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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 30, 2018



*Jesus said to his parents,
“Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I
must be in my Father’s house?”*

Luke 2:49

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*To Serve as He Served, To Live as He Lived,
and To Love as He Loved.*

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.—English
6:00 p.m.—Polish
Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:00 Noon, and Polish at 1:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday at 8:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday—6:00 p.m.
Thursday—7:00 p.m. in Polish

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Prayed weekdays before the 8:30 a.m. Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Held every Thursday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (after 8:30 am Mass); concluding Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Greg Lorens	<i>Pastor</i>
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - 9:15am to 7:30pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 9:15am to 5:15pm
Saturday - 10:00am to 2:00pm
Sunday—Closed

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SACRAMENTS

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

The special grace of this Sacrament offers the Lord's healing strength, peace and courage to anyone who is seriously or chronically ill, hospitalized or about to undergo surgery. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to have someone anointed.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated twice a month: the first and third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. (some exceptions due to Holy Days and liturgical celebrations). Please call the Parish Office to register for the program and to set a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGE

Archdiocese of Chicago guidelines for marriage preparation ask that a minimum of six months be set aside for preparation for marriage. No firm date for a wedding will be set until the conclusion of the couple's first meeting with the parish minister. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Monica. No Sunday weddings are scheduled.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK/HOUBOUND

If you or a family member are in a local hospital or are homebound and would like to have a visit from a priest, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Ministers of Care are also available to bring Communion to those who are confined at home and are unable to attend Mass, either temporarily or on a continual basis. Please call the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Monday — Friday before the morning Mass (please ask for a priest in the sacristy), Saturday from 3:00 to 3:50 p.m., and 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. (English and Polish). Individual confessions available by appointment.



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Saint Monica is a welcoming Catholic faith community.
Proclaiming the power of the Word of God, we join together in the celebration of the
Eucharist and all Sacraments. We aim to follow Jesus Christ —*

TO SERVE AS HE SERVED, TO LIVE AS HE LIVED, AND TO LOVE AS HE LOVED.

OUR PRAYERS

MONDAY, December 31, 2018

8:30 A.M.— † Bea & Frank Tiano
† Jerry & Lois Siadek

6:00 P.M. — VIGIL OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Mass in English

- People of St. Monica Parish

7:30 P.M. — NAJŚWIETSZEJ BOŻEJ RODZICIELKI
Mass in Polish

TUESDAY, January 1, 2019—**MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

10:30 A.M. — † Dr. William Frett
† Philip Frank

6:00 P.M. — *Mass in English*

7:30 P.M. — *Mass in Polish*

WEDNESDAY, January 2, 2019

8:30 A.M. — *Mass in English*

6:00 P.M. — • People of St. Monica Parish

THURSDAY, January 3, 2019

8:30 A.M. — † Claro & Virginia Ricana
† Dominic Catalano

7:00 P.M. — *Mass in Polish*

FRIDAY, January 4, 2019—**FIRST FRIDAY**

8:30 A.M. — † Lena Minerva
† Amor Garcia

6:00 P.M. — *Mass in English*

7:00 P.M. — *Mass in Polish*

SATURDAY, January 5, 2019

4:00 P.M. — † John Lyons
† Joseph, Caroline Carpino
† Terina Marotta
† Marge O'Donnell

6:00 P.M. — *Mass in Polish*
• John K. Trawicki—Birthday Bless.

SUNDAY, January 6, 2019

7:30 A.M. — *Mass in English*

9:00 A.M. — † Debra Giannini
† Stanislaw Kalist
† Jan Stec

- Joseph & Mary Szczap - 57th Wedding Anniv.

10:30 A.M.— † Roberto Pagano
† Mary Gallagher

- Noel Geronimo - Birthday Bless.

12:00 P.M.— • Joyce Seminaro - Birthday Bless.

1:30 P.M.— *Mass in Polish*
† Józef Bęben



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

*Michelle Parker
Selwa Nissan
The Torres Family
Evelina Lipecka
The Barrett Family*

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Arnott Family	Irena Dudek	Henrietta Pinkowski
Mary Allegretti	Carole Edwards	Deacon Ed Podgorski
Carole Bacarella	Mary Lu Forte	Sharon Petrozz,
Carol Batjes	Richard Gonsiorek	Bridie Regan
Alice Baxter	Gladys Garzon	Paula Riveron
Marilyn Bell	Monica Gathman	Augie Sansone
Judy Biala	Roberta Gols	Tim Sheehan
Adam Burek	Edward L. Hausner	Bernadette Schmidt
Jo Buscemi	Kerri Horan	Harriet Skiba
Sylvia Boulahanis	Michael Kelly	Steve Skubski
Paul Bowers	Timothy Kim	Denise Slaski
Cindy Cisek	Aimee Mayuga	Ida Traczyk
Grace Cleys	Ruth Miner	Ralph Volgarino
Joan Craig	Dolores Nieciecki	Laura Wysocki
Lucille Clark	Cathy O'Hara	Elizabeth Wright
Eugene Dunaj	Jose Perez	

and all the sick and aged of our parish...

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

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James Ambriz
Kurt Beyer
Tom Bobek
Daniel Clark
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Justin Elazegui
Walter Fernandez
Robert Gullett
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Jack Maksymec
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Michael Rivera
Andrew Thomas
Christopher Walsh
Michael Zadlo



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Jason Adamczyk
Roman Gronke
Keith Maslon
Sean O'Grady

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Christine Ambriz

US Air Force

Michael Brimie
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Vincent Bertucci
Gage Cygnar
Lukas Czynczyk
Dominic Davila
Caitlen Ferrarell
Benjamin Juhasz
Mathew Lynn
Steven Meyer
Kevin Rasmussen
Christopher Ryan

US Navy

Jeremy Bloom
Justin Chovanec
Zachary Corrado
Daniel Jarosz
Clay Presny
Riley Schoen
Steven Stancy
Richard Whitman
Nick Whitman

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as the protect us.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen*

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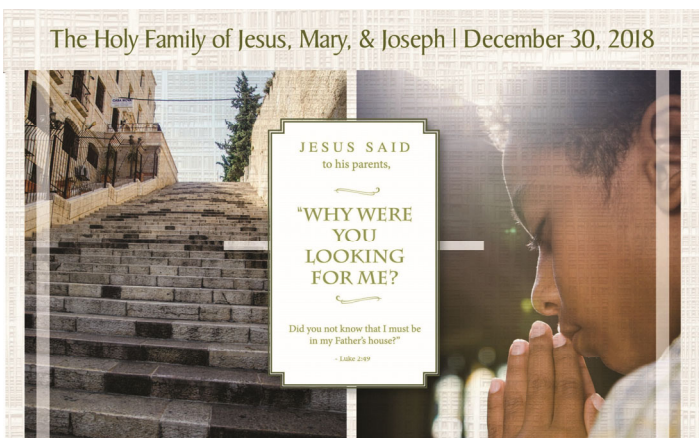
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.


In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage--the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY -
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
6:00 PM - VIGIL MASS IN ENGLISH
7:30 PM - VIGIL MASS IN POLISH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR
10:30 AM - MASS IN ENGLISH
6:00 PM - MASS IN ENGLISH
7:30 PM - MASS IN POLISH

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always get it right, but they always tried to. These three amateurs were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation--to do his Father's work--but he also returned home with his parents.

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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.

HANNAH AND MARY

The story of Hannah and her son Samuel in today's reading from 1 Samuel was especially important for Luke's Gospel. The passage describes the presentation of young Samuel to the priest Eli as part of the story of the faith of Hannah. Hannah had been in great suffering, as she had long desired to have a son, and saw this as central to her vocation and identity. Hannah's deep honesty with God during her distress, together with her confident persistence in prayer, reveals her as a model of faith. Luke links Hannah to Mary through the Magnificat song in Luke 1, which mirrors Hannah's joyous song in 1 Samuel 2. Luke links young Samuel to Jesus, through the presentation in the Temple in Luke 2. Luke is suggesting that God is up to something big. Just as Samuel initiated a turning point in Israel's history, Jesus is about to open a new chapter in human history. Their stories are rooted in the remarkable faith of their mothers, Hannah and Mary.

WEAVING THE STORY

Today's passage from Luke is the only story about Jesus in the Gospels that occurs between Jesus' infancy and his adult ministry. Luke uses the story to weave these elements together. This story, like all the infancy passages, emphasizes that Jesus was born Son of God. Jesus' first spoken words in Luke conclude with "I must be in my Father's house." God is his Father, and Jesus speaks as God's Son. Luke connects the future ministry of Jesus with the scene at the temple with the teachers. Jesus' listeners are astounded at his wisdom. This anticipates similar scenes as an adult. Luke also subtly hints at Jesus' resurrection, with details such as the question "why were you looking for me?" similar to "why do you seek the living one among the dead?" Luke invites us to see his Gospel as an integrated whole, weaving together Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL Saint Monica Conference ANNUAL REPORT

The following is the annual report of the Saint Monica's Saint Vincent dePaul Society which is a Catholic lay organization leading men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person to person services to those in need.

Membership:

Active 18
Associate 4

Financial:

Income:

Poor Box Collections \$ 7892
Member Donations \$ 640

Expenses:

Payments to Those We Serve \$ 9884
Council Dues/Disaster Payments \$487

Other Assistance Provided:

Food \$ 9000
(Monthly Collection Estimate)
Clothing \$ 4000
(Clothing Drive and Baby Shower Estimate)
St. Thomas Children Christmas Gifts \$ 9000
(Estimated Value of About 300 Gifts)

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR HELP



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Shadow Day: February 1st

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Love Basketball? Good at the Free Throw Line?

The Karol Wojtyla/John Paul II Council, Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Free Throw Contest for boys and girls age 9 to 14 on Sunday January 6, 2019. The contest will be held at St Eugene Shaunessy Center at Foster and Canfield from 12:00 to 2:30 pm. Winners will be chosen for each age group. For further information or entry forms contact Rich Gonsiorek at (773) 631-2818

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THE BOURBON STREET BALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019
6 PM - 12 AM

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ST. MONICA'S RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

On Saturday Dec 15th students from St Monica Religious Education program gathered along with their families & guests to portray the Nativity of our Lord. We had over 300 students & guests in attendance.

The program was sponsored by Lowell Food's , Jewel-Osco & Mariano's & a parishioner who chose to remain anonymous. Thanks to their kindness & generosity students and their families were able to receive a bag filled with goodies to help celebrate the Christmas Season.

We ask you to please honor our sponsors by patronizing them, & following them on social media.

Please feel free to let them know you appreciate their sponsorship.

God Bless our sponsors & their families.



S.T.A.R.S.

Our STARS (Special Times and Religious Studies) had a great Christmas celebration. A great big THANK YOU to John, owner of Family Palace, who so graciously provided our lunch that day.

Thank you to the Knight of Columbus who support our program.

Our students, their families and our volunteers had a wonderful afternoon.

Santa even stopped by for a visit! Merry Christmas!



ŚPIEWNIK—BOŻE NARODZINIE

Dzisiaj w Betlejem, dzisiaj w Betlejem

Wesoła nowina
Ze Panna czysta, że Panna czysta
Porodziła Syna

Choć w stajeneczce, choć w stajeneczce
Panna Syna rodzi.
Przecież On wkrótce, przecież On wkrótce
ludzi oswobodzi!

I Trzej królowie, i trzej królowie
Od wschodu przybyli
I dary Panu, i dary Panu
Kosztowne złożyli

Tryumfy - Króla niebieskiego!

Zstąpiły z nieba wysokiego!
Pobudziły pasterzów, dobytku swego stróżów
Śpiewaniem...

Chwała bądź Bogu w wysokości,
a ludziom pokój na niskości.
Narodził się Zbawiciel, dusz ludzkich odkupiciel,
Na Ziemi...

Zrodziła Maryja Dziewica,
Wiecznego Boga bez rodzica,
by nas z piekła wybawił, a w niebieskich postawił,
Pałacach...

Przybieżeli do Betlejem pasterze,

Grając skocznie Dzieciąteczku na lirze. Chwała...

Oddawali swe ukłony w pokorze,
Tobie z serca ochotnego, o Boże. Chwała...

Anioł Pański sam ogłosił te dziwy,
których oni nie słyszeli, jak żywi. Chwała...

Dziwili się napowietrznej muzyce,
i myśleli: Co to będzie za Dziecię? Chwała...

Poznali Go Mesyjaszem być prawym,
narodzonym dzisiaj Królem łaskawym. Chwała....

Gdy śliczna Panna Syna kołysała,

Z wielkim weselem tak jemu śpiewała:
Li-li-li-li-laj - Moje Dzieciąteczko,
Li-li-li-li-laj - Śliczne Paniąteczko.

Wszystko stworzenie śpiewaj Panu swemu,
Pomóż radości wszelkiej sercu memu.
Li-li-li-li-laj - wielki Królewiczu
Li-li-li-li-laj - Niebieski Dziedzicu.

Sypcie się z nieba liczni Aniołowie,
Śpiewajcie Panu niebiescy duchowie:
Li-li-li-li-laj - mój wonny Kwiateczku,
Li-li-li-li-laj - w ubogim złóbeczku.

Nic mi nie mówisz, o kochanie moje,
Przecież pojmuję w sercu Słowa Twoje:
Li-li-li-li-laj - O Boże wcielony,
Li-li-li-li-laj - nigdy nie zmierzony.

Gdy się Chrystus rodzi i na świat przychodzi,

ciemna noc w jasności promienistej brodzi.
Aniołowie się radują, pod niebiosy wyśpiewują: *Gloria...*

Mówią do pasterzy, którzy trzód swych strzegli.
Aby do Betlejem, czym prędzej pobiegli.
Bo się narodził Zbawiciel, wszego świata odkupiciel.

O niebieskie duchy i posłowie nieba.
Powiedzcież wyraźniej co nam czynić trzeba:
Bo my nic nie pojmujemy, ledo od strachu żyjemy.

Idźcież do Betlejem, gdzie Dziecię zrodzone,
W pieluszki powite, w żłobie położone:
Oddajcie Mu pokłon boski, On osłodzi wasze troski.

Bóg się rodzi, moc truchleje, Pan niebiosów obnażony

Ogień krzepnie, blask ciemnieje, ma granice nieskończony.
Niemal cierpiał nie mało. Żeśmy byli winni sami, a Słowo...

Cóż masz niebo nad ziemiany? Bóg porzucił szczęście swoje!
Wszedł między lud ukochany, dzieląc z nim trudy i znoje
Niemal cierpiał, niemal, żeśmy byli winni sami, a Słowo...

Podnieś rękę, Boże dziecie, błogosław ojczyznę miłą,
w dobrych radach, w dobrym bycie, wspieraj jej siłę Swą siłą
Dom nasz i majątność całą i wszystkie wioski z miastami,
a Słowo...

STEWARDSHIP & SCHEDULES



DECEMBER 16TH

SUNDAY MASSES		
ENVELOPES (Registered Parishioners)	\$	6,534.00
LOOSE (Visiting/ Unregistered Parishioners)	\$	2,051.26
SUNDAY MASSES TOTAL	\$	8,585.26
E-Giving		
E-Giving	\$	540.00
Mailed Envelopes	\$	461.00
Children's Envelopes	\$	39.00
Grand Total This Week	\$	9,625.26
St. Monica Academy	\$	232.00
Facility Maintenance Fund	\$	244.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	285.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	143.00
Christmas	\$	630.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	2,171.75
	\$	
Weekly Difference (\$9,700.00 Budgeted)	\$	-74.74
Year-to-Date Difference	\$	-18,273.38
Actual Weekly Collection-to-Date	\$	224,226.62
Year-to-Date Goal	\$	242,500.00

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

JANUARY	January, 1	Solemnity of Mary	None
	January, 6	Regular Sunday Collection	Facility Maintenance
	January, 13	Regular Sunday Collection	School Development
	January, 20	Regular Sunday Collection	Support for Latin America
	January, 27	Regular Sunday Collection	None

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LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
JAN 5	4:00 pm	M. Paul (sub. req.) M. Rolle	R. Wade	N. Madaj	M. & L. Flis Q. Francisco P. Mahon
	7:30 am	K. Ronchi	J. Ronchi	K. Ronchi	C. Bagdonas L. Cokeley N. Fry
JAN 6	9:00 am	B. Bajek D. Bajek A. Bruno	M. P. Collins G. Frett	G. Frett	J. DeMarco M. & M. Ghiloni
	10:30 am	M. Caringella J. D'Avanzo S. Hilger	J. Hilger A. Reisel	A. Reisel	E. Barros C. & M. Frawley
	12:00 pm	M. Reihardt D. SanBuenaventura	R. M. Welther	D. SanBuenaventura	S. Gulla A. Maher F. Oliveri

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