

December 27, 2020 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Welcome to the University Parish Newman Center. We cherish your presence among us and invite you to enter wholeheartedly into our worship. As Catholics, we understand our worship as our community's grateful response to God's goodness and love. Thus our liturgy is not a "spectator" experience; participation in prayer and in song is everyone's responsibility and privilege. Please do not be a stranger. Pray and sing with us as members of God's human family.

News and Noteworthy

**The Parish Office will be closed
December 24 – January 4.
Normal hours will resume on
January 5, 2021**

ACME's Community Cash Back – FINAL DAYS! Save all receipts dated **August 6, 2020 through December 26, 2020** and drop them off or mail them into the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

**Sunday, December 20
\$2,950**

Thank you for your generosity!

A Year of Saint Joseph

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter about Saint Joseph and has declared a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. The letter, *Patris corde* ("a Father's heart") was released on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. The Pope writes: "After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church," Venerable Pius XII proposed him as "Patron of Workers" and Saint John Paul II as "Guardian of the Redeemer." Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the "patron of a happy death." A full text of the letter can be found at: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/post_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html.

Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 27
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:00 am Mass – Ken Mulligan**

**Sunday, January 3
Epiphany of Our Lord
9:00 am Mass – Jim & Ellen Moore**

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2020

Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40
Monday	Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18
Friday	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nasianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Portage County reaches Level 4

As you are certainly aware, the Corona Virus pandemic has intensified and is overloading the capacity of our health care systems. Portage County has reached the highest level of risk on the Ohio Public Health advisory system. Our resumption of Mass following the initial stay-at-home order has always been predicated upon the county remaining at a moderate risk of spread. We are now consider to be at a severe risk of exposure and spread.

In response to this **all masses will held virtually through the end of the year.** We will reevaluate the risk level for Masses in January closer to the first of the year.

This decision has been made with the safety of our community and our staff in mind. Please remember that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days has been suspended indefinitely. **However, all Catholics are strongly encouraged to attend Mass virtually and pray the Act of Spiritual Communion.**

Campus Ministry

As we enter finals week, the Newman Center staff would like to wish all of our students a safe and peace-filled winter break and Christmas season. We look forward to seeing you in January!

Ongoing Events

Bible Study will continue next semester. Thank you to AJ Darby for leading our sessions!

Rosary will continue next semester. Thank you to Colleen Cosgrove for leading Rosary each week!

Social Media

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @ksu_csa. Like us on Facebook at @KSU.Catholic.Student.Association For more information about CRS Ambassadors, like us on Facebook @KSU.CRS.Ambassadors and follow us on Twitter @crs_ksu

E-Giving Reminder:

Thank you to all who use electronic giving to support the parish! Visit <https://kentnewmancenterparish.weshareonline.org> to set up your payments for 2021. Contact the parish office if you need assistance.

Warm Hearts for Warm Homes

Catholic Charities launched the Warm Hearts for Warm Homes campaign (formerly Keep the Kids Warm) in 2008 in response to the economic recession impacting many local families. Unfortunately, the need for this annual campaign still exists over 12 years later. Warm Hearts for Warm Homes aims to provide utility assistance during the cold winter months to families with children, working poor adults and older adults on fixed incomes. More information about Warm Hearts for Warm Homes, including ways to support this campaign with your prayers and financial support, can be found on our website (www.ccdoy.org).

Celebrate The Epiphany!

The Epiphany of Our Lord this next year is Sunday, January 3, 2021. To celebrate the Epiphany here in the United States a tradition has been established to mark the doorway of your home with chalk with the inscription of : 20+C+M+B+21. If your doorway is already marked, simply change "20" to "21"