



**December 30, 2018**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**

Merry Christmas! To some people, if you are extending this greeting almost a week after December 25, you might get a confused look. While much of our society finished their Christmas celebrations on the evening of Christmas day, we as Catholics were just getting started! We celebrate Christmas as an octave (eight days) to signify the importance of the event of the birth of Jesus in salvation history. The other time of the year that we do this is Easter. Beyond the Octave of Christmas, we continue our celebration of the Christmas Season this year until January 13, which is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

During this Octave of Christmas, the Church blesses us with the Feast of the Holy Family, which ordinarily falls on the Sunday right after Christmas (unless Christmas is on a Sunday, then the feast is moved to December 30). This feast highlights the importance of family life, for God chose to send His Son into the world in the context of a family, known as the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

I came across something interesting the other day that said this feast day is “also every family’s feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life.”

I hope you take the opportunity today to celebrate this great feast day as a family in some special way. Maybe it can be having a meal with everybody. Maybe it can be gathering to do something fun, like playing a game or watching a movie. It might not be possible for you to be with your family today, so you might want to make an effort to reach out to your family members, wishing them a Happy Feast Day! That might create some confusion on their part, but it can give you an opportunity to share the message about the Feast of the Holy Family with them.

As a parish community, we form a family as well. It was such a blessing to see so many members of our family together for our Christmas masses. Let’s all pray for our parish family today in a special way, asking for the intercession of the Holy Family so “that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of [God’s] house, [we may] delight one day in eternal rewards.” (from the Opening Prayer for today)

- Father Alford

**Anointing of the Sick**

If you are going to the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

**Prayer List:**



- Rene Runions**, parishioner
- Ray Roland**, parishioner
- Lynn F. Leach**, parishioner
- Kathy Smith**, parishioner
- Evelyn Conboy**, parishioner
- Mary Kates**, parishioner
- JoAnn Camille**, parishioner
- Betty & Ray Rowden**, parishioners
- Trish Leach**, parishioner
- JoAnn Barber**, parishioner
- Terese Hurst**, sister of Diane Bortmess
- Frank Roessler**, brother of Kay Foster
- Donna Meyers**, mother of Kellie Brewer
- Julie Sinkus**, daughter of Barb Sinkus
- Tom Helling**, brother of Gary Helling
- Jim Felts**, husband of Dianne Felts
- Tim Dunbar**, nephew of Ginger Rentschler
- Jerry McCormick**, brother of Tom Walker
- Jean Seward**, sister of Mary Jo Duesterhaus
- Tommy Martin**, nephew of Debbie Decker
- Margie Lammert**, mother of Sarah Clare
- Steven Butts**, brother of Michelle Bullock
- Reba Cloyd**, mother of Anita Schwab
- Jennifer Harbeck**, cousin of Brad Zack
- Joanna Laabs**, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
- John Vercautern**, cousin of Laurie White
- Logan Flotkoetter**, friend of Mary Bruno
- Cherie Peterson**, niece of Peggy Parnell

**SCRIPTURE READINGS DEC. 30<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>SIR 3:2-6, 12-14</b>	<b>COL 3:12-17</b>
		<b>LK 2:41-52</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>1JN 2:18-21</b>	<b>JN 1:1-18</b>
		<b>LK 2:1-14</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>NM 6:22-27</b>	<b>GAL 14:4-7</b>
		<b>LK 2:16-21</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>1JN 2:22-28</b>	<b>JN 1:19-28</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>1JN 2:29-3:6</b>	<b>JN 1:29-34</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>1JN 3:7-10</b>	<b>JN 1:35-42</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>1JN 3:11-21</b>	<b>JN 1:43-51</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>IS 60:1-6</b>	<b>EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6</b>
		<b>MT 2:1-12</b>

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

	<b><u>Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup></u></b>
3:30 p	<b>Confessions</b>
4:30 p	<b>Mass</b> (Int: Evelyn Goin†)
	<b><u>Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:30 a	<b>Confessions</b>
8:00 a	<b>Mass</b> (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
9:30 a	<b>Wyndcrest:</b> Calverts
9:45 a	<b>Confessions</b>
10:00 a	<b>Rosary</b>
10:00 a	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
10:30 a	<b>Mass</b> (Int: for the Parish)
	<b><u>Monday, December 31<sup>ST</sup></u></b>
6:30 p	<b>Mass</b> (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
	<b><u>Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>
9:00 a	<b>Mass</b> (Int: For the Parish)
	<b><u>Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>
7:00 a	Morning Prayer
7:30 a	<b>Mass</b> (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a	Scriptural Rosary
9:00 a	<b>Counting Team #1</b>
6:30 p	<b>NO PSR OR CHOIR</b>
	<b><u>Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>
7:00 a	Morning Prayer
7:30 a	<b>Mass</b> (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a	Scriptural Rosary
7:00 p	Men's Prayer Group
	<b><u>Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
	<b><u>Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>
9:30 a	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
3:45 p	<b>Confessions</b>
4:00 p	<b>Rosary/Benediction</b>
4:30 p	<b>Mass</b> (Int: James E. Williams†)
	<b><u>Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:30 a	<b>Confessions</b>
8:00 a	<b>Mass</b> (Int: for the Parish)
9:30 a	<b>Wyndcrest:</b> Nelson
9:45 a	<b>Confessions</b>
10:00 a	<b>Rosary</b>
10:00 a	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
10:30 a	<b>Mass</b> (Int: John Bedore†)
12:00 p	<b>RCIA</b>

## Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/18-6/30/19

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Collection (88)	\$ 4,774.25	\$133,883.47
Electronic Funds (24)	\$ 2,898.10	\$ 25,898.40
Bldg. Dev. Fund (2)	\$ 86.00	\$ 5,527.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (10)	\$ 398.00	\$ 3,513.00
Poor Fund	\$ 29.00	\$ 1,183.49
Children's Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers (3)	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,024.00
Childrens Home (8)	\$ 107.00	\$ 142.00
Christmas Offering (1)	\$ 15.00	\$ 325.00
Retired Religious (11)	\$ 272.00	\$ 1,989.00
Immac. Conception (3)	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,466.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	103	
Number of electronic contributions:	48	

**Due to the Parish Office closing for the Holiday, the collection amounts will be updated in the January 6<sup>th</sup> bulletin.**

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

#### **Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, DeGroot, Egizio,  
Deacon Tom  
**Lectors:** Day, Maynerich  
**Servers:** Myers, Torres, Zack  
**Hospitality:** Foster, J & S Thull

#### **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, D & B Connolly, Vogt  
**Lectors:** H & J Hendrickson  
**Servers:** A. Deen, Zeidler  
**Hospitality:** A & Z Dahlkamp, Parnell, B Yong

#### **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Crusen, Kerley, Warren  
**Lectors:** J & J Kohlrus  
**Servers:** E & H Toliver  
**Minister of Care:** Nelson  
**Hospitality:**  
**CLOW:** A & B Toliver

### **Volunteer for this week – Dec. 31-Jan. 6**

**Church Duster:** Donna Spurlock  
**Jan. Recycling Volunteer:** Gleason Family  
**Jan. Food Volunteer:** Carlo Catalano  
**Coffee & Donuts – Sun., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>:**  
Joe & Sarah Deen

### **St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times**

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.  
Saturday – 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.  
Sunday – 7:30 a.m.- 7:50 a.m.  
Sunday – 9:45 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.

### Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

Jan. 2 – **NO PSR**  
Jan. 3, 17 – 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group  
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Noon RCIA  
Jan. 7 – 6:30 p.m. Mission trip meeting  
Jan. 7 – 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting  
Jan. 8, 22 – 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
Jan. 8 – 6:30 p.m. Pre-Jordan  
Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 – 6:30 p.m. PSR  
Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 – 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
Jan. 14 – 7:00 p.m. Finance council meeting  
Jan. 15 – 6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
Jan. 15 – 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting

### **Catholic Children's Home Collection**

For the past 139 years, the Catholic Children's Home in Alton has served as a 'beacon of hope' for thousands of children who have needed the love and compassion of God's mercy in their lives. Today, the Catholic Children's Home continues this mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic needs of all the children sent for care and professional services, including a new program designed to serve the needs of children faced with the struggles of Autism. **Please help to continue the good work with your contribution to this special collection held at Christmas.** Thank you.

### **Mission Trip 2019 Meeting**

The next mission trip meeting will be **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Jude Parish Center. Please plan to be there as we will be completing forms for CHWC camp registration, distributing order forms and sign-up schedules for the upcoming take & bake lasagna sales. This is a great fundraiser for the trip!

**SHG PLACEMENT TEST-** The SHG Placement Test will be offered on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Becky Jones, Tuition Manager, and Sr. Katherine O'Connor, President, will be available to answer parents' questions at 8:30 a.m. in the Choral Room. Please contact our Registrar at 217-787-1595 ext. 126 if you are unable to take the test. Students will need to bring #2 Pencils and \$10 testing fee. No calculators will be allowed. Pre-registration online is required by Friday January 11. Use the following link to register:

<http://bit.ly/SHGPlacementTest2019>

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL POSITIONS**

Each year three to four persons are selected to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for a three-year term. The qualifications are: an actively participating and registered member of St. Jude Church and a willingness to commit to monthly meetings generally on the first Monday of each month. The Pastoral Council offers counsel and/or recommendations to the Pastor regarding the pastoral activity of the parish.

If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone to serve on the Pastoral Council, please use the form below, contact Mark Schudel, chairman, or the parish office by Friday, January 4, 2019. The First meeting of the new Council will be February 11, 2019.

### **Recommendation for Pastoral Council**

I would like to be considered to serve a three-year term on the St. Jude Pastoral Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to nominate the following person to serve on the St. Jude Pastoral Council:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Waters Agency, Inc.**  
**124 N. John St. Rochester, IL**  
**217-498-9309**

**PLEASE NOTE:** For **2018 Financial Contributions** to the parish, envelopes must be turned in by **12:00 noon on Monday, December 31, 2018.**

Want to give your spouse a gift that says you truly love them and want to make the most of your marriage? Give your spouse a gift certificate for a Marriage Encounter weekend as a Christmas present! **You will BOTH appreciate this special gift to one another.** If that sounds good to you, just pick up the phone to find out more about a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Jan. 19-20, 2019 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, IL (no hotel provided); or Feb. 8-10, 2019 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 1-314-649-7317.

January 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Carol Foltz Brad Hardiek Josephine Hendricks Anna Lindstrom Steve & Kara Gray	<b>2</b> Wesley Ferrill Henry Patterson <i>Al &amp; Diane Urbanckas</i>	<b>3</b> Matt Cochran Carroll Heissingner, Jr. Christina Rollins Frankie Stefano <i>Tony &amp; Teresa Paulek</i>	<b>4</b> Kathryn Felts Jason Feraris Dennis Godar Sarah Petty <i>Donald &amp; Alyce Ferrill</i>	<b>5</b> Linda Brandis Raymond Bruzan Zenita Garcia Ilana Grenda Jerry Lafferty Hannah Weier <i>JP &amp; Amy Kain</i>
<b>6</b> Stanley Gunter Jan Pietras Anna Staley	<b>7</b> David Ramsey Charlene Weitekamp	<b>8</b> Steve Gray Warren Kelly Marc Staley	<b>9</b> Mary Kates Carrie Ross Kathryn Ryan	<b>10</b> Jillian Anderson Jenna Bales Julie Bruso Elizabeth Fjelstul Gary McBride John Perona Daniel Ryan <i>Mark &amp; Theresa Oldani</i> <i>Henry &amp; Margaret Patterson</i> <i>Brian &amp; Angy Torres</i>	<b>11</b> Daniel Eichholz Jeff Hendricks Dashell Ostrowski	<b>12</b> Lloyd Hovey Gianna O'Sullivan Paul Presney Jeannette Waters Devan Whitney Patrick Witcik Eli Woehrmann
<b>13</b> <i>Paul &amp; Dawn Kearney</i>	<b>14</b> Jessica Schudel Jeff Vose	<b>15</b> Marc Zucco	<b>16</b> Mary Gartner	<b>17</b> Jill Beckham Raeanna Jones Jackson Siders Angy Torres	<b>18</b> Brad Clare Theresa Gegen	<b>19</b> Jim Trepanier
<b>20</b> Jasper Capriotti	<b>21</b> Evelyn Conboy Margaret Martyn <i>Joe &amp; Laura Dorman</i>	<b>22</b> JoAnn Camille Emma Eairheart Joshua Ferrill Olivia Heiple Paula Jones	<b>23</b> Marie Bales Robby Gillespie Molly Godar Mitch Ingold Monroe McWard Dylan Patton	<b>24</b> Aniston Farris Henry Gartner Margaret Possley Abby Riedle Michael Wrincik	<b>25</b> Cassandra Bax Harold Hurley Pat Keen Raegan Reynolds Kathy Smith Marlee Trame	<b>26</b> Chris Bax Joe Harris Gary Helling Randy Western <i>Bob &amp; Cathy Davis</i>
<b>27</b> Kathi Best Tom Hagerman William Newman Kiley Torres <i>Mike &amp; Jan Sponsler</i>	<b>28</b> Jasper Capriotti Tony Colantino Scott Melton	<b>29</b> John Dietrich Jacob Duban	<b>30</b> Kathryn Long	<b>31</b> Carrie Auxier Judy Bedore Paul Kearney Brenda Schnepp		

### Adult Formation at the Cathedral

#### The Gospel According to St. Luke

The beginning of a new liturgical year brings a new cycle of readings with this year's focus on the Gospel of St. Luke. Join Fr. Friedel in exploring this Gospel's teachings, Structure and themes.  
**Thursdays – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>**

### →PSR NEWS←

During January, the PSR classes will be collecting Cereal to benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for your continued support.