



*The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found*

# MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE INFANT LYING IN THE MANGER.

Luke 2:16

January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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At some point in time, most people will find themselves needing to watch over another person. This is true for parents and children of course; for others, perhaps an aging parent or spouse; a friend or neighbor living alone after surgery. At these times, along with the caregiving of the moment, there is often a focus on the future, a wondering about what will come. Quite naturally for the new mother Mary there is this future focus, with many possibilities for her to hold in her heart. She reflects quietly in the midst of the very hectic series of events that follow the birth of her child: hurrying shepherds who go and tell the wondrous news to others, then those others sharing their amazement. Luke tells us that Mary keeps all of this, and reflects on it in her heart. Mary is watching over Jesus as mothers do, watching over each and every moment.

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## GOD THE CAREGIVER

As Mary watches over her child, so did Israel pray for God to watch over them and one another, to bless and keep them, as Mary kept and reflected on things in her heart. Mary's face surely shone upon the infant Jesus, as Israel prayed for God's face to shine upon them with that graciousness we also know in her whom we call "full of grace." At the conclusion of the blessing in today's first reading is a prayer for God to look on us in kindness and, even more, to grant us peace. It may be in this final line of the blessing that we see God most at work in the face and the care of Mary, gazing gently on her child, wishing the fullness of God's *shalom* for Jesus and his future. Our mission as disciples is to show the divine care we hear in the blessing prayer, and to live out the care-giving we see today in Mary.

Today's Readings: Nm 6:22–27; Ps 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4–7; Lk 2:16–21

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# Notes from Fr. Anthony ...



Happy Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God! And happy new year as well! It has been a blessed Christmas season thus far. It was so good to see so many of you at our Christmas masses in spite of the weather, may God bless you for your efforts. I am not going to write much this week, however I did want to put down a few words of thanks for all the wishes and cards and gifts that were given for my birthday last week. Thank you to those who

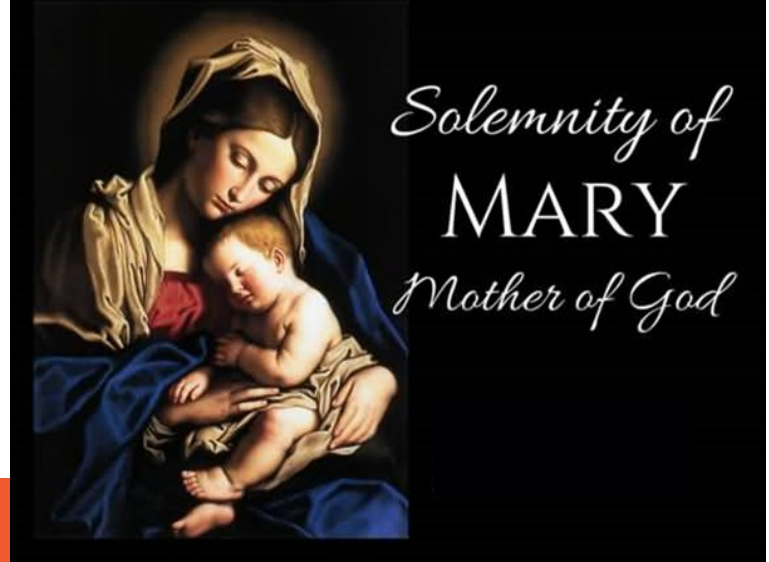
organized the little party and brought all of the delicious deserts as well. Thank you to those who came and prayed at the Mass with me that evening, it all really meant a lot and I am very grateful for you. I feel very blessed to be here with you and may God reward you for your kindness!

*God bless, Fr. Anthony*

Reminder: There is a scam going around. Fr. Anthony will never text you and ask for help or gift cards.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



## MEN:

Are you ready to take more control of your life?

To grow closer to God?

To become a better man for your family?

Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual exercise for men that want to grow in faith and freedom. Contact: [AndrewRBraun@gmail.com](mailto:AndrewRBraun@gmail.com) for more information.



Exodus 90 starts January 9th:  
[StartMyExodus.com](http://StartMyExodus.com)

EXODUS

### Recently Deceased We Remember Mary Lou Doyle

**Visitation:** Tues., 5:00—8:00—Jan. 3  
At Watkins Bros. Funeral Home  
Laingsburg Chapel

**Funeral:** Wed., 11:00 am—Jan. 4  
At St. Isidore Church

## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Jan. 4—RESUME—6-8 Women's Bible Study —HF  
Thurs.—9:00 am—Quilting Ministry—Holy Family  
Jan. 14 —5:00 pm—After Mass Meal—Holy Family  
Jan. 21—TMIY—Resumes—Holy Family  
Jan. 21—Activities Group Meeting —5 pm—Holy Fam

## **RELIGIOUS ED. FORMATION—(REF)**

### **Holy Family**

Class Time—Sunday: 9:50 am—Before Mass

### **St. Isidore**

Class Time-Sunday: 10:15 am—After Mass

More info: [marystevens@stisidorechurch.org](mailto:marystevens@stisidorechurch.org)



## **HOLY FAMILY—SATURDAY NIGHT MEAL**

JANUARY 14—AFTER MASS

Make plans to attend a light meal after the 4:00 pm Mass at Holy Family on Saturday, Jan. 14. Organized by the Holy Family Activities Group.



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Jan. 11—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

**Knight of the Month:** Steve Izdebski

**Family of the Month:** Tim, Stacy, Jacob & Thomas Voisinet



## **2023 Offertory Envelopes**

**St. Isidore**—Please pick up your envelopes in the main entryway to the church.

**Holy Family**—Please pick up your envelopes in the hall.

If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the office.



## **COFFEE & DONUTS—HOLY FAMILY**

If you would like to volunteer for coffee & donuts there is a new sign up sheet near the kitchen window.



## **COFFEE & DONUTS RESUME JAN. 7 & 8**

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

St. Isidore—Holy Family provides a free online resource for all our parishioners that includes books, movies, scripture reflections, family activities/reflections, faith formation, and much more.

Sign up under "St. Isidore Church, Laingsburg" and use our parish code:  
**NH8RB3**

## **Communion to the Homebound**

If you have a friend or relative who is not able to come to Mass and receive the Eucharist, please contact Sharon in the office. Steve & Kathleen Zemcik will take the Eucharist to Holy Family parishioners on Wednesdays. Deacon John visits St. Isidore Families on Thursdays.

**ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG****MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Saturday—New Year's Eve—Dec. 31—(5:30 PM) † Phyllis Izdebski by Bob & Trish Fineman  
 Sunday—New Year's Day— Jan. 1 —(9:00 AM) † Karen Brown by Mary Lou Smith  
 Wednesday— Jan. 4 — (6:30 PM) People of the Parish  
 Thursday — Jan. 5 —(8:30 AM) † Julie Bacik by Sarah Garza  
 Friday — Jan. 6 — (8:30 AM) † Pete Dick by Chris & Kay Basgall  
 Saturday—Jan. 7 —(5:30 PM) † Bob McMonagle by the Knights of Columbus  
 Sunday— Jan. 8 —(9:00 AM) † Mike & Helen Hurst by Helen Stelzer

**HOLY FAMILY, OVID**

Saturday— New Year's Eve— Dec. 31 — (4:00 PM) † MaryAnn Hier by Ford & Lynn Hier  
 Sunday—New Year's Day—Jan. 1 —(11:00 AM) † Adrienne Bocek by Ford & Lynn Hier  
 Tuesday —Jan. 3 — (12:10 PM) Special Intentions of Chris Bozung by the Smith Family  
 Thursday— Jan. 5 — (6:30 PM) † Carilyn Teichman by the Smith Family  
 Saturday— Jan. 7 — (4:00 PM) † Margaret Williams by Kim, Heather, & Dominic  
 Sunday— Jan. 8 —(11:00 AM) Rosemarie Goodwin by Eleonore Schussmann

**PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR** Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Pamela Morgan, Tori Martens, Mary Hughly (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Janice Smith, Hugh Smith, Beth Ann Elliott (Daughter of Don & Denise), Clarence Dell, Craig & Caren Henning, (Nephew & Niece of Leonard Mitchell) Vince Minarik, (Son-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell), Terri Sue (Daughter-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell). Fr. Mathias Thelen (Brother of Pam (Ryan) Fabus), Gary Delaney (Nephew of Bev Delaney), Pat Spencer (Friend of Bev Delaney), Charles Oleniczak, Judith Bond, Sandy McPherson (Sister of Cooky Hawkins), Sharon Darling, Carlos Duncan (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Steve Butler, Sean Robinson, Chasidy Martin (Niece of Doug & Char Angell), Rosa Zamarripa (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Taylor Nixon (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Bob Bunn (Nephew of Pat White), Tom Hulburt (Son of Nita Hughes), Larry Miller, Diane Mead (Friend of Joanne Evans), Gary Hrncharik, Donna Fruchey, Nancy Alice Carbarly (Mother of Maggie Sayles), Michelle Houska, Melvia Quine, Judy Kovarik (Mother of Bill Kovarik), Eddy Trevino, Bruce Chandler (Brother of Marti Rowley), Tammy Smith, Brenda Seeley & Betty Ann Fulgaro (Both friends of the Smith Family), Gregory Acker (Brother of Angela Michels), Michelle Dell, Shannon Strobel, Toni Doyle, Jase Ellsworth (Great-Grandson of Phyllis Hart), Richard Hutchings, Phyllis Hart, Pam Hurst, Katie Florian (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Rebecca Crites (Friend of Bev Delaney), Micalah Brundage (Step Daughter of Mike Putnam), Lana Miersen, Napoleon Martinez, Jr. (Brother of Elodia Keys), Jim Mosley, Mike (Doc) O'Bryant, Isabelle Wesley, Don & Denise Elliott, Anita Rios (Sister of Jesse Anguiano), Stan Beherns, Pat Shaw, Armando Anguiano, (Brother of Jesse), Juan Chapas, (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Dave Nickols, Jodi Barber (Friend of Tammy Smith), Tristen Henning, Teresa Arnold (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Olivia Klein, Haven S. King (Niece of Barb Wight), Steve Bachelder & Mark Sickler (Nephews of Mike & Aloise Bachelder), Allen Smith (Nephew of Pat Brown), Michelle Hurst, Nancy Ferguson (Friend of Cindy Broome), Richard Elliott, (Son of Pat Elliott), Mary Harris, Robert Shaw, Kathryn Okada, (Friend of Porrell's), Donald Jacks, (Son in Law of Diane Stasa), Randy Evans (Son of Ron & Joanne Evans), Matthew Rios, (Great-Grandson of Nita Hughes), Jamie Lester, (Friend of Nita Hughes), Chris Bozung, (Friend of Smith Family), Adam Thering, Patty VanLeiw, Dee Bingham, Sue Hardaker, Bill Lyon, Greg Smith

**Remember our service members in your prayers:**

Taylor Earl Parsons—Air Force—Space Force  
 Christian Garza—Army  
 Fr. Brandon Oman—Air Force  
 LTC Nathan Cooley - USN  
 MSGT Joshua Delaney - Air Force  
 Alexandra Cultra - Navy  
 Andie Ostrander—Navy (To add names, - contact the office.)  
 Patrick Schiffer—Air Force  
 Kelly Brown—Navy  
 SPC Jared Mersino—Army

**ADORATION****St. Isidore Church- Wednesdays**

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions  
 6:30 pm Mass  
 Adoration & Confessions Following Mass  
 Until 7:30 pm

**Holy Family—Thursdays**

5:30—6:20 pm Adoration & Confessions  
 6:30 pm Mass

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY  
Dec. 24 & 25, 2022**

St. Isidore Offertory- \$1,245  
 Holy Family Offertory - \$3,099  
 Online Offertory - \$1,200  
**TOTAL: - \$5,830**