

STAR OF THE VALLEY Catholic Church

**495 White Oak Drive
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We members of Star of the Valley Parish gather around the central act of Catholic worship, the celebration of active participation in the Mass. As a Eucharistic centered people, we reach out to heal, console and listen in the spirit of truth and justice, with a preferential option for the poor, thus advancing as individuals and as a community into the image of Christ.

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Please sign the book next to the side door
in the back of the Church.

Mass Times

Weekday Masses: Tuesday-Friday **Suspended**
Oakmont Gardens: Wednesday **Suspended**
Sunday Masses:
Saturday **Suspended**, Sunday **Suspended**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Suspended

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday **Suspended**. For appointment, email or leave a message for Msgr. Pulskamp.

Anointing of the Sick

For appointment, email or leave a message in the office.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

Suspended during Coronavirus shelter-in-place order.
Contact the office to arrange a visit or receive Holy Communion after the shelter-in-place is lifted.



December 27, 2020—

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph



Bonds of Love

We continue to celebrate this festive season of Christmas by honoring the Holy Family. Jesus' mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, each trusted in the Lord when they accepted the unique start to their family. Though their family faced dangers

from the start, they remained united in love, which Saint Paul calls the bond of perfection.

Today's readings relate values all families should treasure. Sirach 3 speaks of the way we ought to treat each other, closing with a moving portrayal of an adult child and elderly parent.

Infants can do very little for themselves; parents must patiently do everything the infant requires. At the opposite end of the spectrum, seniors are often equally reliant on their children. Sirach instructs children to care for their elderly parents, recognizing that not only their strength but their mind may fail. For both child and parent this may be quite difficult. It is especially then that we must "put on... heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another," for the supple bond of love can easily strain or snap.

Paul lists the qualities we should manifest in our families, especially love. Luke tells the story of Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the temple in order to present him to God. Let us try to see our own families in their words. And, may our families share these bonds of love, enabling us to face the hardships and sorrows of life.



Sunday, December 27 Readings

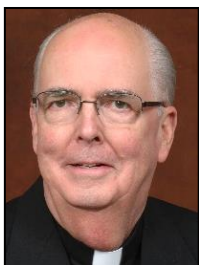
Reading I: *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*—Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 128*—Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading II: *Colossians 3:12-21* or

3:12-17—Clothe yourself with heartfelt mercy.

Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40* or *2:22, 39-40*—The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.



Feast of the Holy Family

There are many types of families—Traditional, Blended, Single-parent, Same-sex, Foster, Adoptive, Couples who just live together, People who live by themselves.

All of them have challenges to face—family tensions, pressure, divergent values and beliefs,

addiction, mental health issues, illness, job insecurity, financial problems, loneliness...

We look at the family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus this morning. They had challenges to face too. However, they faced and responded to their challenges as a holy family. They grew in age, strength, wisdom and grace before other people and God.

When people look at our families, they may not see a perfect family, but they can see a family that is striving toward holiness, trying to learn the ways of The Holy Family.

Live in God's presence. Walk in his ways.

- Respect the people around you—unborn, infants, siblings, parents, spouses, grandparents, the sick, the dying, neighbors, friends, coworkers, people who do not share your viewpoints, enemies. Respect for them is respect for God.
- Respect appropriate boundaries—fidelity, appropriate sexual activity, non-violence. Avoid abuse in all its forms—emotional, verbal, physical, sexual, financial—especially toward children, dependent adults, and the elderly.
- Put on Christ's Love—compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another, forgiving one another, loving one another
- Do it for a lifetime.

My children, take care of your parents when they are old; grieve them not as long as they live. Even if their minds fail, be considerate of them; revile them not all the days of their lives; kindness to a parent will not be forgotten. (Sirach)

No family is a perfect family, but every family can strive to become a holy family. We, too, can grow in age, strength, wisdom and grace before other people and God.

Experience The Christmas & The Holy Family

Gospels in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with Fr. Benedict Groeschel by clicking

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4W8BP5yG0kM>



Follow Along with Monsignor's YouTube Mass for December 27

New each week and included with this bulletin you will find Mass Responses & Prayers for the **December 27** Mass attached. You can print them out by opening the **2020-12-27 Mass Responses.pdf** file.

Sunday's Mass Intention

The intention for this weekend's Mass is for the repose of the soul of **Mark Devlin** (requested by Mimi May.)



Star of the Valley Outdoor Communion

The drive-thru distribution of Holy Communion at Star of the Valley is continuing this **Sunday**, and every Sunday at the Msgr.

Fahey Parish Center parking lot from 10:30-11:00 a.m. rain or shine. Spread the word!

Wear a face covering and stay in your vehicle as you proceed in the line through the parking lot. You will stop and roll down your window to get your hands sprayed with sanitizer (remove gloves if you're wearing them), and then stop again to receive Communion in your hands. You may then pull your mask away to consume the Host, then drive away and say your prayer of thanksgiving when you arrive at home.

You may hand in offertory envelopes, or receive a 2021 calendar from the person **before they spray your hands**.

The ministers assigned for **this Sunday** are: Micki Sabourin, Don Shelhart, Barbara Spotleson, and Fritz Spotleson. On **January 3**: Blanche Kaiser, Ted Sullivan, Stacey Hill Thomas, and Cristina Wadsworth. Please find your own substitute to fill in for you if needed.

Musical Christmas Fun

Click on **Musical School Bus Christmas Light Show** to listen to and view a delightful performance that will bring a smile to your face.

January Pray for Priests Calendar

Please see the January 2021 Prayers for Priests calendar included with this bulletin and use it. They will really appreciate our prayer support!

May you and your loved ones know peace and live it, understand love and give it, have happiness and share it.

Apology

With last weekend's bulletin, unfortunately, the readings listed and Mass Responses for the Christmas Mass contained different scripture readings than were read in our recorded Mass. This was due to a gap in communication and we apologize for any confusion it may have caused.

Prayer Intentions

Pray for the sick: Gail Barrett, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, Fran Evans, Frank Gyorgy, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Bette Johnson, Trula La Calle, Carol Larsen, Maureen Latimer, Charles Marchese, Liz Mullins, Lea Nelson, Louis Pappin, Peggy Pavone, Richard Peterson, Joel Rivera, Phyllis Rogers, Angela Saul, Bart Taylor, Mercedes Vegvary, Claire Vincent, William Wallace, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Mia Ruhm.

Parish Office Closed Friday, January 1

The parish office will be closed on Friday, **January 1, 2021**, to celebrate New Year's Day and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. **Star of the Valley will not have a Mass on this day.**

Mass Intention Scheduling on Hold

As of the end of this year, we will have 56 Mass Intentions waiting to be rescheduled due to our limit of celebrating only one Mass per week. Please be patient, and pray for us to be able to resume our normal Mass schedule as soon as possible. Stay safe and well.

Wishing you a blessed New Year filled with peace and joy.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

Back in the days when we could attend Mass in person, our family had attended a different parish before we started going to Star of the Valley. Our son did the same with his family of three young children. When I was at their house recently helping with the children, there was a picture on the tv screen of a church service in progress. Dan, our three-year-old grandson, said, "We LIKE to go to church!" I asked him which church he preferred, the former parish or the new parish. He quickly answered, "Not the old one, the new one—the one with GOD in it!"

The "new" parish is Star of the Valley!
Out of the mouths of babes...

—Michelle McNally

Sheltering Jesus

Pete and Cathy Hardy's three-year-old grandson, Cashel Hardy, in front of Phil Marvier's house.



Thank you to Maryellen Birkland and the *Four For His Glory* quartet who recorded 'O Holy Night' for our Christmas Mass. Maryellen accompanied the members of the quartet pictured above: Brian Bertoli, John Hall, Bill Morgan, and Chuck Van Deventer.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Merry Christmas from Catholic Charities

As we turn our hearts from Advent toward Christmas, a recently-housed family and the Catholic Charities team would like to offer a brief video message of love and hope. Click on [Christmas Video 2020](#) to view.

Mary's miraculous journey is a source of strength for all of us. In a period of uncertainty not unlike 2020, the news of the child's birth came to the world just in time. This news was a light shining through a dark time. Mary came forward to show us the way.

A glorious time is near once again. The gift of love is about to be bestowed upon us. We must be ready. His gift is for all our brothers and sisters.

With it, we respond to the critical need to respect the dignity of life for all in our human family. If we can summon the faith and courage that Mary found, we too will find the courage to conquer the immense challenges facing our society.

As we prepare for a different Christmas celebration this year, we at Catholic Charities lean on hope. The love God shares transcends any "Shelter in Place" order. We see it all around us, even when we are far apart.

Thank you for embracing the gift of love that brings hope to everyone we serve. My wife Pat and I wish you a safe and love-filled Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With love for all,

Len Marabella

Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities



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SOV Christmas Angels

Decorating the church are angels from Star of the Valley Parish: Dennis Ciecko, Ruth Fulger, and Blanche Kaiser.



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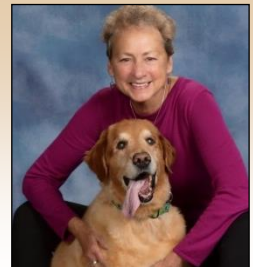
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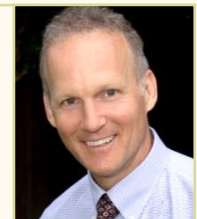
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