



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Dec 30 – Dec 31, 2017

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## Dec 31\* -THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - THE PAIN AND PROMISE OF FAMILY

"The Child's father and mother were marveling at what was being said about Him." —

Luke 2:33

Many people idealize the Holy Family. Because Jesus is God, Mary is immaculate, and Joseph is holy, their family relationships must have been almost perfect. However, that's not the picture the Bible gives us of the Holy Family. The only scene from Jesus' childhood that we are told about is when Mary and Joseph lost Jesus for three days. You can imagine the peasant couple frantically searching for their twelve-year-old Boy in the metropolis of Jerusalem. When they finally found Him in the Temple, they asked: "Son, why have You done this to us? You see that Your father and I have been searching for You in sorrow" (Lk 2:48). You can almost hear the pain and bewilderment in Mary's voice.

Most people can relate to this trauma more easily than to the holiness of the Holy Family. Many of us are likewise searching for members of our families. We're searching for lost loved ones and for lost love. In sorrow and in pain, we search for acceptance, respect, encouragement, or hope. We can understand the pain of a three-day separation or even of three days in the tomb.

God's Word to us on this Holy Family Sunday promises us that our searching and sorrowing will end when we find Jesus. Then we will find love and peace for us and our families.

**Prayer:** Father, by Your grace I decide to forgive everyone, especially my family members, as You have forgiven me (Col 3:13).

## Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## Masses Intentions

Sunday, December 31--8.30 a.m. Sambo Kotara  
By Robert Bichsel

**5:30p.m.**--New Year Vigil

(Aaron Family)

Monday, January 01--**9:00 a.m.** New Year Day  
Earl Britten By Leon Bohr

Wednesday, January 03--6:00p.m. Mr.Bowling by  
Msgr. Raymond

Thursday, January 04--7:30 a.m Mr.Bowling by  
Msgr. Raymond

Friday, January 05--7:30a.m. Mr.Bowling by  
Msgr. Raymond

Saturday, January 06--5:30 p.m Mr.Bowling By  
Msgr. Raymond

## Church Cleaning for January

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica

Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan

Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler,

Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen

Barkley, Adela Kotatra, Melanie Hinson and

Karen Brown

## Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Juanita Stacy, Willie Mae Barnett, Hank Winter and Dylan Stafford

## Family Chalice Program

December 30/31 Krista Johnson Family

January 6/7 Mike and Rita Lister

January 13/14 Nick and Cara Ashford

January 20/21 Johnny and Doris Homer

January 27/28 Rodney and Michele Bohr

February 3/4Clifton and Susan Britten

February 10/11 Rita Poor

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Art and JoAnn Britten

## Stewardship Reports

12/17/17, 12/24/17 & 12/25/17

Individual	\$6820.00
Loose	\$1660.00
Children	\$ 46.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8526.00</b>

**Building Fund 12/17/17, 12/24/17 & 12/25/17**

Individual	\$58,050.47
Loose	\$ 85.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,165.57</b>

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Saturday, Dec 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

### **Sunday, Dec 31, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: K'Leigh and Carrigan

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten, Tabitha Eggemyer, and Nichole Kuehelr

### **Saturday, Jan 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Lauren and Stephen

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, Jan 7, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: K'Leigh and Carrigan

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer, Sharon Britten, and Kathleen Barkley

### **Saturday, Jan 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Braxton and Owen

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandy Hickey

### **Sunday, Jan 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Alex and Damon

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Marla Britten, and Joannie Kling

### **Saturday, Jan 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Cari Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

### **Sunday, Jan 21, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Kacie and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Vanessa Eugea, and Tabitha Eggemeyer

## *Announcements:*

**Christ Child** shower will be donations to Snak-Pak 4 Kids collections will during the Christian Mothers party and all through December.

### **Faith Formation Calendar:**

Christmas Program Jan 7<sup>th</sup> following 11am Mass

**Contact:** Cara Ashford at [ashfordcar@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordcar@gmail.com) (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin

\*New Year Masses: Sunday, Dec 31st at 5:30pm and Monday, January 01st at 9am

New Year Facts: Historically, the earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 BC. The early Romans used March 1 as New Year's Day. Other cultures used the autumn equinox or the winter solstice to mark the new year. January is named after Janus, the god with two faces, one looking forward and one looking backward. Traditionally, New Year's is the time when many people traditionally make resolutions to break bad habits or start good ones. Ancient Persians gave New Year's gifts of eggs, which symbolized productiveness. Most New Year's traditions are believed to ensure good luck for the coming year. Many parts of the United States observe the tradition of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck. 1582 - The Gregorian calendar, which marks January 1 as the new year, is adopted by the Roman Catholic Church.

\*New Year's Resolutions: Lord, make me a channel of thy peace; that where there is hatred, I may bring love; that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness; that where there is discord, I may bring harmony; that where there is error, I may bring truth; that where there is doubt, I may bring faith; that where there is despair, I may bring hope; that where there are shadows, I may bring light; that where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted; to understand, than to be understood; to love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life. Amen. Happy New Year and feast of Mary, the Mother of God, everyone!