

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF THE HOLY
FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH AND
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

JANUARY 1 - 7, 2024

**Monday, 1/1 † The Octave Day of the Nativity of
the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy
Mother of God**

6pm: Jamieson

**Tuesday, 1/2 † Saints Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors**

8am: Leop

9am: S.S. The Daly Family by Mary Daly

**Wednesday, 1/3 † Christmas Weekday, The Most
Holy Name of Jesus**

9am: A.S.-

6pm: Noelle

**Thursday, 1/4 † Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious**

8am: Willa

9am: A.S.

First Friday, 1/5 † Saint John Neuman, Bishop

8am: Olivia

9am: A.S. Stanley & Henry Wojcieszak by the
Herbert Family

**First Saturday, 1/6 † Christmas Weekday, Saint
Andre' Bessette, Religious**

8:30am: Finley

Saturday, 1/6 † Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30am: Sherry Jorzak by the Thomas Jorzak Fam.

Sunday, 1/7 † The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am: Mary

9am: A. S. The Daly family by Mary Daly

11am: Parishioners

The Office will be closed Monday, January 1st

†† R. I. P. ††
Dr. Dennis Dalphond

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Wed., Jan 3 – 6:30pm - K of C, Parlor

Thurs., Jan. 4 – 2:15pm - Legion of Mary, SS. C & M

Thurs., Jan 4– 4pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
SS. C & M

Sun., Jan. 7 – 9:30am – Religious Education

The Liturgy and Worship committee wishes to thank the dedicated volunteers who helped decorate the church so beautifully for Christmas. Special thanks to Lupe Guardiola for working tirelessly to create the lovely window decorations. All of the decorating efforts are dedicated to our beloved Regina Howard who beautified SSCM and AS for decades. May she rest in peace.

A Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by The Most Rev. Bishop Robert J. McClory, Bishop of Gary honoring the Presence of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus, East Chicago, IN will be held on Sunday, January 7th, 2024 at 2 pm at the Carmelite Monastery at 1628 Ridge Road, Munster, IN
The Carmelite Sisters will be leaving East Chicago after serving thousands of children and youth for over 110 years! Please join us for this Spiritual Farewell to the Carmelite Sisters!

A prayer for the New Year 2024. Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee during the coming year, convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Your friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Your blessings upon each member of our family, our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Your judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Your inspirations and carried on by Your assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in You, may likewise be ended through You. Amen.

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families, providing food, Christmas gifts, and for utility and rent bills. Thanks!

Dear Padre

December 31, 2023

How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214-33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, "giving their children judicious advice...." (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits. ●

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Good News!

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 /
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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I asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any "have-tos" whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one's home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father's gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents' acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love" (Colossians 3:12-14). ●

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"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

70 New Year's Resolutions for Catholics

Now it is time to up the ante in holiness for 2019. The following list of possible resolutions you can make for the coming year. Don't try to do all of them. Or, actually, yes, try to do all of them.

1. Go to *Daily* Mass at least once a month
2. Get a spiritual director
3. Make a monthly confession
4. Pray the **Liturgy of the Hours**
5. Publically declare "I am pro-life"
6. March in a pro-life event
7. Create/Implement something new for your parish to take part in
8. Visit the nearest children's hospital, homeless shelter and/or soup kitchen and offer your services
9. Pray a daily Rosary
10. Adopt a continent and pray for victims of religious persecution
11. Take an **online course** in Theology or Philosophy (**for free!**)
12. Visit your local Catholic School and volunteer your time
13. Fast on Fridays from meat and eating between meals (if you're physically able)
14. Invite your priest over for dinner
15. Make a pilgrimage
16. Visit a convent or a monastery
17. Go on a retreat that lasts more than 48 hours (a silent one if at all possible)
18. Start a non-profit
19. Start your own online apostolate
20. Join a 3rd order
21. Ask God to convert the hearts of your loved ones
22. Make Total consecration to Jesus through Mary
23. Do something (else) for your Church- Catechist, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, etc.
24. Buy doughnuts for your workplace
25. Have a priest or deacon bless your home
26. Choose one Saint to pray with at least once daily
27. Vote
28. Become a Knight of Columbus, Opus Dei, or associate to a religious congregation
29. Write a letter to a retired priest or religious
30. Tell your conversion/reversion story
31. Create a (or join your local) **St. Paul's Street Evangelization** crew
32. Exercise for the souls in purgatory (Every rep/mile can count toward the spiritual liberation of one of our beloved brothers or sisters in Christ)
33. **Read the Bible in One Year**
34. **Read the Summa in One Year**
35. **Get free Catholic stuff**
36. Fast from something for an entire year
37. Read something by G.K. Chesterton
38. Light a candle

39. Pledge an hour of your week to go to Eucharistic Adoration
40. Make one hour of your day a holy hour
41. Memorize a new prayer
42. Write your own prayer
43. Get your Sacramentals blessed by a priest or deacon
44. Celebrate the feast day of an obscure, not-so-well known Saint
45. Carry a sacramental with you wherever you go
46. Sprinkle random places with holy water
47. Give your priest a gift for Father's day
48. Join your parish council
49. Become a **Battle Saint** supporter
50. Change your lock screen/screen-saver/background image to something epically Catholic
51. **Fill your iTunes with more Catholic artists**
52. Subscribe to a Catholic podcast
53. Commit yourself to reading at least 5 books about your faith
54. Kneel in prayer before laying down for bed
55. Become invested and wear a scapular
56. Surround yourself with sacred art
57. Take care of the temple – exercise
58. Join/start a Bible study at Church
59. Create a special place for prayer in your living space
60. "Adopt" a seminarian in your diocese and send him prayer support, food, and anything else he'll never be able to afford.
61. **Stock your Catholic wardrobe**
62. Ask for forgiveness in a broken relationship
63. Build up familial relationships
64. Mentor the young
65. Say that Chaplet
66. Ask God to shower you with mercy, forgiveness and love.
- ~~67~~ 67. Clean out your closets and donate to the needy
- ~~68~~ 68. Participate in each Spiritual and Corporal Work of Mercy
- ~~69~~ 69. Practice abstraction successfully (take that philosophy course from #11 first to know what abstraction means.)
- ~~70~~ 70. Consecrate your heart and family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus