

29 December 2024

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (New Calendar)
SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4 PM/Sun. 8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM

Confessions: Fri. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 30 Dec. St. Hermes, Exorcist & Martyr
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 31 Dec. St. Sylvester I, Pope
4 PM Anticipated Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

Wed. 1 Jan. THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Katherine Mazor+
Req: Brendan Johnson

9:30 AM For: Wanda Hutchings+
Req: Susanne Dunne

11 AM For: Timothy Anderson (L.)
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Steven Anderson

Thu. 2 Jan. St. Basil the Great/St. Gregory Nanzianzen, Bishops & Doctors
8 AM For: Michael Benedict Adamitis+
Req: AM Rosary Group

Fri. 3 Jan. Most Holy Name of Jesus
7 PM For: The Souls in Purgatory
Req: The Joseph A Ryan Family

Sat. 4 Jan. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Wife, Mother, Religious, Foundress
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Denise Mondi+
Req: The James Moran Family

Sun. 5 Jan. **THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**
8 AM For: Ruth Masset+
Req: James Masset
9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC
11 AM For: David Springer+
Req: Julie Smith

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS

Everything about Christmas this year was truly wonderful. There were many Confessions, several after many years of not going to Confession! On the Monday before Christmas there were Confessions for 2 ½ hours solid. This was in addition to the 3 hours that were heard on Monday 16 December, and all that were heard on the Saturday before Christmas.

Our Altar Servers were so faithful and reverent, as always. Did you notice that they have many new cassocks and surplices? The old ones were missing a lot of snaps after many years of wear and washing. And so many surplices (white) were so grimey that washing and bleach was useless in making them look clean! We now have 38 young men who serve on Christ's altar!

Again, our magnificent Choir sang like angels and Mrs Judge played with her usual artistry.

Thanks also to Joseph Rurak, our maintenance man for all his effort to keep the church clean and the walks clear of snow. Patricia Miller cleans our sanctuary and sacristy and refills the votive candle stands.

God bless them one and all.

NEW ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Your envelope sets are down in the church basement for you to pick up after Mass today. Please go down and pick up yours. If the stairs are a problem, please ask someone to bring yours up for you.

If you do not find a set with your name on it, please take a blank set, being sure to **print your first and last name and the number on the envelope set you have taken on the list provided on the table downstairs.**

Thank you and God bless you.

WED. 1 JANUARY: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Regular weekend schedule for Mass.

This is the Octave Day of Christmas, dedicated to Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Savior and God. Please do not forget to attend Holy Mass and beg God our Lord for peace in the new year for our families, our nation and our world.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS THIS TUE. 31 JAN.

Classes will resume next Tuesday at the regular times.

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 2 JAN. 7 PM RECTORY

We will be making plans for our fish fry, which will be held later this month to offset the HOPE Appeal shortfall from the 2024 Campaign. All hands are needed on deck, so please make it a point to attend this meeting.

LECTORS

The new schedule is now ready for the next four months. Please pick up a copy in the sacristy after Mass, along with the missalette for reviewing the readings before your scheduled service. God bless you! We welcome Rob Dunne to the ranks of noble readers.

SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS FOR 2024

At the end of each Calendar year, it is our custom to present you with the data about the reception of the Sacraments during the concluding year 2024. We have no way of measuring the grace that God pours into the souls of our parishioners in the course of a year, obviously. The Sacraments here noted are just one “measuring stick” of the spiritual vitality of the parish. May God continue to be glorified in this “little portion” of His Church, and may many souls come to find their spiritual home with us.

Baptisms: Infants 12
Adults 2

First Holy Communions: Children: 11
Adults: 2

Confirmations: 12

Weddings: 3 between two Catholics
1 mixed marriage (a Catholic to a non-Catholic)

Funerals: 9

We have been counting the weekend Mass attendance all throughout the year, not just in April and October, as had been done for several years throughout the Diocese.

The most well-attended Mass each weekend is the 8 AM Latin Mass. The least well-attended Masses varies between the 4 PM Saturday Mass and the 11 AM Sunday Mass. Earlier this year, the Bishop directed the priests of our Vicariate (region) to reduce the number of Masses and Confessions so as to be available to cover more parishes due to the acute shortage of priests. Perhaps you have heard that this spring, the city of Rome will be reconfigured, with the closure of St Paul's Church. St Mary's and Transfiguration are already closed there, and in the near future, two priests in Rome will serve St. Peter's, St. John the Baptist as well as St. Joseph's in Lee Center, and St. Ann's in Hinckley. St. Helena's in Sherill will be closed as well, and St. Mary's in Sylvan Beach will only be open during the summer months.

I want to thank you, loyal parishioners, for your continued support of the parish, spiritually and with your participation in our various programs. I would hope that you feel free to come to me with any questions, concerns or issues that you have with our parish. And of course, your financial support is so much appreciated. God bless you all and thank you.