



December  
Month of The  
Immaculate  
Conception

# December 29, 2024

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

HH - Hitch Hall  
MH - Maher Hall  
SB - School Basement  
R - Rectory CH - Church  
WH - Waldeisen Hall

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Dec 30			1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40	
Tues Dec 31	Sylvester I, Pope <b>Holy Day Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Dick Blondin</b> by Joe & Beth Langton	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18	<b>Rectory will close at noon</b> <b>Free Store Closed</b>
Wed Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation	10:00 am <b>Wally &amp; Helen Langton</b> by Joe & Beth Langton	Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	<b>Rectory - Closed</b> <b>No Bingo</b>
Thurs Jan 2	Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors		1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	<b>SVdP Food Pantry Closed</b>
Fri Jan 3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus		1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29-34	<b>Exposition &amp; Adoration</b> <b>1-2 pm CH</b>
Sat Jan 4	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	5:00 pm <b>Pollyann Fassnacht</b> by Linda Morgan	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42	<b>No Confessions</b> <b>Free Store - 9am - 12 pm SB</b>
Sun Jan 5	The Epiphany of the Lord	10:00 am <b>Mary Lou Novitsky</b> by Family	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	

**Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention**

**Holy Family Candle - Fr. Michael B. Smith**

### COLLECTION REPORT

**Week Ending** Due to early submission deadlines,  
**Sunday Offering** - updates to this report will be delayed  
**Daily Offering** - for the next few weeks.  
**Christmas -**  
**Holy Day -**  
**Total**

**Weekly offertory budget**  
**(Shortfall) Overage**  
**YTD Over (short) -**  
**St. Vincent de Paul -**  
**Capital Improvement -**  
**Debt Reduction -**  
**Diocese Designated -**  
**Other Gifts -**  
**Envelopes used of 240 sent**

#### Available Mass Dates

**Saturdays:** 5:00 pm: Mar 29, Apr 12, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
**Sundays:** 10:00 am: May 25, Aug 17, 31, Sep 28, Nov 23

**Daily Mass & Confessions:** Because we have no priest, we no longer offer daily Masses nor Confessions. Please use this handy guide: *St. Augustine:* Confessions - Saturdays at 3 pm & Mondays at 6 pm. Daily Mass: M, W, Th, F, 12:05 pm & Tuesdays, 5:15 pm. *St. Francis:* Confessions - Saturdays from 9-9:45 am & Thursdays from 5:30-6:15 pm. Daily Mass: M-F, 8:15 am & Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

**Holiday Hours:** The rectory will CLOSE at noon on December 31<sup>st</sup> and will be CLOSED January 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be NO Bingo on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Kenmore Free Store will be CLOSED December 31<sup>st</sup>. The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will BE CLOSED January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Mary, Mother of God Holy Day:** On this Holy Day we recognize that "Mary is truly the 'Mother of God' since she is the mother of the eternal Son of God made man, which is God Himself." (Catechism # 509) In Greek she is the *Theotokos*, meaning "God bearing" and in Latin *Deipara*, from *Deus*, God, and *parire* meaning "to bring forth, to bear." The title was conferred on Mary at the Council of Ephesus in AD 431 and is the oldest of Mary's feasts. The **Vigil Mass** on December 31<sup>st</sup> will be celebrated at **5:30 pm**. Mass on the **Holy Day**, January 1<sup>st</sup> will be celebrated at **10:00 am**.

**Exposition & Adoration** will be held in the church from 1-2 pm on January 3<sup>rd</sup> - the First Friday of January. All are welcome to come and be with Jesus in the Eucharist. Just sit with Jesus, tell him your joys and sorrows, difficulties and anxieties and allow Him to do what He does best - restore, heal and transform.

**Adult Faith Enrichment** does not meet in January nor February because of the uncertainty of the weather. Our next session will be Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

“Christian marriage is the union of a man and a woman bound by the same transforming fidelity which Christ has for His Church: for better or worse. When a people lose confidence in fidelity between husbands and wives, it is an easy leap to imagine that other fidelities-of parents to children, and of adult children to their elder parents-no longer need to be permanent, for-better-or-for-worse obligations. When a family lives in fidelity it is a place of refuge and dignity, a place where each member is accepted, respected and honored precisely because he or she is a person; and if any member is in greater need, the care which he or she receives is all the more intense and attentive.”

**Faithful for Life – A Moral Reflection**

**A statement from the U. S. Bishops**

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

Is your family holy? Did you come from a holy family? Does holy mean perfect? Was the Holy Family perfect? Well, if we read the Gospel, we'll find out the answer is no. After leaving Jerusalem following Passover, Joseph and Mary traveled for an entire day before realizing Jesus was not with them then it took them 3 days to find Him. Once found, Mary said to Jesus, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." That's probably a bit of an understatement! Granted there was a much more nuclear family dynamic back then, but wow. Jesus, of course, did not consider himself lost at all, but right where His Father wanted Him. None of us came from perfect families, that's a given, but were they holy? To be holy means to be set apart for a particular purpose. As Christians, that purpose is to live in, with and for God. If this doesn't describe the family who reared you, have you reared your family this way? What changes could be made? To be holy doesn't mean walking around with a halo over your head. It simply means that you dedicate your life to God and try every day to live out your Baptismal call to the fullest. Will you make mistakes – of course, but just remember the story of the Holy Family (and this is just one story). Pick yourself up, acknowledge the mistake, take ownership of it and move forward. Perfection is impossible; holiness is not.

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

*A parish family is like a personal family. There are jobs & chores that need doing & if they don't get done, things don't run smoothly. Here are "chores/jobs" that need doing.*

**Funeral Dinner Ministry:** Be a part of the serving team or sign up to be called when food is needed. Please call the rectory to help with this ministry.

**Free Store Help:** Looking for a fulfilling opportunity? Have a heart for those in need, like to work with friendly, faith-filled people? Stop by Tuesdays, 4-7 pm or Saturdays, 9 am – noon, to check it out & join the team!

**Acme Cashback:** The current program runs through February 15th. Please be sure to place any Acme receipts with Cashback Rewards on them in the baskets by the doors of the church.

**Snow:** Because we have very limited personnel, if we receive a heavy snowfall, entry to the church will be through Hitch Hall only. We have snowblowers and shovels, so if anyone is able to help with snow removal, please call the rectory.

**Ministers:** We're in need of altar servers, lectors and ministers of hospitality. Please call the rectory for info.

**St. Vincent de Paul** is in need of volunteers in our food pantry. The pantry is open Thursdays noon – 2:00 pm distributing food & hygiene items to those in need. If interested and available, please call Lorie Papp at 330-322-7414. Thank you!

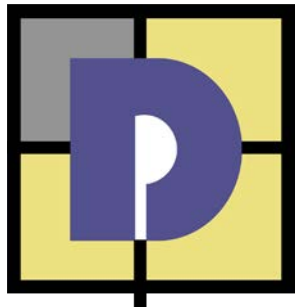
**Bingo Help!!** Our dedicated group of Bingo workers need some help. Bingo income is critical to our parish finances so will you please share a few hours of your time to help call Bingo, pass out computers, collect money at the door, call back winners, sell instant tickets or work in the kitchen? If you're available Wednesdays, please call parishioner & Bingo manager, Lorie at 330-322-7414. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.; games begin at 11 a.m. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**Free Store Sack Lunch needs:** You're making a difference! **What's needed:** Individually wrapped snack & cookie packages, cases of water bottles, small individual bags of chips, snack-size plastic bags and lunch-size brown paper bags (size 5 or larger). You may also donate cash which will be used to buy cheese sticks & other supplies. Put **cash donations** in an envelope, mark it "Free Store Lunches," and drop it in the collection basket or write a **check to The Kenmore Free Store**. Please place donated items in the basket behind the last pew. On behalf of those in need, thank you.

**Offsite Events**

**Divorced Educational Support Group:** 9-week support group at St. Hilary Parish, Fairlawn. Group meets Thursdays beginning January 16<sup>th</sup> thru March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm; limited to 10-12 participants. Call 330-867-1055 ext. 200.

**Catholics in Recovery** is beginning a new book/retreat in February - a 12-step approach to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius - a contemporary pathway to healing, deeper prayer, recovery & growth by Fr. Jim Harbaugh, S.J. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 1-3 pm at St. Paul Parish, Firestone Park. To sign up, call Ellen Barber, 330-801-0463 by January 18<sup>th</sup>.



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