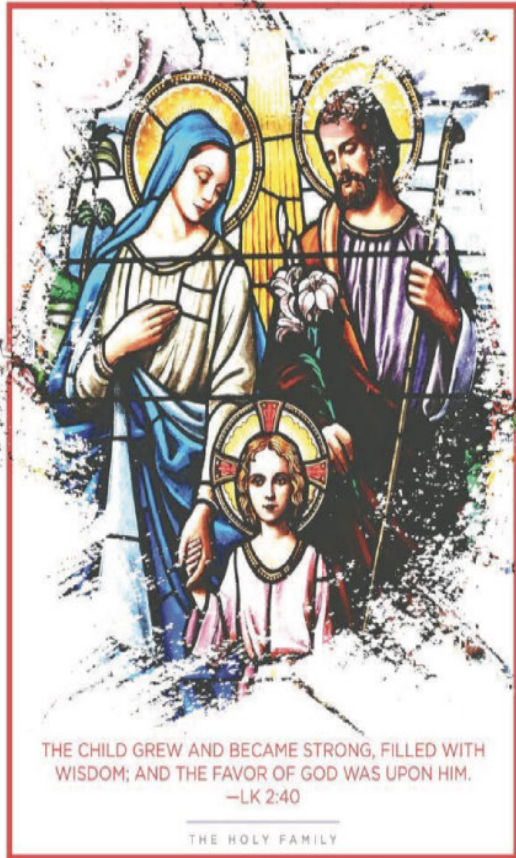


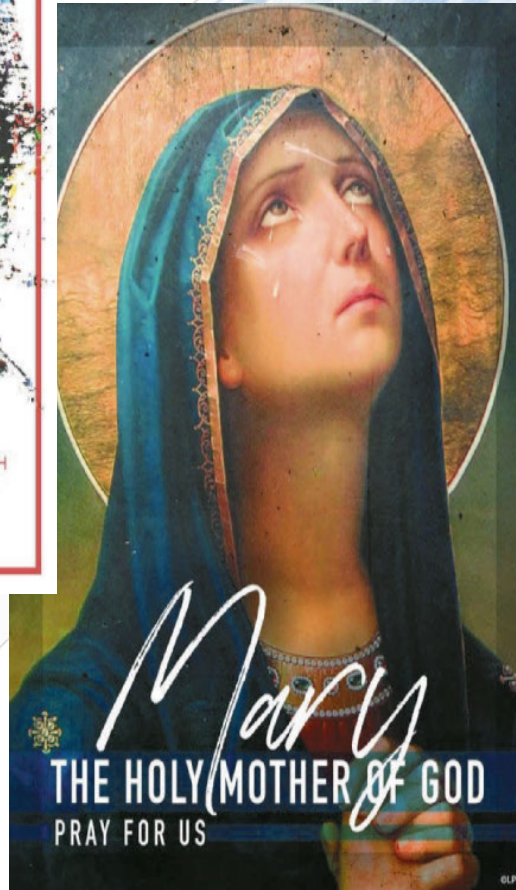
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ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



JANUARY 1, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis
Wednesday | No Mass today
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's
6 pm St Francis (5/25 & 6/29 - 8/30/24)
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis
10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

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St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Sat (30) 4 pm

Dot Milnyczuk

+ Linda & Leonard Stangle

Sun (31) 10:30 am

Healing of John Davidczuk
Healing of Rose Bazan
Healing of Lynda Gibson

+ St. Joseph's parish family
+ St. Joseph's parish family
+ St. Joseph's parish family

Mon (1) 8:30 am

Our Parish family

Fri (5) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Saturday (6) 4 pm

Our parish family

Sun (7) 10:30 am

Liam Pickett

+ The Murray family

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (31) 8:30 am

George Marion, Jr.
Kimberly Snyder

+ Julie & Todd Whitney
+ St. Francis' Prayer Group

Tuesday (2) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Thursday (4) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Sun (7) 8:30 am

Kimberly Snyder

+ Rick Koval



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~

When Jesus was born into the world, he was born into a family. Today we celebrate the Holy Family, a model for us all to emulate. Do we love and respect our children as Joseph and Mary did their Son? Do we love and honor our parents as Jesus did his own? Do we nurture the bonds in our family as the Holy Family did? On this final day of the year, let us resolve to pray to the Holy Family for guidance and support, as we look to them for inspiration

WORD OF LIFE ~ "Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life — especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE ~ I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.- *Father John Muir* ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word. ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 ~ Sunday: 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 or 2:22, 39-40; Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/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: 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 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38; Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

| SJ Lector | | SF Lector | |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| 1/6/24 | C Pifko | | |
| 1/7/24 | Students | 1/7/24 | C Lott |

St. Joseph's

SOLEMNITY OF MARY The Holy Mother of God



January 1, 2024
Mass: 8:30 AM
St. Joseph Church
Not a Holy day of obligation

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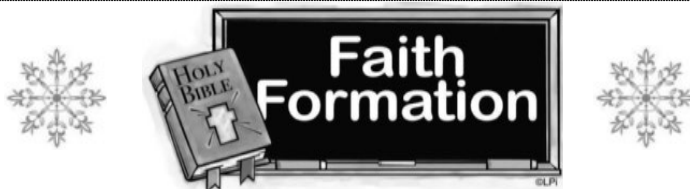
Tuesday: 4-7 pm
Wednesday: 10am - 1 pm
Saturday: 9 am - noon
Our reorganization is almost complete. Thank you for your support and for your patronage.

Upcoming Events

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8am, pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 6:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting
Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
1/1/2024 - **St. Joseph's Church 8:30 am**
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God **SJ ~ 8:30 am**

Fr. Jun is away for the month of January. Please pray for a safe trip for him & his visiting family.

Daily Masses are cancelled while he is away. They will resume on February 5th at St. Joseph's & February 6th at St. Francis of Assisi.



Grades 1-5

1/7/24 Classes resume & Mass as a Class
1/14/24 No class in observance of MLK day

Grades 6-10

12/29 Friday Night Lock-In grade 9-10 at Holy Spirit (7:30pm Fri - 9 am Sat)
1/8/24 Classes resume 6:45-7:45 pm grades 6-10
1/14/24 Grade 6-8 Retreat day 2:30-7pm @ Holy Trinity

Our Giving:

"Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."

Matthew 6:21

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| | SJ 4 / 10:30 | SF 8:30 |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 12/17/23 Attendance | 65 / 124 | 115 |
| Contribution | \$705 / \$1,006.72 | \$1,928 |
| Nov e-giving | \$648.40 | \$1,427.90 |
| Poor & Votive | n/a | \$48 |

St. Francis'

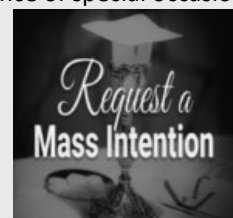
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD FEAST DAY January 8, 2024



Mass will be Online
8:30 AM

St. Francis' prayer group meets each Wednesday at 2pm in St. Francis' John Paul II Hall. All are welcome. We meet again on 1/3/24.

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.



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