

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

01/04 (Holy Family - Solemnity) **Holy Mass at 10am. Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall.

01/11 (Baptism of Our Lord - Solemnity) **Holy Mass at 10am. Catechism Class** for kids. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the hall. *No Mass Intention!*

01/18 (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held after the Mass in the Church Hall. No **Catechism class**. At the meeting: Fr. Adam's Pastoral report, Parish Committee reports & election of the Parish Committee officers for 2026. **All Parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate in this very important meeting. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday, Jan 25.**

- **BIG THANK YOU** to all Parishioners and Friends of St. John's for supporting the Church in 2025! Please, continue supporting our community, our mission and initiatives in the new year! Take the envelopes for 2026 from the Church vestibule.

Happy New Year

ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: MITCHELL A. BIELENDKA (01/08), PHYLLIS GASIOR (01/10). Happy birthday!

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January 4, 2026



HOLY MASS

• 10 am



MASS INTENTIONS

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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For + STEFAN BULGAJEWSKI (Holy Mass after the funeral)

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R: So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

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PARISH BULLETIN

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READING 1

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard.

Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of

your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.”

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of

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COL 3:12-21

Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

LK 2:41-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

On the Solemnity of the Holy Family, the Gospel reminds us that even the holiest family experienced moments of fear, misunderstanding, and searching. Mary and Joseph lose Jesus not through neglect, but in the ordinary busyness of life - a reminder of how easily we, too, can lose sight of Christ amid our daily routines. Their anxious search ends in the temple, where Jesus reveals that His first belonging is to the Father, even as He lovingly returns home in obedience. The Holy Family teaches us that faith grows not in perfection, but in trust, patience, and reflection. Like Mary, we are invited to hold life's mysteries in our hearts, allowing God to shape us over time. In this way, our families, too, can grow in wisdom, grace, and love before God and one another.