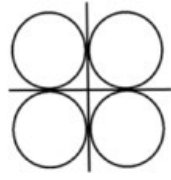


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December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mission Statement

St Paul's Parish Family exists for the purpose of witnessing and proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, that message proclaimed in word, worship, service: love God, love your neighbor as yourself.



THE HOLY FAMILY

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

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Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events



Monday, January 1

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
Parish Office Closed
10:00A Mass

Tuesday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors
Parish Office Closed
No Rosary Group
8:30A Mass with anointing

Wednesday, January 3

Christmas Weekday
No Choir Rehearsal
8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:30A Mass

Friday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop
No Mass
8:30A Vac Pac

Saturday, January 6

Christmas Weekday
Birthday Blessing during Mass
10:00A Prayer Shawl
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass-choir sings

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord
Birthday Blessing during Mass
9:00A Mass
10:00A SOR classes
10:00A Coffee & Donut Hour
10:00A Confirmation Prep yr. 1
11:00A Mass
12:00P Confirmation Prep yr. 2
12:00P Coffee & Donut Hour

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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday
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Financial Snapshot

	November 2023	July-November 2023
Collections	\$36,211	\$193,822
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,531	\$26,984
Expenses	\$42,947	\$237,360
Operating surplus/deficit	(\$4,205)	(\$16,555)

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Louis Torregrossa
From
Pam & Donna Catalano*

Seeds for the Journey

As the humanitarian crisis continues to escalate across the Holy Land following an unprecedented attack on Israel on October 7, civilian deaths continue to increase, as does the destruction of civilian, residential, medical and religious properties. Since October 7, thousands of people have lost their lives, many of them women and children. In addition, over 1.5 million people in Gaza have been displaced from their homes and are experiencing immense physical and emotional trauma.

Regardless of who is at fault for the death and destruction, people across the Holy Land are suffering. To that end, Catholic Relief Services staff members are working every day to provide assistance to people who are most vulnerable, increasing their own personal risks in the process. Due to its long-standing presence in the Middle East, CRS is able to respond quickly and extensively to meet people's physical and emotional needs during this time of uncertainty, fear, and desperation. Along with local partners in the region CRS is providing:

- Safe and dignified shelter support.
- Emergency food and medical supplies.
- Household items including mattresses, blankets and other materials.
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene kits.
- Cash assistance, psychological counseling, and caregiver support

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family this weekend, we are reminded that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, were themselves refugees, fleeing their homeland to escape the murderous hand of King Herod. They fled in the night with few possessions, as have many families in the Middle East. We can only guess what the Holy Family experienced on their journey. But we know what the millions of Middle Eastern refugee families are suffering: hunger, thirst, homelessness, medical issues, fear, and hopelessness.

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us that Jesus was born into very difficult and trying human circumstances. He and his family experienced first-hand the trauma and stress of tyranny, rejection, and uncertainty, all-the-while trusting that God was with them on their journey. To that end, Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the ideal intercessors for families in the Holy Land, and around the world, struggling to survive. Accordingly, I invite you to pray with me to the Holy Family for the families in Gaza and Israel who are suffering the consequences of hatred and violence. Pray for the safety of women and children. Pray for those who are placing their lives in peril (e.g., CRS) while attempting to care for the suffering victims. Pray for the politicians and governing officials of both sides to bring an end to the war.

Pray to the Holy Family for peace and reconciliation throughout the Holy Land and around the world!



Deacon Mark

2023 Donation Statements

Due to diocesan guidelines, we will be sending 2023 donation statements to all who have made donations this year. We have to have them out by January 31 and hopefully much sooner. So if you made a donation in 2023, you will receive a statement.

Thank you!

A Prayer for the New Year

God of all time, help us enter the new year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves
and to others,

mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,

help us enter the new year reverently,
aware that You have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,

help us enter the new year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.

In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless
us now and in the days ahead.

Amen.

- Vinita Hampton Wright; Offered by Douglas Ruschman



Birthday Blessing Weekend

Get your singing voices ready....it's almost the first weekend of the month! Please join us at Mass next weekend, January 6 & 7 as we celebrate January birthdays. Fr. Paul will give a special blessing followed by the congregation singing Happy Birthday. You don't want to miss it!

Important Notice

While Fr. Paul is away visiting his family and friends in Kenya, there will be no daily Mass or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning, January 10th through February 2nd.

Closing/Cancellation Notifications

We follow the Webster Central Schools weather closings so if Webster schools close due to the weather, St Paul's will be closed as well.

The info will be posted on our website. Please contact your ministry leader if you are not sure of the status of your activity.

Please be safe, if you are not comfortable driving in the inclement weather please stay home. We will see you once the weather is passable.

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator Needed

St. Paul's is looking for a part time Adult Faith Formation Coordinator (about 15 hours a week). This person will collaborate in implementing the mission of the parish, by developing opportunities for spiritual development for parishioners such as Advent and Lenten retreats, recollections, Scripture study, and funeral planning. The AFF Coordinator will also coordinate the parish outreach to the homebound.

Qualifications

- Masters or Undergraduate degree in Theology or Religious Studies or appropriate certification/experience.
- Active membership in a faith community of the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rochester.
- Willingness to work occasional weekends and evenings, or to be available as needed.
- Organizational skills, including time management, delegation, planning and budgeting.

Please contact Kasey Baker for more information at kasey.baker@dor.org or 671-2100.

The Holy Family Prayer

Today, our Holy Mother, the Church, celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This feast is being aptly celebrated, to use the words of Pope Benedict, "in the atmosphere of Christmas, imbued with deep joy at the Birth of the Savior." Today's feast acknowledges that our Savior Jesus is not only fully God, but also fully human. He was born into an earthly family. His parents, Mary and Joseph raised him like any earthly parents would raise a son. But more importantly, the Holy Family of Nazareth gives us a model of how family life should be lived. Prayer constituted a central part of the life of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In his General Audience of December 28, 2011, Feast of the Holy Family, Pope Benedict XVI said the following: "the house of Nazareth is a school of prayer where one learns to listen, meditate on and penetrate the profound meaning of the manifestation of the Son of God, following the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus." As Christians, we are encouraged daily to pray as a family. Catholic parents have a responsibility to introduce their kids and grand kids to a life of prayer and to have a relationship with God. In his Apostolic Exhortation on the Family, *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope Saint John Paul II describes the family as a Domestic Church in which the child is introduced into God's family through Baptism and education in the faith. He identified four broad roles of the family:

- Formation of a community of persons
- Serving Life
- Participating in the Development of Society
- Sharing in the life and Mission of the Church.

The Christian family is a believing and evangelizing community. It is a community in dialogue with God, achieved through family prayer.

When we read the Gospels, we can certainly learn from the Holy Family. Like every faithful Jew, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to present him to the Lord (Luke 2:22). This family pilgrimage was taken to consecrate Jesus to God. And as Pope Benedict XVI describes it, it was a family's pilgrimage of faith of prayer and of encounter with the Lord whom Mary and Joseph already perceived in their Son Jesus.

Today, while meditating on the Holy Family, I would like to invite us to emulate their life of prayer. As a parish community, let us make prayer one of the key cornerstones of our family relationships and interactions in 2024. This can be done by attending Mass together and sitting as family during Mass, family night-prayer before going to bed, prayer before and after meals, prayer during Thanksgiving and other major celebrations.

I would strongly recommend that we introduce the praying of the Rosary together. The Rosary is a weapon against the devil, against evil. We can do that once a month or fortnightly or even once a week, if possible. There is a saying that a family that prays together stays together.

Anselm

Thank you from Good Sam Outreach



Many thanks for your participation in the Christmas Giving Tree to benefit Corpus Christi Parish. Through your generosity, Christmas was brighter and happier for 105 families who received Christmas baskets full of your donations. Thank you and God bless you all.

From the John Walsh Library



Bernhardt, Dee, etal Good News Day by Day (Bible Reflections for Teens)

The authors are campus ministers at St. Mary's University in Minnesota and have years of experience working with young people. There are 365 entries in this small book, offering the reader the chance to hear the good news of God's love each day of the year. Following each passage, a short age-specific reflection suggests ways for the reader to apply the message to his life. There is a handy index of themes at the end (e.g., "friendship," "responsibility," "anger," "hope," etc.) The authors suggest their young readers might want to start a prayer journal, imagining God sitting there with them. They might want to address a short prayer to God or sit with him in silence for a little while. (Call No. 242-BER)

Ministry Schedule for January 6 & 7, 2023

If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Greeters	Diana Kemp Bill Galbraith	Pat Amedeo Jack Black	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
Lectors	Linda Pratt	Josephine Cozzo	Marcia Kusse
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	TBD	TBD	TBD
Stream Team	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed



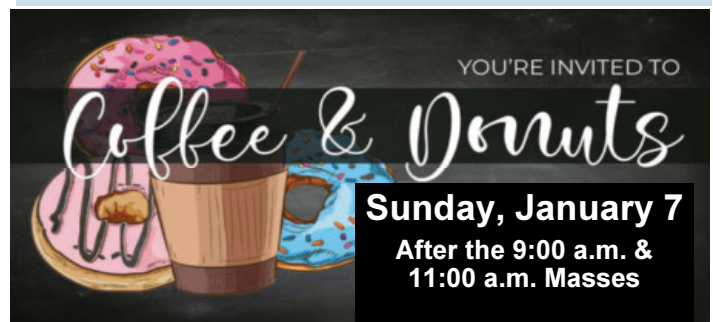
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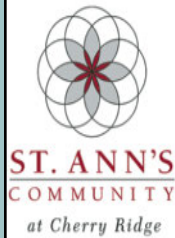


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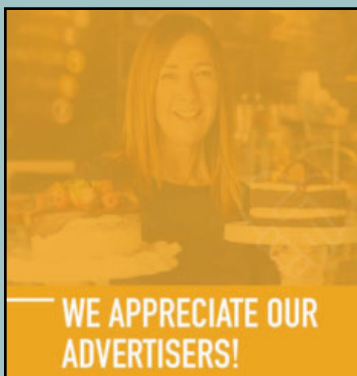
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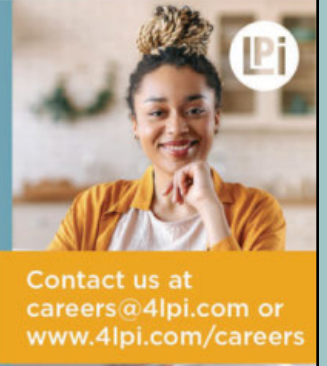
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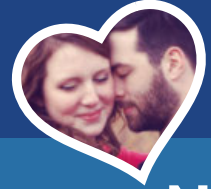
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