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The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

HOLY FAMILIES

Today's scriptures describe three human families and their efforts to do God's will. Such efforts make them grow in holiness. The first family we encounter is Hannah, Elkanah, and Samuel. Hannah does something that only a woman who has given up her baby for adoption might fully understand—she leaves her long-awaited child to be raised by a priest in the service of the Lord's temple. Somehow Hannah recognizes that this is God's will for her and for Samuel. Both are "dedicated to the LORD."

Next we hear about the Christian family, "the children of God." The first letter of John encourages us to "do what pleases [God]." By focusing on doing God's will we will help one another to become more holy, more like the children

of God that we truly are. Finally, we listen to a story about Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. It involves a typical dynamic in family life, with the adolescent son seeking independence and the parents responding with "anxiety" and hurt. As in our own families, it seems that Joseph, Mary, and Jesus didn't always agree on what it meant to do God's will.

DOING WHAT PLEASES GOD

Like Mary and Joseph, who "did not understand" why Jesus remained in the Temple, we will not always understand what God has in mind for us through the struggles of family life. It may be difficult to know how to "do what pleases [God]." Today's reading from the First Letter of John gives us some guidance. If we put our faith in Christ and "love one another" we will grow together in holiness. With Jesus we will "advance in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

God's will is that we all love one another and grow together into a holy human family.

Today's Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28; Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10; 1 John 3:1–2, 21–24; Luke 2:41–52

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St. Francis Xavier – 101 North Ferguson, Henryville, IN 47126, Ph. 812-294-4682

Office Hours – Thursday 10:30am-1:30pm

Reconciliation – 4:00 pm Saturday at St. Michael or call the Rectory

Marriage – Please contact the pastor a year in advance. Advent and Lent are not times for celebrations.

Baptisms of Infants or Adults Joining the Church – Must be a practicing/registered member for three months. Please contact the DRE: St. Michael–Juliann Eickholtz, St. Francis–Father Tully

New To The Parish: Please call the office to register. Please introduce yourself to Father Tully at mass.

Parishioners Who Are Ill: Please call Fr. Tully or the rectory if a relative or friend is sick.

Bulletin Announcements: Get all bulletin announcements to the office in writing by Tuesday evening.

Los Enfermos Es muy importante comunicarse con el Padre (*debido a las leyes privadas, los hospitales no se comunican con las iglesias*).

Doctrina Cristiana: Las clases de educación religiosa para niños son cada domingo de 9:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. en la escuela. Recuerden que la Arquidiócesis requiere que los que van a recibir los sacramentos estén inscritos en las clases de religión.

Monaguillos: Los niños que quieran ayudar como monaguillos en el altar tienen su ensayo el segundo domingo de cada mes después de la misa de 11:00 a.m. Estos niños y niñas tienen que haber hecho la Primera Comunión. Los interesados comunicarse con Pbro.

Mass Schedule**Mass Intentions**

St FX	12/31	Mon	7:00PM	New Years Eve Mass
St. M	01/01	Tue	11:AM	New Years Day Mass
St. M	01/02	Wed	4:30PM	Mass
St. FX	01/03	Thurs	4:30PM	Mass
St. M	01/04	Friday	12:00PM	Mass
St. M	01/05	Sat	4:30PM	Mike Galligan
St FX	01/06	Sun	9:00AM	Red & Frances Furnish
St. M			11:00AM	Steve Hvozda
St. M			12:30PM	En Español

ST. MICHAEL CHARLESTOWN

Eucharist
 Sat – 4:30 pm Time
 Sun – 11:00 am
 La Misa en Español
 Domingo – 12:30 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday Evening: Looney Rash Families

Sunday 11:00 am: Robert Schindler

Gift Bearers for this week's Masses:

5:30pm: Joe Wafford Family

11:00am: Nathan Fouts Family

With the holidays coming up The North Clark Outreach Center has expressed a need for non perishable food items. They are running short and need our help. There is a box for donations in the back of church. Thank you for your contribution.

Our Service Project each week is to collect non perishable canned goods for the North Clark Outreach Center!

The Rosary is said at St. Michael at 4:00pm before Saturday Evening Mass and at 10:30 before Sunday Mass.

Collection

December 22 & 23

St. Michael \$ 2,541.07

St. Francis Xavier \$ 1,597.00

If your child is absent from class on Sunday, please give the office a call at 812-256-3505. Classes begin at 9:30a.m. please be on time. Give yourself 5 or 10 minutes to settle in before class starts.

Faith Formation Classes are held on Sunday mornings for children three years of age through high School. If your child does not attend a Catholic School, he/she should be enrolled in the FF Program. Registration forms are on our website www.stmichaelstfrancis.com Assistants are needed each week!

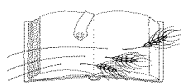
Thanks to the "Christmas Story" members: Kimberlyn Doherty, , Ava Lathem, Adalyn Lathem, Maelyn Sarver, Cameron Winsett, Addy Johns, Ally Johns, Drew Doherty, Yareli Trajo, Isabella Tolliver, John Tolliver and Isaac Kinder.. Thanks to Aimee Doherty, Nathan Fouts,, Jennifer Lathem and Jessica Sarver for program leadership, musicians, music program, costumes, and unnamed persons who helped make it a successful program. Thank you to the eYouth Choir members on Christmas Eve: Ava Latham, Maelyn Sarver, Kinberlyn Doherty and Adalyn Lathem, Aaron Fouts, Ezra Fouts, Addy Johns, Ally Johns, Drew Doherty, and Isaac Kinder. Gift Bearers, the Steve Fouts family and Server Jim Worley..

Thanks to Jessica Sarver for directing and thanks to Nancy Kinder for the program and music. The next youth mass will be Sunday, January 13.

SAVE THE DATE: Birthday Bash Saturday, January 19, 2018 after 4:30 pm Mass. It will be held in the Multipurpose Room. Meat, drink and desert will be provided. Please bring your favorite covered dish. Don't bring gifts. Your presence is gift enough. Please RSVP to Malia at 812-406-7488, or Glenda Minnick 812-256-0163.

Faith Formation Commission Meeting is on Monday, January 14 at 6:30 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.

Server Practice is on Saturday Morning, January 19 at 9:00 am in church. Parents must stay with interested servers. For more info contact Juliann.



St. Michael's Bible Study is on Sunday morning at 9:00am in the Cry Room. For more information contact Steve Buit 812-820-7956.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Class
Please keep in your prayers the following students: Jonathan Carrillo, Drew Doherty, Jennifer Flores, Aaron Fouts, Marissa Garcia, Freddy Jimenez, Isaac Kinder, Adalyn Lathem, Itzel Lopez, Edwin Mendiola, Amber Nove, Allyson Pascual, Jackie (Angelica Pacheco), Maelyn Sarver, Gloria Spencer, Isabella Tolliver, and Yareli Trejo.

Calendar

December 30-NO CLASS Christmas Break
January 6-Session Sixteen
January 13-Session Seventeen-Rosary & Music Practice, 11:00 Youth Mass, Gift Bearers Grades 7-8 & High School

ST.MICHAEL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
812-256-3503 Rita Poff Director
Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Infant & Toddler Care: starting at 6 weeks
Childcare: 6 weeks - 12 years old
Before & After Care and Summer Camp: KG - 5th grade
Preschool: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:15 am - 11:15 am & 12:15 pm - 3:15 pm
Pre-Kindergarten: Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 11:30 am & 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

St. Michael Ministries Schedule

Sat. January 5, 4:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: C. DeVary, B. Stoner
Servers: J. Worley
Gift Bearers: Robert Mueller Family
Musician: Carolyn Eickholtz
Cantor: S. & S. Buit
Lector: C. Ledbetter

Sun. January 6, 11:00 am – St. Michael

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dean, C. Dunn, M. Cox
Servers: Volunteer
Gift Bearers: John Kinser Family
Musician: Nancy Kinder
Cantors: Jan Weyer
Lector: Sharron Barker

Parish gift-Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly.

If you didn't make the Christmas Party and would like a copy of this book, call the rectory and we can get you one. A Book Study is forming to discuss what we read and to share with each other on January 6th after the 11:00am Mass. We will meet in the school. Please call Marina Traub if you want to attend at 812-256-2623. If you want to, bring a snack to share.

**YOU ARE BORN A MAN.
YOU BECOME A KNIGHT.**
Join today. Visit KofC.org/JoinUs
Contact Jim Worley @ 812-725-6826 for more information.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Henryville

Eucharist
Sunday 9:00am



Mass Intention:
Sunday Mass: Charles Hunt

Gift Bearers for this week's
Mass: Jack and TJ Murphy

St. Francis Xavier Ministries Schedule

Sun. January 6, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Harbeson, Mike Harbeson, Jennifer Haycraft
Servers: Kayla Martin, Kaitlyn D'Angelo, Kelsey D'Angelo
Ushers: Buddy Barrett, Butch Furnish
Gift Bearers: Tom & Joyce Nolot Family
Lectors: Ann Harbeson

St. Francis Faith Formation

December 30-NO CLASS

January 6- Class

January 13- Class

January 20-Class



Come out and enjoy St Francis Xavier Fish Fry the first Friday of every month, 5-7pm. The menu includes fish, fries, slaw, fried biscuits,

drinks & Desserts. Thank to everyone for your support!

CYM Calendar

Safe Sitter Training Catholic Youth Ministries will be holding a Childcare Ministry training, in conjunction with Safe Sitter on Saturday, January 12th from 9 am-3 pm at our Mt. St. Francis office. The training will be for any students 6-8 grades wishing to serve in our ministry. For more information and registration, email Chris Rodgers at chris@nadyouth.org or register at nadyouth.org. The cost for training materials is \$20 and lunch will be provided. Registration Deadline is January 3rd.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

FOR AN EVENT THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE REBOOT!

With internationally renowned speaker and author, **CHRIS STEFANICK REBOOT!** is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched!

Thursday, February 28, 7:00 – 9:30PM

St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic Church

5719 St. Marys Rd.

Floyds Knobs, IN 47119

For more information and tickets see Glenda Minnick

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven a time to be born a time to love a time to heal a time to die and a time of peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALTH & STRENGTH:

Karen Anderson, Mary Barrett, Donald Barker, The Ben Bertram Family, Dennis Bishop, Robin Bishop, Clarence Bottorff, Mike Broderick, Heather Bruning, Wyatt Burke, Lyn Carter, Glen Cole, Janice Collier, Lorrie Cox, Fr. Curran, Jonathan Dean, Bernice Donahue, Paula Downs, Gordon Dagoon, Jeanette Drury, Fr. John Elmer, Donna Foster, Kathleen Hensley, Victor Howard, Maefiel James, Raymond Kopp, James Leach, Chuck Ledbetter, Kay Ledbetter, Helen Little, Connor Martin, Terry Mattingly, Kina McKinney, Herb Montgomery, Iliad Mullins, Esther Toby Nelson, Ian Newland, Mitch Newland, Cathy Peek, Katelyn Phillips, Denny Poff, Nancy Rash, The Sanchez Family, Carroll Schafer, Bob Scherer, Dave Schlageter, Schoenbachler/Clark Family, Eugene Seals, Robert Sherer, Dorothy Smith, Bob Snyder and Family, Lynn Vogt, Logan Westerhouse, Kyle Wilson, Teresa Whitaker, Luke Wood, Lawrence & Barbara Yochum.

Names will remain on the list for 6 months unless you tell us to remove them or request that they be kept longer.

SUMMIT High School Senior Christian Awakening Retreat - Feb. 21-24, 2019 at Mt. St. Francis. You've made it to your SENIOR YEAR! You're almost to the SUMMIT. Once you're there what do you see? **More** mountains!

On this retreat, you will have an opportunity to prepare for the difficulties you will face in college and the real world. This retreat is a chance for you to grow deeper in love with Christ and His Church, knowing that our ultimate end is the Heavenly SUMMIT!! The SUMMIT is four days of authentic encounters, formation, fellowship, and FUN! Deadline to register is Feb.8, 2019.

Registration forms can be found at nadyouth.org or by calling 812-923-8355.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Christmas -During the Christmas season from December 24 until the Sunday after Epiphany, we reflect upon the mystery of love that is made visible in the birth and early childhood of Christ
Breaking open the Word-Suggested text for faith sharing; Today's Gospel

Theme: Jesus establishes his obedience to and relationship with God the Father.

Step 1: Listen to the Word. As you hear this reading what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your mind, how do you respond?

Children & Youth : Do I respect and love my parents as Jesus respected and loved Mary and Joseph?

Adults: How are you, too called to our Father's house?

Question of the Week is from Our Sunday Visitor at osvcurriculum.com Click on Lifelong Catechesis and Question of the Week.



Dreaming of Adoption?

Make 2019 the year you begin your adoption journey!

Adoption Bridges of Kentuckiana, the adoption program of St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities, is accepting prospective adoptive parents beginning in January 2019.

Contact Julie at 502-585-4369 or jbarkley@adoptionbridges.org to learn more.

We as parents may leave faith instruction to the professionals, forgetting that our Example influences our children far more than a catechist who sees them just a few hours a week. Whatever our riches-money, leisure, education, a good mind, a strong body, a beautiful voice, and even temperament-these are given to us to build up the Body of Christ. If we're not using our gifts for the benefit of those whose care we are charged with, then they are being cheated. And so are we.
Written by: Paige Byrne Shortal (Living Faith October 22, 2014).