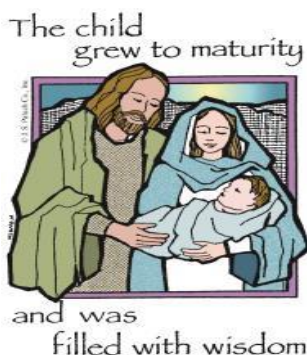


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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 26, 2021

**FIRST READING**— Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

**SECOND READING:** — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

**GOSPEL** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45)

### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION-** FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the “en-flesh-ment” of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus’ mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God’s intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

### **WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

MON 12/27  
TUES 12/28  
WED 12/29  
THURS 12/30  
FRI 12/31  
SAT 01/01  
SUN 01/02

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Dec 27<sup>th</sup>– Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

MON 12/27 . . . . . 7:50AM. . . . . + Intention Dantis  
TUES 12/28 . . . . . 7:50AM. . . . . + Sr Catherine Paff – (Friends)  
WED 12/29 . . . . . 7:50AM. . . . . + George Toth – (Joan Cisz)  
THUR 12/30 . . . . . 7:50AM. . . . . + Pauline Boyarsky (Kathy O’Donnell)  
HAPPY NEW YEAR’S EVE  
FRI 12/31 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . . + Kevin Gritzer – (Vicki & Ralph Bretz)  
4:00PM. . . . . + Gertrude Simonof – (M/M Michael Kozak)  
HAPPY NEW YEAR’S DAY  
SAT 01/01 . . . . . 7:50AM. . . . . + Intention Dantis  
4:00PM . . . . . + Jeanine Tollis – (Diane Taylor)  
SUN 01/02 . . . . . 7:30AM . . . . . + John Jedrzejek – (Carol Manganello)  
. . . . . 10:30AM. . . . . + Pro Populo



# Sunday Dec 26, 2021

**Stewardship Reflections:** We can look to the Holy Family as a model of family life. They experienced many of the same joys and trials that parents and children do today. The Gospel passage from Luke teaches us about Jesus' parents, "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover..."

Mary and Joseph took seriously their time as faithful Jewish parents. They worshiped as a family and with their faith community. We can take their example to heart by making true commitments to attend Sunday Mass, pray daily, observe the feasts and required fasts of the Church and regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us be stewards of our families in 2022 by making time for God and the practice of our Catholic faith the most important appointments on our calendars. On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Dec 18<sup>th</sup> & Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 2021)

Weekly . . . . .	\$ 3,915.50
Building Fund . . . . .	\$ 74.00
Fuel . . . . .	\$ 10.00

**Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.**

A special "Thank You" to everyone who helped prepare and bake the nut and poppyseed rolls last week. Your assistance is appreciated more than you know. Your help made this project a huge success. Our profit from this sale is \$2,973. Thanks to all who purchased rolls, donated nuts, sugar, flour, eggs and shortening or made monetary donations. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. We hope you enjoy them!!



**Children's Party Thank You** - A special Thank You goes out to everyone involved in making this year's breakfast with Santa a huge success. Story time and ornament making were lots of fun, of course, the visit from Santa and the delicious treats and gifts were the high-light of the day! The kids really had a great time.

**2022 Envelopes & Calendars-** Adult & Children's envelopes & calendars are available in the back of the Church. Please stop by the table to pick up your envelopes.



**Our Catholic Ministries Drive-** It is not too late to send in your pledge for the Catholic Ministries Drive. CMD supports our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. Pledge s and cash donations received by the Diocese through **Nov 15<sup>th</sup> total is \$11,320.00.** All gifts received beyond our parish target amount of \$19,874 will be returned to St Therese.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**  
**Classes will resume on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Have a  
**Holly Jolly**  
 Winter Break!  
*See you on January 6th!*

## CHRISTMAS Luke 2:15-20

Today's gospel reminds us God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.

**ABORTION:** "All lives matter" -inside the womb and outside the womb. It's not about a women's right to kill her baby...it's her baby's right to be born.



## Families and the Gospel..... Luke 2: 41-52

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

*Our family would like to thank the St. Therese parishioners from the bottom of our hearts for the kind words, prayers, and the generous monetary donations for our daughter, Gianna. You have no idea how much we appreciate every little gesture! Gianna is doing well at home, growing like a weed, and enjoying family time! She is the sweetest, happiest little baby! Gianna's heart surgery has been scheduled for January 28th, so we would appreciate any and all prayers for her continued journey.*

*Thank you!*  
*- The Kniss Family*  
*Phil, Laura, Dominic, and Gianna*