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**December 29, 2024**

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

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Mass:

Monday, Friday 9:00 A.M. - St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday 8:00 A.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish

Thursday 7:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

Saturday Vigil 4:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

Saturday 5:30 P.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish

Sunday 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

**The 11:00 A.M. Mass will be livestreamed.**

**The link can be found on our website: [www.stjosephamherst.com](http://www.stjosephamherst.com)**

Confession at St. Joseph Parish:

Thursday - Individual Reconciliation 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Saturday - Individual Reconciliation 11:00 A.M. - Noon

## Liturgy Schedule

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>** Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 A.M. Jake Kessler (Family)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>** Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God *Holyday of Obligation*  
Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
4:00 P.M. Laura Lane (Madeline Zaworski)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>** Solemnity of Mary, the Holy  
Mother of God *Holyday of Obligation*  
8:30A.M. People of Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes  
Mass at Nativity Parish  
10:00 A.M. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes  
Mass at St. Joseph Parish

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>** No Mass or Confessions

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>** Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
9:00 A.M. Daniel Kaighin (Wife)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>**  
11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish  
4:00 P.M. Kate Downie (Stephanie Sierra)  
Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
5:30 P.M. People of Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes  
Mass at Nativity Parish

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>** Masses at St. Joseph Parish  
8:30 A.M. For the Faithful Departed - All Souls Intention  
11:00 A.M. Janice M. Gillespie (Caroline Zurcher Powley)  
5:00 P.M. Mary and Charles Angell (Daughter, Sharon)

## Daily Readings

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>** Sixth Day within the Octave of  
the Nativity of the Lord  
1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>** Seventh Day within the Octave  
of the Nativity of the Lord; Saint Sylvester I, Pope  
1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>** Solemnity of Mary, The Holy  
Mother of God; The Octave Day of the  
Nativity of the Lord  
Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>** Saints Basil the Great and Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>** Christmas Weekday, The Most Holy  
Name of Jesus  
1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Jn 1:29-34

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>** Vigil: The Epiphany Of The Lord  
Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>** The Epiphany Of The Lord  
Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

## Activity Schedule

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
Eucharistic Adoration 11:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. (NBVM)

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**  
Faithfully Fit Yoga - Tue. & Thur. 9:30 A.M. (NBVM)  
*No Classes December 31 or January 2*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Parish Offices Closed December 31-January 2

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 A.M. First Saturday Rosary (St. Joseph Church)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 P.M. Holy Ground Youth Group (SJ Social Hall)  
Please join us for 5:00 P.M. Mass before our  
session. We will meet near the choir.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

<b>St. Joseph Parish</b>	
<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	\$ 10,371.00
Eoffering	\$ 2,033.77
<b>Total Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 12,404.77</b>
Other Collections	
Tuition Assistance	\$ 40.00
Maintenance	\$ 223.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 5.00
Advent Flowers and Decoration	\$ 30.00
Christmas	\$ 1,055.00
Retirement Fund For Religious	\$ 2,470.00
Little Blue Books for Advent	\$ 2.00
Year-End Giving	\$ 151.00
Immaculate Conception December 9	\$ 1,508.00
<b>Nativity Parish</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 14</b>	<b>\$ 3,405.00</b>
Other Collections	
Flowers and Decorations	\$ 80.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 180.00
Maintenance and Upkeep	\$ 990.00
Immaculate Conception December 9	\$ 337.00



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Fifth Sunday Rosary



Holy Family Council 4891 invites everyone to participate in a Rosary Prayer scheduled for **Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** after the conclusion of the 11:00am Mass at St. Joseph Church. The Rosary will take place either in the Church or Social Hall and should last no more than 15 to 20 minutes.

The praying of the Rosary as a community and with others can create a sense of spiritual bonding and fellowship within our parishes. Please plan on participating in this important prayer to the Blessed Virgin for her intercession of our spiritual needs and personal connectedness to God. God's blessings to all.



## Mass Schedule



### The Mass schedule for January 1<sup>st</sup> :

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> Vigil Mass: The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

4:00 P.M. - Mass at St. Joseph Parish

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 A.M. - Mass at Nativity Parish

10:00 A.M. - Mass at St. Joseph Parish

**Note: There will be no Mass or Confession on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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# Children's Worship Page



In today's Gospel reading, we learn about a time when Jesus was separated from His parents. After Mary and Joseph searched for Him for three days, He was found talking with the teachers about God.

When Mary asked why He stayed behind, Jesus said, "Didn't you know I'd be in my Father's house?" Even though He loved learning about God, Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph and obeyed them.

Jesus loved God and respected His parents. We can do the same by loving God and listening to those who care for us.

**Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Mary and Joseph took care of Jesus, just like parents take care of their children today. God wants you to know that the Holy Family is very special, but He loves and blesses every family and home.**



There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,  
for You to reveal Yourself to us.  
There is a longing in our hearts for love,  
we only find in You, our God.

### Prayer to the Holy Family

*Most Holy Family of Nazareth, You were a true school of love in which the perfection of family love grew strong.*

*Please bestow upon me, my family, and families everywhere the grace needed to more fully imitate the love You shared, so that families will continue to be the fundamental building block of the world.*

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us and have mercy on all.  
Jesus, I trust in You.*

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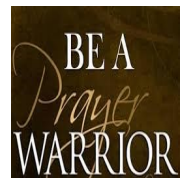
### Year-End Giving

In the month of December, many parishioners very generously make donations before the end of the calendar year. The assumption is that contributions DATED in December are deductible in the current calendar year. However, the **deductibility of the contribution is dependent on the date in which the contribution is POSTMARKED or when someone is available to receive it during regular office business hours.** Please call the parish office if you have any questions about your contribution. Year-end Statements will be available in **mid-January**, after we have had time to record all the contributions received in December.

In addition, if you are 70½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact Moira Wopershall of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525, ext. 8070, or visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/ira](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/ira).

### Sacred Sisters Meeting Change

The Sacred Sisters prayer group will *not* be meeting on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Our first meeting in the 2025 year will be **Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm at the Old Stone Evangelical Church Community Center. All ladies of St. Joseph and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary are welcome.



### St. Joseph Mass Livestream

To view our 11:00am Mass for the homebound, visit our YouTube Channel:

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