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Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM; 9:30 AM; 11:00 AM; 5:30 PM

12:30 PM - Español

Monday - Friday - 8:45 AM

BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation is required of all parents who have not attended a class within the last three years prior to the celebration of baptism. Please call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM and by appointment (English)

Saturday: 4:00 PM—5:00 PM and by appointment (Spanish)

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are made with the parish office.

VISITS TO AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Inform the office when someone needs a visit from a Communion Minister or one of the Friars.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form found in the vestibule, at the parish office, or on the Parish website, and return it to the office.

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From the Friars

Happy New Year!

As we begin this new year, 2024, let us take time to not only make resolutions but also to give thanks. We give praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christmas, the gift of Emmanuel: God is indeed with us. Let us make a resolution to take time each day to "encounter Jesus" and to remember that "God walks with us on the journey of life."

As a parish we give thanks to all who made our Advent and Christmas season such a prayerful and joyful time. We give thanks for the children who helped to make the Christmas story comes alive before the English and Spanish masses. We give thanks for all our choirs and music ministers as well as our readers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, decorators, and preachers. St. Francis House, our school, and our religious education programs has been especially busy during this Advent and Christmas season, and we give thanks for all of them for their dedication and zeal.

Most importantly we give thanks for each one of you who share with us your journey of faith and your Christmas joy. As I watch the excitement of the children as they bring up food at mass or select cards from the Un-Trim-A-Tree they show me the joy of giving which they learned from all of you. May we all be filled with the wonder and excitement of little children on Christmas morning! Our world needs this joy and this hope now more than ever.

Jesus calls us to make one resolution as we begin this new year. He calls us to be ministers of reconciliation and instruments of God's peace. This year where there is hatred let us sow love; where there is despair let us sow hope; where there is darkness let us bring the light of Christ. Happy New Year!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jim Scullion, O.F.M.

Do you feel as if you are the only one who is not excited and happy about the holidays? Are there memories, stresses or loneliness that make the holidays difficult for you? Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and respond without judging you. To find out more about talking with someone who really listens, please contact **Terry Mastrucci** at tmastrucci@stfrncis.org or **607-745-9946** or via our contact form on the parish website under Serve/Stephen Ministry.



The Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of the following families: **Giglio; Salerno; Wenzel; Peitler; Teodosio; and Proscia.**

And the following individuals: **Lorenzo Manno; Marco Imbarlina; Candida Imbarlina; Joseph Imbarlina; Joseph Vaccarino;**

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Please do not drop the cartridges in the Catch-All Slot. (No laser cartridges.)

You can drop the cartridges off in the basket on the table in the vestibule

or stop by the Faith Formation Office.

Thank you for your continued support!



Hearing Assistance Earphones are available for use during the Mass, for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well (all brand new). See one of the ushers, parish staff, or come to the sacristy before Mass.

The **Lion's Club** has **2 donation drop boxes located on the window sill in the vestibule.** Please consider donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.



**PLEASE
NOTE:**

**January 1st the Parish Office is closed.
We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.**



An outreach
ministry of
the parish



Food Pantry Needs:

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the St. Francis House pantry is well stocked at this time.

On behalf of St. Francis of Assisi Church and The St. Francis House Ministry I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy, health, love, and prosperity.

Francia Salguero

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Items of the Month:
Personal Hygiene Care
(ex. Toothpaste,
Toothbrush, Body
Soap, Shampoo, and
Conditioner)

If you or your family find yourself in need, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Francis House is open:

- Tuesday 9:00 am until 12:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:00 am until 1:00 pm
- Thursday 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

Thank you for all that you do!

Meals for Prince William County Homeless Shelter

Dinners for the Shelter at The Ferlazzo Building

Winter is here, and it is a very rough season for the homeless. Our parish is committed to provide dinners for the homeless shelter. At this moment, we are in great need of dinners. If you would like to provide support for the homeless shelter, please scan the QR code below.

Sign up to
provide
breakfast for
the shelter



Don't have time , but want to help? It is okay!
You can donate the following items milk,
juice, fresh fruit, desserts, bags of green salad,
other deli salads. **Or donate gifts cards from
BJs, Costco, Sams, Food Lion or Walmart.**



Tithing Information

End of Year Statements: Due to the high cost of postage, we have decided that the end of year tax statements for 2023 will not be automatically sent to each parishioner. **We will provide a tax statement to any parishioner that requests one by contacting Chanel Marquis at cmarquis@stfrncis.org.**

Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Friday: **Closed**

Children's Faith Formation



Registration for the 2023-2024 year is now closed, unless you are transferring in from another program. **Questions?** Please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrncis.org.

Children's Faith Formation for 2023-2024

December 21st-January 4th
NO CFF—Christmas Break

Jan.	7	Sunday CFF Session
	11	Thursday CFF Session
	14	NO CFF—Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
	18	Thursday CFF Session
	21	Sunday CFF Session
	25	NO CFF (Thursday Session)
Feb.	28	NO CFF (Sunday Session)
	1	Thursday CFF Session
	4	Sunday CFF Session
	8	Thursday CFF Session
	11	Sunday CFF Session



Please join us on **Sunday, January 7th at 10:30 a.m.**, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, for Sunday Morning Faith Talks! Our presenter for January's talk is Fr. George. The topic: A New Year, a new You, and a new Purpose". We hope to see you there!

There is a book located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel next to the

Tabernacle for you to write your own prayers of petition. During the *Prayer of the Faithful* during weekend liturgies, an intercession will call to mind those prayers in a general way. In this manner, the public prayer of the church is bound to the many prayers of the faithful who live in the body of Christ!



What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life?

Why do we search for Jesus?

Join us to deepen your relationship with Him !!

Discovering Christ will be presented at St. Francis of Assisi beginning in January!! Participants in this 7-week series will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. **beginning January 4th** to share a delicious dinner and fellowship, listen to an enlightening teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life and the identity of Jesus Christ. Sessions will conclude on February 15th and include a retreat on Saturday, February 3rd. **Please register using the link below and contact Sheila Noble at snoble@stfrncis.org with any questions.**



**Catholic Education Center**

**Instructor:**
David Wallace, M.A.

2024 ON SITE CATECHIST CERTIFICATION COURSES

CAT101: Catholic Education:
What Every Teacher Needs to Know
January 13 and 27, 2024

CAT102: Teaching the Creed
February 3 and 24, 2024

CAT103: Teaching the Sacraments
March 16 and 23, 2024

CAT104: Teaching the Moral Life
April 6 and 20, 2024

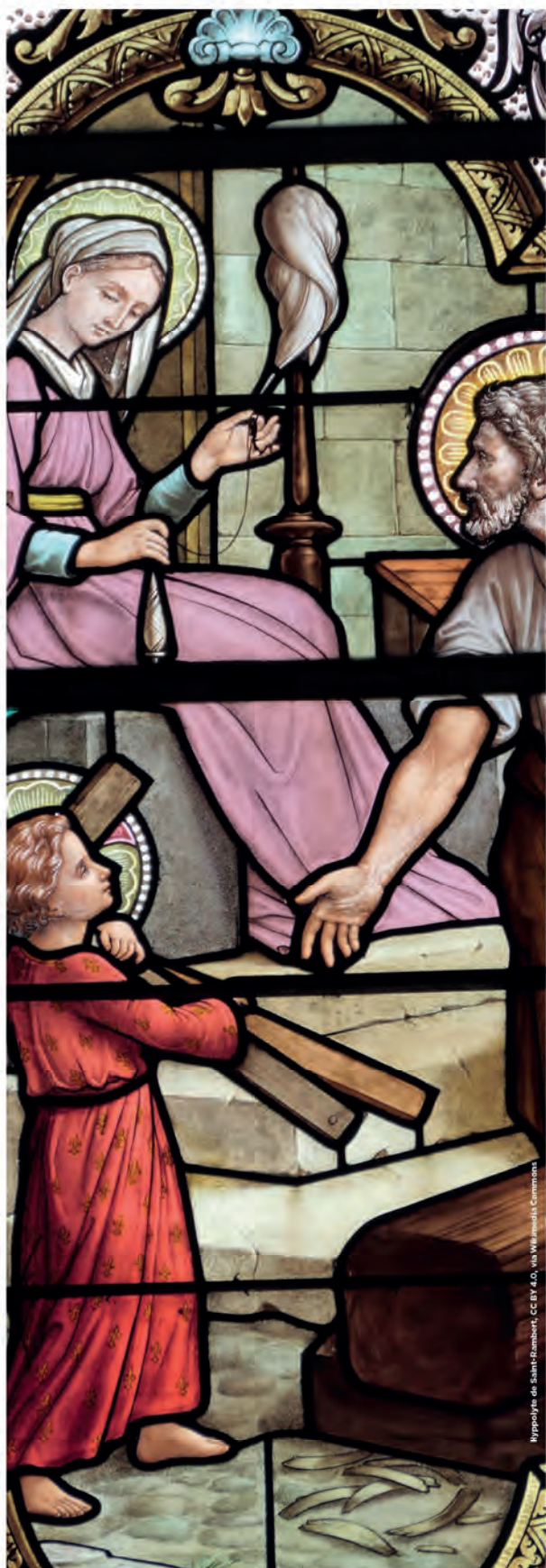
CAT105: Teaching Prayer
May 11 and 18, 2024

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Registration link here!



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Classes held in Frassati Hall (white house next to the Church)
Choose your class schedule; missed classes may be made up online.
Books available for sale. Register at: www.catholiceducationcenter.com



December 31, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or
Lk 2:22, 39-40

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "If we love, naturally we will try to do something. First in our own home, our next door neighbor, in the country we live, in the whole world." In this quote we see a shift from the idyllic to a hard dose of reality: love means sacrifice and service. Perhaps it's worth asking ourselves: Does our family always get our best self? None of us is perfect, so the honest answer is probably no. If it's tempting to think, "well, the Holy Family was perfect, so what does this feast have to do with our family?" let's remember we are celebrating the Feast of the HOLY Family, not the feast of the perfect family. Yes, they were *holy*. They embodied this in their faith and devotion in those expanding circles of which St. Teresa spoke. They gave to God first – in today's Gospel we see the family travel to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the temple. They then returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew strong and was "filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does this feast mean for us today? It means that being a *holy* family is not unattainable. St. John Paul II once said: "The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth." (2001) In other words, God's will was fulfilled in the simplest and most ordinary of human circumstances when Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in a stable. He sanctified what had been profaned by sin. Are our families perfect? No. But are we holy? That is our baptismal vocation and is within our reach each and every day. With the dawn of the new year, let's make an effort to place Christ at the center of our lives. Let's try to love our family members with all our heart, and bear witness in our actions and words. And finally, and most importantly, we must pray with and for one another.

PRAY Family prayer is powerful and transformative, uniting and equipping us to go out into the world each day and bear witness. Pray together: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.*



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	December 30—Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas
4:00 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Christmas Novena
	†Ninfa M. Carpino
	Maximo Tavarez
SUNDAY,	December 31—Holy Family
8:00 AM	†Eileen Bolen
	†MC Otto Christofferson
	†Maria Tang Thi Pham
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Nieves and †Spencer Sagudan
	†John Rocco Gonsorcik
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
	†Frank DiMaria
12:30 PM	†Edelmira Arenas
5:30 PM	Christmas Novena
	†Sara Ryan
	†Alice Tippet
MONDAY,	January 1—Mary, Mother of God
8:45 AM	†Betsy P. Dennison
	†Cesar Castaneda
TUESDAY,	January 2—Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen
8:45 AM	Catherine Gore, PHD
	Terry Allen
	Anita Ferenz
WEDNESDAY,	January 3—Christmas Weekday
8:45 AM	Helen Zachieja
THURSDAY,	January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:45 AM	Karen and Steve Kolde
	†David Schanuel
FRIDAY,	January 5—St. John Neuman
8:45 AM	†Conrado Servellon
	Addison Trudnak
SATURDAY,	January 6—Christmas Weekday
4:00 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Maximo Tavarez
	Anne Marie White
	Bobby Molina
	Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 7, 2024
8:00 AM	†Mark Haneklau
	†Jack Haneklau
	†David Schanuel
9:30 AM	†Nieves and †Spencer Sagudan
	†Jeanne Allen
	†John Rocco Gonsorcik
11:00 AM	Burress Family
	Isenberg Family
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
5:30 PM	†Daniel Patrick Wisnom
	†Alice Tippet

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
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Readings for the Week of December 31, 2023

Monday	Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Tuesday	1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
Wednesday	1 Joh 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
Thursday	1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42;
Friday	1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
Saturday	1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11
Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Please Pray For

All those who are sick: Bill Saliski; Dolly Brunk; Sarah Morgan; Maria Suarez; Jean C. Tekverk; Joseph Keady; Jeff Dietze; Jonathan Hernandez Mata; Phyllis Mitchell; Kate Schell-Smith; Cecilia Fellner; Butch Asselin; Mary Kay Jones; Gaston Gianni; Mirian Yanet Segovia; Maira Pena; Larry Evans; Andrew Wagner; Jim Riordan; Randy Chapman; Kevin Sliwinski; Estrella Monzon; JJ Powell; Michelle Fornelli; Collin Callahan; Solange Wahl; Ricardo Sayson; Recaredo Monzon; Juliet Erasmo; Maureen Caddigan; S.J. Defibaugh; Corazon N. Atienza; Eric Brown; Jan Bond; Delores Baytan; Tomas Bernardo; David Back; Chad Burns; Bill Myers; Sue Long; Gary Ward; and Ted Zamerski.

And for those recently deceased: Barbara Zicarelli (wife of Thomas 'Tom' Zicarelli).

Votive Candles

Envelopes are provided for candle money. **Please place them in the boxes located on the wall (next to the candles) in the church.**



If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the Parish Office so that we may be able to keep our records up-to-date. **Change forms are also available on the tables in the vestibule, from the Parish Office, or from the parish website www.stfrancis.org.** If you are changing your phone number because you are using a cellular phone and/or forgoing your land phone, the Parish Office would also like that information. **Please call us at 703-221-4044, ext. 222. Thank you.**

Are You New to the Parish??? Welcomell

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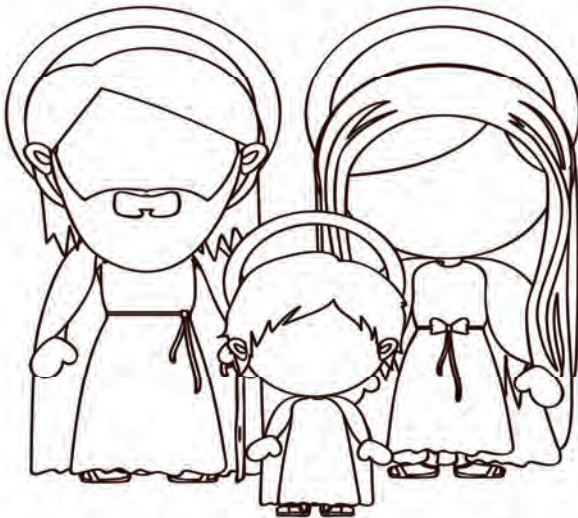


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Gospel Today
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | Luke 2:22-40
Mary and Joseph took the newborn baby Jesus to the Temple to be presented to God. When Simeon and Anna laid eyes upon Jesus, they proclaimed Him to be the Anointed One.

Year B

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



The Holy Family of _____ and _____

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