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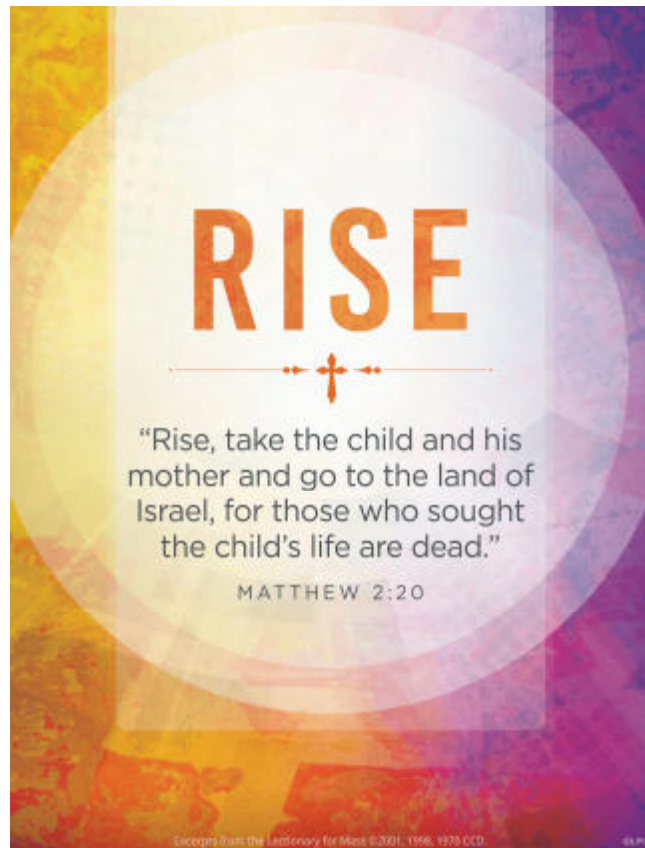
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December 29, 2019
The Holy Family

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**



God's GPS Never Fails

I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost!" or "Rerouting!" The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction. And I haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade!

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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January 1st @ 9:00 am - Allison Horton Jacobi

January 3rd @ 8:30 am - Byrdena Ulrich

January 5th @ 8:30 am - John Doyle

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-
ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That's the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot - ambitious for two young parents and their infant son - the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn't have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today's Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

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Mount Vernon and Lisbon Communities:

Let's Get Ready to Rumble!
Take Down Hunger Food Drive:
Saturday, January 4th 2020
Mount Vernon High School

Please bring food donations to the Lisbon-Mount Vernon Wrestling Dual in Mount Vernon on January 4th to support those in need in our communities. Item's will be accepted between 3:30 and 6 pm. A friendly competition between the two communities to see who can donate the most items. Members of the National Honor Society groups from Lisbon High School and Mount Vernon High School will be collecting items of January 4th at the duel meet. Drop off your items and then enjoy the big match! All donations will go to Southeast Linn Community Center.

Faith Formation: *"In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will."* Ephesians 1:5

- A huge "THANK YOU" to the members of our St. John community who have generously stepped up to help with providing gifts to the residents of Hallmark and Cherry Ridge. Once again, the residents expressed deep gratefulness and thankfulness in being remembered.
- Another huge "THANK YOU" to the members of our St. John Community for generously providing the supplies needed to make 145 French Apple and Cherry Pies for Southeast Linn Christmas boxes.
- It doesn't stop there, a huge "THANK YOU" to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, along with their catechists, families who homeschool faith formation and volunteers from the community who stepped forward to help put all 145 pies together, to the Knights of Columbus who helped freeze and house 80 of the pies until delivery and other community volunteers who helped with freezing and delivering the pies when needed.
- Lastly, a huge "THANK YOU" to the people of our St. John Community who are helping faith formation support Totus Tuus next summer by supporting our fundraiser through One Mission.

On behalf of Faith Formation, we wish you all a
Blessed Happy New Year!

Liturgical Ministers for January 5th

8:30 am: Sacristan: Mark Anton
EM: Ann Thuerauf Lisa Thuerauf
Charlene Vig Deanna Wagner
Mary Weber Tom Wieseler
Carol Woods Boren Pete Bahl
Lynnaya Bunch Kathy Dix

Lectors: Lisa Thuerauf Stephanie Brehm

Servers: Selah Loyd Erin Gaffney
Adam Vig Lauren Ryan

Greeters: Andy & Erin Moeller family
Tim & Kim Fall family
Tim & Abby Keegan family



Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday:
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

This Week

Tuesday, December 31st @ St. Isidore

5:00 pm - Vigil Mass for the Holy Day

Wednesday, January 1st @ St. John

9:00 am - Holy Day Mass, Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 2nd

6:30 pm - Liturgy Commission Mtg.

6:30 pm - Social Justice Commission Mtg.

Sunday, January 5th

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