

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Floyd Helgoe, Fr. Finnestad, Loretta Lovcik, John Christianson, Betty Novak, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon, Dorothy Snell, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Lonnie Guderjahn, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoien, Oliver Goodoien, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Mae Jackson, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Donald Denault & Gary Olson.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION! On break until January 6th! Then, we will dive into Chapter Twelve!

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 AM. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 AM. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 AM. **January Church Cleaners:** PAUL & SHERRY O'TOOLE, SCOTT & MARY SALWEI & ASHLEY JOHNSON. **Collection:** Sherri & Kari (Dec 27); Al & Scott (Jan 3). **Reader:** Jim (January). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Emma Olson (Dec 27); Larry Dumas (Jan 3). **Sacristan:** Mary T (Dec 27); Duane (Jan 3). **Rosary:** Volunteer (Dec 27); Mary T (Jan 3)

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray the Rosary: Sundays at 10:00 AM. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed and Fri at 11:00 AM; **More Confessions:** SAT. 4-5:00 PM, MON 5-5:15 PM. **January Church cleaners:** L-R. **Collection:** Scott & MEK (Dec 27); Lynette & Cathy C (Jan 3). **Readers** (Jan): Sat-Brain S; Sun.-Matt F. **Sanctuary Lamp:** Megan Puppe (Dec 27); Holly & Megan Puppe (Jan 3)

Reminder: The 2021 Calendars are available.

Also: Church envelopes for 2021 are available too.

Mon	<i>The Holy Innocents</i>	Dec 28	5:15 pm	St Brigid	+ Lorraine Mostad
Tues		Dec 29	8:00 am	St Patrick	St Patrick Shut-ins
Wed		Dec 30	Noon	St Brigid	+Ray & Florence Robinson
Thur		Dec 31	5:00 pm	St Brigid	+Michael Halldorson
Fri	<i>Solemnity of the Mother of God</i>	Jan 1	8:30 am	St Patrick	+Tom Copeland
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Pro Populo
Sat	<i>St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	Jan 2	9:00 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick Parish Members
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	Larry Schill Family
Sun	<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Jan 3	8:30 am	St Patrick	Pro Populo
			10:30 pm	St Brigid	+Clayton Motl

Stewardship (as of 12-20-20)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope	1965.00	1095.00	<i>St Patrick's Care Collection Dec 2020</i>		245.00
Plate	30.00	10.00	God's Gift Appeal Goal 2020	23,768.00	8,928.00
Weekly Total	1995.00	1105.00	God's Gift Appeal Actual	16,323.82	8,743.70
Yearly Actual Total	109,514.48	42,293.09	Percent of Members Participating	48%	73%
LAST YEAR TOTALS at this time	110,824.83	44,218.42	Christmas	125.00	30.00
Monthly Envelope Building Fund	855.00		Cemetery	3,440.00	5,638.50
St Pat Tuckpointing \$54,955.00			Care & Share	210.00	209.00
St Patrick Sidewalk Repair \$11,080.00	Total Cost	66,035.00	Immaculate Conception	265.00	65.00
Funds Raised for both Projects		60,788.90	St Bernard Cemetery		235.00
Monthly Envelopes Building Fund		5,550.00	St Anthony Cemetery	1020.00	
Balance needed for Sidewalk Repair		46.00	St Helen Cemetery	970.00	

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH
(Model for the Modern World)

If there is one **phenomenon** that characterizes the modern world, especially the modern western world, it is the *breakdown of family life*. The most rampant divorce rate of human history, has in some cities in the United States has reached a rate approaching a *100%*. One large city, unnamed, recently had a divorce rate of *500%*, **five** divorces for **one** marriage that year. The national American rate is well over *50%* and climbing constantly. European social scientists, who see what's happening, say America on these conditions cannot survive.

The preservation and the restoration of Christian family life is **necessary** for the survival of Christian society. *Christianity* will survive only where the family either survives or is re-stored. As one modern pope after another has been saying, either we re-discover these family virtues of **Jesus, Mary and Joseph**, or we shall further disintegrate as a Christian society. And a divided Christianity is no match for **the enemy**, who in case no one has told you, is united. Evil people, enemies of Christ and His Church, are *united to the teeth*.

Qualities of the Holy Family

First, the members of the Holy Family were brought together by God Himself. He brought Mary and Joseph together. It was the Holy Spirit who brought the Child Jesus into their company. The *Holy Family* was created by God.

Second quality: in the Holy Family there was obvious diversity. Jesus, Mary and Joseph were, by all calculation, different persons with different temperaments, different personalities. They were different in the *extreme*.

Third quality: in spite of their personal diversity, there was family unity. They not only lived together, they prayed together, they worked together and, how important this verb is today, they *stayed* together as a family.

Fourth quality: their bond of unity was therefore not their equality, they weren't equal. It was charity, *genuine* charity.

Fifth and last quality: their charity was rooted in their united vision of a common purpose. They had *one single goal*—to work together as a community for the salvation of the human family.

Now the lessons for us. We go over to each of these *five qualities* of the Holy Family and apply them to us:

First quality of the Holy Family relative to all families: all families are born of God. We can say more. Every family comes into existence in order to be a *reflection on earth of the Eternal Family*, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, which constitutes the Holy Trinity. There was from all eternity a divine Holy Family of the three Persons. **Hear it!** God as God is not a solitary. God as God is a community.

Second quality: all members of a family are different. Variety in creation is a *glorious reflection* of the infinity of the all-perfect God. No one creature, no ten thousand times ten thousand creatures, could adequately manifest the ocean of attributes in the all-perfect God. God **wants** us to be different. He made us that way.

Third quality: the members of a family should be united. The three Members of the Trinity are distinct. Yet all form together the one God. So the members of every family should be *one family*. A family **ceases** to be a family when each person pursues his own interests without reference to or concern for the other members of the family. A family is a family!

Fourth quality: love is the bond that unites a family. Only love can unite different, even disparate, people. Only love brings them together, keeps them together and enables them to work together as a family. Where this love is missing or weak, the family as family *falls apart*. This is the **verdict** of history. It means selfless love, self-giving love, self-abandoning love and in one word, self-sacrificing love, sacrificing personal likes and dislikes for the sake of the *common good* of the family.

Fifth quality: the foundation of this common love is a common purpose. Since only love can unite different people and enable them to live and work together in peace and harmony, then *only the common united vision* of those who belong to this family gives them existence as a family and sustains them in family life. For us Catholics, this common vision is born of **faith**, if we believe in one God, one Catholic Church, one vicar of Christ on earth, one destiny for the human race, one goal: salvation, but we have to believe! Then and only then shall we be united. There is no substitute for a common vision.

(From: The Real Presence Association)