

Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—December 29th, 2019

From the Parochial Vicar's Desk...

Over the course of the year and a half that I have lived in Windsor, I have made several trips down to Indiana to visit my Grandmother, who is 93 years old. She suffers from dementia, and currently lives in a nursing home, not too far from my Aunt and Uncle's house. It's often hard to visit my Grandma, because it's sad to see this once vibrant woman seated in a wheelchair, barely able to follow the conversation going on around her.

As I think about the reasons why I continue to visit her, though, I am reminded of today's First Reading from the book of Sirach. "My child, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if his mind fails, be patient with him; because you have all your faculties do not despise him." By continuing to visit my Grandmother, I continue to show her that she is loved, cared for, and appreciated- even if the memory of my visit is gone from her mind just a few short minutes after I walk out the door.

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We are reminded in this Feast that the Holy Family is a model for all Christian Families to follow. We are reminded that we are called to show love and respect to all members of our family, and to help all members of our family to walk in the ways of the Lord.

At the same time, this Feast serves as a reminder to us that there are no perfect families. Yes, even the life of the Holy Family was met with difficulty! From the beginning of Mary and Joseph's relationship, things were less than ideal. Before Mary and Joseph were married, Mary was found to be with child. Then, once that child was born, the family had to flee to Egypt to escape King Herod!

What is remarkable in all of this is the level of trust that St. Joseph displays through it all. When the angel appears to him to tell him to take Mary into his home, or to flee to Egypt, he places his trust in the message of the Angel and obeys. In doing so, he shows his willingness to be a loving husband to Mary, and a caring foster father to Jesus.

Joseph's example is one we are all called to follow. As we place our trust in the Lord, we learn to be more loving and caring towards all those we come into contact with, and we are better able to emulate the example of the Holy Family in our day to day lives, and bring greater honor to God, through the honor we show to our families.

—Fr. Steven Huber CSB

Reflection for the Week

Holy one, Incarnate God, overshadow me with your presence. May the words I speak and the actions I take incarnate your presence.



THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST AND WILL REOPEN THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2020.



May the Holy Family bless you and yours throughout the year ahead. The Assumption Parish Staff



"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

As a parish family, we want to strengthen our faith and our life in Christ by being intentional disciples, reaching out to the community and creating a parish of inclusion. To that end, we are re-establishing our "Leave a Prayer/Take a Prayer" Baskets.

There will be a basket at the front and side entrances of the church. Please feel free to write an intention and place it in the basket and also take a prayer that someone else has placed in the basket. Do not include any personal information about yourself or a loved one that you or they wouldn't want people knowing and use first names only.

As we pray for our intention and those of one another, we draw closer to God and to each another.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

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ROSARY CHAPEL NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1st-CLOSED-NO MASS Chapel will reopen with regular hours on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020

The 12:10pm Masses will resume on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020



2020 offertory envelopes All parishioners who currently have envelopes will be reassigned a new envelope number.

- THE ENVELOPES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, LOOK FOR YOUR NAME <u>NOT</u> YOUR OLD ENVELOPE NUMBER.
- Please ensure you take the envelopes with <u>your</u> <u>name</u> on the box.
- PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW ENVELOPES YOU USE IN 2020.
- DO NOT USE YOUR 2019 ENVELOPES RECYCLE THEM!
- IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR ENVELOPES OR WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.

IF THERE IS ANY INFORMATION SUCH AS NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 30th

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	December 31st-New YEAR'S EVE Mass (Assumption Church)		
10:00am	<mark>day, January 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY</mark> Mass (Assumption Church) Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)		
7:30pm			
9:00am 3:00pm 6:30pm	SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus) Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel) Confessions (Rosary Chapel)		
7:00pm 9:00pm	Alliance of the Two Hearts Vigil (Rosary Chapel)		
<u>Saturday</u> 7:00am 9:00am 3:45pm	SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Basement)		
5:00pm 7:00pm	Mass (Assumption Church) All Are Welcome-AA Meeting (Rosary Hall)		
Sunday,	January 5th Mass (Assumption Church)		
11:00am	Mass (Assumption Church) Mass (Assumption Church)		
11:00am	L'il Saints Program (Rosary Chapel)		
7:30pm	Mass (Assumption Church)		
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Fill out a Pre-Authorized Form located at the front entrance of the church on your left hand side.

Please complete the form along with a "void" cheque and put it in the offertory basket during the collection.

THANK YOU for your continued support!

Catholic Life Group-Monday, January 6th,2020 from 6:30pm-8:00pm in Rosary Hall.

This is a very informal conversation group that benefits from sharing the application of the Gospel to our everyday lives. It's a great way to gain support for living our faith in the modern culture. All adults are welcome!



Join us on the Feast of St. Basil Thursday, January 2nd with mass at 4pm **Assumption Church**

Sunday Collection				
December 15th				
Regular	\$ 6,434.15	Remember Your Offerings		
Miscellaneous	\$ 459.90	and the second s		
Building Maintenance	\$ 310.00	CCT AD		
Restoration	\$19,370.00			
Star	\$ 2,000.00			
Giving Tree	\$ 135.00			
Christmas Memorial Boo	ok <u>\$ 412.00</u>			
Total	\$29,116.05			

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 30th ⁺Marilyn James by Dennis Malette 8:00am +Evelyn Marshall by Helen ⁺Louise & Noelle Lavoie by Berny Lesperance

Tuesday, December 31st-New YEAR'S EVE8:00amNO MASS OR ADORATION

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020-NEW YEAR'S DAY 8:00am NO MASS OR ADORATION

Thursday, January 2nd 8:00am +For All Souls in Purgatory by Teresa & Sheila [†]RoseAnn Rosica by the Windsor BLA'S +Tommaso Nardone by Kevin, Sally & Kevin Jr McQuaid

Friday, January 3rd 8:00am †Mrija Elezovic by the Family [†]Antonio & Marie Perrotta by the Family ⁺Antonio Cervi by M & D Perry

Saturday, January 4th—Assumption Church 5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

Sunday, January 5th—Assumption Church 9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners 11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners 7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

Sanctuary Light Memorial

For the week of December 29th-Rosary Chapel

[†]Annunziata Ruffolo by son Tony & Family **Assumption Church** For the Intentions of Isaac Gusba on his 5th Birthday by Laura Gusba

Assumption Church

NEW YEAR'S EVE 5:00 pm NEW YEAR'S DAY 10:00 am

St. Alphonsus Church

NEW YEAR'S EVE 5:00 pm NEW YEAR'S DAY 11:00 am 2:00 pm-St. Daniel Comboni African Mass 5:30 pm



Assumption Parish Weekend and Two Day Parking Lot **Canned Food Drive**



We received a letter from the Director on behalf of Iona and Canterbury College and the University of Windsor Students extending their gratitude for our contribution to the Food Bank.

A huge thank you to the Parishioners and to the University of Windsor Students and Staff who gave so generously to help support the Canned Food Drive.

Also \$2,250 was collected from the parking lot was donated to the St. Vincent de Paul!

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