

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

*December 26, 2021*



***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: The Holy Family

By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted two Sacraments in His Church to make society holy - the Sacrament of priesthood and the Sacrament of marriage. Through the Sacrament of priesthood, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the Sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they

**Readings for next Sunday,  
January 2, 2022**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12



## Saint of the Week: St. Basil the Great

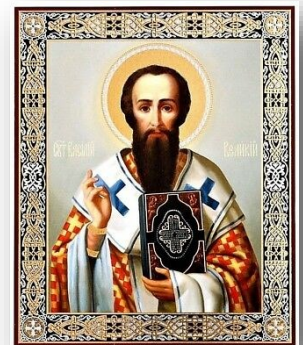
Basil was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor.

He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea (now southeastern Turkey) and ultimately became archbishop himself, in spite of opposition from some of the bishops under him.

Basil was tireless in pastoral care. He preached twice a day to huge crowds and built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world. And as a youth organized famine relief and worked in a soup kitchen.

Basil was best known as an orator. Though not recognized greatly in his lifetime, his writings rightly place him among the great teachers of the Church. Seventy-two years after his death, the Council of Chalcedon described him as "the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth."

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day: January 2



### Parish Prayer List

Please pray for: Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Kista Crites, Bobby Dorsey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs\*, Eddie Halterman, Larry Hinkle\*, Helen Holder\*, Kathy Jenkins, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Spotts, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker and Maleigha Taylor.

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*On the Cover...Our beloved outdoor Nativity scene has a fresh look this year. Jane and Doug Placka made and donated the new manger earlier this year in memory of their son Jordan. And the statues got a fresh coat of paint thanks to the talents of a parishioner!*

**HOLY DAY MASS**  
Friday, December 31, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

## Celebrating Fr. Thomas!

Our parish will gather on Friday, January 7, at St. Mary's Hall to celebrate Fr. Thomas' birthday and the anniversary of his priestly ordination.



The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. with a social hour (BYOB). A roast beef dinner catered by Flying W Farms Restaurant will follow at 6 p.m. A donation of \$20 per person is appreciated to cover the cost of the meal. Please RSVP to the Parish Office (voice mail or email) by Monday, January 3.

## Special Collection for Kentucky

A special collection will be held the weekend of January 1-2, 2022 in our diocese to support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters that have occurred in Kentucky.

Please continue to pray for those who have lost their lives or loved ones in the wake of these disasters, as well as all those who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.

As we prepare for this collection, may we come together to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.



There are two stained glass windows in our church that are significant today:

One shows the Holy Family — the feast we celebrate today — in Joseph's carpentry shop. Another depicts today's Gospel reading, Finding Jesus in the Temple. Both windows are on the tabernacle side, the third and fourth windows from the front.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Sunday, December 26	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Terrence Gamblin.....	Beverley Iser
		Intentions of Meredythe Barrick.....	The Barrick family
Monday, December 27	No Mass		
Tuesday, December 28	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 29	No Mass		
Thursday, December 30	No Mass		
Friday, December 31	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Maureen Lupis.....	Bill Lupis
		Souls of James DeMasi and Paul Shannon.....	Mary Shannon
Saturday, January 1	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers .....	Sue Greco
Sunday, January 2	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Elden & Lena Landis .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of Joe Balassone .....	Mary Alexander

### NOTES:

- There will be no weekday Masses on December 29 and 30
- There will be no 9 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 31



Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced a worldwide synod to focus on the life and mission of the Church as we move forward together. The

theme for this synod is, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

Rather than simply a meeting of bishops, Pope Francis has asked us, the People of God, to take part in the synod—to "journey together" with our brothers and sisters in Christ along the path of renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Father has asked that every parish in the Diocese participate in this synod in order to listen to the living voice of the entire People of God.

Our parish will conduct a synodal listening session on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall as part of the synod. This session will provide an opportunity for every member of our parish community to share our thoughts and feelings, but more importantly to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us in our journey together. Please join us for this important event.

## CCD Virtual Christmas Program

Once again, our religious education students have prepared a virtual Christmas program! Look for the link on our parish website.

## Life is Messy!



"Life Is Messy," a book written by Matthew Kelly, is our Christmas gift to our parish family. Copies are still available in the vestibule. Merry Christmas!

## 2022 Wall Calendars

Our 2022 wall calendars are available in the vestibule. Our thanks to parishioner Dean Nofsinger and the Markwood Funeral Home for again sponsoring our parish calendar.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, January 1

Lector: Karen Yowler  
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
EM: Alan Taylor  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

### Sunday, January 2

Lector: Pam Williams  
Servers: Jane Placka, Pippa Dolechek, Beverley Iser  
EM: Rosie Landis  
Cantor: Nancy Starcher  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

### Saturday, January 8

Lector: Doug Minnich  
Servers: Sue Harber and Alan Taylor  
EM: Meredythe Barrick  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

### Sunday, January 9

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Tina Stephen  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Mike Landis & Jeff Kuhn

## Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be reopen on Monday, January 3. Kelli will be working remotely the week of December 27.

## Collections & Attendance

### December 18-19, 2021

#### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$5,510
Loose Donations.....	\$2,236
Poor Box.....	\$1,010
Holiday Flowers.....	\$120
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,876</b>

#### Attendance

Saturday 12/18.....	68
Sunday 12/19.....	90
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>158</b>