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**THE HOLY FAMILY**

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After three days they found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them  
and asking them questions. - Lk 2:46

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### Stewardship Corner

#### St. Anthony

*Due to early bulletin deadline, collection totals were not available at time of printing. December collection totals will be in a future bulletin.*

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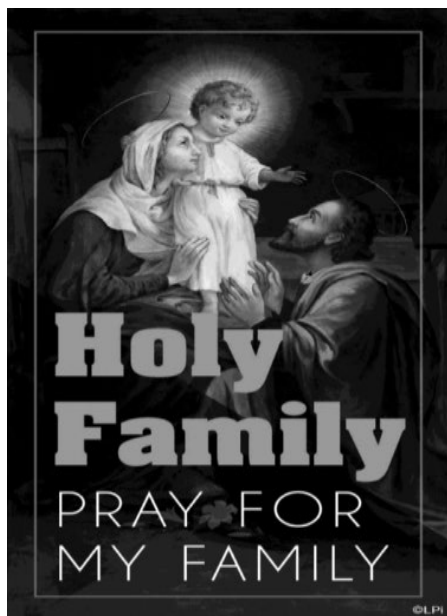
*Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, please pick up a registration form in the vestibule of either parish, fill it out, and drop it in the collection basket. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!*

## Liturgical Roles

*Mass assignments for The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Masses (Dec. 31 & Jan. 1) and for January 4-5 can be found on the January Mass Assignment Insert*

Thank  
You

Thank you so much for the continued love, prayers, and support, and for helping us make the spaghetti dinner a success. God bless you all.  
Jordyn Conn Family



## Leopold K of C Fish Fry

Friday,  
January 3

5 - 7 p.m.

## Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

### Monday, December 30

Church office closed

6:45-7:05 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

**7:20 AM MASS** - Monica Jansen † (SJ)

8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

6:00 PM - OCIA (St. Anne's room)

### Tuesday, December 31

Church office closed

**6:00 PM HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS** - L/D Members Joe & Nora Bueter Family (SA)

### Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day

Church office closed

**9:00 AM MASS** - L/D Members Lawrence & Magdalen Stoverink Family (SJ)

### Thursday, January 2 Church office closed

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

**8:30 AM MASS** - John H. Thele † (SJ)

12:00 - 10:00 PM - KC EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

### Friday, January 3

6:45-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

**7:20 AM MASS** - Joan (Elfrink) Monick † (SJ)

5:00-7:00 PM - KC Fish Fry

### Saturday, January 4

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)

4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

**5:00 PM MASS** - Families of St. John / St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

### Sunday, January 5

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)

**8:00 AM MASS** - L/D Members of Walter & Mary Jansen Family (SJ)

**10:00 AM MASS** - John A. Lovell † (SJ)

## Diocese & Area Events

**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE:** A Taizé service, meditative prayer with simple prayer-chants, will be held on Sunday, January 5, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. All are welcome!

**ADVANCE KC FISH FRY:** Friday, January 10th. All-You-Can-Eat. Fish, Chicken, & sides. Advance KC Hall. Dine-In or Carry-Out. 5-7 PM. Adults \$12, all children 15 and under eat FREE with paid adult plate.

**CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT:** Thursday, January 23 at St. Francis Xavier, Sikeston. 6:30-9 PM. For planning purposes please RSVP to SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com or text 573-275-5214

**SEMO CAMINITO:** A small, Southeast Missouri version of the Caminito de Santiago (The Way of St. James). 3 days, 10 churches, 40 miles. March 10-12, 2025. Open to anyone 18 years and older. Please train for this walk! For more information or to register see the flyer in back of church or call/text/email Laura Higgerson at 573-579-5817 or laurahigg1@yahoo.com

## **Notes from Fr. Vincent:**

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

***"If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." (St. Mother Teresa)***

On this day within the octave of Christmas, we honor the holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we honor all families big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially we focus in on the hidden day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Today's feast is a celebration of family – the unique nucleus of society that gives us life, nurture and support throughout our journey on earth. Families are the first and best places for the love of God to come alive.

A little boy greets his father as he returns from work with a question: "Daddy, how much do you make an hour?" The father is surprised and says, "Look, son, not even your mother knows. Don't bother me now, I'm tired." "But Daddy, just tell me please! How much do you make an hour?" the boy insists. The father finally gives up and replies, "Twenty dollars." "Okay, Daddy," the boy continues, "Could you loan me ten dollars?" The father yells at him, "So that was the reason you asked how much I earn, right? Now, go to sleep and don't bother me anymore!" At night the father thinks over what he said and starts feeling guilty. Maybe his son needed to buy something. Finally, he goes to his son's room. "Are you asleep, son?" asks the father. "No, Daddy. Why?" replies the boy. "Here's the money you asked for earlier," the father said. "Thanks, Daddy!" replies the boy and receives the money. The he reaches under his pillow and brings out some more money. "Now I have enough! Now I have twenty dollars!" says the boy to his father, "Daddy, could you sell me one hour of your time?" Today's readings have a message for this man and for all of us, and the message is that we need to invest more of our time in our family life.

On this feast day let us offer our own families and all their members on the altar to ask God's blessing on them and to obtain for them the guidance of the Holy Family. Let us pray that through the intercession of Holy Family, we may make our families happy and cheerful Christian homes.

**Prayer: "Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Amen"**

**St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.**

*Fr. Vincent Joseph VC*

## **Adult Education Notes**

Reminder: This Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation. The feast day of Mary, Mother of God. Be sure to get to Mass either Tuesday night or Wednesday. See Mass schedule in this bulletin. Also Epiphany is approaching so get your chalk ready to mark your door lintel with blessing. Check next week's bulletin.

So another New Year is upon us. Resolutions. Have you made yours already? or do you even make them? We all try to make ones we will stick with but by February we've almost forgotten about them. We set them too high or unable to keep them as we thought. This year maybe you can focus on others besides yourself. Why not resolve to strengthen your children.

Remember I told you I went to the Summit in October? Well the other speaker there was Marcel LeJeune. He is the Founder and President of Catholic Missionary Disciples. He was also arrested for being too much of a Catholic. He gave many tips and insights on how we can invite one back who has lost his/her way from the Church. He advised us to be a "greeting person". Don't be afraid to start a conversation with a stranger and be bold in faith. So with that said, about your kids and grandkids. He is a Campus Minister too and gave advice from experience on developing a good Catholic sense about kids. If you want them to be like everyone else's let them do it. If you want them to be different then do something very different. Faith fill your children now for they can't love what they don't know. Aim for their heart and their head will follow. Win the trust of your children.

So now for the resolutions that are besides yourself. Here are Marcel's ten tips to raise kids Catholic.

1. Keep a good marriage. Love each other. God first then spouse then children
2. Pray together every day as a family. Just do something. Start with morning prayer, meal prayer with intentions, night prayer, instill prayer in their day
3. Prioritize your time together. Quantity is not quality. Make time together count and meaningful.
4. Participate in the Sacraments together. Especially Mass and confession together. They must know.
5. Eat together as much as you can.
6. Discipline your kids. Grace happens when undeserved. Borders and boundaries keep them safe. Explain consequences either way.

*(continued)*

# Ministry Notes & Updates

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

The Next Friday, the monthly fish fry is from 5-7 with the weekly Friday night shooting match also taking place.

Jim Spooler, a charter member of the Council, passed away on December 20 in St. Peters, Missouri. The land that the council and surrounding grounds was purchased from Jim's father, Bill Spooler in 1968. The Council currently has seven living Charter Members from the time of the Council formation in 1966.

Happy New Year to all!

## VOCATION MINISTRY:

**Feast of the Holy Family** *"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"* (Luke 2:49) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph serves as a model of love, faith and obedience. Just as Jesus was guided by His Father's will, so too can we be guided in our marriages by God's love. Reflect on how your family life mirrors the faith and devotion of the Holy Family. Strengthen your commitment to each other by nurturing a deeper relationship with God.

**Vocation Crucifix for December: Peggy & Francis Nenninger** *For parents, that they may support their children in discerning their vocations, especially if they are called to priesthood or religious life. Let us pray to the Lord.*

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

**It's not too early to be thinking about attending Steubenville this summer.** Registration forms will be sent home right after Christmas since our deadline for registering is end of January. Steubenville is open to all youth currently in grades 8-12! **DYC** will be in March 2025. More info to come soon!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Thank you to all who donated gifts to the giving tree project this year. The recipients were very appreciative.

## ST JOHN PCCW:

Home Tour 2024: Thanks to the 107 people who bought tickets for the tour and again thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success.

**Blood Drive-** A lot of open appointments. Please call Red Cross to fill one on January 8th at KC hall from 12:30-5:30 pm.

**Christmas Cards and stamps.** Will collect thru month of January.

**Rummage Sale:** Start saving your stuff for Annual Rummage Sale. Set up May 6-7 and sale starts May 8-10.

## Adult Education Notes Cont.

7. Protect them from the culture but don't isolate them. Monitor their devices. Know what/who they are watching and what/who is watching them.
8. Know-teach-live the faith. If you don't then why should they? Morality, charity, selfless qualities.
9. Evangelize your kids. Surround them with faithful people. Make them intentional with their opportunities to be a good Catholic.
10. Build communities with likeminded families.

You have been sure to have heard many of these tips before, but making some of them your 2025 New Year's resolution could bring great benefits to you and your family. Marcel says that faith alone is not a guarantee they will remain Catholic but with prayer, perseverance, humility and love these can make a difference in your family life. Pick one or two and see if it is worth the effort to do them for the sake of your family, your children, your faith and their faith. It doesn't hurt to resolve to help them become better and others will know the difference and see that in the end. Peace and happiness to you all in this new year of grace. God's Blessings!





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