

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Patty Daft)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

THE SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; Saint Sylvester I, Pope

- 4:00 PM—The Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (People of Immaculate Conception)

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, (holy day of obligation)

- 9:00 AM—Sacred Heart, Newton, Holy Day mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service and coffee

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019

Christmas Weekday; *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5,

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Becky Maher)



After three days they found him in the temple. Luke 2:46

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Is 9:1-6
Ps 96:1-3, 11-13
Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14

Tuesday

Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17
Mt 10:17-22

Thursday

1 Jn 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1a, 2-8



Friday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8
Mt 2:13-18

Saturday

1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6
Lk 2:22-35

Sunday

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52

Some Dates to Note

- Jan. 8—Knights of Columbus Dinner and Meeting
- Jan. 15—Social Action Committee Meeting
- Jan. 17—Finance Council Meeting

Catechists Needed

Fourth Grade and Seventh Grade

We are in need of two catechists when classes resume on January 10. We need a fourth grade and a seventh grade catechists. Please prayerfully consider if this is a way you might minister to our parish and our kids.

Too often people who would make great catechists feel that they “don’t know enough”. It is not a matter of knowing but a willingness to share faith. Thanks to all those who serve as catechists now.



Congratulations to the members of Altar & Rosary Society for a really great cookie and candy walk.



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

Envelopes	\$977.00
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Christmas.....	\$1,776.00
Retired Religious.....	\$20.00

Wishing all a happy, peaceful, and wonderful New Year. God bless you all.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2019

Tuesday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and all Catholics have a solemn obligation to celebrate mass. The Vigil mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 31, at 4:00 PM. Mass for the Holy Day will be at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 1, at Sacred Heart in Newton.

“There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter. An evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral!”

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)





FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The holy family is held up as a model for all of us to strive to obtain. We picture the perfect and ideal family where everything is always calm and everyone was always thoughtful and caring. And that is probably how it generally was, after all these were extraordinary people. But I am also sure they had their moments. There must have been times when even Mary was exhausted and felt she couldn't give anymore. They were a poor family and so there must have been many financial worries, times when they were not sure where their next meal was coming from. Jesus probably got sick like any child (after all he was like us in everything but sin) and caused his parents worry and concern. Despite the everyday concerns and problems of life, they always knew they could depend on each other and that they would take care of each other. That is what family is all about.

This feast can be a little difficult for some of us because our families don't "look" anything like the Holy Family. Possibly they don't act anything like it either. That can be troubling. This feast also reminds us that, other than the Holy Family, no family is perfect. All families have their troubles. It also reminds us that families come in all shapes and forms. They don't have to (and often don't) consist of father, mother, and 2.5 kids.

No matter what our families look like or act like, this feast urges us to do what we can through prayer and actions to make our families more like the Holy Family. We must cherish our families and strive to make them stronger and more stable. This feast also reminds us that we are part of a larger family—the family of God. If family is what we turn to when we need help and support, we certainly should be able to turn to our brothers and sisters in Christ to find help and support. When a fellow member of God's family is hurting, we should be there to help and support them. This is what it means to be a member of a family.

Tuesday is a busy day. It is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a Christmas feast where we celebrate Mary, the true Mother of God and the first disciple. It is a holy day of obligation and we all have an obligation to attend mass. It is right and fitting that we honor Mary in this way.

Tuesday is also the World Day of Prayer for Peace. It is also right and fitting that we during this Christmas season, we take some time to pray for peace in the world and I urge you all to do so. There is no denying the power of prayer or our longing for peace. Finally, it is New Years Day. I want to wish each of you a most happy and blessed New Year. It is a privilege to serve as your Parish Life Coordinator. I have been doing so for seven years now and I look forward to many more years. I know that next year will be a great year for us as a faith community and I look forward to spending the year in worship, prayer and mission with you.

God's abundant blessings

Dc. Joe

Thank you to all who helped make our Christmas celebration so beautiful.

Thank you to the choir for the beautiful music, to those who helped decorate, to the liturgical ministers, to all who attended our services. It is such a wonderful experience to worship and give God praise with all of you.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA) WE MADE IT

Thanks to your generosity, we have made our goal this year.



Flu Season is Here

While we will not be making any changes to the liturgy at this time please keep the following in mind:

Hand Sanitizer: There is a large bottle of hand sanitizer by the front door. If you are not feeling well, or just as a general precaution, everyone is urged to use the sanitizer as they enter the church.

Sunday Obligation: The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday other Holy Days of Obligation, is the ordinary expectation of Catholics. Obviously, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness, travel, or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you are not feeling well, especially during this time—flu season, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.

Sign of Peace: Members of our congregations should not be offended if someone chooses not to shake the other person's hand at the sign of peace. If you are ill (and still come to Mass), the appropriate response to someone extending a sign of peace might be to bow to them and say, "Peace be with You", to avoid bodily contact or one might wave slightly at the other person.

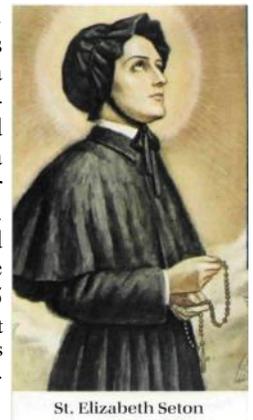
Reception of Holy Communion: While it is the teaching of the Church that the Fullness of the Body and Blood of Christ are contained in the Holy Eucharist, under the form of the Host that is distributed at the Mass, the Church has also extended the privilege to receive communion in the form of wine. However, if you are feeling sick, please receive communion in the hand, and refrain from receiving communion under the form of the Blood of Christ.

SAINT OF THE WEEK Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1774-1821

Feast Day—January 4

Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had five children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality.

Wars had bankrupted the family's shipping business. After becoming a Catholic in New York in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts. Copyright ©2018 Catholic News Service—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



St. Elizabeth Seton

December 30, 2018—11:00 AM

Lectors: Joann Carrothers & Terri Rosonke
Eucharistic Ministers: Irma Bell, Kathy Williams, Linda Barnum, & Rita Krueger
Altar Servers: Matt Rosonke & Meta Hill
Greeters: Ed & Mary Dell Flattery

January 6, 2019—11:00 AM

Lectors: Joe Hayden & Mary Dell Flattery
Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Hayden, Tom Grimm, Marcia Grimm, & Linda Barnum
Altar Servers: Will Owens & Rita Krueger
Greeters: Karen Van Dusseldorp & Joann Carrothers



Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood

Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum)

Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

For all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



Faith Formation News

No classes Wednesday, January 2, for Christmas break. Classes will resume January 9.

DIOCESAN PRAYER:

Vision 20/20 - From Pentecost to Pentecost

Bishop Zinkula has a new initiative, Vision 20/20. Prayer for the success of this initiative is so very important. Please consider praying the following prayer daily for the success of Vision 20/20

Send your Spirit, O God

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly your gifts and blessings,
Past and present,
And so be filled with gratitude.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly where we have failed to proclaim
The Good News and welcome the stranger,
And so be moved to ongoing conversion.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly the signs of the times
And where your Christ lies hidden at the margins,
And so see where and how we are being called to serve.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly the vision that you, O God,
have for us, The Diocese of Davenport,
And so answer your summons into a future together.

Yes, O God, send us your Spirit in a new Pentecost:

Renew our hearts
Renew our Church
Renew our world.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4
Psalm 2:4

New Year Blessings

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastro-enterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber and the I.R.S.

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs and your stocks not fall; and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.

May New Year's Eve find you seated around the table, together with your beloved family and cherished friends. May you find the food better, the environment quieter, the cost much cheaper, and the pleasure much more fulfilling than anything else you might ordinarily do that night

May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them. May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes, and tell the world about your virtues.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner. May the commercials on TV not be louder than the program you have been watching, and may your check book and your budget balance - and include generous amounts for charity.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child, your parent, your siblings; but not to your secretary, your nurse, your masseuse, your hairdresser or your tennis instructor.

And may we live in a world at peace and with the awareness of God's love in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, every lover's kiss, and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart.

A Stewardship Moment

December 30, The Feast of the Holy Family

The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

Wounded by Abortion?

Project Rachel Can Help:

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls are answered personally and confidentially Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voice messaging is available all other times. Calls will be returned promptly and directly.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.