



## THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers,  
listening to them  
and asking them questions. - Lk 2:46

**Parish Stewardship**

Offertory collection for 12/15/24 ..... \$4,267.00  
 Offertory collection for 12/22/24 ..... not available  
 Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024 ..... \$3,365.00  
 CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024 ..... \$31,134.00  
 CSA Pledges to date ..... \$28,210.00

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**Pope's Intention for December  
 For persons with disabilities**

**We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.**

“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.”  
 Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

The Church office will be closed from December 24th through January 1st. We will open again on January 2, 2025 at 9:00 am

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Christmas Mass Times for St. Joseph Church**



December 28th	The Holy Family Mass	5:30 pm
December 29th	The Holy Family Mass	9:15 am
January 1st	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	9:00 am
January 4th	Epiphany of the Lord	5:30 pm
January 5th	Epiphany of the Lord	9:15 am
January 11th	The Baptism of the Lord	5:30 pm
January 12th	The Baptism of the Lord	9:15 am

**Baptismal Training Sessions 2025**

January 7th	6:30 pm	Queen of the World	814-834-4701
February 18th	6:30 pm	St. Boniface	814-885-4488
February 20th	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569

Faith Formation classes, grades K-5, will resume next weekend, January 5th, 2025. Edge class will meet on January 12, 2025.

**FAITH FORMATION** As required by the Diocese of Erie, there will be a **mandatory** Safe Environment Training for all students on Sunday, January 12th. Grades K-5 will meet at the Faith Formation Building. Edge class will meet in the social hall.

**A Family Perspective**

Today's Gospel contains the truth about parenting: “but his parents did not know.” One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

**Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast** Sunday, January 5th, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or sold out. St. Boniface Social Hall. \$10 for adults; \$5 for 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this “all you can eat” breakfast buffet!



*On this Feast Day of The Holy Family, I present to you this Apostolic Address by Pope Paul VI, given in Nazareth, on January 5, 1964.*

**Nazareth: A model** (for all families).

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's Life was like and even to understand His Gospel.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's Inner Wisdom and the counsel of His true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplifying its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings; in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children--and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value--demanding yet redeeming--and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, Who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well being.



God Bless,  
 Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, December 30, 2024 No Mass			Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	1 Jn 2: 12-17 Lk 2: 36-40 (203)
Tuesday, December 31, 2024 No Mass			Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord <i>Saint Sylvester I, Pope</i>	1 Jn 2: 18-21 Jn 1: 1-18 (204)
Wednesday, January 01, 2025 9:00 a.m. Mass <b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>	Francis Coccimiglio birthday	Coccimiglio Family	The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord  New Year's Day	Nm 6: 22-27 Gal 4: 4-7 Lk 2: 16-21 (18)
Thursday, January 02, 2025 No Mass			Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	1 Jn 2: 22-28 Jn 1: 19-28 (205)
Friday, January 03, 2025 First Friday No Mass			Christmas Weekday <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>	1 Jn 2: 29--3: 6 Jn 1: 29-34 (206)
Saturday, January 04, 2025 First Saturday No Mass			Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	1 Jn 3: 7-10 Jn 1: 35-42 (207)
Saturday, January 04, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Tom Winkler 5th anniversary	Chris and family	Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord	(see below)
Sunday, January 05, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12 (20)

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**Prayer for the Family**

Lord God, from You every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, You are Love and Life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love. Grant that Your Grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world. Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love. Grant that love, strengthened by the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in and through the family. Through Christ our Lord, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for ever and ever. Amen. Pope John Paul II



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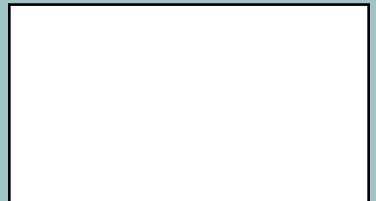
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