



GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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“It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.”—

Saint Teresa of Calcutta.





LIVE THE LITURGY— INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love. ©LPi

My sincere gratitude for the many Christmas wishes extended to me (and to Gracie & Annie)! Your kind words always came at a time when we most needed them. Your kindness is beyond measure. For the prayers, the greetings, the cards, the Happy Christmas wishes—a heartfelt **THANK YOU!** *With blessings!*

Thank you also to all those who assisted with the Liturgies, the set-up, the take down, the servers, lectors, and extra-ordinary ministers. To the ushers & to Music Ministry, to our orchestra and all who helped to make our Christmas memorable! Much thanks!

Fr. Krizner

We give thanks, O Lord for the goodness that you bestow upon us at the feast of Your Son's Incarnation. As we have joined together in the joy of the Season please continue to grace us, bless us, and show us Your mercy. God of love, God of Hope, renew our faith and bring us peace.

Mary, Mother of the church, pray for us!

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Written some years ago, I like to put this in the bulletin each year. It softens the sight of Christmas trees on tree lawns or stored back into boxes. The wonderful Yule Season comes quickly and ends too abruptly. Enjoy! - Fr. Krizner

The Waiting Branch



Some years ago Father included this Story in the Bulletin. Lily and Grace were dismayed that in January the Christmas Tree came down and that the First Month arrived with nothing more than snow and cold. Sad and forlorn the two dogs sat where the Christmas Tree once stood bemoaning the end of presents, carols, decorations & treats. It was Gracie who had 'AN IDEA' and she left the room in a determined urgency. When she returned so was the idea of the Waiting Branch born and to this day on the window sill in the parlor is a tiny vase with an evergreen branch that serves as a reminder that, like all good things, Christmas will return after the days of spring, summer and fall have extended their stay. On those lazy, warm days of summer when air conditioners and ice cream become our best friends and after pumpkins have turned into jack-o-lanterns there is an *evergreen* reminder that **patiently sits on the window sill** harkens us of 'Silent Nights and jingle bells!'. *Try it! Fr. K.*

The Waiting Branch!

“Where’s the Christmas Tree?” Gracie asked with certain sadness in her words. Lily looked up from her comfortable position near the fireplace, “It’s in the attic.” she responded. Gracie thought long and hard and continued her inquiry, “Does that mean that we go up to the attic now to continue Christmas?” Lily smiled, “Christmas is *over*. It doesn’t come back until next December.” Gracie went to the corner of the room where the tree had stood. “That’s terribly sad,” she said, “No more tree, no more visitors, no more Christmas songs, no more treats, no more gifts, no more lights, no more candy canes...” Lily interrupted her, “Yes, Gracie, no more until December!” In a flash Gracie was gone as Lily returned to her nap though wondering what her sister might be up to. After a crashing noise from the kitchen Gracie returned with an evergreen branch in her mouth. “Where did you get that?” asked Lily. Gracie dropped the branch to answer, “from the wreath on the table the only thing left that I can find of Christmas!” Lily tilted her head trying to understand, “What do you plan on doing with it?” Gracie’s eyes brightened, “I am going to put it in the corner where the Christmas Tree stood as a reminder that Christmas never really ends even if it has been stored away in the attic. I will keep it right there and it will help me to remember that this special corner was filled with lights and tinsel and all kinds of gifts. This will be the “waiting branch”-just a little bit of Christmas to take me through the whole year until December comes back! Lily had no response. She watched as Gracie carefully placed the branch in the corner of the room and then sat to admire her work. Then joining Lily she lay down near the fireplace with her eyes focused on the little fir branch in the corner where the Christmas Tree once stood.”



Jesus said to her,
"I **AM** the **RESURRECTION**
and the **LIFE**
'The one who **BELIEVES**
in me will **LIVE**
even though they **DIE**
and whoever **LIVES** by
BELIEVING in me
WILL NEVER DIE.
Do **YOU** believe 'THIS?'"

John 11:25-26

Deacon Tom was ordained in 1995. He served at St. John Neumann for 15 years and then transferred to St. Mary's in Berea for another 5 years. He was granted retirement status by Bishop Richard Lennon in 2016. Upon retiring, he returned to his home parish of St. Colette Catholic Church where he and his wife Judy have been parishioners for over 14 years.

The Deacon has been a tremendous friend to our staff and to our parish. He has been an awe-inspiring help to Father and a source of inspiration and dedication. Tom was indeed a Deacon! —a servant of the Lord and a man of holiness, integrity, and counsel.

In addition to being involved with helping out at St. Colette, Deacon Tom is also a Master of Ceremonies for the Bishops of the Diocese and travels to other parishes helping with confirmations and various installations. He is also active at the Poor Clare Monastery presiding at Benediction twice a month, serving on the Poor Clare's Foundation Board of Trustees, and helping out with their Annual Fund Raiser.

Our deepest sympathy and condolence is extended to his wife Judy and to his three children and six grandchildren.

We will miss his subtle humor, his constant assistance, and his remarkable dedication to the Church. Good and Faithful Servant, enter the House of the Lord.

The Deacon was called Home on December 16, 2021, at the same time that we were lighting a candle for him in the Church during our Concert.

Because of time demands by the bulletin company we regret that this was not in last week's bulletin. However we will make every effort to share this on the weekend of the 18th.



WEDNESDAY	December 29 - Octave of the Nativity 11:00 AM Mike Rocheck (A)
FRIDAY	December 31 - Octave of the Nativity 11:00 AM Deceased of the Egnot & Gillette families (A)
SATURDAY	January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 4:00 PM Ronald Kupiec
SUNDAY	January 2 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:00 AM Theresa Dembowski 10:00 AM Intentions of Siobhan O'Leary-Derlik 11:45 AM Intentions of Alice & John Olenchuk



**Our friends and
relatives who are ill.
May God grant them
Healing and strength.**

These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer

Mary Annibale, Ken B., Mary Alice Baker, Fr. Larry Bayer, Carol Biggs, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Birschl family, Justin Boguki, Carrie Jean Bonacci, Barbara Bonza, Bill Briese & family, Patricia Burfield, David Cinerra, Fr. Ralph Coletta, Terry Connolly, Elaine Coreno, Rosemary Cross, Arlene DeFazio, Barb Deimling, Barb DelVecchio, Gloria & Len Demko, Chris Dipippa, Robert Dumke, Sr., Mary Dumke, Gene Egnot, Patricia Ferencik, Delores Fiffick, Sharon Fisher, Celia Giganti, James Gresko, Jeannine Grimm, Carolyn H., Amy, Barb, Marilyn, Sandy Healy, Bill & Tina Healy, Brian & Kim Helle, Nancy Hopkins, Tom Hunt, Rita Jamison, John Kole, John & Elaine Kopniske, Patricia Korbel, Frank Kupetz, Gail Lipinski, Lincoln Lester, Molly McLaughlin, Mark Magda, Mary Mahony, Ron Meister, Mary Celine O'Leary, Siobhen O'Leary-Drlik, Paisley Palmer, Sally Panek, Ralph Parente, Lourdes Pascual, Kathy Petretti, Tom Petruzzi, Beverly Phillippe, Ronald Powell, Jesse Prybis, Ron & Pat Prybis, Elaine Rady, Pat Richie, Kelly Rico, Darlene Riggs, Tanya Ronsko Kasparek, Angie Schurger, Mary Ann Schveder, Greg Shandor, David Shepley, John Siba, Joan Snyder, Diane Soboslay, Reynaldo Solis, Carol Spooner, Dolores Stanchina, Gerald Steinbrick, Norma Sutter, Lisa Szymanski, Bill & Carol Thompson, Joseph Tonderski, Tom & Marge Trobl, Ariana Trobl-Solis, Paula Ulas, Elijah Velez & family, Becca Vickery, Derek Vitas, Mike W., Carol Weiss, Anthony & Matthew Williams, Donna & James Woodyard, Marion Capra-Wesner, Jr., Debbie Woodyard, Sam Zummo, Fran Zvara & family

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4- 7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday:	The Holy Family
Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	
Friday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday:	New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
Next Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church ©LPi

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow. ©LPi

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit in
loving memory of

Theresa Dembowski



Peace on Earth, Good Will to ALL!

Daughters of St. Colette

Each new year brings us new opportunities to know Him more, to walk in faith and grow by His grace. May your year be blessed in the Lord.



"Come as a stranger, leave as a friend."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our next meeting will be on
Thursday, January 20, at 11:00 am

We will be making Valentines for Veterans

Last names N-Z, please bring cookies
or other snacks to have with cocoa —
Attending this meeting is guaranteed
to warm your heart & soul



Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class will be held Sunday,
January 16, 2022 after the 11:45am mass at
St. Colette.

Diocesan policy requires attendance at a Baptism
Class for parents who are
planning to present their first child for the Sacrament
of Baptism.

To register, call the Parish
Office at (330) 273-5500.



Blessed are they who dwell in your
house, O Lord.

Psalm 84

Ministry for Moms!

"Monday Mornings with Mary," a prayer ministry for Moms and their family intentions takes place the first Monday of each Month at 10am. Our next prayer session is Monday January 3rd. Bring yourselves, your intentions, and (if you have little ones) your kids (complete with toys, binkies and snacks), and join us for this informal prayer time. As an extension of this ministry, you will find a mom intention book in the Mary Chapel called "Monica's Book". All moms of the parish are invited to write their intentions as they will be remembered at our sessions each month. Stay-at-home, working, young, old, mom of one or of many... know that you are supported in prayer by our parish family. **Join us if you can!**



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 Mr. Patrick Fahey

Happy to have you with us

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Olenchuk 12/24
 Alice Olenchuk 12/29

Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of Deacon Tom Grasson who was called to his Eternal reward. Please pray for him and all the faithful departed.

Live in Light & Peace!

Merry Christmas from the **Brothers in Faith!!**
 We wish you all peace, joy and happiness and God's blessings through this Holy Season.....



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Ministry comes together for those who are ill in the parish and among our families. Our next gathering is Thursday, January 13th at 7pm **All ages are welcomed!**

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ST. COLETTE'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY



HAPPY New Year



Blessed John of Vercelli, pray for us for a blessed Christmas and New Year

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00-10:00- and 11:45
Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00pm
Holy Day: NOON and 7:00pm



SACRAMENTS

Baptism - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.

Matrimony –Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.

Sacrament of the Sick - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, December 12, 2021.....\$14,88.50
 Capital Improvement Fund.....\$8,499.00
 Children's\$12.50
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We sincerely & always appreciate your kindness & generosity!

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