



December 28, 2025 –The Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph
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MASS INTENTIONS:

Dec. 30th 6:00pm + Celeste Ringuette
 Dec. 31st 6:00pm + Deceased members of the Vogel Family
 Jan. 1st 8:00am Pro Populo
 Jan. 1st 6:00pm + Celeste Ringuette
 Jan. 2nd 9:00am + Deceased members of the Truex Family
 Jan. 3rd 5:00pm + Bill Edwards
 Jan. 4th 9:00am Pro Populo
 Jan. 4th 1:00pm + Celeste Ringuette

If you would like a Mass said for a special intention please contact the parish office. We are currently scheduling 2026

Liturgical Minister Schedule:

Wednesday, December 31st 6pm Vigil Mass

Need Volunteers

Thursday, January 1st 8am Mass

Need Volunteers

Saturday, January 3rd—5pm Mass

Lector: Bill D'Andrea/ Erik Lindquist

Servers:

Sunday, January 4th

9:00am Mass

Lector: Pat Mahoney

Servers: Patrick & Peter Nesler, Jameson Ummel & Jeb Blankenship

11:00am Latin Mass

Lector:

Servers:

Counters: Mary Vogel, Patty Hoagland & Ann Snyder

At the parish this week:

Monday, December 29th

Confraternity Rosary 7:00pm

St. Paul Street Evangelization 7:30pm

Tuesday, December 30th

Adoration 5:00pm

Confessions 5:15pm

Mass 6:00pm—Vespers following Mass

Wednesday, December 31st

Mass 8am—Lauds following Mass

Vigil Mass 6:00pm Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass 8:00am

Mass 6pm in Spanish

Friday, January 2nd

NO Mass 8:00am—Lauds following Mass

Saturday, January 3rd

Confession 3:30pm- 4:30pm

Mass 5:00pm

Sunday, January 4th

Mass 9:00am

Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am

Coffee & Donuts 10:00am

Bible Study 10:15am

No Confirmation class 10:30am

No Mass in Latin 11:00am

Confession en Espanol 12:15pm

Mass in Spanish 1:00pm

Trail Life 4:00pm



Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes \$2721.00

Loose \$1197.95

Votive \$35.00

Coffee & donuts \$32.00

Retirement Fund \$50.00

\$200.00 every month will go to REACH.

Remember St. Robert's in your will.



Beloved in the Lord,
Happy Feast of the Holy Family and Merry Christmas still! I hope you will all be able to keep these 12 days of Christmas in Holiness, Happiness, and Peace.

Holy Day of Obligation, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass Schedule:

Dec. 31st: 6pm

Jan. 1st: 8am (English), 6pm (Spanish)

What are Holy Days of Obligation?

Put very simply, these are days appointed by the Hierarchy of the Church to be kept in a similar way as one would keep one's Sunday obligation. At a base level, this means there is a requirement for the faithful to attend Holy Mass sometime during this day or the night previous, all things being equal.

"On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body." – Code of Canon Law, 1247.

A few important things to note about Holy Days which can be useful to us:

- The Church, and particularly her hierarchy, have the authority to make such requirements of the Faithful for attendance at Holy Mass on specific days.
- This is not a tyrannical sort of thing, nor "merely a law of men" as some claim. Rather this is an expression of the legitimate authority given by Christ to the Apostles and their successors for the guidance of the Church.
- We must think of the Church as Our Mother, who gives us what we need for nourishment as we mature in faith and pursue holiness.

Note the nature of the words from the Code of Canon Law. There is a clear sense that we need real *rest* to pursue God, that true leisure is necessary for holiness! We must be told, or, even better, given permission to stop our frantic activity and listen for the still, small voice of the Almighty one (1 Kings 19). Afterall, the "sweat of our brow" has always been a punishment (Genesis 3). The Church, being our Mother, gives the command on our behalf that we should be given the time to go and worship our God, and receive His yoke which is easy, rather than endlessly craft our own which only drag us down.

Go to Mass on January 1. It's good for you.

Father Away

I will be away from the afternoon of Thursday, January 1st until January 10th for a conference and some vacation days, after which our parish schedule will return to normal.

11 AM Mass In Latin on Jan 4 is Cancelled, as are weekday Masses, but all other weekend Masses and Saturday Confessions will be celebrated as usual. All Day Adoration is moved to January 15th.

In Domino,
Rev. Daniel Koehl



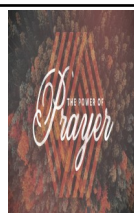
Moonless Darkness

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Moonless darkness stands between.
Past, the Past, no more be seen!
But the Bethlehem-star may lead me
To the sight of Him who freed me
From the self that I have been.
Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy;
Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly;
Now beginning, and always:
Now begin, on Christmas day.



Let Us Pray For: Mark Bryant, Tom Hardy, Sophia Frieden, Joyce Hardy, Dianne Wion, Juan Hernandez, Nyla Dee Evans, Shawnte Frieden, Anne Steury, Jessica Wozniak, Mike Heagy, Diane Cooper, Adriana Howell, John Peters, Dotti Ann Nisbet, Peggy Winters, Jay Sartori, Gary Pennington, Randy & Mary Jo Weiman, George & Joan Pfeiffer, John Weddle, Kevin Shorter, Martha Hancock, Kenny & Nadene Moore, Bob & Martha Bohn, James Thompson, Joe Accetta, Colton Burd, Terry Crull, Josiah Abbott, Marco Martinez, Ashley Ervin, Thiago Lugo, Brie Ann Armstrong, Tom Tatum, John Coonrod, Rex Tharp, Gary D., Chad Alexander, Debby & Doug Hyde, Bob Wagoner, Jesus Diaz, Jim Norman, Donna Zubowski, Roger Presl, Jack Davis, Chris Long, Summer West, Sutton Burton, Mason Besore, Jacob Lawrence, Winnie Lautzenheiser, Ann Snyder, Bob & Kay Spangle, Eva Hollowell



Prayer Chain: If you are wanting prayers for anything such as an impending surgery, imminent death, safe travel, Holy Spirit for the right words etc. Please contact: **Sharon Shock at 260-341-4412** you may call her or send her a text and she will contact the prayer group for prayers to be said.

