

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
30 December	Mon. 7:30 am	No Mass
31 December	Tues. 7:30 am	No Mass
1 January	Wed. 9:00 am Wed. 10:30 am	people of the parish Rene Adel Miranda +
2 January	Thur. 7:30 am	Clayton Rath +
3 January	Fri. 7:30 am Fri. 6:30 pm	No Mass Eucharistic Adoration
4 January	Sat. 7:30 am	A return to the sacraments
5 January	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	people of the parish Eva Mesta Gonzalez +

***Parish Activities:***

**Collection: December 1, 2024 \$2,266.00**

**Holy Family - Sunday within the Octave of Christmas**

"He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." Lk 2:51-52

Family communion can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice. It requires, in fact, a ready and generous openness of each and all to understanding, to forbearance, to pardon, to reconciliation. There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life. But, at the same time, every family is called by the God of peace to have the joyous and renewing experience of "reconciliation," that is, communion reestablished, unity restored. In particular, participation in the sacrament of Reconciliation and in the banquet of the one Body of Christ offers to the Christian family the grace and the responsibility of overcoming every division and of moving towards the fullness of communion willed by God, responding in this way to the ardent desire of the Lord: "that they may be one."

**St. John Paul II, Familiares Consortio #21**

**Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.** The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation in the US. Please make note that the Spanish Mass will be at 10:30 am not the normal time of 11:30am.

**December 31st- No Mass**

**January 1st- 9:00 am (English) & 10:30 am (Spanish)**

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**29 December 2024**

**Feast of the Holy Family**



***CONFESSIONS:*** Sunday 8:30-8:50 am & after the 11:30 am Mass or by appointment

***DAILY MASSES:*** Monday -Friday 7:30 am.

***SUNDAY MASSES:*** Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:30 am (Español)

***Parish Office Hours:*** Mon, Wed, Thu and Friday 7pm - 8:00pm and Saturday 12pm - 5pm.  
Phone Messages and email are checked daily.

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**NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:**

**People's Project: Urgent Need:** The Harvard People's Project is in urgent need of size 5 diapers and 1lb or 2lb bags of rice. Please consider donating if you are able. items can be left in the back of the church, and they will be picked up 10th of January.

**First Friday & First Saturday Devotions:** There will be no Mass Friday January 3rd but there will be Eucharistic Adoration at 6:30pm with confession times available. There will be Mass at 7:30 am Saturday January 4th and we will pray the rosary after Mass.

**Seminarian Prayer Calendar:** Please pray in a special way this week for seminarian Trent Moudry studying at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

**Prayer Intentions:** Please pray in a special way this week for those who are trying to discern a vocation to the religious life and for the members of religious orders in our diocese, especially the cloistered orders.

## - 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	Emily Howard	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	Andrea Ainsworth	Mary Verde
Jeff Weber	Joseph Verde	Kevin Chloupek	Wayne Alley
Jim Jackson	Greg Almond	Rita Mach	Shannon Tebo
Pete Bartels			

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-224-0732) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).

**Food Pantry:** Food boxes for those needing assistance are available on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 10:30 am.

Volunteers are needed for various tasks outside of those times to receive orders, build boxes and other tasks. ***St. Joseph's is responsible for staffing volunteers for the 2nd Saturday distribution of boxes.*** If you are interested in volunteering or are in need of assistance, please contact Elaine Almond, Shelly Chloupek or the parish office.

**Harvard Senior Community Meal: The November Senior Meal:** The Harvard Senior Community Meals is held the 2nd Thursday of the month from 11:30 to 2:00pm at the Harvard United Methodist Church basement. Cost is \$6. Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine Almond (402)224-0732 by 7pm on the Sunday before the meal.

89...The union with Christ brought about by the Eucharist also brings a newness to our social relations: "this sacramental 'mysticism' is social in character." Indeed, "union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own."

90. We cannot remain passive before certain processes of globalization which not infrequently increase the gap between the rich and the poor worldwide. We must denounce those who squander the earth's riches, provoking inequalities that cry out to heaven (cf. *Jas* 5:4). For example, it is impossible to remain silent before the "distressing images of huge camps throughout the world of displaced persons and refugees, who are living in makeshift conditions in order to escape a worse fate, yet are still in dire need. Are these human beings not our brothers and sisters? Do their children not come into the world with the same legitimate expectations of happiness as other children?" (246) The Lord Jesus, the bread of eternal life, spurs us to be mindful of the situations of extreme poverty in which a great part of humanity still lives: these are situations for which human beings bear a clear and disquieting responsibility. Indeed, "on the basis of available statistical data, it can be said that less than half of the huge sums spent worldwide on armaments would be more than sufficient to liberate the immense masses of the poor from destitution. This challenges humanity's conscience. To peoples living below the poverty line, more as a result of situations to do with international political, commercial and cultural relations than as a result of circumstances beyond anyone's control, our common commitment to truth can and must give new hope" (247). The food of truth demands that we denounce inhumane situations in which people starve to death because of injustice and exploitation, and it gives us renewed strength and courage to work tirelessly in the service of the civilization of love. From the beginning, Christians were concerned to share their goods (cf. *Acts* 4:32) and to help the poor (cf. *Rom* 15:26). The alms collected in our liturgical assemblies are an eloquent reminder of this, and they are also necessary for meeting today's needs. **From *Sacramentum Caritatis*—  
The Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Church's Life and Mission**

### **Today's Trivia:**

The home of the Blessed Virgin Mary where the Word was made flesh and began to dwell among us, also where the Holy Family lived as Jesus grew up is currently located in what city:

- A. Bethlehem
- B. Nazareth
- C. Loreto
- D. Rome