

**REFLECTION for the Feast of the Holy Family**

The family, modeling itself on the Holy Family, has long been recognized as the foundational building block of the Church. Faith and its practice begins in the home. Then the Christians in each home come together at Church to share this faith. Faith shared communally grows stronger. Indeed the Church family springs forth through this communal faith gathering. Today, perhaps more so than ever, stresses on the family unit threaten the very fabric of individual families and the Church family.

In celebration of the joy of Christmas and the feast of the Holy Family, this week try to make time to pray the following prayer at the dinner table. Use it as a means of re-dedicating your family to Jesus and to the protection of God.

**A Prayer for the Family**

Jesus, our most loving redeemer,  
You came to enlighten the world  
with your teaching and example.

You willed to spend the greater part of Your life  
in humble obedience to Mary and Joseph  
in the poor home of Nazareth.  
In this way, You sanctified that family,  
which was to be an example for all Christian families

Graciously accept our family,  
which we dedicate and consecrate to You this day.  
Be pleased to protect, guard, and keep it  
in holy fear, in peace,  
and in the harmony of Christian charity.  
By conforming ourselves to the Divine model  
of Your family,  
may we attain to eternal happiness. Amen  
*from New St. Joseph People's Prayer Book*

Fr. Don

# Sacred Heart Parish

## Parish Information

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses this Week:  
Mon. to Friday 7:00 p.m.  
During Advent only.

Holy Hour of Adoration:  
Third Sunday of each Month  
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation  
Mon & Wed after Mass

Marriages:  
Six month notice is required.  
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:  
Celebrated at Weekend Mass  
after preparation session.

## Current Date

December 28, 2014  
The Feast of the Holy Family

### **RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

Last week 's Collection	\$2,266.75
Building Fund	20.00
In memory of P. J. Leonard	50.00
Dues	100.00
Flowers	50.00
Mass Stipends	240.00
Votive Candles [2wks.]	133.25

### **THANK YOU**

Our parish has so much to thank God for as we enter into this festive season. As we take a rest from the fund-raising activities, the meetings, and all that keeps the parish vibrant, we step back and look at the big picture. So, this week, Christmas, it is fitting that we give thanks to the source of all our graces, blessings, and gifts. Yes, we thank God for the gift of His Son, our Messiah, and our all-in-all.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

**(RCIA)** If you, or someone you know, wish to inquire into the process of being received as new members of the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil next Spring, please contact the Office. Preparation will begin as soon as interested people come forward

### **SICK VISITING**

Our visiting is going well. Because of the restrictions on visiting at the Hospital and Long-Term Care Home, we have been unable to provide this ministry there. Do you know someone who is sick at home and shut-in and would like to receive Holy Communion and a visit from our ministers?

If so, then let us know. You can contact the Office or Fr. Don at home.

### **NEED A RIDE**

Some seniors have asked if we can provide a ride to our week-end Masses. This has led to a new ministry that we are happy to offer freely and lovingly. If you know a senior who would like to have a regular ride to and from Mass arranged, please call the Office or Fr. Don.

### **THANK YOU**

The Men's Group has donated a computer to the Church Office for the priest's use. This gesture of kindness and service is greatly appreciated.

### **GOD BLESS YOU**

As we come to the end of this year and look forward to a new year-2015, we give thanks and ask God's blessings on all members of Sacred Heart Parish. The members of Parish Council, the Finance Committee, the Choirs, the Lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, the Usher, the Catechists, and YOU- the faithful- who come to Church in order to praise and worship as a Family. Let us continue, even increase, our participation in the work of keeping our Parish vibrant and alive for the glory of God.

### **PARISH CALENDARS**

We are down to 40 calendars. Please help us reach our goal [of 0] by showing your calendars to your family & friends over the holidays. All profit made goes to the parish. If you wish to buy one please call Joan P. (785-7465). Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

Dec 29	No Mass
Dec 30	No Mass
Dec 31 4:30 pm	Theresa Tompkins
Jan 1 11 am	John Leonard
Jan 2 2pm	Wm Myles/ James Hackett
Jan 3 4:30pm	Special Intention (Stan)
Jan 4 11am	Parish Community

### **NOTE**

Jan 2 Fri. Mass at Lohnes

**BINGO:** The next game will be on Sunday, Jan. 4th. at 2pm. We are back to List One which will be last names starting with A, B, C, D, and E. The list will be posted soon.

**A PARISH HISTORY:** has now been completed by Mr. Tom Collier. We are still looking for a photo Fr. St. Croix. As well, if you have old photos or other information of past parish life you would like to share, it can still be added to his folder.

### **ENVELOPES**

for next year are now available at the back of the church. If you are from another parish, but attend our church frequently, you may call the office to request a pk. of envelopes for 2015. There are only 10 extra boxes so get yours soon.

### **PRAYER FOR A CHILD WAVERING IN FAITH**

Dear Lord,  
You became Man, suffered, and died to win salvation for all souls.  
Look graciously on the soul of my child who has drifted away from You and the Faith. Grant him/her you grace

to see the error of his/her ways and return to the fold of Your care.

Teach me to stay close to him/her during this trying time and strive to convert him/her by action and prayers more than by words that may antagonize.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust You to do everything to bring my child back to You.

Amen

*from New St. Joseph People's Prayer Book*

### **A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.**

God,  
thank you for a new year.  
May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**