

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
1 January	Mon. 7:00 am	Sarah Moje
2 January	Tues. 7:00 am	Sherri Suelter
3 January	Wed. 7:00 am	Angie Nosal
4 January	Thur. 7:00 am	Melissa Carpenter
5 January	Fri. 7:00 am Fri. 6:30 pm	Marlene Ostdiek + Eucharistic Adoration
6 January	Sat. 7:00 am Sat. 5:30 pm	A return to the sacraments Leonard & Marvel Baxa +
7 January	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	Ken Kalvoda + people of the parish

Parish Activities:

Collection: \$845

Memorare of the Blesses Virgin Mary:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Flocknote: Please Remember to sign up! Flocknote is the safe environment preferred communication platform for our diocese. Our parish Flocknote address is *stjosephharvard1.flocknote.com* and Text to Join is available by Texting STJHN1 to 84576 for English or for Spanish text (202)765-344.

Clay County Giving Tree & People's Project Gift Boxes: Thank you to everyone who donated hats, gloves, money, food or time to make the Clay County Giving Tree and the People's Project Christmas Boxes a success. Your generosity is appreciated.

Epiphany Brunch: There will be pot-luck meal following the 9am Mass on January 7th in honor of the Feast of Epiphany.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
31 December 2023
Feast of the Holy Family

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5:00-5:20 pm
Sunday 8:30-8:50 am, 11:00-11:20 am
By appointment

DAILY MASSES: Mon.-Fri. & First Sat: 7:00 am.

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday Vigil—5:30 pm
Sunday — 9:00 am
11:30 am (Español)

NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

First Friday & First Saturday Devotions: There will be a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and benediction on Friday January 5th at 6:30pm. Fr. Morris will be available for confession. Saturday January 6th at 7:00am there will be mass for the first Saturday devotion with rosary to follow Mass.

Parish Council, Finance Committee and Trustee Meeting:

Fr. Morris would like to have a Parish Council /Finance Committee/Trustee meeting on Saturday January 13th. Fr. Morris will reach out to current members regarding the time. If you would like to join or to nominate someone for either the Parish Council or Finance Committee, please contact Fr. Morris.

Epiphany Blessing: If you are interested in having Fr. Morris, come and bless your home on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th) Please let him know to arrange a time.

CCD Snacks & Supplies: There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church to sign up for bringing snacks and supplies for CCD.



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- St. Joseph Prayer Chain:

- +For all the poor souls in Purgatory
- +For the end to abortion
- +For our Holy Fathers-Pope Francis, bishops, priests, sisters and brothers
- +For all seminarians, especially those at St. Gregory the Great Seminary
- +For our youth to accept and grow in vocations
- +For world peace, and our servicemen and women
- +For the Knights of Columbus prayer requests
- +For fallen away Catholics

Edith Weber	Cecilia Meeza	Dan Adler (Sem)	Virginia Miller
Teresa Volesky	Alyssa O.	Jolene Markland	Angel Valdivia
Brad Oschner	Juan Slazar	Diane Walz	Dennis Reddick
Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Martel	Erica Lauinger	Randy Schulte
Bill Kerber	Cathy Kamost	Salvador Palas	Shirley McCabe
Jordan Ortmeier	Fr. Allan Phan	Kelem Fabrice	Garry Veik
Sharon Reasland	Nancy Sapp	Randy Chloupek	Tony Stec
Diane Walz & family	Shirley Koenig		

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-772-7381) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).

Pray for Vocations: This week please pray for those discerning their vocations to the priesthood or religious life. Especially for those within our own diocese.

Knights of Columbus Announcements:

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party at Gary's in Grafton Sunday evening, Jan. 14th. This is for **all** Knights and their spouses. 5:30 p.m. social time, 6:00 p.m. smoked brisket and shrimp buffet.

The local Free Throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held Friday evening Jan. 26th at the Sutton High School Gym. Registration is at 6:45 p.m. and shooting starts at 7:00 p.m. The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. See the posters for more details.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Pancake Feed on Sunday Feb. 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Church Hall in Sutton serving pancakes, sausage, & scrambled eggs. Free will donation to support the local Free Throw contest and other charities.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center:

Our new retreat schedule is out now, just for you! Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly invites you to come with us on retreat. See our upcoming retreats: "Laborers in the Vineyard" 24-Hour Retreat for Men and Dads on January 12-13, "Women's Spiritual Exercises" with Regnum Christi on January 18-21, and "unbound: Freedom in Christ" Retreat with Fr. Holoubek on February 2-4. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705

Nativity Scene at St. Joseph in Geneva:

The Nativity scene at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva (831 E Street): Come visit the Fontanini Nativity of Father Waskowiak in the St. Joseph coat room. A Spanish Nativity scene is called a called a Belén which means Bethlehem, since a Spanish Christmas scene includes the entire town of Bethlehem and what often looks like all of Judea. In addition there are angels, shepherds, sheep, farmers, hunters, washerwomen and bakers plus caves and houses and temples, rocks and streams and mountains. There are Magi on their camels, but the center and focus is the Mysterio, the group of Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the Crib. We can see that the nativity scene is much more than simply another Christmas decoration. It is an image of God who is Himself an image of Love. As we make our way through this Christmas season, let us take the sight of a Nativity scene as an opportunity for us to remember the mystery of the Incarnation and the love which God has for us. This will be open for viewing during the day and evening throughout the Christmas season until February 2