

The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph from www.catholicculture.org

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church and the Eucharist which He entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, 'the first tabernacle in history' then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us. We can learn from Mary and Joseph! What would they ever have overlooked in the care of Jesus' physical body? Is there something, therefore, that we can withhold for the right and adoring care of His Eucharistic Body? No amount of attention, no sane act of love and adoring will ever be too much! On the contrary, our adoration and respect will always be inferior to the great gift that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We cannot fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

PIANO LESSONS

*Becky Zavodny is offering piano lessons for our community, from ages 8 to adult. If several register, she is willing to come to Westphalia and give the lessons in the RE Bldg.
Please contact Linda Lorenz 254-715-0573 if you are interested or have questions.*

CLEANING CHURCH

*Reminder----Check the bulletin for your time to clean Church.
Instructions are in the supply closet between the bathroom and kitchen near the altar.*

Dynamic evening with Kevin Dunn

*Holy Trinity of Corn Hill invites you to a dynamic evening with Kevin Dunn on Saturday January 11 @ 6:30pm
Details are on fliers at the back of Church and the RE Building.*

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISH CHURCH

Heavenly Father, author and inspirer of all things holy, hear our prayers for our new church. Send forth Your Spirit that we may humbly be guided by Your Divine Will. Touch our hearts with true generosity to raise up a house of God for the inspiration and renewal of all Your faithful. May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK				
	Sat, 12-28 6:00 pm RE Bldg	Sun, 12/29 – 9.00am	Sat, 1/4-6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 1/5 – 9.00am
Weekend Mass Intentions	Feast of the Holy Family	Feast of the Holy Family	Epiphany of the Lord	Epiphany of the Lord
	+Erwin & Gladys Kahlig +Ervin Willberg	Greater Respect for Human Life Parishioners	Don Merryfield Anton Zeig	Parishioners
Altar Server	Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green	Colton Ranly Grant Meyer Maverick Cannon Jr.	Colton Ranly Grant Meyer Maverick Cannon Jr.	Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde
Lector	Mary Jane Hubik	Jerry Loden	Caroline Hoelscher	Shawna Ranly
Gift Bearer		Doc Savage Family		James Thornton Family
Ushers	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Calvin Wilde Craig Ordner	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Mike Heise Michael Heise
EMHC to sick	Amanda Moeller	Cindy Moeller	Connie Petru	Kayla Skala
Rosary Leader	Janet Loden Joyce Wimberley	Terry & Tammy Frenzel	Carl & Mary Jane Hubik	Chris & Peggy Hrabal
Money Counter	Neal & Tammy Ryan Charles & Cindy Moeller		David & Mandy Alexander Paula Niemeyer and Marilyn Rudloff	
Vocation Cross	Walton & Belinda Hering		Charles & Cindy Moeller	
Church Cleaner	12/28 & 1/4- Renae Willberg, Meagan Willberg, Randy Willberg, Linda Willberg, Emily Hering, Dawn Willberg			
Weekday Mass Intentions	Tue 12/31 6:00pm Solemnity of Mary	Wed 1/1 9:00 am Solemnity of Mary	Thu 1/3 8:00am	Fri 1/4 8:00 am
	Charlotte Ann Thornton	Parishioners	Ben & Zita Kahlig	Gilbert & Pauline Wilde Irene Ordner

The Sick and the Suffering requesting our prayers: Gary Locklin, John Macha, Eva-Ann Greger, Rachel Rudloff, Charles Thornton, Annette Hoelscher, Layla Grace Evetts, JoeAnn Kalmbach, Pattie Kalmbach, Jeff Bernsen, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Mike Meyer, Bobby Bulls, Charles Ordner, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, Terri Wilheit, Fran Greger, Gary Herzog, Barron Shoemaker, Skylar (Savage) Wolfe & Amy Drake
Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Herbert & Helen Hoelscher

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building	12-22 OFFERINGS:
UPCOMING EVENTS:	Regular 1,873.00
Sun 12-29 - NO HS Rel Ed	
Wed 1-1 - NO Youth Meeting	
Mon 1-6 @ 6:00 pm KC Meeting	
Thur 1-9 @7:00 pm Liturgy Meeting	
	Upcoming 2nd Collections:
	12-29 Feast of the Holy Family

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Rev. Darrell Kostih, Pastor

Deacon Bill Smetana (Retired)
Deacon Charlie Wright
Deacon Julian Tyboroski (Retired)

MASSSES: Saturday – 6:00 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am
Tues 8:00am, Wed 7:20am, Thurs 8:00am, Fri 8:00am

RECONCILIATION: Prior to Weekend Mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 29, 2019