

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 2017

TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 5:00 PM (LM) Pro populo
Sunday 8:00 AM (LM) Edward Burns
Sunday 9:30 AM (JC) Eric Mess
Sunday 11:00 AM (LM) Carol Smith Family

If the Mass intention is for a friend or family member, we encourage you to be gift bearers at that Mass. Please let the ushers know before Mass if you will bring up the gifts.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: LM = Lake Mills JC = Johnson Creek

Monday	1st	8:30 AM	JC	Rudy and Nellie Pitterle
Tuesday	2nd	8:00 AM	LM	Eucharistic Adoration Adoreres
Wednesday	3rd	8:00 AM	JC	Bob Demrow
Thursday	4th	8:00 AM	LM	Richard Armantrout Family
Thursday	4th	8:30 AM-6:00 PM	LM	††Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction††
Friday	5th	8:10 AM-8:25 AM	JC	†† CONFESSIONS ††
Friday	5th	8:30 AM	JC	Lloyd and Elizabeth Schuld
Saturday	6th	4:00-4:30 PM	LM	†† CONFESSIONS ††
Saturday	6th	5:00 PM	LM	Bob Brannan Family
Sunday	7th	8:00AM	LM	Mary (Weis) Maida
Sunday	7th	9:30 AM	JC	Agnes Gritzmacher
Sunday	7th	11:00 AM	LM	Pro Populo

This Sunday's Scripture Readings
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings, January 7,
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

† From Fr. David: God has blessed St. Gabriel Parish in the past year! We mourn the loss of loved ones, even as we thank God for them, and we ask for their prayers now that they are with the Lord. Here are some milestones. In February we began our first 10-week season of Alpha; a second would follow in September. The Praise Choir began in May (it leads us monthly at 11:00 Mass). In June, our quarterly baptism class for new parents started, and our cemetery crucifix was moved and painted. The SFX parking lot was repaved in October. In November the parish subscribed to Formed.org, and SMM hosted its first ecumenical Thanksgiving gathering. In December we started the option of kneelers at Communion. Thanks for being part of the journey, all of us together!

► At Fr. John Urban's funeral this past week, I remembered how Fr. John welcomed me when I first arrived in this area. I also remembered how, many years ago, I attended the funeral of a priest in Madison, and I was impressed by the solidarity and fellowship among the priests who were there. It made me think that I might enjoy being in that group, that I might enjoy being a priest of the Madison Diocese. I hope that any young person considering priesthood or religious life can also get a taste of that fellowship among priests or religious brothers or sisters. ► Monday, January 1, is a holy day of obligation. I invite us all to Mass at 8:30 am at SMM. ► Please use

good judgment about coming to church when there are slippery conditions or your health is not good. God does not say "Go to Mass no matter what." God does say "Try to go to Mass, and use the gift of wisdom." If you decide it is best to stay home, please use that hour for prayer as a family. If you are able, sing some songs, read the scriptures of the day, and reflect on them together. Try to go to a weekday Mass on a later day. I will always celebrate Mass at SFX, but if conditions are not good I may cancel Mass at SMM.

† ST GABRIEL PARISH FAMILY †

► All Contributions for 2017 must be *received/post marked* by December 31, 2017, in order to be included on the Annual giving statements for 2017. *Snowbirds*; please remember to let the office know where to send your year end contribution statements.

► **REMINDER:** Please leave the water running in the church basement/boiler room to avoid freezing. The City of Lake Mills will notify us when it is safe to turn it off.

► Women, start your year off right. Join other Christian Women at our 1st Thursday Social January 4, 2018 - 6:15 in SFX Religious Ed Center. Benediction will be held in Church at 6:00 p.m.

► Lake Mills Community Blood Drive, January 9, 2018 from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm at the community center.

► Today we start praying the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at the end of the General Intercessions at each weekend Mass and holy day Mass. This prayer requests the help of God and St. Michael in the battle against our enemy. Michael is described as guardian of Israel in Dan 12:1, and he is guardian of God's baptized people today. See also Dan 10:13, 21; Jude 9; Rev 12:7. We will use the text on page 802 of our missalettes.

► Alpha is coming to SMM, with the first meeting on Feb 5. It will meet ten consecutive Mondays. We invite all parishioners to participate, while we also invite non-practicing Catholics and anyone, from any background, from the wider community. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. No pressure, no follow up, no charge.

Pope Francis, 51st Peace Day Statement, January 1, 2018, introductory section (Pope Paul VI started the tradition of peace day statements on Jan 1, 1967).

Peace to all people and to all nations on earth! Peace, which the angels proclaimed to the shepherds on Christmas night, is a profound aspiration for everyone, for each individual and all peoples, and especially for those who most keenly suffer its absence. Among these whom I constantly keep in my thoughts and prayers, I would once again mention the over 250 million migrants worldwide, of whom 22.5 million are refugees. Pope Benedict XVI, my beloved predecessor, spoke of them as "men and women, children, young and elderly people, who are searching for somewhere to live in peace." In order to find that peace, they are willing to risk their lives on a journey that is often long and perilous, to endure hardships and suffering, and to encounter fences and walls built to keep them far from their goal.

In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands.

We know that it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home. Welcoming others requires concrete commitment, a network of assistance and goodwill, vigilant and sympathetic attention, the responsible management of new and complex situations that at times compound numerous existing problems, to say nothing of resources, which are always limited.

Religious Education

RE classes: K-8 6:15-7:15 pm January 10, 17, and 31.
RE classes 9-10 7:00-8:30 pm. January classes will be held in the Blue House. Jodi McFarlane will be teaching "Major Questions of Our Faith" January 3, 10, and 24.

Holiday Food Drive

(Grocery bags for the Lake Mills Food Pantry are available in the cart.)



† PRAYER CORNER †

Please remember in prayer all of our beloved family and friends, especially:

Barbara Albers, Marie Brannan, Amanda C, Sarah Cahill, Erika Effenhauser, Jerry Fleury, Stephen Follin, Jeanne Frei, Jeff Gleiter, Katy Gleiter, CJ Graves, Harry Graves, Laura Hamlin, Diane Kleinsteiber, Wendy Kopplin, Art Maniaci, Holden McCombs, Phillip Mehl, Arlene N, F D'Obler, John Puhr, Asher Reeves, Tammy S, Zachary Sanchez, Grace Stilling, Irene Sullivan, Cherby Torres, Doug W.

If you need prayers and would like your name added here, please call the parish office at 648-2468. If you are calling to add someone to the list, please ask for their permission to place their name in the bulletin.

† Liturgical Roles †

Next Weekend January 6 and 7

Altar Servers:

5:00 PM (LM) – Jameson and Mollie Cooper
8:00 AM (LM) – Patrick and Robert Bruening
9:30 AM (JC) – Althea Hetue and Sara Neary
11:00 AM (LM) – Ellyn and Wyatt Werner

Lector:

5:00 PM (LM) – Karl Hundt
8:00 AM (LM) – Gerry Oesterreich
9:30 AM (JC) – Ann Hecht
11:00 AM (LM) – Chris Baumann

Eucharistic Minister:

5:00 PM (LM) – Dave and Laura Doyle, Beverly Kennedy
8:00 AM (LM) – Mary Neff, Mary Paulowske, Cathy Oesterreich
9:30 AM (JC) – Jacqui Ensenbach, Barry and Susan Westerdale
11:00 AM (LM) – Margaret Pezzie, Jean Korban, Natalie Raupp

Ushers:

5:00 PM (LM) – Tom Murphy and Armand Carpentier
8:00 AM (LM) – Sandy and Terry Hein
9:30 AM (JC) – Dale Schmeling and Tim Walsh
11:00 AM (LM) – Joe Knies and Jeff Kenyon



December 24 & 25, 2017

Envelopes..... \$ 9,072
Offertory Collection..... \$ 892

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