



St Joseph Bradley Religious Education



HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace" is the theme for the annual celebration dedicated to universal peace, Pope Leo XIV

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the true King of peace.

In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict.

Bring unity to troubled nations.

Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil.

Protect the dignity of every human life.

Replace hatred with Your love.

Give wisdom to world leaders.

Free them from selfish ambition.

Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary,

Saint Michael the Archangel,

Every angel and saint:

Please pray for peace.

Pray for unity amongst nations.

Pray for unity amongst all people.

Pray for the most vulnerable.

Pray for those suffering.

Pray for the fearful.

Pray for those most in need.

Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear our prayers.

Jesus, I trust in You!

Amen.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Why is January 1 special in the Church?

January 1 is a very special day for Christians. It is eight days after Christmas, and in Bible times, babies were given their name on the eighth day after they were born. On this day, Jesus was given His name.

On January 1, the Catholic Church celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. This means we honor Mary for saying yes to God and for being the mother of Jesus, who Christians believe is the Son of God.

In the Catholic Church, especially the Roman Rite, January 1 is called the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means Catholics are asked to go to Mass if they can.

2026

January 2026

Our prayers and hearts continue to be with Annunciation Catholic Church.

January



THURSDAY, 01/01

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: 11:00 AM



SUNDAY, 01/11

YOUTH/FAMILY MASS 11:00 AM

FOLLOWED BY DONUT SUNDAY

PWD MASS 2 PM

PWD SOCIAL 3 PM



WEDNESDAY, 01/14

RE SESSION K-8



5:30-6:45 PM PARISH HALL/GYM



SUNDAY, 01/18

CSI NIGHT LIFE THE WORD MADE PRESENT

5PM-6:15PM

TEEN BIBLE STUDY



WEDNESDAY, 01/21

RE SESSION K-8

5:30-6:45 PM PARISH HALL/GYM



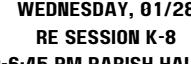
SATURDAY, 12/24

CSI/ YOUTH MINISTRY

FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

SUNDAY 01/25-SATURDAY 01/31

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



WEDNESDAY, 01/28

RE SESSION K-8

5:30-6:45 PM PARISH HALL/GYM

2026 Holy Days Of Obligation

JAN
1

SOLEMNITY
OF
MARY,
MOTHER
OF
GOD

MAY
14*

ASCENSION
OF
JESUS

AUG
15*

ASSUMPTION
OF
THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

NOV
1

ALL SAINTS
DAY

DEC
8

IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
OF THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

DEC
25

THE NATIVITY
OF
OUR LORD

EVERY SUNDAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



01/16/2026



Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

The Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is special because it is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The name Jesus is very important and very powerful. The Bible tells us that everyone in heaven and on earth honors His name. God chose the name Jesus before He was born. The angel Gabriel told Mary that her baby would be named Jesus.

The name Jesus means "Savior." This reminds us that Jesus came to save us because He loves us so much. He was willing to give His life for us.

The name of Jesus is the sweetest name. Jesus is our best friend, and He always loves us and cares for us.

When we pray, we pray in Jesus' name, and God listens to us. The Church also uses the name of Jesus when celebrating the sacraments, blessing people and homes, helping the sick, and praying for those who have died.

Jesus is everything to us. When we say His name with love and trust, we remember that He is always with us—now and forever.

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE MOST HOLY AND ADOORABLE NAME OF JESUS

JESUS! O Name of Jesus! Sweet Name! Delightful Name! Consoling Name!

For what else is Jesus than Savior! Therefore, O Jesus, for Thy sweet Name's sake, be to me a Jesus, and save me. Suffer me not to be eternally lost. O good Jesus!

Let not my iniquities destroy me, whom Thy bounty made. O sweet Jesus! Recognize in me what is Thine, and efface all that is not Thine.

O sweet Jesus! Show mercy now in the time of mercy, and condemn me not in the day of justice.

What profit to Thy Precious Blood, or what honor will my destruction give Thy Holy Name, O Jesus!

"The dead shall not praise Thee, O Lord Jesus! Nor all they that go down to Hell."

Most amiable Jesus! Most meek, most loving Jesus! O Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!

Admit me to the number of Thy elect.

O Jesus, salvation of those who believe in Thee! Comfort of those who fly to Thee!

O Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary! Give me grace, wisdom, charity, purity, and humility,

that I may love Thee perfectly, praise Thee, enjoy Thee, serve Thee, and be glorified in Thee, with all those who call upon Thy Name, Thy Holy Name, Thy Sweet name----Jesus. Amen.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2026
For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

SAINTS FEAST DAY OF JANUARY

Mary Mother of God (January 1),

Holy Name of Jesus (January 3),

St. John Neumann (January 5),

St. André Bessette (January 6),

St. Raymond of Peñafort (January 7),

St. Anthony, Abbot (January 17),

Sts. Fabian and Sebastian (January 20),

St. Agnes (January 21),

St. Francis de Sales (January 24),

Sts. Timothy and Titus (January 26),

St. Angela Merici (January 27),

St. Thomas Aquinas (January 28)

St. John Bosco (January 31)



THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS. I WAS THINKING FOR A HOLY NAME OF JESUS SONG, YOU COULD TRY SINGING THE "B-I-N-G-O" SONG ONLY USE THESE WORDS:

"THERE WAS A VIRGIN HAD A SON AND JESUS WAS HIS NAME-O! J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, AND JESUS WAS HIS NAME-O!"

JESUS

*Thank
you
so
much!*

THANK YOU does not adequately express our gratitude to all of our Catechists and volunteers who share their time, faith and love for Christ with our children & families!

Without them we could not have an RE program! May God continue to bless them for their generous spirits!

COMING SOON...

FEBRUARY

8 Youth & Family Mass/ Donut Sunday / Sponsor Sunday 11 am
11 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm
15 Confirmation Retreat 10:30 am
18 RE Ash Wednesday Mass (TTBD)
25 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm
First Reconciliation Retreat

XOXO



SUPPORT OUR PARISH GROUPS
LEND A HAND
AND/OR SPREAD THE WORD!

Please check the church bulletin and social media platform for more information other upcoming parish events



Teen Bible Study

Feb 1, 22



Youth & Family Mass/ Donut Sunday
SCOUTS SUNDAY
Confirmation Sponsor Sunday

Feb 8



Confirmation Retreat

Feb 15



Fat Tuesday Fundraiser

Feb 17



Ash Wednesday

Feb 18



Fundraiser
Feb 24



First Reconciliation Retreat
Feb 25

January Family challenge

- Start with Baptism: Renew your family's baptismal promises, use holy water, and celebrate Baptism birthdays as a family tradition.
- Pray & Learn Together: Set aside daily prayer time (even 5 mins), learn new prayers (Memorare, St. Michael), or read books by Catholic authors like Fr. Donald Callaway's "33 Days to the Holy Family" for a consecration challenge.
- Celebrate Feast Days: Look up January feasts (Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord, St. Agnes, etc.) and find fun ways to acknowledge them with your kids.
- Attend Mass & Confession: Make attending Mass (maybe even daily if possible) and regular Confession a family goal.
- Focus on Scripture: Use the monthly readings (Epiphany to Baptism of the Lord) as a guide for family discussions on light, hope, and God's love, suggest Young Catholics website.
- "Bring a Friend" to Mass: Encourage bringing another family or friend to Sunday Mass to share the faith.
- Create a Faith Bucket List: Make your own list of goals, like visiting churches, volunteering, or going on a mini-pilgrimage.

These activities aim to bring families closer to God and each other in practical, enjoyable ways, using the new year as a fresh start for spiritual growth.

ALL SACRAMENTS FEES ARE \$25



HAPPY
New Year

God's peace & blessings.
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ST JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRY
CSI LIFE NIGHTS: THE WORD MADE PRESENT

BIBLE STUDY

ADORATION

WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER,
THEN MEET THE WORD MADE PRESENT
IN THE EUCHARIST.

NO PRESSURE.
NO FORCED SHARING.
JUST TIME WITH JESUS.

SUNDAYS | 5:00–6:15 PM
JANUARY–APRIL
FOR TEENS ONLY

COME AS YOU ARE. YOU BELONG HERE.

"THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US." — JOHN 1:14

Family Bowling Night



**Saturday, 24
January 2026**



**Brookmont Bowl
200 W Brookmont Blvd,
Kankakee, IL 60901**

Ticket: 12\$/Person



Family Bowling Night

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

 [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)