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The Feast of the Holy Family Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.

Reading 2: Colossians 3:12-21 Family life in the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	26	5:00 p.m.	SH	Steve Eck	†	The Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	27	8:30 a.m.	KW	Lauri Anspach	†	The Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	27	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		The Feast of the Holy Family
Tuesday	29	9:00 a.m.	ML	No Mass		5th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Wednesday	30	5:30 p.m.	ML	Peggy Lewis	†	6th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Thursday	31	4:30 p.m.	SH	Stere Eck	†	Mary, Mother of God Vigil
Thursday	31	6:30 p.m.	KW	Bob and Pat Graves	†	Mary, Mother of God Vigil
Friday	1	9:00 a.m.	SH	Gerald Ricke	†	Mary, Mother of God Mass
Saturday	2	5:00 p.m.	SH	Edwin Schmidt	†	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	3	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	3	10:30 a.m.	ML	Gladys Christensen	†	Epiphany of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Encountering the Family Again The year 2020 will be remembered for generations as the year when the world stood still. Literally. Our fast-paced lives and the frenzy of our interconnected reality came to a halt as nations and continents faced a global pandemic. If we wanted to survive, physical distancing was required. Schools, businesses, parks, churches, and most public places were closed. While countless people had no safe place in which to shelter, for billions of us, home was the safest place to be.

How ironic that a virus had to send us back to that space where life begins and where we usually experience love at its best: home. Crises often bring suffering, loss, and disorientation. They also carry embedded blessings. For many, encountering families again was a blessing.

The pandemic thrust us back into the sacred space of the home to encounter again the families we had taken for granted. We thought we were together until we actually *were together*. We thought we were present to our relatives until realizing that we could not be with some of them any longer. Those both near and far provided us the perfect opportunity to practice what St. Paul says is so important: heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, love, gratitude, singing.

With churches and other worship spaces closed, it became easier to appreciate more our homes as small faith communities. We prayed together, shared meals, and supported one another. We rediscovered what we instinctively knew: the family is a domestic church.

In 2020 the world stood still. Billions encountered their families again. May we have the wisdom to treasure this blessing.

Hosffman Ospino

Word of Life

“Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Living Out Christmas in the New Year”

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, Charlotte A. Ringer, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Mike Lynch, Ronald Ringer, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Erci Junger, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Upcoming Holiday Mass Time

Mary, Mother of God Vigil December 31, 2020 4:30 pm at St Boniface and 6:30 pm at St John the Apostle
Mary, Mother of God Mass January 1, 2021 9:00 am at Holy Rosary

Low Gluten Communion Hosts

Low gluten hosts are now available. The gluten content is less than 20 parts per million making it almost gluten free. Please see the priest before Mass.

The Search

Classes will continue after the holidays.

Priestly Vocation?

God made you for a unique purpose. Even before you were born, he knew your vocation, your mission in life. And if you are a faithful Catholic man, God may be calling you for a higher purpose—to become a Catholic priest.

Call the vocations office or see Fr. Mark for more details.

Ministry Schedule January 2nd – January 3rd

Week 1	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Briana Stephenson	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Volunteer
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Linda Sheldon
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Jacque Totty Paul Totty Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Michael Lynch Myra Dick Kayla Zerr Marge Wright Nathan Honas
Servers	Jack Schreiner Mindy Wells Drake Schmidt	Allie Hoch	Volunteers
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Graves Family	Miles and Linda Sheldon
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Marge Wright
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright