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The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 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 2:41-52 His parents found Jesus sitting in the midst of the teachers.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	25	9:00 a.m.	ML	Dennis Larkin	†	Nativity of the Lord
Sunday	26	8:30 a.m.	SH	Lilian Blahut	†	Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	26	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Feast of the Holy Family
Tuesday	28	9:00 a.m.	ML	No Mass		Feast of Holy Innocents
Wednesday	29	5:30 p.m.	ML	No Mass		5 th day in the Octave of Christmas
Thursday	30	8:30 a.m.	KW	No Mass		6 th day in the Octave of Christmas
Friday	31	4:30 p.m.	SH	No Mass		7 th day in the Octave of Christmas
Saturday	31	5:00 p.m.	ML	Jeanine Rinke	†	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	1	8:30 a.m.	SH	KaSondra Mantey	†	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	2	10:30 a.m.	KW	Jerry Blevins	†	Epiphany of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: The Place We Truly Belong My children are near the age of Jesus in today's Gospel, which means there are times I only generally know where they are—down the street or in the park. Like Mary and Joseph in the caravan, I usually assume my children are where they are supposed to be.

So I feel Mary and Joseph's panic upon discovering Jesus is not with them and can understand the agony of a three-day search for their son. It would be hard not to feel that such anxiety was something your child had "done to you." Yet Jesus tells his parents they had no need for anxiety because they should have known exactly where to find him. They should have known he wasn't supposed to be with them at that moment. Earlier in Luke, when Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the temple, Simeon takes him from his mother's arms and proclaims God's blessing. Even earlier in the nativity story, Mary and Joseph hear strangers claim their son for all humanity.

Neither do our children ever belong to us alone. They belong to the world and to others, who will know them in ways we never will. Despite this, I will always search for my children and hope to bring them home. But I also hope that when I find them in a place where they truly belong, even if it is apart from me, I will recognize that God is with them—the same God who will notice when I am absent and search for me. I live in the hope that we will always be found, and therefore always be together. *Melody S. Gee*

Word of Life

"Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, 'in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat' (PC 3). His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us." All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2021 Respect Life Reflection

* EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO JULIE BY NOON WEDNESDAY

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Lennes Rankin, Mark Huffles. Greg Pennock, Adalynn Amerin, Myra Dick, John Dohm, The Ringer Family, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Jerry Blevins, Mary Contrell, Phillip Simpson, Mike Lynch, Dennis Larkin, Joyce Ditgen, KaSondra Mantey, Mabel Boor, Amari Allen, William "Bud" Becker, Gwen Spade, Vernon Rinke, 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:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Attention to our Catholic Men of all 3 Parishes

The KOC Holy Rosary Council #6618 is sponsoring a new ministry program designed for young married men. The Program, called Into the Breach, was designed by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmstead, Bishop of Phoenix (formally the Bishop of Wichita). It provides young men with the spiritual tools necessary to meet the cultural challenges that threaten today's Catholic families. We anticipate offering this program during a series of eight early mornings (before work) meetings (one each month) beginning in January. Yes, breakfast will be provided. Young married men from all three parishes are invited to attend. For more information contact Brian Withrow at 620-213-0391 or brianwithrow@rocketmail.com.

Topeka March for Life

The Diocese of Dodge City will be making a pilgrimage to Topeka for the annual IGNITE-Mass, Rally, and March for Life. We will leave on January 24th and spend the night in Topeka. We will participate in the rally and return on January 25th. Our parishes will be picked up and dropped off in Great Bend. To register signup in the parish or visit www.dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life. Contact our DREs or Emma Showalter at 620- 227-1540 (dcyouth@dcdiocese.org) with questions.

Daily Mass Schedule

We will be adding daily Masses to our schedule in January. Please check the bulletin and website for updates.

Ministry Schedule January 1st – 2nd

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	Kay Koger
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Linda Sheldon
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Myra Dick Kayla Honas Nathan Honas Volunteers
Servers	Jack Schreiner Mindy Wells Drake Schmidt	Volunteers	Volunteers
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Miles and Linda Sheldon
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Brenda Wright
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright