

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 31, 2017

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

Spend a few quiet moments in prayer, thanking God for calling us to be part of God's holy family, for giving us at baptism and at confirmation the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit has been poured into our hearts and dwells within us, binding us together.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 1, 2018

Monday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary  
NO MASS  
Tuesday, January 2, St. Basil the Great  
NO MASS  
Wednesday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
10:30AM Jim Shields by Dr. Robert & Paula Platt  
Thursday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
NO MASS  
Friday, January 5, St. John Neumann  
8:15AM Charles Marcinkowski by Family  
Saturday, January 6, St. Andre Bessette  
5PM Kenny Korando by Dorothy  
Sunday, January 7, Epiphany of the Lord  
9AM For the Parish

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK DEC. 31 THRU JAN. 7

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	NO MASS NO K of C LUNCHEON
Tuesday	NO MASS NO SCHOOL/ NO PRESCHOOL
Wednesday	SCHOOL RESUMES – NO BUS 10:30AM Mass at Three Springs 6PM Dinner Auction Meeting at K of C
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 3 & 4 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS SERVICE
Saturday	10AM Deacon Information Meeting at Pastoral Center, Belleville 5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** On Christmas we celebrate God becoming human, when the face of creation was changed. We ponder that great mystery of the Incarnation: Jesus is true God and truly human. The divine has entered into communion with the human in the body and soul of Jesus of Nazareth. Christmas is not a single day, however, but an entire season. Today, the Sunday after Christmas, we ponder the Holy Family. What difference does this mystery of the Incarnation make for families? Jesus came to bring together the children of Israel into a new family, a family united not by blood but by faith in him. So in today's Gospel we see some of the first members of that family. Today we meet Simeon and Anna, not related by blood, but only by faith in the promises of the God of Israel. Each sees in the child Jesus the glory of Israel and the light for the Gentiles. Christmas reminds us that by baptism into Christ we are now part of God's family. As "God's chosen ones," St. Paul reminds the Colossians (3:62) that we are to put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Jan. 6 & 7: 5PM, Nate Maes, Koby Jany; 9AM, Gage Hopkins, Garrett Hopkins, Reed Welborn

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** We are at the close of the year, but the story we've been living together goes on and on. So let us put on love and continue down the road, bearing with and forgiving one another.

**TITHE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2017**  
Mary Help of Christians: \$7,696.50

\$13,381.00 Christmas; \$1,525.00 Needy; \$115.00 Cemetery; \$135.00 Improvement Fund; \$4.00 Child Env.  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,954.02  
Fiscal Year Week: 26  
YTD Actual Giving \$180,804.50  
YTD Budget Need: \$182,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$1,195.50)  
YTD Weekly: (\$45.98)

**SCHOOL RESUMES** on Wednesday, Jan. 3. There will be NO BUS SERVICE.

**DINNER AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the K of C Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 6PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Volunteers are always needed. Saturday, April 7, is the date of the Gala Dinner Auction!

**FISH BUFFET:** Evansville K of C will sponsor a fish fry on Friday, Jan. 5, from 4:30-8PM. There will be four kinds of fish, chicken strips and seven sides. Cost for adults is \$12.00 and children ages 5-12 is \$5.00. Buffet is dine-in only. Carry-outs available by the plate, sandwich, or by the pound.

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** is in need of canned meats, canned fruit, and peanut butter. Thank you for your continued support of the Pantry.

**SAVE THOSE ROZIER'S RECEIPTS:** The Apples for Students program runs through Saturday, March 3. Boxes are located in the back of church and in the school library.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE** and send in Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup and Best Choice, Tyson Project A+ labels, and empty computer ink cartridges to the school office. For the Campbell Soup and Best Choice programs, please send in ONLY the UPC codes.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING:** St. Patrick Catholic Church, Tipton, will be the site for Life Line Screenings on Monday, January 22. These five screenings look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up and will be available for \$139.00. Get your special Community Circle pricing by registering toll-free at 1-866-229-0469, or going online to [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle), or texting the word circle to 797979. Getting screened is simple! Keep your clothes on for this painless, non-invasive screening. For additional information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the back of church.

**FAMILY PRAYER:** Praying together as a family is a beautiful way to increase your family's relationship with the Lord and with one another. The Holy Family of Nazareth experienced both joy and sorrow as do families of today. In daily family life, Pope Francis affirmed the importance of speaking key words within our families: "may I," "please" and "sorry". We must use our words to treat every person with dignity and respect. Pray for healing and reconciliation within families so that no one feels unloved or unwelcome.

**FAMILY:** Every child is born to greatness in the Lord. Every child is full of grace-even when growing old. Every family is holy. This is the message today. Not only Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. But also, me and mine. Also, yours. How will I cherish my children, my family this week? How can I grow and become strong in the Lord? How will I strengthen family life by mercy works?