

December 27, 2015

**The Sunday Within The Octave Of The
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

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

Feast



Blessed Bonds of Love and Care

Today's feast of the Holy Family, falling this year on the Sunday after Christmas, extends the celebration of the Nativity, putting new emphasis on the humanity of Jesus and on the gift of divine life offered to all of us.

Jesus had a unique relationship of sonship with God his heavenly Father and was a part of the family of Joseph and Mary and a part of the human family.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Gene Schoenvogel in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.

MASS INTENTIONS



***Note: Praha Mass schedule change**
Praha: Thursday, December 31st – 4:30 p.m.
Friday, January 1
 9:30 a.m. The Benefactors of the Parish
Saturday, January 2
 6:30 p.m. Bessie Michalec
Sunday, January 3
 6:30 a.m. The Parish Family
 9:30 a.m. Sophie & August Kasper

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Epiphany of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm: 72
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The K.J.Z.T. Society #14 will lead the Saturday evening rosary during the month of January.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in Thanksgiving to God.

2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2015 Assessment \$17,015.00
Contributions So Far \$14,676.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 2,339.00
No. of Families Who Have Contributed 59
No. of Families Yet to Contribute 255

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

- Marilyn Strmiska*
- Caroline & James Freytag*
- Pat & Jim Glueck*
- Dolores & Ben Scott*
- Mary & Ray Michalec*
- Elaine Simper*
- Dana & Steve Blahuta*
- Murlene Simper*
- Patsy Zamykal*
- Pat & Tom Lawrence*
- Pauletta & D.J. Darilek*

Our parish quota to the Bishop should be paid by the end of the year. We are behind in our contributions this year. We thank those who have contributed and we ask those who have not done so yet to consider making a donation so that we can meet our quota. We are almost there! You can help!

Additional Christmas Flower Donations

- In memory of Larry Seifert
- In memory of Sivyver & Brisco Families
- In memory of Virgie Drabek, C.W. Havel
- In memory of Norma & Willie Hoepfl, Rudy J. Berckenhoff
- In memory of Rosie & Joe W. Fishbeck, Hallie & Joe Klesel, Allen R. & Leroy J. Fishbeck, Adolph & Eugene Klesel
- In memory of Helen Bohuslav, Julia Jasek, George Jasek, Sr., Stanley Jasek
- In memory of Adolph C. Darilek, Albina & Tom J. Darilek, Theresa & Jacob Mikes

**Mass At Raphael's Refuge, Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m.
Feast Day of the Holy Innocents**

Bishop Cahill will celebrate Mass. Rosary will begin at 9:30 a.m, followed by announcements and introductions. The Monument is located at 2715 W. Hwy 90 (two miles west of Flatonia). For more information contact Midge Elam at 361-258-1514.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY – No Gold Star Club Meeting
- WEDNESDAY – No Champions Club Meeting
- THURSDAY – New Year's Eve.
 - KC Bingo, KC Hall
- FRIDAY – New Year's Day. See Mass Schedule.
 - Parish Office Closed.
 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

REFLECTION

“I Must Be In My Father’s House”

The account of Jesus in the temple mirrors his relationship with his parents. His human formation came from them. To discover his identity, the young adult, Jesus went beyond his human origins. Jesus expressed that in his first recorded words as he asked his parents: “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” Being in his Father’s house, being about the Father’s work was the one imperative, the divine “must,” that would frame his entire life. He experienced human limitations in order to lead humanity to its divine destiny of sharing God’s own life.

Joseph and Mary understood this no better than did Jesus’ disciples years later. Jesus will again go to Jerusalem at the time of the Passover and again will be “lost” for three days. Jesus’ parents seemed to have lost him in Jerusalem; his disciples thought that they had lost him on the cross just outside Jerusalem. Jesus asked his parents, “Why were you looking for me?” After the resurrection, the angel asked the disciples, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead?”

One of the key lessons of this feast may be that understanding Jesus for who he is will always be a process of seeking and finding.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec. 27 – Sidonia Mayer, Otto Moeller, Rose Selzer, Christine Wenske
Dec. 28 – Joseph Bartos, Alfred Haikenwaelder, Hailey Rothbauer
Dec. 29 – Abby Bohuslav, Shelby Bohuslav, Duane Fojtik, Hattie Olle, Earlene Pilat, Jillian Anderle
Dec. 30 – Byron Jasek, Kalla Gaertner
Dec. 31 – Clarence Bohuslav, Layne Caballero, Betty Martinez, Marlon Novosad, Addisyn Greive
Jan. 2 – Rosie Koudelka, Benedict Wenske

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 27 – Caroline & James Freytag
60th Wedding Anniversary

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Today – No C.C.D. (Christmas Holidays)
Jan. 3 – C.C.D. Resumes

New CDs in the CD rack at the back of Church.
Scott Hahn *The Healing Power of Confession.*

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

10:00-10:30 a.m. – Angie Jalufka, Sharon Etlinger
10:30-11:30 a.m. – Michael & Anna Fishbeck
11:30-12:30 p.m. – Nancy Sivyer, *open*
12:30-1:00 p.m. – *Adorers Needed*
1:00-2:00 p.m. – Mary Ann Wenske, *open*
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *open*
3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, Bee Bohuslav
3:30-4:00 p.m. – John Wenske, Linda Pilat, Cathy Wenske
4:00-4:30 p.m. – Rose Rothbauer, *open*
4:30-5:00 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Rose Rothbauer
5:00-5:30 p.m. – James Wenske, Mike Janecek, Scott Wenske
5:30-6:00 p.m. – James Wenske, Scott Wenske

Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

Happy New Year !

The first of January has many observances: We mark the conclusion to the octave of Christmas; it is New Year’s Day; we celebrate the Day of Prayer for World Peace; and we observe the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Mary The God-bearer: The Church today celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. She is called *Theotokos* (God-bearer), for “God sent his Son born of a woman.” Because Mary found favor with God, his Son took the flesh of Mary – it is thanks to her that Jesus is *fully* human with flesh like ours, except for sin, and also fully divine.



Mary is the ultimate symbol of the Christian, for what is a Christian if not one who bears Christ within our

world and brings him to people?

New Year’s Day: On New Year’s Day we gather together and realize that our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Thank You and A Happy New Year

Santa was good to me. I must have been a good boy. What a warm feeling to be remembered with cards and gifts by so many parishioners this Christmas. I was really touched. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness and the sentiments behind it. As in the past, I pledge to continue serving you to the best of my ability. Remember me in your prayers as I do.

God bless,