



**THE HOLY FAMILY
OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

DECEMBER 28, 2014

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



*Thank you to EVERYBODY who participated in any way in the celebration of Christmas. It was my best Christmas ever! The liturgists and choir were wonderful and the decorators did a marvelous job. Thanks to your cooperation, we had a great balance on Christmas Eve between the two masses so that everyone was able to see and hear well. May God's blessings be with you in the New Year,
Fr. Jim*

NEW YEAR'S/SOLEMNITY OF MARY - On December 31, Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM and at Noon on January 1.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners at Transition Projects. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

FOOD SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS – Thank you to all who made donations for the memorial poinsettias decorating our church. The names of those to be remembered are posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Those commemorated will be included in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass during the Christmas season.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH. Please check off your name on the list when you take your packet. If you did not use envelopes last year and would like to this year, please record your name on a line marked "Open" and take the corresponding packet. Thank you.

PLEASE HELP YOURSELF TO THE ST. ELIZABETH LITURGICAL CALENDARS, which you will also find in the back of the Church.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Eileen and Michael Davey

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM: Denise and Doug White

Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,437.80

RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS TO DATE: \$2,541.80 Thank you.

"Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. "We must see all our activities as linked with God's work. In keeping with the Christmas season, we can reflect on God's presence in even the most "secular" places. Parents, children, communities, single persons, young and old should find hope in this presence.

The passages for this Sunday from Sirach and Colossians specify the shape of a happy home for their times. Whether it be in care for an aging parent or in the loving interaction of spouses, the ideals have perennial appeal. The particular historical applications remind us that the ideals need ever-fresh interpretation in our daily lives. While the cultural picture of nagging fathers and submissive wives remind us of a waning era, we are challenged to see what a happy home can be for us. How will our relationships evolve if we do all in the name of Christ Jesus?

The gospels for each year open up for us a variety of episodes in Jesus' early life. His happy home, the Holy Family, is far from idyllic. Joseph must take the child and Mary to Egypt. Interpreting God's will, they are able to escape Herod and then settle in Nazareth (year A). Joseph and Mary marvel at the poetic words of an aged man who awaits the consolation of Israel. Even here, Simeon's words show the swords of pain and division in their home. Mary, the first to hear God's Word must encounter the challenges of his life (year B). Jesus' later visit to the temple presages his destiny and the tension this brought (year C).

In their family interaction, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus did all in the name of God. Within our own history, we must do all in the name of this present One.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.* Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3/
Psalm 105/ Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Luke 2:22-40
- Monday: *Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.* 1 John 2:3-11/
Psalm 96/ Luke 2:22-35
- Tuesday: *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.* 1 John 2:12-17/
Psalm 96/ Luke 2:36-40
- Wednesday: *Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.* 1 John 2:18-21/
Psalm 96/ John 1:1-18
- Thursday: *The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.* Numbers 6:22-27/ Psalm 67/ Galatians 4:4-7/ Luke 2:16-21
- Friday: 1 John 2:22-28/ Psalm 98/ John 1:19-28
- Saturday: *The Most Holy Name of Jesus.* 1 John 2:29 through 3:6/ Psalm 98/
John 1:29-34
- Next Sunday: *The Epiphany of the Lord.* Isaiah 60:1-6/ Psalm 72/ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Matthew 2:1-12



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

Joan Enright, Secretary - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

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Reflection

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. . . . How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truth. . . . May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, the perfect setting for rearing children—and for this there is no substitute.

From an address by Pope Paul VI on January 5, 1964,

The Liturgy of the Hours, vol. I, pp. 426-427)