

From the Desk of Sister Regina, Pastoral Leader

Christmas is traditionally a time for family reunions and celebrations. Cards and posters, cribs and nativity plays, stories and poems and carols tell us why, portraying and retelling what happened more than two thousand years ago when, in that Holy Family composed of Mary and Joseph and Jesus.

There is much we can learn about remaining faithful to God through the experiences of the Holy Family.

From the announcement that the Virgin Mary would bear the child Jesus, to the birth of Our Lord in a stable in Bethlehem when Mary was still young by today's standards...

From their flight to Egypt to escape the massacre of Herod to the episode of the twelve-year-old Jesus at the Temple...

From the death of Joseph when both Mary and Jesus were still young, to the passion and death of Jesus which pierced the heart of Mary, and all the ordinary events of daily family life in Galilee...

The Holy Family is a family that knew hardship yet remained steadfast in God. It is not only for individual families to imitate their example if we are to know joy and peace in the midst of this life but also as a parish family.

These three faces, sometimes tender and vivid, usually (despite the bothersome events leading up to the birth as recounted by Luke) unruffled and serene, attract our attention.

The little family, after the different incidents we are told about in the gospels, eventually set up their home in Nazareth. Here, Jesus, Mary and Joseph present us with the ideal of family life, even though we know little for sure about the way they lived together. What we *ARE* told is that in the heart of that family the child flourished: Jesus 'grew in wisdom and grace.'

Our parish family, is clearly not a family in any literal sense. We are known as brothers and sisters *in Christ*, but our source of unity is not a blood relationship, as in a biological family, it is our **common calling and mission**. That calling and mission is to try to be faithful companions of Jesus and companions on the journey of life to the people we meet. We help and nourish each other so that all people may flourish and grow in 'wisdom and grace.' We try too to live in companionship with the whole of creation, for we need to see ourselves as members of the universal 'family' of a living Earth community, in an evolving universe.

How can we help one another to flourish, to grow 'in wisdom and grace', and also to be more aware of the universe as a whole, not just our human needs?

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31

Monday, January 1, The Octave Day of Christmas
No Liturgical Services

Tuesday, January 2, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
No Liturgical Services

Wednesday, January 3, Christmas Weekday
8:15am Communion Service

Thursday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:15am Communion Service

Friday, January 5, Saint John Neumann
8:15am † For the People of the Parish
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6, The Epiphany of the Lord
4:30pm † Dora Aona
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00am † For the People of the Parish
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 1
No Liturgical Service

Tuesday, January 2
Mass 8:15am Church
Bingo 6:00pm Hall

Wednesday, January 3
Communion Service 8:15am Church
Choir Practice 6:30pm Church

Thursday, January 4
Communion Service 8:15am Church

Friday, January 5
Mass 8:15am Church

Saturday, January 6
Mass 4:30pm Church

Sunday, January 7
Mass 9:00am Church
PSR 10:00am Activities Bldg

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 4:30pm Lori Mange, Bruce Darr
Sunday 9:00am Bobby Crockett, Marian Beier

Lectors
Saturday 4:30pm Erin Miller
Sunday 9:00am Cindy Miller

Ushers
Saturday 4:30pm Ken Cheek, Mike Halbeisen
Sunday 9:00am Larry Miller, Parker Wilson

Servers
Saturday 4:30pm Heidi Marshall, Landen Nobles
Sunday 9:00am The Paynes

Money Counters for January 7

Sue Pumphrey and Joni Wasserman

NO BINGO JANUARY 2.

The Parish Office will be closed on January 1st.



Happy New Year!



PRAYER LIST

Charlene Robinson, Jeff Hill, Ruth Nobles, Charlie Meyer, Beverly Dalton, Barb Conley, Chuck Ruffing, Joe Sonderman, Anne Fahle, LeRoy and Shirley Burkin, Geraldine Saffell, Paul Miller, John Dickman, Matt Ross

These names will be updated once a month. If someone wishes to be on the prayer list they or their caretaker must personally contact the parish office. (HIPAA Law)

Sacrificial Giving

Needed per week.....\$3,544.00
Sunday, December 17, 2017
Adult.....\$3,573.25

The **Knights of Columbus** invite you to join them for breakfast on Sunday, January 14 from 8am-11am in the Parish Hall. All-You-Can-Eat pancakes, sausage, eggs, french toast, biscuits and gravy.



Adults: \$7.00
Children: \$3.00

Proceeds will go to the K of C Scholarship Fund.

**PARISH OFFICE: (419)-547-9687
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**OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-THURSDAY 9AM-3PM
CLOSED FRIDAY**

PARISH STAFF:

Pastoral Leader:.....Sr. Regina Fisher, SND;
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Music Director:.....Melissa Thomas
Maintenance:.....Bill Steinbauer

CLYDE COMMUNITY
YOUTH GROUP
UPCOMING EVENTS

Meetings are from 7-8:30pm.

February:

- 11th—Come and Dine Valentine:
Fundraiser for next year’s retreat
(set up on the 10th) @ St. Paul.
- 25th—The Big Chill: Game Night @
First United Methodist.

March:

- 11th—”Pass the Luck”: Showing God’s
love in a practical way, @ St. Paul.
- 25th—MS- ”You’ve been egged” @ First
United Methodist.
HS- Romans 1:16 @ First United
Methodist.

P.S.R. CLASSES:

(During School Year)
Grade School - Sundays: 9:00am (Mass) to 11:00am
For any questions regarding P.S.R. contact Sr. Regina
at the Parish Office.

REGISTRATION:

Persons moving into our area are asked to notify Alisha
at the Parish Office to be registered. Whenever there is
a change in address or phone number, please call
Alisha at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptism can be administered during Sunday Mass or at
a private ceremony. New parents are required to attend
a Baptism instruction. Recommended that this take
place during the pregnancy. Please contact Sr. Regina
at the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Saturday 4:00pm to 4:15pm. or any time when
requested. For more information contact Sr. Regina at
the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Call Sr. Regina at the Parish Office and make
arrangements at least six months in advance. Marriage
instructions are required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Administered upon request to those who are sick.
Please contact Sr. Regina at the Parish Office.

Kid's Corner

Matching Game. On the left are some words or phrases from today's Gospel story. On the right are words that in some way match the words on the left. Draw a line between the words that you think match.

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| SIMEON & ANNA | JESUS |
| MARY & JOSEPH | THANKS |
| BABY | WAITING |
| HAPPY | GOD |
| GIVE | PARENTS |
| SPECIAL PROMISE | PEACE |

Hidden Message. What did the old man Simeon say when he finally got to see the baby Jesus in the temple? Use the code below to find the answer. Fill in the numbered blanks with letters matching them.

CODE:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
P T N E G I L C D H O A F Y S

"I _____ 5 11 2
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 _____ 15 _____ 1 4 8 6 12 7 _____ 8 10 6 7 9"

Puzzle Maze

Use your pencil to draw a path from Anna and Simeon to baby Jesus.

