

**Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 27, 2020**

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but 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. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states:

"The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father

St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit."

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping.

Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, 'the first tabernacle in history' (John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 55) then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us. We can learn from Mary and Joseph! What would they ever have overlooked in the care of Jesus' physical body? Is there something, therefore, that we can withhold for the right and adoring care of His Eucharistic Body? No amount of attention, no sane act of love and adoring respect will ever be too much! On the contrary, our adoration and respect will always be inferior to the great gift that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We cannot fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time. (In courtesy of Catholic Culture.org).

Suggested things to Do:

- Let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Also pray for all families and for our

country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.

- Have the whole family participate in cooking dinner. You might try a Lebanese meal. Some suggestions: stuffed grape leaves, stuffed cabbage rolls, lentils and rice, spinach and meat pies, chicken and dumplings, hummus, Lebanese bread, tabbouleh — a Lebanese salad and kibbi, a traditional Lebanese dish of specially ground meat mixed with spices and cracked wheat. This is the same kind of food that Mary served Jesus and St. Joseph. It's healthy and delicious.



From Fr. Vincent's' Desk:

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Mass

On Friday January 1st, we will be celebrating high Mass in honor of Mary. We seek God's blessings as she did and because of her, we can call God our Father. This is the beginning of the new year and we would like to gather together to pray for a blessed New year of 2021. Our voices joined together will invoke God's spirit to make this year become successful and enable us defeat the evil of the virus among others. It is a holiday of obligation and I encourage you to attend or follow this Mass. For Mass times, check in the schedule on the back.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Updates

As we come towards the end of the year, I would like to appreciate you all for being supportive of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We are invited to take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to us. Our parish of Wisner has currently committed \$6,755 towards our goal of \$7,191.53. Holy Cross, Beemer has currently committed \$9,311 towards our goal of \$9,874.58. We are almost there. If you haven't responded, please do so. Thank you for your generosity once again.

Let's Learn About Mass Corner:

Washing of Hands during Mass – Every time a priest comes for Mass, he washes his hands before. Physical cleanliness and spiritual cleanliness are very fundamental here. In the Old Testament, to enter the Holy of Holies (current altar), priests and Levites had to undergo ritual washing before they could perform their duties in the sanctuary. They washed their hands and feet. In Mass, after thanking God for the gifts of bread and wine, the priest does 2 things:

1) He bows behind the altar and in a silent prayer, he beseeches God to accept the sacrifice offered and that of the people by saying: with humble spirit and contrite hearts, may we be accepted by you our Lord and may our sacrifice that we offer you on this day be pleasing to you Lord God. He uses the word "our" meaning it is for all of us in attendance.

2) He echoes David's humble prayer in psalm 51 that says: "Wash me O Lord from my iniquity and cleanse me from sins" and then washes his hands. It is a symbolism of washing away our sins. He doesn't wash them because the hands are dirty, water is used to symbolize washing away our sins in baptism and is used to bless us from any evil.



Joy to the world



Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of January 3rd

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Marjorie Gentrup, Susan Niewohner
USHER: Fred Gentrup
PRAISE: Diana Dinslage, Alvin Dinslage

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of January 2nd & 3rd

LEC: Alan Harms
EMHC: Sally Harms
USHER: Men's January Work Group

LEC: Jeff Phillips
EMHC: Martha Schweers
USHER: Men's January Work Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—December 20, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$887.00
Plate:	15.00
Christmas:	1,250.00
Immaculate Conception:	75.00
Totals:	\$2,227.00

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—December 20, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,540.00
Plate:	114.50
Christmas:	725.00

CHRISTMAS & POINSETTIA DONATIONS are still gladly accepted. Please get yours in soon.

DONATION ENVELOPES, Calendars, and booklets are available on the table at church. Please pick yours up.

MEN'S WORK GROUP—December 2020

Chair: Tom Feller
Co-Chair: Jordan Feller
Members: Tim Montgomery, Rick Jacobs, Chet Beckmann, Randy Jensen, Dave McGuire

MEN'S WORK GROUP—January 2021

Chair: Galen Minds
Co-Chair: Chris Borgelt
Members: Tyler Oligmueller, Brian Phillips, Steve Ausdemore, Shane Batenhorst, Tim Phillips, Alex Ausdemore, Spencer Batenhorst



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thurs., Dec. 31st, St. Joseph—5:30 pm
 Friday, Jan. 1st, Holy Cross—8:30 am
 Friday, Jan. 1st, St. Joseph—10:00 am


MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	28	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	29	—	—	NO MASS
Wed	30	8:00 AM	HC	+ Dorothy Gentrup
Thu	31	5:30 PM	SJ	Solemnity of Mary + Mary Wiese (Live Streamed on both Facebook pages)
Fri	01	8:30 AM	HC	Solemnity of Mary + Duane Humlicek
	01	10:00 AM	SJ	Solemnity of Mary Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sat	02	5:00 PM	SJ	+ Evelyn Bruning
Sun	03	8:30 AM	HC	+ Mr. & Mrs. Francis Hetherington
Sun	03	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish

SJ—St. Joseph's HC—Holy Cross
 WCC—Wisner Care Center CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer

Fr. will live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass via both Facebook pages...

St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"
 Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"



Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated poinsettias this Christmas! Shane & Tammie Batenhorst Family in memory of Beata Batenhorst; Tim & Joyce Stalp in memory of Babe and Mary Wiese, Robert and Illa Stalp, and Joshua Stalp; Bob & Judy Feller in memory of William and Clara Feller & Leo and Dolores Rief; Anne & Steve Ausdemore in memory of Joseph Svoboda & Leo and Flavia Ausdemore; Rick & Sarah Jacobs Family in memory of Ralph & Irma Donner; Jeff Phillips Family in memory of Don, Verly, and Barb Phillips; Chris & Lori Ruskamp in memory of Norbert Ruskamp and Mary Jo Barent; Sally & Alan Harms; Kathy Albers; Madonna Servi in memory of Ted & Louise Esser; Dave & Barb Deitloff and Fred & Kay Schultz in memory of Francis Oligmueller, Jim Sapp, and grandparents; Matt Albers & Justin Reifert; Ben & Michelle Borgmann Family in memory of Abigail Borgmann; Chad & Janet Ludwig in memory of Leonard Schmale, Arven Ludwig, and Darrell French.



Merry
Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



MEN'S WORK GROUP ASSIGNMENTS for 2021... are now available in the back of church. Please pick yours up before January 15th. Any questions, please contact Richard Schultz or Norm Weber.

Welcome to St. Joseph's and Holy Cross Parishes

We welcome all our guests and new members to our parishes. There are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, groups, committees and volunteer service to the church. If you would like to join our parish family, contact the parish office or send an email to:

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 For Holy Cross—renaecarlson@hotmail.com