

Feast of the Holy Family December 31, 2017

Masses This Week:

Mary Mother of God Vigil	December 31
5:00 p.m. -- +Rita Weber Roseman	
Mary Mother of God Holy Day	January 1
9:00 a.m. -- +Michael Martin, Sr.	
Tuesday	January 2
5:15 p.m. -- +Norman & Marge Becker	
Wednesday	January 3
8:05 a.m. -- +Betty Brummer	
Thursday	January 4
5:15 p.m. -- +Rev. Ed Stoltze	
Friday	January 5
8:05 a.m. -- +Ruben & Florence Johnson	
Saturday	January 6
5:00 p.m. -- +Dora Mae Cottam	
6:30 p.m. -- +Robert & Rex Giersch	
Sunday	January 7
8:00 a.m. -- +Christine LaRyera Okella Kilat	
9:30 a.m. -- Gary & Susan Williams family	
11:00 a.m. -- +Phero Hoang van Nghi	

CONFESSIONS

Monday, January 1st after 9:00 am Mass
 Thursday, January 4th at 5:45 pm
 Saturday, January 6th at 4:00 pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Sun., Dec. 24 & Mon., Dec. 25	\$53,999.00
December to date:	\$119,444.00
Needed weekly:	\$17,500.00
Needed for month:	\$78,833.00

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY for Maria Hernandez and all those who are disabled, in rest homes and hospitals, and service personnel serving overseas. (Names will be on this list for 1 month and then removed unless notified otherwise.)

Happening This Week:

Tuesday	January 2nd
Knights of Columbus/6:30 pm/Parish Hall	
Ladies of Columbus/6:30 pm/Meeting Room #2	
Pastoral Council/7 pm/Meeting Room #1	
Wednesday	January 3rd
SHJSHS Music Boosters/5:30 pm/Library	
P.R.E./6:45-8:00 pm	
SHJSHS Knights Club/7 pm/Library	
Parish Choir Practice/7:45 pm/Church	
Thursday	January 4th
Pilgrims on the Journey/1 pm/Meeting Room #2	
One Stitch at a Time/6:30 pm/Meeting Room #2	
Saturday	January 6th
Catholic Daughters/9 am/SH Cathedral Hall of Bishops	
Sunday	January 7th
Fundraiser Breakfast/9 am/Parish Hall	
C.Y.O./6:00-7:30 pm/Youth Center	

Notes from the Pastor

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed and Happy New Year for 2018. Things we have to look forward to in 2018 are, at some point in time, a new bishop. If we receive a man who has already been ordained a bishop (possibly an auxiliary like Bishop Fitzsimons was) there would be a Mass of installation. In that case the new bishop would hit the ground running as it were, since he would already be familiar with much of the day to day workings of a chancery and the office of Bishop. If we receive a man who needs to be ordained a bishop, like Bishop Coakley and Bishop Weisenburger, then there will be all the pomp and circumstance of the ordination as well as the installation. Either way, the celebration will be great and we will look forward to getting to know our new bishop, whoever he might be.

Another thing we have to look forward to as a parish is our continued study and work on a renovation project. We had a nice turnout for the town hall meeting, well over 100, approaching 150 people. There were lots of comments and suggestions offered, some which seemed to have much support, others not so much so. But the architects were very pleased with the information they gathered and are looking forward to compiling it and starting to formulate some suggestions as to a plan of action. It should prove to be an interesting year for our parish and our diocese. I look forward to journeying through it with you.

Peace and Prayers,
Fr. Kevin

PARISH NEWS

DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON we celebrate the birth of Christ among us that brings hope and joy to the world. Make a difference through supporting the Missionary Childhood Association as MCA seeks to share the Good News of Jesus with the children in the developing world. Your prayer and sacrifices help provide children in desperate need with clean water, food, education, and medical care – and above all, the knowledge and love of God. Donations may be placed in the special bowl near the church nativity scene.

YEAR-END GIFTS: As we continue to thank God for all He has gifted us with, please consider leaving a year-end gift for our Parish and/or Schools.

Featured Advertiser of the Week:

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SCHOOL NEWS

FAST CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

Sunday, December 24 – Sondra Palen
Tuesday, December 26 – Michelle Salas
Thursday, December 28 – Tom & Maggie Hemmer

LOVE 'N LEARN CHILD CARE CENTER has an opening for part-time help. If interested, please stop by and pick up an application at Love 'N Learn, or call 827-4822.

FIRST FRIDAYS: Each month St. Mary's School commemorates First Friday with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:05 am liturgy. The student body says a rosary together led by the 6th grade class. Parents and friends are invited to attend. The next day they will have adoration is Jan. 5.

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AROUND THE CITY & THE DIOCESE



JOIN OTHERS in PRAYER AND ADORATION on Sunday, Dec. 31st to pray for a new bishop. On the last Sunday of each month at 6:00 pm you are invited to join others to pray that our diocese will be blessed with a holy, loving, capable new bishop, and that we will all work together under his guidance as true disciples in the vineyard of the Lord. All are invited.

CELEBRATE the FEAST OF EPIPHANY with Catholic Daughters on Saturday, January 6th. There will be a 9:00 am program on Epiphany and an open house from 1:00-3:00pm to view *A Nativity Collection* at the home of Jerry & Susan Hellmer, 4880 N Dorman Dr. Donations will go to Catholic Daughters Mission work.

BOOK STUDY: "Forming Intentional Disciples" is a book to read & discuss which will help us be on 'the path to knowing & following Jesus'. What better way to start the New Year, desiring a closer walk with Christ! The group will meet every other week, beginning the week of January 14th. Call now to reserve a spot and order the book. Time & Day of meetings will be determined by interest. Call Marlene at 342-0130 or Peggy at 823-2713.

Do YOU WONDER WHAT IT IS ABOUT YOUR PERSONALITY THAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS? Manna House of Prayer in Concordia will offer three weekend workshops on *Compass Journaling: Finding Your True North*, with Robert Hull. Session 1 is Jan. 19-20; Session 2 is Feb. 2-3; Session 3 is Feb. 16-17.

12th ANNUAL WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE is held annually at St. Thomas More Parish Center in Manhattan. This year will be a Prayer & Song Retreat with Sarah Hart, who is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today. Registration fee of \$35 (adults) or \$20 (HS or College students) includes a continental breakfast as well as lunch. To register go to: <http://www.womensspiritualconference.org> or email to formation@sevendolors.com or reledsec@stmmanhattan.com no later than January 27th.