


THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
**Pastor:**

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Parish Office:

Hours:
Wed. 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 7:15 am
The rosary is recited before weekend Masses @
4:35 pm on Saturday evenings and 8:05 am on
Sunday mornings

Confessions:

Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 6:30 am - 7:00 am
Saturday - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Upon Request

Adoration:

Wednesdays: 8:00 am-7:00 pm in the Church

Other Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:

Funeral Dinners: Linda Dieker, (620) 475-3567
Cemetery: Steve Redeker, (620) 475-3255
K of C: Danny Schneider, (620) 794-5889
Family Life: Kay Schmidt, (620) 475-3767
Outreach: Arlene Redeker, (620) 475-3414
Finance Council: Kevin Flott, (620) 412-3275
Pastoral Council: Kim Irwin, (620) 475-3295
Religious Ed: Lindsey Ratcliff, (214) 732-3813
St. Joseph School Endowment: Michael
Ratcliff, (620) 490-0388

Sacristan 12/29/25 - 01/04/26

Michael Dieker

Weekend Servers

01/03: Brylee Johnson, Zachary Jones
01/04: Chloe Arndt, Thomas Arnold,
Cooper Barnhart
01/10: Maylee & Daylen Ballinger
01/11: Isaac Arnold, Ava Rudolph,
Daniel Coughlin

Weekend Lectors/EMHCs

12/27: Lilly Skalsky
12/28: Cass Coughlin
12/31: LeAnn Eberle - 5:30 p.m.
01/01: Donna Bolen - 8:30 a.m.
01/03: Jana Redeker
01/04: Danny Schneider
01/10: LeAnn Eberle
01/11: Cass Coughlin

New Year's

Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31st

Mass - 5:30 p.m.

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1st

Mass - 8:30 a.m.

Happy New Year

St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin
Linda Barnard
Maya Bishop
Jeanette Reed Copeland
Vicki Dickson
Kauffman Dieker
Norman Geiger
Susan Haag
Sylvia Haag
Darren Heins
Kenneth Langley
Debbie Markowitz
Brian Martin
Sylvia Miller
Shea Muetting
James Nunley
Todd Orear
Twyla Owen
Olivia Pimpl
Mrs. Ken Redeker
Richard Scheve
Danny Schmidt
Jackie Schmidt
Greg Schonhardt
Mike Wecker
Clara Young

United States Army:

SGM Matthew S. Richter,
Sgt. Austin Burenheide,
Grant Fath,
Major Jacob Haag

Marines:

Lt. Col. James Bechtel

Navy:

Grace Coughlin

Air Force:

Megan DePauw

Army National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

- Sat. 12/27: 5:00 pm +Marie Haag
Sun. 12/28: 8:30 am +Dorothy Schmidt
For the Parish
- Wed. 12/31: 5:30 pm +Gary Trear
+Paul & Helen Marie Richard
- Thurs. 01/01: 8:30 am +Fred & Helen Windle
For the Parish
- Fri. 01/02: 7:15 am +Ginny Kiser
Sat. 01/03: 5:00 pm +Jim Brinkman
Sun. 01/04: 8:30 am For the Parish



Knights' News



The Knights will be serving their warm biscuits and gravy breakfast this Sunday from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. We hope you'll join us and continue sharing holiday cheer!

I also want to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all Knights members and parishioners for your help - physical, financial and spiritual - towards our functions so that we in turn can help others.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas season and Happy New Year!

- *Danny Schneider*,
Grand Knight

Parish Life Center Lottery Tickets Update

We have now sold and collected money for 2/3 (66%) of the available Parish Life Center lottery tickets for sale! so Get yours before they're gone. They make great gifts for any occasion. The new season begins on March 1st.

You can still get the 2026-2027 lottery tickets by contacting Kim Irwin (520-237-5188) or the Parish Office. They are available for \$25 each! Please help spread the word to your family and friends.

THANK YOU to all who have been selling and/or purchasing tickets for the new season!

Adjusted Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office's open hours will be adjusted to the following times this week:

Tuesday, December 30 - Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (24)	\$ 994.00
Plate	1,392.90
Christmas Offering	20.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,406.90

Congratulations

December Winners of the Parish Life Center Lottery

12/01	Bob Barnhart	\$25
12/02	Summer Brinkman	\$25
12/03	Andra Miller	\$25
12/04	Viola Hoelting	\$25
12/05	Kyle Barnhart	\$25
12/06	Isabel Galindo	\$25
12/07	Maya Bishop	\$25
12/08 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Dax Stoneburner	\$50
12/09	Charlie Haag	\$25
12/10	Carolyn Cole	\$25
12/11	Bob Redeker	\$25
12/12	Gaby Coughlin	\$25
12/13	Daniel Coughlin	\$25
12/14	Betty Lutz-Black	\$25
12/15	Ashley Redeker	\$25
12/16	Peggy Barnhart	\$25
12/17	Wade Schmidt	\$25
12/18	Brian Wendling	\$25
12/19	Lucas Coble	\$25
12/20	Noah Nunley	\$25
12/21	Amanda Herrman	\$25
12/22	Lilly Skalsky	\$25
12/23	Delaney Redeker	\$25
12/24	Mike Irwin	\$25
12/25 - Christmas	Karl & Becky Baker	\$200
12/26	Faithlynn Brown	\$25
12/27	Melanie Wendling	\$25
12/28	Charlie Ochs	\$25
12/29	Betty Lutz-Black	\$25
12/30	Darin Musick	\$25
12/31	Amanda Arndt	\$25

FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE ALTARS DURING THIS CHRISTMAS
SEASON WERE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Beyer/Hoelting families
Paul & Delphine Brinkman

Carol Brown

Ida Joy Brown

Nick & Clara Brown

Nicholas L. Brown

Pete & Edith Brown

Peter & Barbara Brown

Sylvester & Sarah Brown

Robert & Lois Burnell

Dec. Danler/Martin families

Arthur Didde

Frank & Clara Didde

Bob Dieker, Kathy Dieker Hillar

John Dieker

Robert & Ann Dieker

Frances & Jud Erpelding

Albert & Helen Haag

Glen & Georgia Haag

Marie Haag

Ricky Hammond, Jr.

Nub & Mary Hoelting

Francis Kehres

Dec. Kehres/Langley families

Larry Kehres

Walt, Frances, & Richard Kehres

Warren & Bernadine Kehres

Marvin, Sylvia S. & Steven Klumpe

Jim Krueger

Genese Kuhlmann

Jim & Marie Kuhlmann

Roy & Marilyn Kuhlmann

Liv/Dec. Langley family

Charles Lutz



Markowitz/ Schultz families

Clarence & Lucille Martin

Ben and Brian Miller

Johnnie & Edna Miller

Peggy Miller

Rusty Miller

Robert Murphy

Charles & Evelyn Musick

Judy Nesky

Clayton & Leonarda Nuessen

John & Mildred Nuessen family

Alfred Redeker/Lorene & Herb Haag

August & Helen Redeker

Doris & Jerome Redeker

John & Laura Redeker

Louise Redeker

William & Josephine Redeker

Paul & Helen Richard

Mary Richardson

Howard Rowe

Marie & Willis Russell

Wally Schankie

Fayrene Sharp

Betty, Glen, & Lawrence Scheve

Clarence & Dorothy Schmidt

Ray & Norma Schreiner

Joyce Stallbaumer

Gary Trear

Louis & Bertha Trear

Wendling/Blaufuss families

Jack & Katie Williams/

Morris Ratcliff

Fred & Helen Windle





Father's Corner



From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope

(Sermo 1 in Nativitate Domini, 1-3: PL, 54, 190-193)

Christian, remember your dignity

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: *Glory to God in the highest*, and they proclaim *peace to his people on earth* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, *and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ*, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.