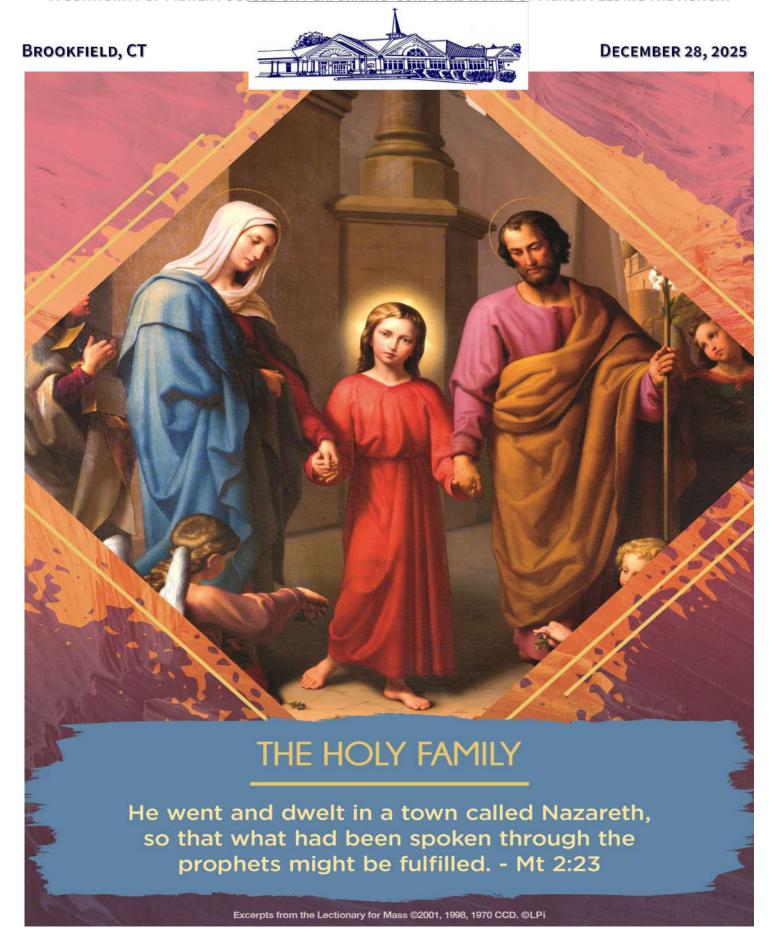
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 8:00 AM Saturday Vigil – 5:00 PM Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Monday-Friday - 7:45 AM

All Masses live-streamed on the Parish Website

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday: 7:00-8:00 PM (With Eucharistic Adoration) Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 PM

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7:45 AM Mass 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM Mass 8:30 AM

Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Confession & Adoration 7:15 PM No WRAP Study this week

7:45 AM Mass 8:30 AM Morning Prayer 5:00 PM

Thurs HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 7:30 AM 11:00 AM

7:45 AM Mass 8:15 AM Eucharistic Adoration for Life

Mass

Mass

8:00 AM 4:30 PM

Mass 8:30 AM Respect for Life Rosary 4:00 PM Confession Rosary for Persecuted Catholics

5:00 PM Mass

7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass

PRAYING FOR PEACE AND REPARATION

We invite you to stay at the end of Sunday Mass - following the closing hymn – and join us in praying three "Hail Mary's" for Peace: in our World, in our Families and in our Hearts. We also pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, for healing and reparation in our Church. The Prayer to St. Michael can be found on the back inside cover of the St. Augustine Missal.



Prayer Campaign: Sanctity of Human Life



Join Us as We Pray for the Unborn and their Futures



UPDATE





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Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Dec 28, 2025

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH Take notice of the poor among us

On the walls of the North American headquarters of the Divine Word Missionaries there is a painting from China that depicts the Holy Family living as Chinese peasants. What's especially interesting is that the painting shows them to be poor. In their small hut some paint is peeling from the walls, clothes are patched, and the table has seen better days. While Saint Joseph was probably not desperately poor, he and his family belonged to the vast majority of people who were outside the small elite who controlled most of the wealth and pulled the strings in ancient Palestine. So when Jesus talked about bringing Good News to the poor, he was talking about a whole lot of people, including his own family. What can you do to uplift the poor in your own family and beyond?

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (17). "Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Monday, Dec 29, 2025

Boundaries will set us free

The Russian composer Igor Stravinsky once wrote, "The more constraints one imposes, the more one frees one's self." It may sound paradoxical, but boundaries are necessary in life as well as in art. They provide a structure, a space in which we can most fully explore what it means to live and work and create. Far from restricting our freedom, limits actually give us our freedom. How is this so? Recall a time when you gave yourself unlimited time to finish a project. Did you? Our loving creator gave us commandments for this very reason. They are the constraints that allow us to learn fully who we are—and who God is.

fully who we are—and who God is. 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). "The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments."

Tuesday, Dec 30, 2025

A matter of importance

"The world and its enticement are passing away." These words from scripture evoke the dualism so much favored by certain New Testament writers, reflecting a mode of thought in which there continues a never-ending battle between good and evil, the world of darkness and the world of light. Christians believe that the battle is won, the world is redeemed. Yet anyone who has lived long enough knows that redeemed as "the world" may be, it is foolish to expect that worldly things provide us with all we need. This is what Saint Paul means when he speaks of the "things that really matter." We, too, in moments of clarity—after a close call with illness or death—come to recognize what is most important to us. And they are rarely the things that occupy most of our time, energy, or worry. Take time today to reflect on what truly matters in your life. 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). "Do not love the world or the things of the world. ... the world and its enticement are passing away."

Wednesday, Dec 31, 2025

In with the new

Just before midnight most people will be awake and anticipating the end of one year and the beginning of a new one. But when scripture talks about endings and beginnings, it means more than putting up a new calendar. The last hour means a new world is about to begin. God has done something new in Jesus. We are

to new life through him. "Consider all the past as nothing," says Saint Francis de Sales, "and say, like David; 'Now I begin to love my God." How will you begin to love your God tonight, tomorrow, and every day?

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). "It is the last hour."

Thursday, Jan 01, 2026

SOLEMNİTY OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD Peace offering

In a world torn by hateful discourse, violence, and war, we have been given the Prince of Peace to show us how to live in harmony. God's peace begins within us and then extends to our families, workplaces, schools, churches, marketplaces, and halls of government. We can begin spreading peace with a simple prayer, like the one found in the Book of Numbers: "The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!" With our hearts set on God's peace we can begin to take steps to resolve the small and large conflicts in our lives. What a welcome gift that would be at the start of this new year.

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son."

Friday, Jan 02, 2026

MEMÓRIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISH-OPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH Divine revelations

In sin we reject part of our humanity—the humanity of the Garden of Eden, where there is no shame or guilt but an open acceptance of God's love. Fortunately for us, God meets our rejection by continually offering to restore our humanity and share in his divinity. As Saint Basil the Great points out, "It did not suffice God merely to call us back to life, but he has also granted us the dignity of His Godhead." The love God holds for us is so unchangeable it not only brings us back from death and sin but also shows us a path to sharing in God's divinity. That is a truth worth remembering. 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). "Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you."

Saturday, Jan 03, 2026

MEMORIÁL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS What's in a name?

In the gospels the name of Jesus carries lots of weight. God gave Jesus his name, which means "salvation," before Jesus was conceived. People healed in the name of Jesus. Jesus was present to those who gathered in his name. For his disciples their mission was to proclaim his name to all nations and bring the love of Christ to the world. Thus, living in the name said who you were, what you believed, and what you were to do. "Jesus is the way that you must walk, and the truth that you must believe, and the life that you must live," says Saint John Eudes. Consider what you can do each day to live more fully in the name of Jesus.

1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34 (206). "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

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NEW YEAR'S





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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God's GPS Never Fails

I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost!" or "Rerouting!" The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction. And I haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade!

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS©LPi



New Year Blessing

Dear God,

As we face the beginning of the year ahead, fill our hearts with hopeful expectation for the ways You will work, move, inspire, heal, and provide. We join in gratitude for the grace You have shown us in the past, and the ways we will encounter it anew in the future. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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My Catholic New Year RESOLUTIONS 2026



This Week on Formed

Week of December 28, 2025



New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

Virtue I'd like to grow in:
Sin I'd like to eliminate:
Book of Scripture I'd like to read:
Prayer I'd like to learn:
Saint I'd like to know better:
One way I can improve my Sacramental life:
Any Special Intentions for the New Year:

One Truth. One Youth.



Reminder to parents of children who will be receiving their First Reconciliation on March 14, 2026.

ELEMENTARY

You received a folder at the start of this year's Religious Education Program that contained questions related to the videos your child is required to watch prior to receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

This work is to be completed and returned to us no later than Sunday, January 11, 2026 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This will allow Fr. O'Neill time to review the work prior to your child receiving this Sacrament.

Thank you for your cooperation!



IGNITE for Grades 7 –12 Friday Nights during the school year

For more information, registration, and calendar, go to:

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My Catholic Faith Delivered			
Grade 1	No work due this week		
Grade 2	Chapter 16: We Believe & Assessment		
Grade 3	No work due this week		
Grade 4	No work due this week		
Grade 5	No work due this week		
Grade 6	Lesson 14: Ownership & Assessment		



Warm Winter Wear Donations ends January 6 to support the working poor and homeless in our community.

We need: New hats, gloves, scarves, and coats for kids ages 10-18. Gently used coats and outerwear will also be accepted.

Donation receptacles, decorated by our Ignite Youth, will be located in the vestibule for donation drop off.





Monday, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket

7:45 AM - Ronnie Terzano, req. by Liz Terzano

Tuesday, December 30

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Wednesday, December 31 - St. Sylvester I

7:45 AM - Matt Tomascak, req. by Leona Tomascak

5:00 PM - Fran Collins, req. by Deanne Sniffen

Thursday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:30 AM- Mary Grace Cordero, req. by Alice Cordero

11:00 AM - Yvonne Farina, req. by Jane Chung & James Power

Friday, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:45 AM - Joseph Kerby, req. by the Gagliardi Family

Saturday, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 AM - Christopher Castagna, req. by Michele Castagna

5:00 PM - Amelia Oliveto, req. by Jane & Jim McGowan

Sunday, January 4 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM - Joseph Buczek, reg. by Matt & Maureen Farrell

9:00 AM - Dr. Julius Sanna

Liturgy

11:00 AM - Deborah Sergeant, req. by Louise Laragh

THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING, STRENGTH, AND COMFORT: Baby Albert Docktor, Johnathan Iamartino, Wendy Ricard, Fr. Joseph Pettit, Teresa Von Thaden, Kevin Elston



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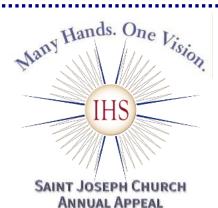
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Sunday Offertory Dec. 14: \$11,443.50

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If you'd like to try Online Giving, simply scan the code to donate today.





The Saint Joseph Annual Collection is underway. Over the years your generous financial support has been one of our greatest blessings.

Our Finance & Parish Councils have earmarked the proceeds of this 2025 Annual Collection for a particular project, the cost of which, as in past years, exceeds what can be funded through the regular weekly offertory. This year, our plan is to replace all the flooring in the church, both the seating area and the sanctuary, as well as the narthex and hallways.

Please take a moment to prayerfully consider your support of this project. Thank you for your continued faith, love, and generosity.

Give Now by scanning the code and going to the St. Joseph Parish Annual Collection tile.



Bereavement Ministry

Coping with the loss of a loved one can weigh us down physically, emotionally and spiritually, but it is not a journey we need to walk alone.

St. Joseph's 8th Station Bereavement Ministry offers comfort and help during the grieving process.

This group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. The sessions are led by Mary Shaughnessy and Patricia Tharrington.

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