

St Andrew Catholic Church

December 25, 2020

CHRISTMAS *Blessings*



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2 St. Andrew Staff Directory, Councils & Commissions

Weekend	Weekday
Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm	Masses: 9:00 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Anointing of the Sick <i>please contact the Parish Office 248.651.7486</i>
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On the Christmas Journey

+When a baby is born, it is an occasion of great joy and celebration. Family and friends visit the new parents, excited phone calls are made, and social media announcements invite all to share in the family's excitement. Everyone gets caught up in the jubilation. Then after a short while, the "hubbub" gives way to the routine of daily life.

Christmas is the meeting of heaven and earth, the moment when the eternal God enters our broken world as both fully God and fully human – the fulfillment of the hopes and prophecies of millennia. This truth is so monumental that it should define every single day of our lives. The excitement of the birth of this Child should never wane. That is the challenge: to allow the wondrous, wonderful mystery of the Incarnation to truly permeate our hearts and minds – and not just now on Christmas, but every day of our lives.

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family this weekend too, we sometimes imagine them as so very different from ourselves: holier and more spiritual. Certainly, that is true. But it is important for us to also realize how *fully human* they were – which means that what they attained *is possible* for each one of us! Often we try to make them more like us so we can "relate" to them, when really we are called to imitate them in their holiness. We gather in faith to celebrate with them, and pray that their holiness in living "family life" sets a beautiful model for all of us.

They were committed to God and to one another, despite terrible hardships and circumstances. In Saints Joseph and Mary, we not only have human saints who give us an example of how to live together in mutual love and concern while facing day-to-day demands and challenges, but we also have intercessors in prayer who can help us through difficult times. And, of course, in Jesus Christ – both fully human and fully divine – we have the example of perfect love who provides the Way to eternal life, and the Holy Spirit who remains in his place to assist us in all we do.

So with the conclusion of Advent 2020 and the beginning of this joyful season of Christmas – albeit a quieter one, given the pandemic – let us praise and thank God for the gift of Emmanuel in our lives. May we pray that we come to recognize his presence in our world and help to make Him known by our words and actions!

May the blessings of the Lord continue to be showered upon all of us and upon our families and friends – and in a special way, upon all those who are struggling with pain, loss, loneliness, unemployment and all the horrible impacts of the coronavirus that has devastated our world this year. May we be beacons of light to help them in their times of darkness and need.

+On behalf of Fr. Craig, Deacon Marc, Deacon Tom and the entire Parish Staff and the Holy Family Reginal School staff – who have all worked so very hard this year with the challenges of COVID19 – I want to wish a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** to all, and blessings of the season to everyone! Stay safe, stay healthy! My special gratitude for all your support of me in my time of illness and recovery! I hope to see you in church if possible, but if not, on-line for one of our celebrations! God bless us all!

Monsignor Mike



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, December 24
Closed

Friday, December 25
Closed

Saturday, December 26
Closed

Sunday, December 27
Closed

Monday, December 28
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Tuesday, December 29
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Wednesday, December 30
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Thursday, December 31
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Friday, January 1
Closed

4 Merry Christmas

The Pastoral and Parish Staff would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest Holiday wishes to our entire Parish Family. We hope the birth of our Lord and Savior brings to each one of you Peace and Love during the Christmas season and beyond. We look forward to working with and serving with you in the New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Msgr. Mike
Gayle Durkin
Paul Rybicki
Lidia Larges
Steve Jordan
Alex Brown
Jon Myers*

*Fr. Craig
Nikki Zakrzewski
Anne Cairns
Barbara Pacella
Keith Sawruk
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Susan Kowalski
Maureen Schreffler
Brenda Heughens
Bob Johnides
Steve Umscheid*

*Dcn. Tom Sliney
Stephan Pawl
Linda Martens
Margaret Kozak
Jeff Daldin
Chris Kasperek*

**A Message from
the St. Andrew Bereavement Ministry**

*The thoughts and prayers of the
St. Andrew Catholic Community
are with you during this blessed Christmas season.*

*Celebrate the Holiday Season with
Peace and Love!*

*However you observe the
Christmas Season, let your grief
lead you to a deeper appreciation for the time
honored traditions of the holiday season, traditions
that bring home the meaning of God's promise of
everlasting love and life. In this season of light,
remember the light your loved one has brought to
your life.*

*"Our loved ones are still and always
will be a part of us.
They are threads in our fabric and we cannot
lose their love."*

Darcie D. Sims, Touchstones

*May God bless and comfort you and
your family.*

St. Andrew Parish Life Commission



**I'm Spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this Year**

*I see the countless Christmas trees,
Around the world below,
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars,
Reflecting on the snow.*

*The sight is so spectacular,
Please wipe away that tear,
For I'm spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs,
That people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music can't compare,
With the Christmas choir up here.*

*For I have no words to tell you,
The joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description,
To hear the angels sing.*

*I can't tell you of the splendor,
Or the peace here in this place,
Can you just imagine Christmas,
With our Savior, face to face?*

*I'll ask Him to light your spirit,
As I tell Him of your love,
So then pray one for another,
As I lift your eyes above.*

*Please let your hearts be joyful,
And let your spirit sing,
For I'm Spending Christmas
in Heaven,
And I'm walking with the King.*

~Wanda Beneke~

A Christmas Prayer of Good Wishes

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen

—Author Unknown

Christmas Blessings from our
Faith Formation Staff:

Brenda Heughens Margaret Kozak
Lidia Larges Linda Martens
Barb Pacella Maureen Schreffler



IMPORTANT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Virtual Faith Formation will continue for the remainder of the school year. We hope you have been enjoying the videos. We look forward to meeting in person next fall. Thank you for all your patience and feedback.



52 Sundays is a dynamic guide to help you and your family reclaim the Lord's Day with prayer, activities, food, and more! It offers simple and insightful ways for

your family to spend time together each Sunday learning more about the Catholic faith and having fun while you're it. Sign up to receive weekly content or download a digital copy at www.52sunday.com.



St. Andrew Youth present STEPPING INTO THE STORY A VIRTUAL REFLECTION

Meet the characters surrounding the Nativity, as they use story, reflection and song, to tell of the roles they played in sharing the Good News.

Find it on the parish website at
standrewchurch.org
Family fun for all ages!





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*"And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all people."*

Luke 2:10

We know the greatness of our God and wish His blessings
on you in the Christmas season and always,

The Holy Family Regional School Community

The Holy Family



December 27, 2020

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8 Worship

The Holy Family

On this first Sunday after Christmas, the Liturgy invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

The Holy Family is the name given to the family unit of Jesus. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family. The Gospels speak of the early years of the Holy Family, including the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, and the finding of Jesus in the temple. While the exact details of the day-to-day life of the Holy Family may be unknown, we can still learn a lot from the stories we do have.

Devotion to the Holy Family is a recent development, growing in popularity in the 17th century. On October 26, 1921 the Congregation of Rites (under Pope Benedict XV) inserted the Feast of the Holy Family into the Latin Rite general calendar. Until then it had been celebrated regionally. Popes before and including Benedict XV (especially Leo XIII) promoted the feast as a way to counter the breakdown of the family unit. Today the Church celebrates the Feast on the Sunday between Christmas and the Feast of Mary Mother of God. If both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sundays, no Sunday exists between the two dates, so the Church celebrates the Holy Family Feast on December 30th. If the feast falls on the 30th, attendance is not obligatory. Up until 1969, the Holy Family feast was kept on the first Sunday after Epiphany. It was transferred to its current date in 1969.

It seems appropriate that we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph during the Christmas season, typically just after families have gathered for Christmas, although this year and this Christmas have been anything but typical. The feast is not just about the Holy Family, but about our families too. The Holy family is a model for all families and for domestic life in general. Today's readings ask us to put family and life in perspective. When we take care of aging parents we care for Christ, who is with all and in all. When we approach one another with compassion, kindness, gentleness, and patience, we communicate Christ's love. Even when the Lord leads in ways we cannot quite understand, we must follow God's will, knowing that in doing so, we cooperate with God's grace in our midst. Every family is called to be a holy family.

When asked to describe your family, no matter how wonderful it may be, your first description is probably not "holy." And yet, this is our primary call. Each of us as people of God, and each of our families, is called to be holy. We are called to live as God's people in the world, to communicate God's love and presence through the way that we live together and in relationship with others. Even Mary, Joseph, and Jesus faced challenges and trials. And yet they rose to the occasion, listened to and followed God's will, trusting in God's abiding presence even when they knew that doing so involved risk and uncertainty. Being Christian people in today's world is not always easy, even when we know it is right. This is the meaning of holiness. This is what it means to be a holy family. Today's feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved?



Mary, Mother of God

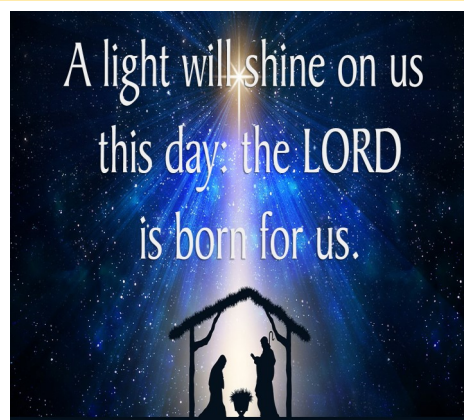
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31, 2020

4:00 PM

January 1, 2021

9:00 AM



ST ANDREW YOUTH

MIRROR THE LOVE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

"The Triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection."
Pope Francis

Living in a loving manner sometimes can be most difficult within the family (the domestic Church), where intimate conflicts yield deep wounds, and where routine and familiarity can breed contempt and complacency. So we look to the Holy Family as models of fraternal love in a world of fractured family life and institutions.

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Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now.

He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.

Holy Family Prayer

Lord, I do offer myself to You this day and in doing so I offer You my family.

I offer every relationship, be it good or difficult, and I offer every challenge we face.

Please come and sanctify my family, making it holy in imitation of your family in Nazareth.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Catholic Daily Reflections

Making a Christ-Candle



photo: Living Well Monk

SUPPLIES

- paraffin or used white candles
- No. 3 empty can (32 ounces, holds 4 cups)
- pencil
- 10" piece of string or wick
- can opener
- holly or evergreens
- other decorations of choice

The Christ-Candle is a nice decoration for the family table at Christmas. Here are the directions to make and decorate one's own candle.

DIRECTIONS

An attractive Christ-Candle for the family table may be made at home by melting paraffin or used white candles. Take a No. 3 size empty can, the kind in which juice comes. Remove one end of the can. Across the top open place a pencil to which is tied a ten inch piece of string for the wick. Pour the melted wax or paraffin into the can until full. Allow to cool. Then place in the refrigerator for an hour. When the bottom of the can is removed by a can opener, the candle will slip out easily. It may be entwined with holly or other evergreens to signify the Light from the Root of Jesse and lighted at meal times.

A child may cut from old Christmas cards a Madonna and Child, a star or angel, and attach these with rubber cement to the candle. Our eight-year-old daughter decorated a delightful candle by pinning to it tiny bright metal stars, spangles and snowflakes by means of straight pins. These decorations come packaged at Christmas goods section of five and ten cent stores, or are available from mail order houses.

Activity Source: Christmas to Candlemas in a Catholic Home by Helen McLoughlin, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota

Merry Christmas! Margaret Kozak

"YOUTH NIGHT"

6 pm to 8 pm

In the Activities Building
unless otherwise noted

Come join us for

Food, Fellowship and Fun.

Friends are always Welcome!

For more information
please contact me.

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TO NUMBER 81010

CALENDAR ~ Youth Nights

We will see you in January!
Merry Christmas!

PLEASE BRING
your Mask & a Chair!

***Events may change or others may be added.
Sign up for REMIND to get the most up to date
information***

LOOKING FOR SERVICE IDEAS

Ushers & Greeters Needed
for Saturday & Sunday 5 pm Masses

(Perfect opportunity to do individually,
with your family or your sponsor)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
for a list of service opportunities
or ideas please contact me.

Check out our Youth Ministry Website

[STANDREWCHURCH.ORG/
FAITH-FORMATION/STAYG/](http://STANDREWCHURCH.ORG/FAITH-FORMATION/STAYG/)

For activities to do with your family,
our calendar and much more.

Don't forget to take photos while
doing the activities and send them in

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This 10-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan University and founder of The Ministry of the Wild Goose, leads us on a journey with Christ into conversion. Each of the episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Join us for the most important journey of our lives, a journey of grace, hope, repentance, and transformation.

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Dates: Jan 20, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 21,
May 19, Jun 9

Place: via Zoom - from the comfort of your home

Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

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FAMILIES of PARISHES PRAYER

Father in Heaven,
renew your wonders in our time,
as though by a New Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to
move boldly into Families of Parishes
with confidence.

Deepen our desire for every person
to encounter Jesus anew,
grow daily as his disciples and
give witness to his love and mercy.
This is our mission!
And we embrace it anew.

Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit,
praying perseveringly and insistently
with one mind, together with
Mary, the mother of Jesus, and
guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and
Bl. Solanus Casey,
may increase the reign of
the Divine Savior,
the reign of truth and justice,
the reign of love and peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

AMEN



... but the greatest of these is

LOVE

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*May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.*



UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

Limited 250

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

9:00 am

Public & Livestream

Weekend

Saturday

5:00 pm

Public & Livestream

Sunday

8:00 am, 12:00 noon,

5:00 pm

NO 5:00 pm Mass

On December 27

**Mass on weekends
will be by reservations.**

**Link available on
Wednesday before.**

**Remember, space is limited
to 250**



Theresa Goethals, 82

Died on

December 6, 2020

Buried on

December 17, 2020



Kip "Robert" Kipila, 65

Died on

December 9, 2020

Buried on

December 18, 2020



Eileen Locke, 93

Died on

December 9, 2020

Buried on

December 19, 2020

Readings for the Week of December 28

December 28

Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5 - 2:2

Matthew 2:13-18

December 29

St Thomas Becket

1 John 2:3-11

Luke 2:22-35

December 30

1 John 2:12-17

Luke 2:36-40

December 31

St Sylvester I

1 John 2:18-21

John 1:1-18

January 1

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalms 67

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

January 2

SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

1 John 2:22-28

John 1:19-28

January 3

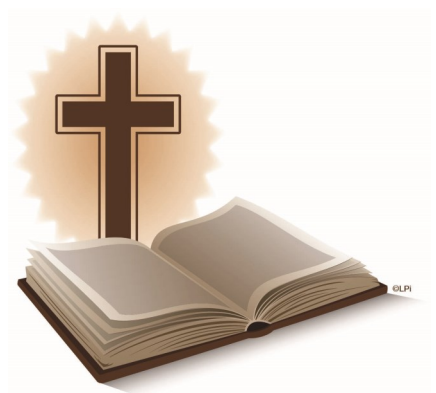
Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72

Ephesians 2:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



12 Prayer Requests & Mass Intentions

Prayer Requests

All men & women in the military
& family members

Mike Helms
Jerry Griffin
Jim Fisher
David Peaper
Paul Adesko
Cache Giacalone
Frank Chaffee
Tom Bomek
Norman Bomek
Msgr. Mike
Noreen Finn
Tom Maas
Laurie Hasselwander
Karen Ahearn
Laura Keilman
Jack Waters
Mike Peters
Scott Holland
Sandra Brogger
John Thompson
Jack Hretz
Angie Sultana
Richard Mikutis
Catherine Hornung
Helen Hawley
Caterina Basile
Kristin Sutter
Deborah Giacalone
Cheryl Labes
Michael Rea
Susan Metz
Paul Jacque
Tracy Jacque
Lisa Miller Ruskin
Mark Wiemels
Diane Franey
Debbie Psotka
Karen Young
Dave Felicelli
Dan Brusstar
Mary Jo Dinha
Tom Donoughe
Mary Macke
Mike McDermott
Judy Cote
Robert Clemens
Bill Zandi
Amelia Roose
Nicholas Gauthier

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 27

SUNDAY	December 27, 2020	
8:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
	♦ Mary Murphy & James Ahearn	Jerry & Joyce Bone
12:00 pm	♦ Anne Wheadon	Family
	♦ Grace Helen Tallman	Ekleberry Family
	♦ Sally Bolgiani	Sister, Suzie & Family
MONDAY	December 28, 2020	
9:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
TUESDAY	December 29, 2020	
9:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
WEDNESDAY	December 30, 2020	
9:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
THURSDAY	December 31, 2020	
9:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
4:00 pm	For the People of St Andrew	
FRIDAY	January 1, 2021	
9:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
SATURDAY	January 2, 2021	
5:00 pm	♦ Barbara Grajewski	Family
	♦ Lorraine Stoll	William
	Debbie Psotka	Uncle Jack & Aunt Joy
SUNDAY	January 3, 2021	
8:00 am	For the People of St Andrew	
12:00 pm	♦ Paul Foster	Ann Foster
	♦ Kelli Williams	A Friend
	♦ Carol D'Amico	Cousin, Donna
5:00 pm	♦ For All Those Buried at Guardian Angel Cemetery During the Last Month	

