December 27, 2020
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Holy Family
“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”
- Lk 2:30-31

“Porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, al que has preparado para bien de todos los pueblos”.
- Lc 2, 30-31

Leccionario 15 de 1970 Comité Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano.

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF
SAINT JOSEPH FAITH COMMUNITY
HARVARD, ILLINOIS

“St. Joseph is a Welcoming, Catholic Community, Committed by Faith in Christ, who strive to Love, Live and Spread the Gospel in charity, by Serving the Needs of ALL!”

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: BY RESERVATION ONLY.
Please call the Ministry Center for signup information.
ENGLISH: Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00AM, 11:00 AM
SPANISH: Saturday 7:00 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
ENGLISH: Monday–Friday 8:30
SPANISH: Monday–Thursday 6:00 PM
A Message From our Pastor....

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Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the central role the family plays in salvation. As we know, Christ became man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and was obedient to His parents throughout His earthly life. As the Catechism points out: “Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than the ‘family of God.’” (CCC, 1655). The example that Our Lord gives regarding the primacy of the family as the nucleus of God’s plan for humanity is something that should always call our attention to its indispensable role for the salvation of men and women. As the Catechism points out, we are called to form part of the spiritual family of the Church as we grow up in our own human families. The purpose of the family is not simply to live with each other, but, rather to prepare children for their future role as Christian men and women.

The Catechism expounds upon this truth in the following number when it says that “believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the “Ecclesia domestica”. It is in the bosom of the family that parents are “by word and example…the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation” (CCC, 1656). It would be contrary to God’s plan to see the family as simply an institution that produces children and educates them to co-exist with others in society. The family is first and foremost an integral part of God’s salvific plan for each human person.

Today’s liturgy presents the plan of God concerning the family in its proper spiritual dimension. The Book of Sirach speaks of family life as a source of blessing for each individual member. When one lives according to God’s plan within the family, that individual will receive blessings and grace from God. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Colossians, exhorts every Christian to live family life with love, which he calls the “bond of perfection.” Every member of the family has a specific role within the family. To live according to God’s plan regarding the family is the truest and most authentic form of love. In the Gospel Christ is brought to the temple of Jerusalem to be “consecrated to the Lord.” As we know, Christ is the divine Son of God. His entire being is a living consecration and union with His Father. Nonetheless, He accepts in obedience the will of God as expressed through the Law of Moses. This example shows us that family life is not something artificial or a construct of society. It is God’s very intention that all of us come from holy and faithful families in order to transform society for the sake of the Kingdom of God. It is for this reason that no state can impose an artificial or arbitrary model of the family. The truth of what constitutes the family and its deepest underlying purpose is something that comes from the very Creator of the Universe Himself.

In Christ,
Fr. Steven
Updated Mass Sign-ups Information: Please continue to register for Sunday Mass. Registration allows us to keep our capacity numbers in check on Sundays, keeps the check-in process moving and will allow us to contact you should a positive COVID-19 case be reported to us. Your help and cooperation is GREATLY APPRECIATED!! We are now allowed 100 worshippers at each Mass. Mass times in English:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 11:00 am

Current mass sign-ups and attendance are only for registered and participating parishioners of St. Joseph. While we are going to great lengths to clean the church after each use and practice all government guidelines, there is still a risk of exposure, much like you encounter in all public spaces. Face coverings are required upon entering the church and social distancing must be maintained. Once at the church, you will be directed where to safely sit. Please refrain from attending if you are feeling ill. The bishop has extended his Mass dispensation to those who are elderly, immune-compromised, or concerned about contracting COVID-19 are still exempt from Mass. If you are interested in attending mass, the registration page can be accessed at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CAFAC2CA7FB6](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CAFAC2CA7FB6). The link can also be accessed in the first article on the front page of our website www.stjosephharvard.org.

Giving at Year End: Your gift to our parish will help to sustain our parish ministries and the work of our Church. We hope that you will find the following few examples useful as you consider your year-end giving.

A Gift of Stock: A gift of appreciated stocks or mutual fund shares can provide you with a charitable deduction for the full amount of the gift and you don’t incur capital gains tax on the appreciation. You can carry forward the charitable deduction for up to five years if you can’t use all of the deduction in one year.

Donating IRA Assets to Charity: Turn your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) into charitable donations. If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can donate up to $100,000 tax free from your IRA each year. Your distribution will not be included in your income if it is sent directly to your parish.

Charitable Gift Annuities: These annuities provide for your own and your family’s financial future with a dependable, secure and unchanging life income. You write a check or give securities to The Catholic Foundation for the benefit of your parish, Catholic school or the diocese, and we agree to pay you a fixed payment for as long as you live. These are just a few ways you can include your parish, school or diocese in your year-end giving plans. Call the Diocesan Office of Charitable Giving at 815-399-4300. Please consult your financial advisor before making any charitable gifts.

Right to Life McHenry County 2021
Signature Ad: Since the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade that made abortion legal through all 9 months of pregnancy and for reason or for no reason at all, over 62 million children have lost their lives to abortion. Each year Right to McHenry County brings attention to this devastating decision by placing an ad in the Northwest Herald. We list the names of those who join us in opposing the gruesome results of Roe vs. Wade. The 2021 ad will run on January 23rd. Because of Covid, we can’t collect signatures in person as we have in the past. We ask you to join the Signature Ad– go to www.rightoflife-mc.org and ad your name to those who support the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death.

Marian Registration: Each student, and his/her parents, will meet with a Marian Central counselor in the selection of required and elective courses. The HSPT score, along with grades and standardized test scores, are taken into consideration when recommending course placement. Additional information will be sent regarding registration to students who participate in our placement test on December 5 or 12.

Wednesday, February 17, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Sunday, February 21, 10:30 am- 12:30 pm.

On New Year’s Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Please join us for Mass on Thursday, December 31st, at 5:00 pm in English/7:00 pm in Spanish or on Friday, January 1st, at 9:00 am in English/11:00 am in Spanish.
**Readings for the week of December 27th**

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

**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

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**


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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**December 20, 2020**

**Weekly Budgeted Income Needed…...$ 6,317.00**

- Adult Collection Received (Week 25)…..$TBA
- Offertory Received (Week 25)…..$TBA
- Children’s Collection Received (Week 25)……$TBA

- On-line Donations (Week 25)…..$TBA

**Total Collection Received (Week 25)……$TBA**

- YTD Budgeted Income Needed (Week 25)...$157,925.00
- YTD Income Received (Week 25) …...$TBA

Overage/(Shortage) to date (Week 25)……$(TBA)

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

~St. Francis of Assisi

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**Year End Donations**

Please note that all donations for 2020 must be received in the church office by Thursday December 31, 2020 in order to receive credit for 2020. Any gift received or postmarked on or after January 1, 2021 will be credited to 2021. Thank you for your continued support.

**Living Out Christmas in the New Year:**

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at 9daysforlife.com!

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
Mr. and Mrs. Dieter Gutt
Donald and Kathryn DeLoe
Victor and Grace Rini
Maria Brantsch
Sara Brantsch
Mrs. Sharon Kurth
Don Kurth
Joe and Dorothy Crabb
Mrs. Betty McFarlin
Mrs. Eileen King
O’Brien Families
King Families
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Weidner
Harold and Barbara Weidner
Bernard and Mary Weidner
Joyce Long Bob Raupp
Mr. Jerry Shields
Francis and Gladys Shields
William Shields
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Deneen
Lloyd and Fern Hookstadt
Dan and Evelyn Hookstadt
Gene Hookstadt
Bill and Charlotte Deneen
Nicole Brania
Mrs. Beverly Ostrowski
Andrew C. Ostrowski
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Martin
Deceased Martin Family Members
Deceased Haverly Family Members
Fr. McGinn
All Serving in the Military
Essential and Front Line Workers
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kane
Mrs. Arlene Kohley
Donald Kohley
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ilg
Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Flores
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Byrne
Byrne Family Members
Grossmayer Family Members
Susan Dacy
Mr. and Mrs. Cesar Pelayo
Mrs. Anna Hoffman
David Hoffman
Schonfelder Family
Mrs. Dolores Trotter
John Trotter
Tim Trotter
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kruzicevich
Deceased Members of the
Kruzicevich Families
Deceased Members of the Kiolbassa Families
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grieshop
The Graves Family
The Grieshop Family
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Zuhlke
Elgin and Irene Zuhlke
Walter and Rose Fritsch
Mr. and Mrs. Humberto Villarreal
Angel Mejia
Jovita Quezada apia
Dolores Garcia
Reyes Garcia
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Perri
Perri Family Members
Palumbo Family Members
Mrs. Beverly Jenkins
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gonzalez
Mr. and Mrs. John Zalewski
Mrs. Nancy Nolan
Deceased Members of the Nolan Family
Deceased Members of the Hughes Family
Deceased Members of the Cronin Family
Mrs. Helen Grieshop
The Grieshop Family
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gibson

In Loving Memory of our loved ones
La Sagrada Familia
El tiempo de Jesús con su familia en Nazaret es un tiempo de silencio, oculto, y de mucha intimidad familiar; Es ahí donde Jesús se hace hombre, donde su personalidad psicológica se cincha en las tradiciones de su pueblo, y donde madura un proyecto que un día debe llevar a cabo.

Tener un padre y una madre es como un tesoro, decía la sabiduría antigua, porque sin padre y sin madre no se puede ser persona. Por eso Dios, siendo Omnipotente y Poderoso se encarnó como hijo de una madre y de un Padre. La familia está formada por unos padres y unos hijos y nadie está en el mundo sin ese proceso que no puede reducirse a lo biológico.

No tenemos otra manera de venir al mundo, de crecer, de madurar y ello forma parte del misterio de la creación de Dios. Por eso el misterio de ser padres no puede quedar reducido solamente a lo biológico. Eso es lo más fácil, y a veces irracional, del mundo. Ser padres, porque se tienen hijos, es un misterio de vida que los creyentes sabemos que está en las manos de Dios.

El evangelio de hoy es una historia familiar, con la que San Lucas cierra lo que se conoce como el "evangelio de la infancia". En este texto de hoy podemos ver a una familia que quiere ser fiel a Dios, y en aquella mentalidad la fidelidad a Dios se manifestaba precisamente en el cumplimiento de todo lo que exigía la ley del Señor; el texto podría reducirse a los primeros versículos y al final de este conjunto; entonces quedarían descartados el episodio de Simeón y de Ana, en el momento de la purificación de la madre y de la presentación de Jesús al Señor en el templo. El Evangelio quiere mostrar-nos el perfil en el sentido de la vida familiar de esos tiempos; una familia judía, piadosa, probablemente de educación profunda, la normalidad del mundo. Ser padres, porque se tienen hijos, es un misterio de vida que los creyentes sabemos que está en las manos de Dios.

Concluye el relato de hoy con una expresión que va más allá de lo que se escribe en la Biblia: "el niño crecía en sabiduría y gracia de Dios". Hay una clara intencionalidad del evangelista San Lucas: además de presentar el marco normal del crecimiento de un niño en una familia religiosa, está apuntan-dó a que este niño está llamado a otra cosa bien distinta de los demás.

La segunda lectura a los Colosenses está identificada en gran parte como un “código ético y doméstico”, porque nos habla del comportamiento de los cristianos entre sí, en la comunidad. Lo que se pide para la comunidad cristiana -misericordia, bondad, humildad, mansedumbre, paciencia-, para los que forman el “Cuerpo de Cristo”, son los valores que deben ser la constante de los que hemos sido llamados a ser cristianos. Que Dios bendiga abundantemente hoy nuestras familias.

En Cristo,
Fr. Carlos Monsalve

La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia nos lleva a la interiorizar la santa vivencia de aquella familia en donde se desarrolló el Hijo de Dios. La fiesta de la Sagrada Familia es una Fiesta universal de la Iglesia que celebra la unidad familiar divina y humana de Jesús, María y José. Dios quiso nacer bajo una humilde familia para hacer brillar su luz a todas las naciones. La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia nos lleva a la interiorizar la santa vivencia de aquella familia en donde se desarrolló el Hijo de Dios. Esta Fiesta se celebra generalmente el domingo después de Navidad.

SANTA MARÍA, MADRE DIOS - 1° DE ENERO 2021
la Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios.
Únase a nosotros para la Misa el Jueves 31 de diciembre a las 5:00 pm en inglés / 7:00 pm en español o el viernes, 1 de enero, a las 9:00 am en Inglés / 11:00 am en español

¡Adoración al Santísimo!
Jesús lo está esperando! Aproveche la oportunidad de venir a agradecerle por todas las bendiciones recibidas. Separe un espacio de su tiempo y visítello. Si puede solo una hora, Jesús le esperará con los brazos abiertos. Todos los miércoles de 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM en la Iglesia y los primeros jueves de cada mes. Tenemos hora Santa a las 9 PM y concluimos hasta la mañana del viernes a las 8 AM. Cuando pasas una hora con Jesús él te sonríe y se siente amado por ti, ¡No lo dejes solo, Jesús espera tu visita!

NO TE OLVIDES DE ORAR POR LOS ENFERMOS
Oremos por los enfermos, especialmente por los de nuestra comunidad.

INTENCIONES DE MISA
¿Le gustaría que se oráre por sus intenciones? particulares, normalmente por los seres queridos que han fallecido, para que el Señor, en su divina Misericordia, los acuje en el Reino Celestial. También las misas pueden ser ofrecidas por los enfermos o por personas o familias en situaciones difíciles, haciendo la intención de una de nuestras misas durante la semana o el fin de semana. Llamando al Centro del Ministerio. La donación habitual es de $10 dólares por intención de misa.
**Servicios en nuestra parroquia:**

* Bautismos - cada tercer sábado del mes a las 9 am. Registrar al niño/a en la oficina.
* Clase Pre-Bautismal - cada primer sábado del mes a las 5 p.m. **Virtuales debido a la pandemia no podemos tener las pláticas en presencia.** Llamar a la oficina para registrarse con anticipación.
* Celebración de Matrimonios y Quinceañeras, pasar a la oficina para agendar su fecha con 6 meses de anticipación.
* Sacramento de la Reconciliación, lunes, martes, miércoles y jueves 5p.m. o por cita.
* Unción de los Enfermos al Hospital o a las casas, según la necesidad de los enfermos. Llame a la oficina y déjenos saber. La Diócesis ha asignado algunos sacerdotes para visitar enfermos al hospital.

*Por favor no traer niños a la oficina y solo venga un solo miembro de casa ya sea el papa o la mama.*