

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27	
5:30PM † Gladys Pruski	by Bill & Netta Kalala
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	
7:30AM † Ben C. & Betty Pawelek	by James & Sophie Dziuk
9:00AM † Patsy Bordovsky	by Danny Witte
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29	
6:30PM † Wilma Dziuk	by Friends & Family
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30	
6:30PM Jerelene Pawelek & Blessings upon Andrew & Taylor Woodchick on their 2 nd Wedding Anniversary	by Family
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31	
7:30AM † Cotton Beam	by Mike & Ruby Polasek
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Vigil	
5:30PM † James Pawelek	by Cecilia Jendrusch
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation	
7:30AM † Gary Raynor	by Nancy & children
9:00AM † Bernice Hons	by Mr. & Mrs. Benedict Lyssy
FRIDAY JANUARY 2 Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church-First Friday	
7:00AM † John & Mary Kotzur, Leonard Kotzur & Lorraine Wiatrek	by Benedict Wiatrek Family
<i>Exposition & Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament</i>	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3	
5:30PM † Lucy Swierc	by Casper & RosaLee Moczygemba
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 The Epiphany of the Lord	
7:30AM † Dorothy Cione	by Eugenia A. Galli
9:00AM † Fred & Carol Gawlik	by Wesley & Pam Maris

Serving The Lord ~ December 31st & January 1st, 3rd & 4th

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion:		Lectors:	
Dec 31st	5:30PM Red Sturm	Dec 31st	5:30PM Red Sturm
Jan 1st	7:30AM Patsy Sekula	Jan 1st	7:30AM Patsy Sekula
	9:00AM Lanelle Pollok		9:00AM Katy Howell
Saturday	5:30PM Dianne Dziuk	Saturday	5:30PM Dianne Dziuk
Sunday	7:30AM Pat Jarzombek	Sunday	7:30AM Kim Kowalik
	9:00AM Jeannette Wiggins		9:00AM Zach Swierc
Altar Servers: Dec 31 & Jan 1 - Volunteers			
Saturday Volunteers		Sunday 7:30AM Seth L, Kenna L, Alberto G	
		9:00AM Leah S, Gavin R, Mikayla R, Riley L	

Money Counters	
Dec 28 James & Sophie Dziuk	Jan 11 Pat & Karissa Jarzombek
Jan 04 Shirley Palitza, Lanelle Pollok, Lillian Sekula	Jan 18 Wilfred & Dianne Dziuk

Sunday Church Support \$3,404.50

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be on Wed. 12/31 at 5:30pm & Thursday 1/1 at 7:30 am & 9:00am. Mass at St. Boniface is 4pm and 10:30am.

First Friday, Jan. 2nd at 7:00am will be Mass, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In his Angelus address on the Feast of the Holy Family in 2001, St. John Paul II shared this with those gathered: “If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen.” Following in the footsteps of the Holy Family in today’s Scripture, we find ourselves in quiet Bethlehem, just after the departure of the Magi. The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, this time with a warning: “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” They trust in God and their response is immediate. It is easy for us to imagine the Holy Family as different from ourselves – holier and more spiritual. Certainly, that’s true. They were holy but they were also fully human, which means that what they attained is possible for each of us. Let us try to imitate them in this holiness. It’s easy to glamorize the life of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, but in reality, the cross was with them long before the crucifixion. From the moment of the Annunciation, there would be trials, temptations, and sufferings. But each time, they respond with immediate obedience and deep trust. In doing so, they give us all a perfect example of what the Christian life should look like: a life motivated by love and always listening for the voice of God, ready to respond in an instant. As we accompany others on this journey of faith, we also must listen deeply to them in order to help them in discerning the Spirit’s movement in their lives. As we hone the spiritual muscle of attentive listening, we grow in our ability to respond to God and to God’s action in our lives, and to help others do the same.

Most of us will never hear from an angel in the middle of the night telling us to walk hundreds of miles with our baby in tow. But every single one of us will be – has been – called. Let us pray to the Holy Family for an increase in the virtues of obedience and trust, so that we can respond to God’s call in our lives



Year End is a great time to donate towards the approved Convent Remodel especially if you have a required minimum distribution that can be made directly to the church. See your tax advisor.

ATTENTION: Effective January 1, 2026, Diner Rental rate for parishioners is \$250.

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Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, Obedience is trust in action

By the time Mary gave birth to Jesus, Saint Joseph had already formed a habit of steady obedience to God. So when the angel spoke to him in a dream and instructed him to flee to Egypt, Joseph acted without delay. He trusted that God would care for him and for the family entrusted to him.

This trust is even more striking when we consider the circumstances of Jesus’ birth. Mary and Joseph had traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem during the final stages of her pregnancy. Whether by foot or by donkey, the trip would have been long, uncomfortable, and

exhausting. When they finally arrived, they found no suitable place to stay and settled among animals. Soon after, they faced the threat against Jesus’ life and fled to Egypt, living for years in a foreign land without the support of relatives or friends. Through every hardship, Joseph relied on God to protect his family.

The Holy Family was perfect in love, yet not spared from difficulty. Mary and Joseph met each challenge with faith and allowed God’s Word to guide them. We can follow the same path.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God *God sent his Son, born of a woman. (Galatians 4:4)*

How fitting that we conclude the Octave of Christmas and begin a new year by celebrating Mary as Mother of God! She who gave birth to the Prince of Peace is now honored in her own right. Mary’s title, Theotokos, “God-Bearer” or Mother of God, was established at the Council of Ephesus in AD 431. The Council Fathers officially confirmed what had already been established in the hearts of the faithful: Mary should be venerated as the Mother of God because by the power of the Holy Spirit she gave birth to he who is both God and man.

As Jesus’ mother, Mary was entrusted with raising him according to the ways of God’s people. Every day, she humbly did what was before her, whether it was caring for her cousin Elizabeth, accompanying Joseph to Bethlehem, or tending to her beloved son. Along with Joseph, she cared for Jesus and helped shape him in his humanity. She fed him, changed him, and nurtured him. Mary also modeled what saying yes to God looks like through her daily example of humility, compassion, and faith. She helped lead the weekly Shabbat dinners in their home and taught Jesus to love God’s word. She likely spoke about her encounter with the angel Gabriel and the miraculous conception of Jesus’ cousin John the Baptist. In all things and in all ways, she lived as the Mother of God. As you begin a new year, take Mary as your mother. She prays for you, she loves you, and she cares for you. Let her teach you how to say yes to God. Your yes might seem like nothing extraordinary: someone to care for, someone to encourage, or faithfulness to prayer in the midst of a busy day. But Mary knows that they all add up to an extraordinary life in God’s eyes, and the rewards of a faithful life. *“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me.”*

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The Altar Society will lead the Rosary on January 4th at 5pm. All are welcome to start the new year in asking our Blessed Mother to pray for us.

CCD – No Class Dec. 31st. Class resumes January 7th Office is closed January 1st – 2nd

Please pick up your Offertory Envelopes at the back of the church. If you wish to have a set & do not see yours, please contact the office.



Thank you for your generous support throughout 2025. Whether you give of your time, talent or treasure, and for your prayers, we are very grateful. We have many volunteers with Liturgy & Altar preparation, Administration, Maintenance, Cemetery, CCD, Picnic, Decorating, etc.

May God bless you with much joy and peace in the coming New Year!

SINCEREST THANKS TO THE POLLOK AND BORDOVSKY FAMILIES - The Poinsettias are beautiful and make our church look so festive! Thank you for continuing your family's tradition of donating the Poinsettias. Special thanks to Craig and Tiffany for finding a nursery, ordering, and delivering the poinsettias. May God bless you all.

Thank you to Falls City Milling Co, Falls City National Bank, Pollok’s Market & Deli and Frank Nieschwietz Enterprises for sponsoring the 2026 calendars!

TABERNACLE FLOWERS - The Tabernacle floral arrangements are in memory of Shirley Zaiontz donated by Lee.

FC Hall New Year’s Eve Raffle Tickets still available around town or call (830) 254-0338 to pay with card by phone.

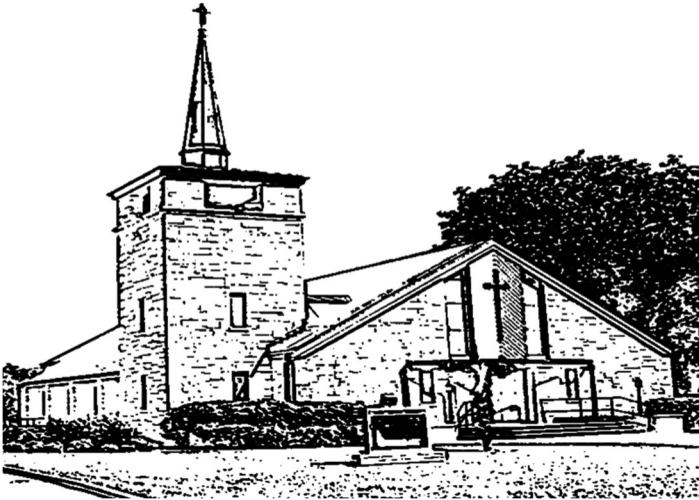
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8AM-2PM
Closed Thursdays

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM

DAILY MASSES & HOLY DAYS
As scheduled.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
30 minutes before every Mass

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
Monday after Mass

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS
First Friday: Exposition & Benediction after Mass
Except during Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays of Lent at 6:30pm, followed by mass

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Please make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Call Rectory to schedule at least two weeks in advance. **A birth certificate must be shown.** Godparents shall request letter from their Parish.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING
Please call the priest when sick or before going to the hospital, if possible.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
30 Minutes before every Mass

VISITING OF THE SICK & ELDERLY
First Fridays & upon request.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Wednesday 6:00PM.

LAMENTATIONS
Saturdays of Lent after 5:30 Mass