

December 27, 2015

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Reading 2: Col 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

Welcome to Saint Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes!

May Christ bless you in the Season of His birth. Thanks to all in our parish who worked to make our Christmas celebrations beautiful. Thanks to the musicians, the servers, lectors, Communion ministers, ushers and greeters. Thanks to those who decorated the Church inside and out. Thanks to the parish staff for their work.

And thank you to all parish members who support the work of our Church with their time, talents and treasures. Blessings in the New Year, peace, health and happiness for many years!

-Fr. Ludvik

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD -HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
NEW YEARS DAY JANUARY 01, 2016**

It is the beginning of a New Year, this coming Friday. Our Catholic Faith instructs us to celebrate this Holy Day with attendance at Mass. We would like to invite all of you, our dear parishioners, to come to our Vigil Mass on December 31, 2015 at 5:00pm or on January 1, 2016 at 9:00am to give thanks to Abba Father for His countless blessings on us for the year 2015 and to lead us into the New Year 2016. It is a Holy Day and come to experience the day that is a day to pray for Peace. "We continue to trust that 2016 will see us all firmly and confidently engaged, on different levels, in the pursuit of justice and peace. Peace is both God's gift and a human achievement." - Pope Francis



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
REFLECTION**

As we celebrate today's Solemnity of the Holy Family, let us praise God for the gift of the family. Let us pray for our families here at OUR PARISHES, and for all families that we will strive to be devoted to God, devoted to Holy Matrimony, and devoted to the sanctity of life. Through the intercession of the Holy

Family of Jesus, Joseph, and Mary, may each one of us grow in a deeper relationship with God who is the Father of all families. May God bless you and your families this day and always.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Dear Lord, Bless all families on this Feast of the Holy Family. Help us all to remember this season that you chose to come to us as a humble baby. You chose to be part of a family yourself and came, not to be served, but to serve, and one day die for love of those who hated, deserted, and killed you. On this day, may we always remember the importance of family: That you, the Eternal Son of God came to live among us as one of us and a member of our human family. Amen.

YEAR OF MERCY

"God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience he has with each one of us? That is his mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, he understands us, he waits for us, he does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to him with a contrite heart. 'Great is God's mercy', says the Psalm. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to understand properly this mercy of God, this merciful Father who is so patient." -Pope Francis

TO START A NEW YEAR

"A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance."
-Anonymous

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Jan 1st – one hour only



This coming Friday is the beginning of a New Year and the First Friday of January 2016.

Please plan on spending an hour with the Blessed Sacrament after New Year's Day Mass. The hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace within your heart.

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."
— St. Therese of Lisieux

THANKS TO PARENTS

Family life is challenging these days, often with both parents working, and we need to extend compassion to young parents and to be sensitive to the children and babies that attend Mass with us because even a kid's "fussiness" is a reminder of the gift they are to us. Thanks to you parents for your devotion and care.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Think about this for a minute. When was your last formal religious education? There is a new Bible timeline class being offered starting January 25th. What better time to commit to your continuing religious education than the New Year. May your New Year be filled with discovering all God's Blessings waiting for you.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Dec 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 NO RE preK – 6th --
 NO Youth Faith formation 7-12th --
 Epiphany Play practice-*all youth welcome* **4:30-5:30**
Tuesday - Dec 29
 Mass – Eta Kovacs by St. A. Altar Society **8:30am**
Wednesday - Dec 30
 Mass + Florence Oven by Teresa Russell **8:30am**
Thursday - Dec 31—New Year’s Vigil
 Mass — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God **5:00pm**
Friday - Jan 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother
 of God -Holy Day of Obligation **9:00am**
 Adoration—following Mass **1 hour**
Saturday – Jan 2 - St. Stephen The first Martyr
 Confession **3:30pm**
 Mass + Ernest Chapek **5:00pm**
Sunday - Jan 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord
 Mass at OLOL **8:30am**
 Mass for parishioners/intentions **10:30am**
 Epiphany Play and Dinner **5:00pm**

LONG TERM PRAYER REQUEST 2015

Please remember in your prayers

Kurt Alfano	Barbara Lane
Joe Allman	Bernice Money
Father Darrin Connell	Joanne Nittinger
Rhonda Dunlap	Neal Nittinger
Barbara Dunn	Mary Radford
Sylvia Ewaskow	Billy Rumpza
Bill Gray	Deona Rumpza
Leon Gray	Tom Saunders
Ricky Gray	Tosha Slenning
Kyle Guillot	Eileen Smith
Matt & Donna Hall	Tom Steffen
James Howell	Van Thomsen
Patty Kauzlarich	

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE



The parish is offering an 8 week overview of the Bible using Jeff Cavins' video series. This series makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it

is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father’s unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others. You should take away from the series how the Bible relates to your everyday life, how the Old and New Testaments are related, and how the Sacraments, the Church, and our Faith are rooted in Scripture.

The meetings will be on Monday Evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 starting on January 25th in St. Aloysius hall. The cost of materials is \$20, so it is necessary to pre-register in order to get a count of how many workbooks to order. Please call Patty in the office to register 360-829-6515 by Friday January 15th.



EPIPHANY DINNER AND PLAY

The Knights of Columbus will host the annual Epiphany Lasagna Dinner next Sunday January 3rd at 5:00pm in the parish hall.

Dinner will be followed by the Christmas Epiphany Play performed by our parish children. Please don't miss this big parish celebration to close out the Christmas season. Cost is \$8 single, \$15 couple or \$25 family.



PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR (humor)

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.
 - Author Unknown

Special Thanks

I very much appreciated the Christmas and Gifts Cards, messages and money gifted to me for Christmas. I appreciate your reaching out to me with such love and kindness. God Bless you this Christmas and all year!
 Fr. John Ludvik

THANK YOU!

With all the help decorating our church went without a hitch. A thank you to the following: Andrew and Laurel Berger, Barbara Holbrook, Jeanne Parkko, Cindy Guillot, Paul Slenning, Ray Kicken, Austin, Aaron, Alexander and Anne Zeober, Craig Brand and Alice and Jerry Alfano. Can't believe I ever did it by myself, so a huge THANK YOU! -Bea Wilson

Parish End of Year Tax Deduction Contributions

As we close out 2015, we want to thank you for your faithfulness to our Parish Communities; a commitment that is clear through your prayerful and financial support of our parish. We prepare for 2016 with great anticipation, knowing that God has a plan to continue to help us to bring people closer to Christ. But we can only do that through the generosity of people like you, who have been integral to us fulfilling our vision of "Disciples living witness to the Good News." Even though we have accomplished much together this past year, there is still much to be done! To that end, we want to invite you to help us finish the year strong and prepare ourselves for an exciting and productive 2016 by prayerfully considering an end-of-year financial gift to your parish. Just a reminder that in order for your gift to be tax deductible, it must be postmarked and/or given before December 31, 2015. Please remember that no amount is ever considered too small! Thank you for being a part of either St. Aloysius or Our Lady of Lourdes and for helping us accomplish the vision God has given us.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated, thank you.

FINANCIAL REPORTS - December 20, 2015

	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
St. Aloysius			
Weekly Revenue	\$3,482.00	\$2,770.00	\$712.00
Fiscal YTD	\$71,743.74	\$69,250.00	\$2,493.74
Our Lady of Lourdes			
Weekly Revenue	\$1,313.00	\$790.00	\$523.00
Fiscal YTD	\$20,073.00	\$19,750.00	\$323.00