



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020

*Simeon said,
“Now, Master, you may let your servant
go in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation.”*

Luke 2:29-30

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Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple at eight days old, as was prescribed by Mosaic law. For many Catholic families, baptismal gowns were handed down through generations, and a baptism was a time of great celebration. Sadly, in our culture, baptisms continue to decline. There are many reasons for this: fewer practicing Catholics, more interfaith marriages, more secular weddings, fewer weddings by clergy, and problems or misunderstandings that turn people away. Many have left the church altogether because of the way they were treated. For some the parish is not a welcoming place. For others baptism has become just a ritual they go through for the sake of the grandparents.

EXAMPLES IN OUR ELDERS

When someone does present a child for baptism, it can become too easy for others to pass judgment because the parents don't know the rubrics well, or

aren't dressed better, or "why is that single mother having her baby baptized during Mass?" Notice that the Gospel says nothing about the priests of the temple and how they received Jesus. Rather it talks about Simeon and Anna. They are worth a study in themselves. Simeon is a devout man who is there waiting for a particular sign, and it is fulfilled when he see the Christ Child. Anna is just in the temple praying, as is her custom. After the presentation of Jesus, she does what she does best—she goes back to praying in the temple. Perhaps these readings teach us how we as a faith community can see the sacredness in those families presenting their children for baptism, and welcome them as did Anna and Simeon. May we all learn from their wisdom!

Today's Readings: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

8:45 a.m. St. Joseph, Flush

10:45 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Bernard

4:00 p.m. on Saturday at St. Bernard

7:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph

or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call for appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

**Must notify pastor at least
6 months in advance.**

Shut-Ins

**Call Joanne Burgos 785-456-7869
for Holy Communion**

ST. BERNARD – WAMEGO

Mon Dec 28: 8:00 am +Francis Strunk
 Tues Dec 29: 8:00 am +Ed Mathesius
 Thurs Dec 31: 5:00 pm Parishioners
 Fri Jan 1: 10:45 am +Alex Dexter and Family
 Sat Jan 2: 8:00 am +Donna Fechter
 Sat Jan 2: 5:00 pm +Paul Dultmeier
 Sun Jan 3: 9:00 am +Dolores Kieffer
 Sun Jan 3: 10:45 am Special Intentions

+deceased

Confession: Fr Mike will be having confessions inside St. Bernard's at below times.

Wednesday (December 30)-4:45-5:30 pm

Saturday (January 2)-3:00-4:00 pm

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Last Week	Year To-Date	Budget	(Deficit) or Surplus
\$34,725	\$210,944	\$187,500	\$23,444

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ST. JOSEPH - FLUSH

Sat Dec 26: 5:00 pm No Mass
 Sun Dec 27: 8:45 am No Mass
 Sun Dec 27: 5:00 pm +R.A. Umscheid
 Tues Dec 29: 6:00 pm No Mass
 Thurs Dec 31: 5:00 pm No Mass

+deceased

Stewardship last Sunday: \$2,440 Thank you

Mass Schedule: This Sunday (Dec 27) Fr. Mike will have a 5:00 pm mass at St. Joseph's.

St. Joseph's Religious Ed Christmas Program Link: St. Joseph's Religious Education Christmas program can be viewed at the following link: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=84t6VrD6E4U>
 Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Special Collection: This weekend for Retirement Fund for Religious. Envelopes by the bulletins.

K of C Pro Life Baby Shower: The Flush K of C will be holding a Pro Life Baby Shower the entire month of January. A baby crib will be set up at the back of the church for baby items and monetary donations, or contact Richard Dugan, Gary Fike, Donny Umscheid, or Kevin Heptig with your donations. Thank you!

Memory Poinsettia Flowers for: R.A. Umscheid, Clem Rethman Family, Edward & Anna Eichman & family, Walter & Thelma Kennedy & family, Delbert & Jim Eichman, Alice Gereau, Jim & Nyla Wilson & family, Albert & Mary Winter, Mary Ann Stewart, Fr. Biehler, Adam Brockish, Pete & Dorothy Ebert, Gayland & Ruth Brockish, Mick Brockish, Pat & Lucille Heptig, Dick & Clara Ebert, Fred & Ella & Jerome Siderewicz, Rose Ann & Kelly Kuhlman, Frances Morong, Lawrence & Margaret Ebert, Paul ebert, Fred Ebert, Jerry Ebert, Dale Ebert, Harley Schoenrock, Leona Gaydusek,

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sat. Jan 2: St. Joseph 5:00 pm	No Mass					
Sun. Jan 3: St. Joseph 5:00 pm	Fr. Mike		LouAnn Fike	Casey McCarn Payton McCarn	Joe Brockish Teri Brockish	
Sat. Jan 2: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Karla Rosell		Barb Hawkins		Mary Beth Fund Dennis Fund	
Sun. Jan 3: St. Bernard 9:00 am	Teresa Wells		John Streeter		Thomas Vanderbilt Tricia Vanderbilt	
Sun. Jan 3: St. Bernard 10:45 am	Dwight Faulkner		Jackie Hays		Greg Dekat Nancy Dekat	

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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples. — Luke 2:30-31

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or Psalm 105.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open

ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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ST BERNARD

Mass this weekend (Dec 26) will be Saturday night only at 5:00 pm. Next weekend (Jan 2 & 3) will be full mass schedule.

Adoration: We will not have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Dec. 23, 24, 25 and Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 1. Adoration will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

First Friday Breakfast: Since the first Friday in January is New Year's Day, we will be moving the breakfast to Friday, Jan. 8.

New Year Masses: There is a sign up online for liturgical ministers.

Pro-Life Baby Shower: Sponsored by K of C will be the month of January. A crib will be placed in the narthex to receive items new or in very good condition. Ideas for babies are newborn or 0-3 month clothing, receiving blankets, preemie clothing, diapers, bottles, lotion & powders, bibs, or baby towels & wash cloths. For monetary donations please contact Gene Scherer 316-530-4985.

January 1- Solemnity of Mary: This is normally a holy day of obligation. Lit. Ministers for Dec 31 at 5:00 pm: Lector: John Streeter, E.M.'s: Des Prockish, Ushers: Pam Fulmer, Patti Johnson, Music: Need.

Jan 1 at 10:45 am: Lector: Need, E.M.'s: Janet Vance, Ushers: Janet & Dave Vance, Music: Need

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“Every Day in Love”

If you ate too many cookies at Christmas, it won't ruin your health if you eat well the rest of the year. Unfortunately, you also can't expect one salad per year to make you healthy! It's the little things, done daily, that affect our lives. Start this new year right by taking 7 date nights with your spouse to learn some simple, effective daily habits that will fill your 2021 with love! 7 Thursdays, January 21- Mar 4, 7:30-9pm Live on Zoom, with recordings available to registered participants Scholarships available More info and register: archkcks.org/everyday Questions? Brad DuPont: bdupont@archkck.org

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New Year Masses:

Dec. 31: 5:00 pm St. Bernard

Jan. 1: 9:00 am Sacred Heart

Jan 1: 10:45 am St. Bernard

Please have any 2020 contributions to the parish office by December 31. Thank You!

FEAST OF FAITH

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

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TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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