



St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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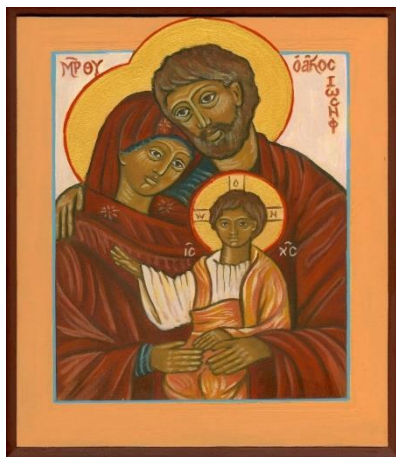
Feast of the Holy Family December 27th, 2020

Dear family:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph will receive special consideration this year as we celebrate the Holy Year of St. Joseph. He was the daily, paternal presence in the life of Jesus - from infancy until Joseph died sometime before the public ministry of the Lord.

One of the fascinating aspects of the life of the Holy Family is the hiddenness of their life together. Certainly, they were available to friends and family as we see with the few snippets of history that we hear in the Gospels. Yet mysteriously, the presence of the Lord in human flesh remains hidden from most of the world.

Following the Annunciation, the census decreed by Caesar required that the family travel to Bethlehem to get registered. During the trip, the Mother of the Lord was pregnant. Although they were returning to the city of St. Joseph's ancestry and supposed birthplace, they did not receive a hearty welcome. Here Jesus was born and the angels revealed his presence to the local shepherds.



After a visit from some foreign guests (the wisemen) they returned to their family home. There, it was revealed to Joseph that the family must flee from Nazareth to Egypt. Suddenly the Holy Family became refugees! Jesus and Mary are in the good hands of St. Joseph as God willed.

When they return home, we learn that the Holy Family made regular visits to the City of David, Jerusalem. These pilgrimages would occasion the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the family crisis when the boy Jesus remained behind when his parents left for home. While they were away, Jesus took the opportunity to instruct the "teachers of the Law, in part by asking probing questions

that revealed his extraordinary knowledge of sacred history, theology and the spiritual life.

Upon their reunion, Sacred Scripture tells us that Jesus "went down with them on their journey to Nazareth and lived there in obedience to them..." (Luke 2:51) That is the last we hear of St. Joseph in the Bible. In several circumstances, the Gospels speak of Jesus' "mother and brothers", but no mention is made of the father, St. Joseph, other than to identify Jesus, "the son of Joseph," "the carpenter".

*Holy Family, pray for our beloved families,
Fr. Martin Flum*

Poetry and Caroling - Epiphany Party!

Our Christmas celebration doesn't end on the 25th; it's only just beginning! Join us on Sunday, Jan 3rd, the Feast of the Epiphany, for a Christmas poetry recitation and for singing carols together at 2:30 PM in the parish hall. Consider reciting a poem or singing/playing a Christmas carol, and let Joanna Mason know what you decide on. Also, please bring a dish or beverage to share! RSVP to Joanna at joanna@stmichaelbaden.org or at (240)681-3551, so that we can arrange the hall to have enough room for all to spread out - space is limited!



this holiday season! A Mass in thanksgiving for your generosity will be said for the intentions of St. Michael and St. Dominic parishioners on Saturday, January 9, 2021^a at the 8 am Mass. God bless you!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the "Bear Hugs" program this year.

St. Michael's and St. Dominic's parishioners have helped to collect 80 bears which will be added to the overall donations to be distributed to area hospitals. Thank you once again for giving a "Bear Hug" to a child in need

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Dec.20, 2020

St. Michael Offertory Collection \$5851.00

St. Dominic Offertory Collection \$1611.00

May God reward your generosity!

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

January 1st is First Friday! Mass will be at **7 PM** instead of 7:30 (since this is also a Holy Day Mass). Mass will be preceded by confessions starting at 6 PM, and followed by Eucharistic adoration with Rosary until 9 PM. The next morning, at 8 AM, we will be back for First Saturday Mass and devotions! Mass will be followed by adoration, the rosary, the opportunity for confession, and a 15-minute reflection by Fr. Flum on the mysteries of the Rosary. The **Blue Army** group will be gathering for breakfast and their meeting afterwards. If you are interested in the **Blue Army** and have questions or would like to attend a meeting, call Joanna Mason at the office or email joanna@stmichaelbaden.org.

The Holy Family invites you to join them in adoration of the Christ Child! The gifts of grace in our time of prayer before Jesus hidden in the Eucharist are such that I urge you to reconsider making a commitment to adoration if you are not already. You will be joining the angels...

“Let all the angels of God worship him.”

(Hebrew 1:6)

Mondays: 8-9 PM

Tuesdays: 12-1 PM, 2-3 PM

Wednesday: 9-10 AM

Thursdays: 5-6 PM

Fridays: 9-10 AM, 5-6 PM

Saturdays: 10-11 AM, 1-2 PM, 3-4 PM, 6-7 PM

Sundays: 5-6 PM

Please consider having one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for an hour each week. If you would like to be on our **substitute list**, call the office (240) 681-3551.



Thank you to those who generously gave alms for the Christmas flowers and to those who decorated the two churches for Christmas - thank you from all of us! Your devotion and hard work assisted us all to raise our minds and hearts to God! May the Holy Infant reward you! Thank you also to all those who provided voice and talent for joyful hymns of Christmas joy!

Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Eddie Bond, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Keith Brown & Family, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixson, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, Clara Thomas, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Caroline Yashinski, Belinda Windsor, Carmelita and Lewis Young, and Cheryl Young. Jesus, heal and console us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	12/26/20	5 PM	Claude Boswell +
Sunday	12/27/20	8 AM	Hal & Louise Rich
Sunday	12/27/20	10 AM	PARISHIONERS
Sunday	12/27/20	11:30 AM	James Brown
Monday	12/28/20	7 AM	Anna Clifford +
Tuesday	12/29/20	8 AM	Patricia Gray +
Wednesday	12/30/20	7 AM	Pete Flaim
Thursday	12/31/20	8 AM	Tim & Violet Funk
Thursday	12/31/20	7 PM	Patricia Gray +
Friday	01/01/21	9 AM	Pete Flaim
Friday	01/01/21	7 PM	Melissa Schirle
Saturday	01/02/20	8 AM	Michael Proctor



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Mass Schedule (New Year)

Thursday, Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve)

St. Michael 8am Morning Mass
7pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Mother of God

Friday January 1st, 2021 (New Year's Day)

St Michael 9am Solemnity of the Mother of God
7pm Solemnity of the Mother of God