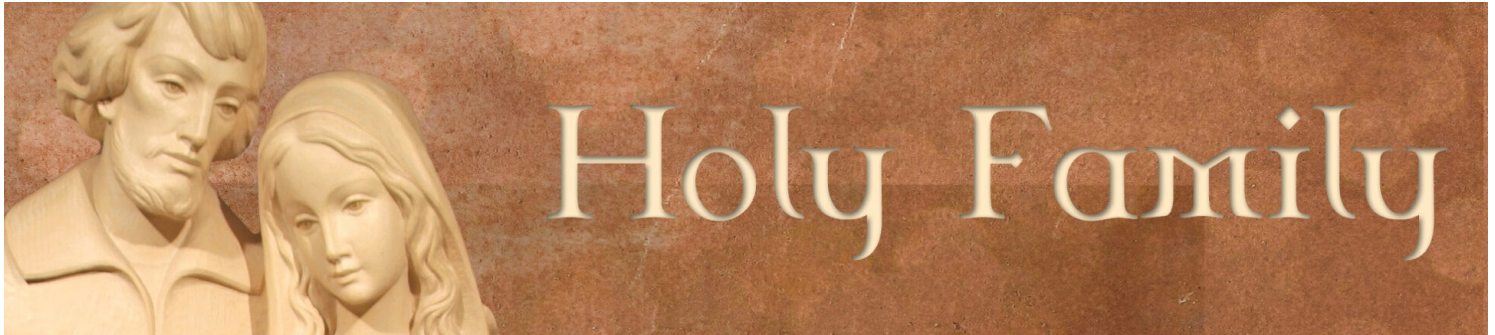




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New Year

I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year. I hope that your Christmas was a joyous and enjoyable one with family and friends. Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the

Holy Family. Family can be defined in many ways. A mother and father and children are a family, people who are descendants from a common ancestor are referred to as family. Family can also be defined as any group of people who have one or more things in common.

Personally, as I think of the word family, many examples come to mind. First and foremost, there is my biological family, my brother priests are a family, there is the parish family of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, my dinner group, and the list goes on. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, may we give thanks to God for our own families. May we also remember those groups of people we interact with who are also family to us.

The New Year is upon us and we are filled with hopes and expectations. May we take the time to see God's hand working in our daily life and in the lives of the people we come in contact with throughout our journey of faith. At this time of the year, as we close out one year and begin anew, I find myself reflecting upon two aspects of my life. The first is recalling the many people and experiences that I had in the past year. The countless ways God has revealed Himself to me through so many people.

The second is as I begin this New Year, the question that often comes to my mind is: How is God going to use me to proclaim His message and more importantly, will I be open to responding to God's call?

I have said many times, God has a plan for each one of us and we don't need to understand or know what that plan is. We just have to go along for the ride, because God has us in the palm of His Hand. God is good; all the time God is good.

In our prayers may we remember the men and women who are serving in the military, who protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy. On behalf of a grateful nation we thank all the men and women who serve in the five branches of the military for their service to our country.

Bon mot: Many people do not have a clear idea about what is important to them.
—Anthony Robbins

Have a great New Year.

**Carpe Diem,
Fr. Tony**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—7:45pm

Tuesday

2:00pm—7:45pm

Saturday

3:00pm—5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, January 1, 2024

Parish Office Closed/No Events

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

10:00am Bible Study
5:30pm Confessions
6:00pm Rosary
7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:00am Mass
9:30am Needlecrafters
6:00pm Needlecrafters
6:30pm Cantor/Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:00am Mass
9:00am Swiffers Team #1

Friday, January 5, 2024

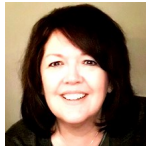
Parish Office Closed/No Events

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 7, 2023

9:00am Mass
11:30am Mass
12:15pm Baptism
1:00pm Faith Formation Classes
7:00pm Youth Group Mtg.



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“Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. The ordinary events of the Holy Family should not blind us from seeing that God is truly in our midst and only God brings us to the fullness of life. The full Gospel text for

today is the account of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. This includes the encounter between Jesus’ parents and Simeon and Anna. It is worth reading the complete story. The presentation allows us to recognize that the event of Jesus’ birth is greater than a simple family moment. His Nativity is intended to change the course of history, as represented in the beautiful prayer of Simeon. This change will begin with Jesus’ family life, but will eventually affect our lives. We will all become his family, his beloved, and his disciples” (from the 2021 Sourcebook for Sunday, Seasons, and Weekdays, LTP – emphasis added).

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we honor the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and also focus on our own families. Today is a good day to reflect on the joys of family life and acknowledge its challenges. As you reflect, be sure to pray for the needs of your family. As you gather for a meal, consider praying together the following prayer from the book, Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers:

We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son,
to become part of a family,
so that, as he lived its life,
he would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord,
to protect and watch over this family,
so that in the strength of your grace
its members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in the home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another...” (Colossians 3:12-13).

May your family be a source of joy and peace!
Laurie



2023 CSA

Thank you to all those who contributed to CSA! **We have reached our goal.** Just a reminder if you made a pledge please honor it. Any monies received over the goal of \$92,951.00 stay in the parish.

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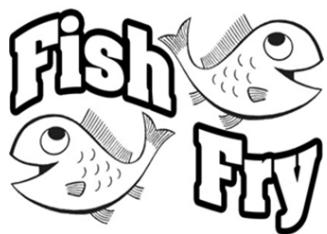
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2024 Lenten Fish Frys

We will once again be hosting our Fish Frys during 6 Fridays in Lent. Proceeds from each Fish Fry will benefit a different ministry effort in our parish. Dinners will include a 2-piece or 3-piece fish dinner as well as a la carte items. Dine-in and carry-out options will be available. Mark your calendars for the following dates: February 16th, 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. More details will be in future bulletins and on the parish website.



HEAVENLY DELIGHTS

Join us once again on Sunday, January 14th, after the 9:00am Mass for coffee, bagels, donuts, juice, and tea! This is a great time to build community and form new friendships! There is no cost, but a free will offering is accepted. We hope you can join us!



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**Sunday, January 28, 2024
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**All in to
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The Wednesday Morning Needlecrafters Crew

Thanks to this crafty bunch that knitted blankets for Ascension-Crittenton Hospital and beanies for the Detroit Rescue Mission!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF

December 31, 2023

Sunday

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3;
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40

Monday

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Jn 1:29-34

Thursday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5;
Jn 1:43-51

Saturday

1 Jn 5:5-13;
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11
or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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SO MUST YOU ALSO DO**

Colossians 3:13

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December 17, 2023**

Registered Families:	1,365
Weekly Envelopes:	203
Amount Offered:	\$7,219.00
Loose Offering:	\$1,380.00
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Online Contributions	\$3,194.00
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	Tuesday Jan. 2, 2024	Wednesday Jan. 3, 2024	Thursday Jan. 4, 2024	Saturday Jan. 6, 2024	Sunday Jan. 7, 2024	
	<i>7:00pm Mass</i>	<i>8:00am Mass</i>	<i>8:00am Mass</i>	<i>4:00pm Mass</i>	<i>9:00am Mass</i>	<i>11:30am Mass</i>
Sacristan	Brian Finn	John Martin	Cindy Guzi	Mary Wolf	Ray Knapp	Brian Finn
Lector	Barbara Sadecki	Annette Mobley	John Martin	James Torres Keith Morris	Denise Dara Brian Enck	William Burr Barb Milczynski

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 Nicholas Brosowski, *Army*
 Chris Burley, *Navy*
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 Joann Crachiolo
 Mary Cushing
 Rene Juridico
 Hosie King
 Robert Kraft
 Marilyn Luberti
 Douglas Marceau
 Maureen Marsh
 Jim Ochenski
 Judy Taylor
 Mary Thacker
 Rose Van De Velde

Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1, 2024

No Mass

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

7:00pm Dec. Elizabeth Koczon (Judy Taylor)
 All Souls (Friends)

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:00am Dec. Richard Volpe (Nancy Volpe)

Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:00am For the Parishioners

Friday, January 5, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:00pm Dec. Pauline Gronowski (Gronowski Family)
 Dec. Joseph & Maria Gronowski (Gronowski Family)
 Dec. Gerald Williams (Williams Family)
 Dec. Gabe Durante (Durante Family)
 Dec. Julie Keller (Judy Taylor)
 Dec. Robert F. Kempa (Ed & Sandy Kempa)
 Dec. Julie Keller (Judy Taylor)
 Dec. Gilles Mayer (Novak Family)

Sunday, January 7, 2024

9:00am For the Parishioners
 First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members

11:30am Josephine Campbell (Caroline Campbell)

Blessed are all who fear
 the Lord, and who walk
 in his ways

Psalm 128:1

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