

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, December 27** ♦  
**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Pardi & Shough Families  
 (Sr. Pat Pieper, SND)  
 Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Col 3:12-21  
 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

**Monday, December 28** ♦ **No Mass**  
**Tuesday, December 29** ♦  
**5th Day in Octave of Christmas**  
 11:30 a.m. Special Intention for Gary Ogle  
 (Dennis Wilcox)  
 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday, December 30** ♦  
**6th Day in Octave of Christmas**  
 11:30 a.m. Timothy Boldizar (Nancy Walsh)  
 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday, December 31** ♦  
**7th Day in Octave of Christmas**  
 11:30 a.m. Special Intention for Brenda Ketner  
 (Dennis Wilcox)  
 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Friday, January 1** ♦  
**Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**  
 10:00 a.m. Mary Lou Mouk (Eileen & Ray Kiersh)  
 7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil  
 (Intention of Presider)  
 Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday, January 2** ♦  
**Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**  
 7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil Closes  
 with Benediction  
 11:30 a.m. Sheila Shirey  
 (Frank & Kathleen Scholl Family)

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28  
**Sunday, January 3** ♦ **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Parish Volunteers  
 Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**FLU !!!**

Due to the national H1N1 emergency, we have temporarily discontinued the optional handshake sign of peace and communion from the cup during both Sunday and Weekday Masses. We will continue this precautionary measure until the virus season is over.

**+ Please remember in your prayers** our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Dorothy Gaus, Sally Groom, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Rita Neff, Jim Scanlon, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

<b>THANKS!</b>	
<b>December 20, 2009 Offerings</b>	
<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering ..... \$1,689.20 Votives ..... 11.00 Eucharistic Vigil ..... 0.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b> 9:00 a.m. = 103 11:00 a.m. = 98	Repair ..... 45.00 Less 5% Tax ..... (87.26) <b>Net to Parish ..... \$1,657.94</b>

**Thank You and Blessings On All**

**Rectory Open House**

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make our Christmas celebration so beautiful and memorable: Claire Miller, Bill Hueckel and all who assisted in cleaning and decorating the church, all greeters, ushers, readers, extraordinary ministers, musicians, choir members, servers, and all who came to celebrate Christmas here at Holy Cross.

In addition, all of us thank you sincerely for your many and varied expressions of holiday greetings and remembrances. **Please come to the Rectory and join us in celebrating each other at our Open House after both Masses today.**

Finally, as this New Year of grace begins, we pray that you and your families will grow in faith, hope, and love each day. May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfillment.

Prayerfully,  
 Your Pastoral Staff

**LOVED ONES REMEMBERED BY  
 POINSETTIA DONATIONS**

**(as of December 20, 2008)**

Joe & Irene Adamusko  
 Angelo-Noesner Family  
 Richard & Freda Bellamy  
 Blalock Family  
 John J. Burdyn  
 Joseph A. Burdyn  
 Brother Michael W. Carlyle, B.G.S.  
 Deceased of Cataline, Scanlon, & Medert Families  
 Collins & Sheridan Family Members  
 Domenic Conte  
 Deceased of Crum Family  
 Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family  
 Albina Cykowski  
 Daugherty-Grady Families  
 Bill, Marion & Kathy Davis  
 Joseph H. Davis  
 George Dickerson  
 DiSanto & Ericksen Families  
 Edwards Family  
 Clyde & Jeff Elliott  
 Endres Family  
 Howard & Marian Evans  
 Rosemary Fee  
 Jack Finn  
 Gary Fox  
 Jack Fuerst  
 Girouard Family  
 Green Family  
 Helene, Thomas, James & Patty Groom  
 Guerin Family  
 The Guisinger Family  
 Cathy Haninger  
 Elsie Haninger  
 Margaret Haninger  
 Haninger Family  
 Emil & Johanna Heider  
 Deceased Members & Friends of 1960's Holy Cross Choir  
 Robert S. Hunt  
 Chad Elliott James  
 Deceased members of Kelly & Bartley Families  
 Jack & Ula Kearns  
 Rita Kerns  
 Kiersh Family

**THE WORD**

This is the only episode we have about Jesus between the time of His infancy and His Baptism in the Jordan as an adult. One might smile at its confirmation that even having the Son of God as an adolescent was no easy thing. But this is more than a story that includes a rare moment of tension within the Holy Family. If He grew in wisdom and grace, I like to think that there were at least several moments when Mary called out the window, "Didn't I tell you not to....." Nor is it simply a tale reflecting how the young Jesus sometimes had to navigate conflicting loyalties: obedience to His earthly parents versus the call of His heavenly Father.

Luke reminds us twice in His Gospel that "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man" (Luke 2:52); see also 2:40). Here he provides us with a story showing Jesus as He grows in wisdom, coming to recognize whose Son He is and what that means: an intense relationship with His father and all that belongs to and concerns His father. Here we see Him as one "filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon Him"(2:40).

Perhaps some consolation can be found in realizing that even living in the presence of the Son of God did not remove all anxieties, even for His parents. However, what continued to hold this family together was their mutual desire to do God's will, along with a willingness to ponder, as Mary did time and time again, what exactly all this might mean, trusting in God all the while.

– from "Living the Word"

† December 27, 2009 †	
Holy Family Sunday	
❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖	
The first reading begins on page 52.	
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist	
<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> (#485)
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<i>Blessed Are Those</i> <i>Who Love You</i> (#435)
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	(#32, page 54)
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<i>Sing of Mary</i> (#975)
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<i>God Rest You Merry,</i> <i>Gentlemen</i> (#482)
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>Come, Sing a Home and Family</i> (#962)

**Special Parish Dates**

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) **Sunday, December 27, 2009 – Feast of the Holy Family – Rectory Open House after both Masses.**
- 2) **Friday-January 1, 2010 – Mary, Mother of God – Holyday of Obligation, Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.**

**New Years Blessing**

*God of the ages and God of now,  
 give us what we need to undertake new things –  
 new trials and new triumphs, new blessings and  
 new burdens, but also a new year that might bring  
 more of the same. God of the new covenant and a new  
 commandment, help us take new directions in our lives  
 without losing our appreciation for the old. Help us  
 not to seek new for newness' sake – new friends, new  
 clothes, new jobs – but as the next right step in fulfilling  
 Your timeless plan for us. God, who forever creates and  
 renews, let us honor Your example by giving people second  
 chances, reclaiming our right to hope, and looking for You  
 in unexpected places. Let us never forget what You did  
 through Jesus, the new promise of Your ancient love.*

**LOVED ONES REMEMBERED BY  
 POINSETTIA DONATIONS**

**(CONTINUED)**

Kral Family  
 Deceased members of Lane – Hicks – Grey Families  
 Lewandowski Family  
 Gary Stephen Lyle  
 James Manley  
 Patricia Manley  
 Patricia Martin  
 Helen Gale & Samantha McCarthy  
 Theresa Messmer  
 Cris, Luke & Ryan Morbitzer  
 Don & Sybilla Murnane  
 Deceased of Naumawski Family  
 Fred & Josephine Newton  
 William O'Reilly  
 Wesley Plank  
 Dolores Probasco  
 Michael G. Reid  
 The Ruffing Family  
 Mrs. Jorgelina Maria Saracho  
 Mr. Schelmer  
 Kathleen Scholl  
 Bill Scholl  
 Frank Scholl  
 Raymond Scholl  
 Robert Scholl  
 Matt Schultz  
 Shea Family  
 Anna Sheline  
 Francis & William Sheline  
 Edna Shirey  
 Susie Stover  
 Paul Stover  
 Paul Stover, Jr.  
 Deceased of Szymkowiak Family  
 Deceased Members of Visocan & Fabianski Families