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 December 31, 2023  
 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS:**

Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – For the Parish

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Doris Holdener

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 20 minutes before Mass

**STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK:**

Envelopes \$3,090.75; Loose \$1,119.46; Candles \$44; Christmas \$3,130.00; Needy \$740; Advent Candles \$30; Retired Religious \$20; CHD \$20; World Mission \$20; Retired Belleville \$50; Catholic Relief \$50; Mass Stipend \$120; 2024 Quilt Raffle \$1,000 – Thank You

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

	<b>Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	Volunteer	Pat Vogel	Michelle Walls
<b>Minister: Body of Christ</b>	Volunteer	Barb Jany & David Mueth	Sandi Gerdes & Brian Lester
<b>Minister: Blood of Christ</b>	Volunteer	Susan Halt & Joan Killebrew	Morgan Gauch & Margie Bahan
<b>Servers:</b>			Shane Traiteur & Nolan Traiteur
<b>Crossbearer:</b>			Annastasia Gerdes



**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

In their mutual love and forbearance, in their patience in times of trial, and in their total obedience to God's will for them, the Holy Family shows us how to live together in peace.

The readings from Genesis and the Gospel of Luke present us with scenes in the lives of two important families. The account from Genesis depicts Abram's frustration at not having fathered a child. When God consoles Abram with another promise of offspring, Abram responds by placing his faith in God. In turn, the text tells us that "the Lord took note of Sarah," and she gave birth to their long-awaited son.

The refrain from Psalm 05, "The Lord remembers his covenant forever," reinforces the message of the Genesis readings.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author summarizes the story of Abraham and identifies him as a person of faith. Upon hearing this summary of Abraham's life, the words of the psalm refrain are readily brought back to mind. Although Abraham struggled with believing that God could make Sarah fruitful, Abraham "put his faith in the Lord," and for this reason, the praises of Abraham are extolled in the New Testament.

Luke tells us of the presentation of Jesus in the temple. While Simeon and Anna are depicted as having long awaited the coming of this child, Mary and Joseph are described as being "amazed at what was said to him." Upon the family's return to Nazareth, the child Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him." The following verses in Luke, vv. 41-52, tell the story of Jesus, at age twelve, in the temple.

**2023 QUILT RAFFLE**

Our winner of the January quilt was Jim & Jodi Probst, February – Gloria Sollee, March – Christine Hopper, April – Emily Cortner, May – Carol Quirin, June – Betty Bolt, July – Marty Assmann, August – Barb Jany, Sept. – Rosemary Yaekel, October – Jeremy Neff, November – Mary Ann Becherer, December - If you haven't turned in you tickets for 2024 Quilt Raffle please turn them in so that you will be entered in all 12 drawings.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP AGAIN!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Night-Time Drop-In Center continues to operate at full capacity every night, providing shelter and helping homeless men, women and children survive the dangers of the city streets. In addition, Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen serves an ever-growing number of hungry people each day. We humbly ask for your prayers for the staff and clients and, if you are able, to once again provide any of these much-needed items: Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasts in a cup, bottled water, and other individual-serve drinks. In addition, laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues are always in short supply. Items may be left in the entrance of church.

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**

**The Way of Lights – Today is the last day to take advantage of the beautiful lights from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.**

**5K Run 2024-** Sunday, January 1, at 5:00 pm. This competitive Run or 1.5-mile Fun Walk winds through the entire Way of Lights display. The course has been updated.

**St. Michael's Prayer Chain** – To request that someone be added to the Prayer Chain contact Karen Mueller at 473-3401. The person will be on the "prayer chain" for one (1) month, unless the person that requested the prayers asks for longer.

**St. Michael's Annual "Trivia Night"**

Have you reserved your table yet for Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Michael's "Trivia Night"? The doors open at 6 pm and trivia starts at 7:00 pm. \$120 per table includes 'Survivor' round and two other special games; Mulligans available; 8 people maximum per table. Questions & answers presented in PowerPoint! Cash prizes. Silent Auction, wine pull & 50/50. Bring your own snacks & drinks. Please call for reservations: Barb Jany 618-920-5384 email: [bzapem@aol.com](mailto:bzapem@aol.com). **Please Note:** Once again the Trivia Committee are asking parishioners to donate items for the Silent Auction and also bottles of wine are needed for the "Wine Pull". Items may be left in the entrance of church from January 1<sup>st</sup> thru February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

**The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord**

The true joy of Christmas is the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity. Bishop Michael McGovern and Ministries and Programs Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

**Kings House at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows**

Upcoming Men's retreats

Friday, January 5, 4:00 pm through Sunday, January 7, at 2:00 pm  
 Friday, January 12, 4:00 pm through Sunday, January 14, 2:00 pm  
 Friday, January 19, 4:00 pm through Sunday, January 21, 2:00 pm  
 Cost is \$200 per person (includes lodging and meals)  
 Register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/> or call 618-397-0584.

**CRS FARMER TO FARMER**

Join us for lunch and discussion on how rural communities and others in the United States can partner with farmers and rural communities around the world. Representatives from Farmer to Farmer and Growing Hope Globally will tell how to get involved with their programs. Friday, January 12, noon – 2 pm Monroe County Extension Office (The Annex) 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo. Please RSVP to Cheryl Sommer at 618-624-2838. There will also be fair trade products available as another way of connecting to farmers around the world.

**ONLINE GIVING**

Just a reminder that you can give to the parish online. You can go to our website: [stmichaelspaderborn.org](http://stmichaelspaderborn.org) and click on the online giving tab. You can give a one-time donation or have a recurring donation. If you have any questions, please call Sue Walsh at the office and she will be happy to help you navigate the process.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who stayed after Mass last Saturday and helped change the Altar from Advent to Christmas. Your help was very much appreciated.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAM:** St. Michael's January collection; Towels and washcloths (for bath and kitchen) – Thank you!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**