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**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, contemplating the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model for our own families. The Holy Family was not free from difficulties.

They faced uncertainty, poverty, and displacement, yet their home was rooted in faith, trust in God, and self-giving love. Joseph's obedience, Mary's quiet faith, and Jesus' loving obedience remind us that holiness is often lived in ordinary family life.

This feast invites us to reflect on our own families: our relationships, our responsibilities, and our love for one another. Families are places where patience is tested, forgiveness is needed, and love must be renewed daily. When God is placed at the center of family life, homes become places of peace, healing, and growth.

May the Holy Family bless all our families, strengthen bonds of love, and guide us to grow in faith, unity, and mutual respect.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – January 1, 2026

As we begin a New Year, the Church invites us to place our lives under the loving care of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This beautiful solemnity reminds us that Mary's "yes" made possible the gift of salvation through her Son, Jesus Christ. She is not only the Mother of God, but also our Mother, who continues to intercede for us and guide us closer to her Son.

Celebrated on January 1, this feast also marks the World Day of Peace, encouraging us to begin the year with hearts open to God's grace, reconciliation, and hope. Like Mary, we are called to trust God's plan, even when the path ahead is unclear.

As we welcome **2026**, may Mary's maternal blessing bring peace to our hearts, joy to our homes, and God's abundant grace to all our parish families.

I wish all of you and your loved ones Happy and Blessed New Year 2026!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

| | <u>SBT</u> | <u>SMG</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes | \$1,545.00 | \$1,221.00 |
| Plate | 164.00 | 124.25 |
| Electronic Dep. | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 75.00 | 90.00 |
| Ret. Fund for Rel. | 987.00 | 346.00 |
| Youth Envelopes | 7.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Offering | \$2,778.00 | \$ 1,781.25 |

Counters: Monica Bentzen, Jamie Stetzer

Intention December 29 – January 4

Monday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

* Living & Deceased Members of SBT PCCW

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. St. Mary

Exposition and Confession at 5:00 p.m.

+ Henry V.R.

New Year's Eve: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary

+ Bern Jacobson

New Year's Day: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Bonnie Konkel

Friday: 10:00 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Glenn Rogneby

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. St. Mary

+ Nick Pientok

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Bartholomew

Pastor's Intention

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. St. Bartholomew

+ Jeanne Piller

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary

All the People of Our Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, Jan. 3

St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Dave Mueller, Volunteer

Lector: Sheila Collom

Comm. Min: Sheila Collom

St. Bartholomew 5:30 p.m.

Ushers: Phil Palzkill, Volunteer

Lector: Suzanne Lane

Servers: John Severson

Comm. Min: Suzanne Lane

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, Jan. 4

St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: 5th Grade Students

Lector: 5th Grade Students

Servers: Garrett Bork, Austin Bork

Comm. Min: Jessi Haney

St. Mary 10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Steve Grover, Justin Sagler

Lector: Becky Harris

Servers: Sarah Sagler

Comm. Min.: Becky Harris

FAMILY PRAYER CORNER:

At 7:00 p.m. Every evening all parish families are asked to pray: **1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory Be to the Father** with this intention in mind: **Pray for Mother Mary to help give peace to the Americas, the world and in our families.**

Personal Prayer Request: For one a friend.

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, January 1 Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve: St. Mary 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day: St. Bartholomew 8:30 a.m.

ATTENTION ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

- ◆ **Children's Mass** is on Sunday, January 4, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the GET Food pantry. **Donut Sunday** following the Mass in the church hall. Join us for donuts, coffee, milk, juice and conversations with our parish community. Hope to see you there.
- ◆ PCCW meeting on Monday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.
- ◆ **Please pick up** your 2026 envelopes in the vestibule of the church.
- ◆ **Need prayers** for any health or anxiety issue - big or small. Contact the prayer chain, Doreen Backler, 608-534-6118, Ethel Ouellette, 608-534-6520 or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

ATTENTION ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

OUR MISSION: To love God, love others and go make disciples!

OUR VISION: To awaken the faithful, reach the Lost, and make Church matter!

- ◆ **DISCIPLESHIP QUAD** meeting, Friday, December 26th, 1:00 pm, St. Mary's Rectory.
- ◆ **RESCUE Project** Planning Meeting, Tuesday, December 30th, 2:00 pm, St. Mary's Rectory
- ◆ **ST MARY PCCW** will meet Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30
- ◆ **Please pick up** your 2026 envelopes in the vestibule of the church.
- ◆ **Need God's Help?** Contact St. Mary's Prayer Chain, Ellen Karow 608-582-2688 or ekarow@hotmail.com or the Knights of Columbus (Greg Goltz) @ 608-865-1518.

REBUILD MY CHURCH INITIATIVE & YOU (from the Diocesan website):

- + Bishop Battersby is inviting us to pivot from maintenance to mission.
- + We Americans struggle to grasp what "mission" is because we focus so much on doing and producing.
- + Mission is not mainly about what we do! It's a way of being.

- ◆ **FOLLOWING SUNDAY MASS:** Prayer for healing & other needs. A prayer team is available to pray with you.

COMMUNICATION TO ALL

- ◆ Start your year off positive. Please join us on January 3rd in the church hall for a study of the book of Revelation. We will be studying Chapters twelve and thirteen. Please bring your bible and a notebook. Join us for one or many classes. You will learn so much about your faith.
- ◆ **LIVING WATER!** prayer meeting, Sunday evening, December 28th, 6:00-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Rectory. Following: **"The Decision to Be "All In" (Part 4 of 4)"** with Fr. Mathias Thelen, St. Patrick's Parish, New Brighton, MI.
- ◆ **Heartfelt gratitude for you generosity!** "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.
- ◆ This summer and fall, 3,622 of our people participated in 40 listening sessions to help launch  Rebuild My Church, an ongoing effort of renewal and pastoral planning for our Diocese. Stay tuned for regular updates. You can view the recording of the listening sessions, and see the latest updates here: www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/uploads
- ◆ Father Sebastian would like to thank everyone who gave him cards or gifts for Christmas. They were greatly appreciated. Father Sebastian will be leaving for India on Monday, January 4th and will be returning on February 11. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. We will have only weekend Masses while he is gone.



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