**January 6 ,
&
January 7**

Lectors

Lauri Wood

**8:30 am - Sunday,
1/7/24**

Knights of Columbus
Corporate Communion

**11:00 am - Sun-
day,
1/7/24**

Jean Smith

**5:00 pm - Sunday,
1/7/24**

Evelyn Giles

EEMs

Gayle Nolan, Jane Ward and
Emmett Zimmerman

Knights of Columbus
Corporate Communion

Joy Burke, Lena Farr,
Stuart Farr, Meg
Payment and Liz Shaw

Richard Bohn, Joy Miller
and Joe Spence

**Altar
Servers**

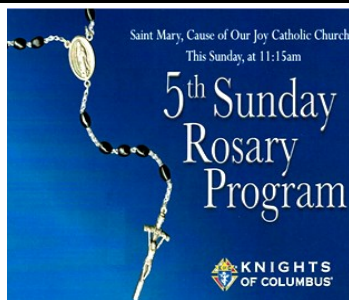
Gage Garriga, Kaleb Garriga and
Cooper W. Ferrill

Knights of Columbus
Corporate Communion

Emily Payment, Archer
Kraft and Anna Claire
Thomas

Sophia Gonzalez, Matthew
G. Jenkins, and Grace
Lilyana G. Starita

*We invite you to
come and pray your
special intentions
with the
Knights of
Columbus at the*



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY

Sunday morning,
December 31st
After 8:30 am Mass
Holy Family Church

*Holy
Family*



Mark your Calendars!

Holy Family Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 10:00 am
in the Church Multi Purpose Room

New members are welcome.

Please join us every
FIRST and THIRD FRIDAY
of the month for the

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY



The next Chaplet is
Friday, January 5, 2024
3:00 pm

St. Paul's Chapel

*For the sake of His sorrowful passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 30	4:00 pm <i>(Winter months)</i>	Special Intentions for Shirley Schmidt
Sunday, December 31	8:30 am 11:00 pm	† Carol Stewart † Bodie Michel
Monday, January 1	10:00 am	† Knost Family † Bodie Michel
Tuesday, January 2 (Chapel)	7:00 pm	Healing for Pat Taconi
Wednesday, January 3	8:00 am	† George Schloegel
Thursday, January 4 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Healing for Pat Taconi
Friday, January 5	8:30 am * † <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	Special Intentions for Shirley Schmidt



Holy Family Parish Office
will be closed
Monday, December 25th
through
Tuesday, January 2nd.



Msgr. Leech Knights of Columbus would like to thank our Holy Family Parishioners for donating toys to the 2023 Marines Toys for Tots Campaign.

Thanks to you, Toys for Tots programs bring the joy of Christmas and sends a message of hope to America's disadvantaged children.

Merry Christmas
& God Bless!



Angel Tree



Holy Family and Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all of our very generous parishioners for their participation in the Angel Tree project. Because of you, many children will have a very Merry Christmas.



Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Holy Family Christmas Sweatshirts Have Arrived!



If you ordered a sweatshirt, please come by the Parish Office to pick up.

Second and Third Edition



Ornaments In a Series Are Here!

If you ordered Holy Family Christmas Ornaments, please come by the Parish Office to pick them up.

We have extra ornaments if you missed ordering this summer: \$25 for 1 and \$40 for the set.

Online Giving

Donations to Holy Family Catholic Church can be made by cash, check, or bank draft. Please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 for assistance

Recurring or one-time donations can also be made online.

QR CODES



Upcoming January 2024 Second Collections

January 6 – 7 *Aged and Infirm Priests*
January 27 – 28 *Church in Latin America and Saltillo Mission*

Text Hfp27 to 84576,

You can also download the flocknote app at



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PROPERTY FOR SALE

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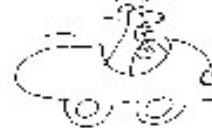


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