

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 27TH, 2015

Holy Families. Perhaps it is, or can be, our own family members to whom we are most unkind. Perhaps it is because we are so close, we see them daily, we know them better than others (and they us!).

Yet they are holy as I am holy because God is holy.

- *What kindness must I show today?*
- *What mercy will I manifest?*
- *What love will I lavish?*

Liturgies for the Week of December 27th

***Sunday, December 27th – 4:30p.m.**

~Tim Savoie 2nd Anniversary by Don & Phyllis Savoie

~Wayne Lambert by Angie Clement

***Tuesday, December 29th – 8:00a.m.**

~ Communion Service

***Wednesday, December 30th – 7:00p.m.-New Years' Service**

~ Virginia Lafond by Regnier Family

~Leone & Caterina Zando by Angie Clement

***Thursday, December 31st**

~ NO Services

***Sunday, January 3rd – 4:30p.m.**

~Tim Savoie 2nd Anniversary by Don & Phyllis Savoie

~Wayne Lambert by Angie Clement

***Tuesday, January 5th – 8:00a.m.**

~ Communion Service

***Thursday, January 7th – 8:00a.m.**

~ Virginia Lafond by Greg & Pat Caise

PASTORAL CARE

Please Pray For:

Our Service Members: Nick Meyr son of Larry & Julie Meyr who is joining the Marines

Intentions: Savannah Stucki, Delmar Skeen, Barb Arseneau, Megan Seggebruch, Debra Silcox, Loretta & Roland Lafond, Ruth Lesch, & Mike Caise.

Our Departed: Bishop Joseph L. Imesch, Kathleen Lanoue, Vivian Fortin Lovelass & Marvin Mueller

*Please notify the Parish Office at 815-435-2432 if a loved one is admitted to the hospital, rehab center, nursing home, or is homebound. The hospitals do not always let us know if you or a loved one is admitted. If you need someone to bring you communion at home, please let us know so we can arrange this.

CO-MINISTERS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, December 30th~ New Year's Service 7:00p.m.

READER: Angie Clement

SERVERS: Anyone Available

E.M.: L) Judy Laurent, Angela Jones

USHERS: Anyone Available

January 3rd~Epiphany of the Lord 4:30p.m.

READER: Anne Roach

SERVERS: Piper, Haven

E.M.: L) Kathy Landrey, Erin Gwaltney,
Kathy Webster

USHERS: Delaney, Don, Pete

****We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Servers!! If you are willing, please talk to Ryan Loy.**

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation: \$ 900.00

Offering for Sunday, December 20th - **\$1,422.00**

Surplus for the Week: + \$(522.00)

38 Envelopes in Offering

****The Christmas Collection amount will be in the January 3rd bulletin.**

***Restoration-**\$

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 is \$46,000.

~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of December 20th is **\$28,411.75.**

PARISH ACTIVITIES....

Upcoming St. Mary's Events...

- *Wednesday, Dec. 30th-New Years' Service at 7p.m.*
- *Sunday, Jan. 10th-Religious Education 3p.m.-4:15p.m.*
- *Sunday, Jan. 24th- Religious Education 3p.m.-4:15p.m.*
- *Saturday, February 13th-Texas Night in the Hall*

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our Art & Environment committee for the wonderful decorations during Advent and Christmas. Thank you to everyone who came and helped to set up and decorate the church. It takes many people to beautify our church for the Christmas season, but it is well worth it!! The church is stunning!!

*We are looking for volunteers for snow removal around the church this winter. If you are able to help, please contact Ryan Loy(486-7144) or Tom Frye(486-7240) .

Bishop Joseph L. Imesch

Bishop Joseph L. Imesch passed away on Tuesday, December 22. He had been our bishop for many years and was very

supportive of the restoration of our church. During his time as our bishop he donated \$75,000 of his bishop's fund toward the restoration of our church. He will be greatly missed!! He will lie in state at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on Dec. 28 from 1-8p.m. and on Dec. 29 from 9-10:45a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00a.m. on Dec. 29.

St. Mary's Year of Mercy Events

TREASURES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

JUNE 14 – 24, 2016

hosted by Rev. Dan Belanger, C.S.V.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE...

2015/16 CATHOLIC EVENTS IN AREA

2016

January 23	Bishop Mac Trivia Night
January 30	Kankakee K of C Cash Bash
February 6	St. George Winter Dance
February 13	St. Mary's- Texas Night in hall
March 5	St. Joseph School Las Vegas night
April 30	St. Martin "Turkey" Cash Bash
March 12	ACA 5K Run
May 13	Bishop Mac Auction
June 5	St. George Holy Name Golf Outing
June 24	Kankakee K of C Golf Outing

PRAYER BREAKFAST

WHEN: Thursday, January 7th from 7:30am - 9:00am

WHERE: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee, IL 60901

SPONSORED BY: *Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary*

TOPIC: *Catholic Charities and Resources*

PRESENTER: *Edith Avila Olea* is a young and passionate person dedicated to the service of the poor. Her career began with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development with the Office for Human Dignity, Diocese of Joliet. She currently works for Catholic Charities as the Parish Outreach and Board of Young Professionals Coordinator.

COST: Free Will Donation – Continental Breakfast will be available.

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please call Sister Mary Stella at 815-935-0800

--GRIEF SUPPORT SEMINAR - CHANGING SEASONS

A time of reflection for loss of a loved one.

Sister Anne Jaeger SSCM is an accredited chaplain and has

journeyed with people who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. She will continue her bereavement seminar in a Parish Hall classroom on Wednesdays, January 6th & 13th from 6:00 to 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend. There is no charge for this seminar. For questions, please contact Jean Beck, at 815-210-6167.

MEMORIAL MASS

January 10 is the anniversary of the death of Bishop Romeo Blanchette. Bishop Conlon will celebrate the Mass at the Cathedral on January 10 at 11:00 a.m. in memory of Bishop Blanchette and all the priests & deacons who died during this past year.

PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP CONLON

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis calls on Catholics to rediscover the merciful love of the Father. This worldwide celebration provides us with the opportunity to experience our faith through prayer and the Sacraments. In a special way, the opportunity for pilgrimage offers Catholics a chance to experience God's grace.

From April 2-7, 2016, including Divine Mercy Sunday, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon will be the spiritual director for a pilgrimage journeying to some of the shrines of Mexico, including Our Lady of Guadalupe. The cost of the six-day pilgrimage (including air, fees, accommodations and most meals) will be \$1,328 (double-occupancy). For more information, please visit the bishops' website at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bishop> or contact Alex Rechenmacher at arechenmacher@dioceseofjoliet.org or (815) 221-6180.

Pray the Rosary to Defeat ISIS

How do you defeat a global terrorist organization like ISIS, whose members are largely hidden throughout the world, and are willing to die in suicide bombings for their diabolical goals of worldwide mass murder and destruction?

The ultimate answer is through prayer. The battle against ISIS is, at its roots, a spiritual battle against the Devil and the forces of darkness.

We believe Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Spiritual Mother of all peoples, has been given the power by God to crush the head of Satan (cf. Gen 3:15) and to successfully lead the spiritual battle against the great Dragon (cf. Rev. 12). Historically, Our Lady has repeatedly interceded for victories against foreign invasion seeking to destroy Christianity and Judeo-Christian civilization (e.g., Lepanto, 1571; Vienna, 1683).

Join the spiritual battle to stop ISIS. Please pray the Rosary every day, and include in your Rosary the intention "for the defeat of ISIS and for the conversion of its members."

Go to www.1millionrosaries.com to make your commitment to pray the rosary daily.