December 31, 2017 Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Readings: Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3; Hb. 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk. 2:22-40

Resp. The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Events for this week.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel

No Adoration on New Year's Day or the day following.

Sun.	10 am Mass—Feast of the Holy Family
	11 am Coffee and Donuts
Mon.	No 8 am Mass
	10 am Mass–Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God:
	Family of Teresa Tishmack [†]
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Tue. 7:35 am: Rosary 8 am Mass: Family of Teresa Tishmack †

- Wed. 7:35 am Rosary
- 8 am Mass: Agcaoili Family †
- Thur. 7:35 am: Rosary

8 am Mass: Family of George & Susan McCaskill † Fri. 7:35 am: Rosary

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- Sat. 8 am Mass: 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Bishop Leipzig Assembly [†]
 - 4 pm Confessions 5:30pm Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sun 10 am Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord

11 am Religious Education/Youth Formation resumes

Babysitting during 10:00 am Mass.

(in basement classroom under parish office).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT

NEED OUR PRAYERS: Jackie & Bruce Caldwell, Mark Lowery, Susan Hoyt, David Walker, Rita DuBernay, Rod Durham, Mary Fiorillo, Gayle Knight, Debbie Knight, Roxanne Gibson, Bill Brown, Ella Rogers, Valentino Ricciotti, Quenten Fabiano, Laurel Olmsted, Marie Hannah-Hamer, Laulima Lyman, Ruby Annalora, Cindy Hagness, Kay Frost, Louise Mitchell, Boomer Doell, Joseph Vaughan, Todd Wilson, Frank Elliott, Katie Sheere, Bob McBride, Kay Sheere, Bird Dobbins, Merrill Gorham, Correne Bonkowski, Maria Haney, Rita Ellison, Virginia Wimer, Anna Melba Astitas Aliaga, Denise McDaniel, Dave Fischer, Bob Hazlett, June Shira, Chelsea Tose, Ken Gannon, Penny Lane Forrest, Jody Schlieski Hanson. **To update this list, call or email the parish office.**

<u>Monday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the</u> <u>Mother of God</u>

While January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation, the US Bishops have waived the obligation when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. Though attendance is not an obligation this year, honoring Mary's motherhood of Jesus is a wonderful way to start the new year. Mass is at 10 am only; there is no 8 am Mass.

Mary of Nazareth, an epic movie on the life of Mary , from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus, is available on FORMED.org. The film vividly capture the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries she lived as Jesus's mother as well as her compassion and love for others. See FORMED.org!

Prayer Request Line

Please contact Mary Gover 963-3042 or Theresa Beery 963-2372.

<u>**Baptism</u>** Preparation is required for parents. Please call the office for further information.</u>

<u>Marriage</u>

Preparation and instruction classes at least 6 months before the wedding. Contact Fr. Saji at the parish office.

Communion to the Sick

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 541-963-7341.

Website www.olvcatholic.org

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Coffee and Donuts Today!

Please join the parish family after Mass and please sign up to make this social time available in the future.

Office Hours

Following the Diocesan holiday calendar, the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 1.

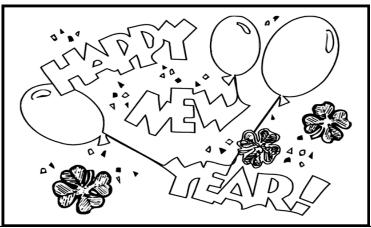
Adoration Schedule

The Adoration Chapel will be **closed** both **Monday**, **January 1**, and **Tuesday**, **January 2**. If you are scheduled for Adoration on Wednesday or Thursday but will not be available, please remember to find a substitute in advance.

Adult Faith Formation in January

Adult faith formation opportunities begin in January.

- Beginning January 9, on Tuesday mornings at 9 am, Kathy Gorham will facilitate a discussion of *Rediscovering Jesus* by Matthew Kelly. This book is free and available at the back of Church.
- Beginning January 10, on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, Chris and Janet McLaughlin will facilitate the study "Who Am I to Judge" by Dr. Edward Sri using Formed. Please contact the office to register so adequate materials can be printed.
- Beginning on January 11, Thursday mornings at 9 am, Lucy Frederick will facilitate a study of the Gospel of John. Lucy is arranging for the purchase of the study guide that will be used. Please call the office or email the office to register so that a correct number of books can be ordered.



January Youth Choir

Watch for updates regarding Youth Choir practices. The choir will sing at 10 am mass the third Sunday of the month.

ICYC

This year, the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention will be held March 9-11, 2018, with the theme Endless Joy. Donations to support OLV Youth's attendance at ICYC by sponsoring registrations for youth or funding transportation expenses are an investment in nurturing and strengthening the faith of our youth. Please contact Amanda if your youth would like to attend or if you are interested in contributing.

Living the Liturgical Year: Feast of the Holy Family

Sometimes it can seem like holiness in family life is impossible because of the challenges of human nature, the demands on time, and social pressures. The Holy Family provides a model and an ideal for families, and today's **Feast of the Holy Family** is an opportunity to stop and reflect on the importance of our family life and to pray for the strengthen of families and the support of families in today's society.

In reflecting on the Gospels, we see Jesus briefly as a baby, and as a 12-year old boy, and then we see his three years of public ministry. While we don't have the details of those years before his public ministry, but he lived 30 of his 33 vear of human life in the quiet, hidden reality of everyday family life. God could have determined that he should appear as a man, but in his wisdom God sent his Son as a baby. Jesus, who is like us in all things but sin, experienced the fullness of human experience, including the humble dependence on his mother and father for care and protection, his being instructed by them, being obedient to them, and growing in strength and wisdom (cf. Lk 2:40, 51-52). Through his coming into a family and living many years within that family, Jesus emphasizes the importance of family and its role in the sanctification of family members. These hidden years are an important witness to the value of family life. The life of the Holy Family provides a witness of what we can aspire to and work towards in our family life. One author suggests using the acronym F.A.M.I.L.Y to help families grow in holiness.

 $\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{Faith.}$ Strength faith in the family by going to Mass together every week and going to confession regularly as well reading books, listen to audios, and watching movies that help faith mature.

A — **Apostolate.** Share your faith. It is important to give both as individuals and as a family. How do you share the Good News? How do you serve through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy? Is your life a witness of Jesus? **M** — **Mary.** Get to know Mary as your mother. Pray the Rosary as a family as praying as a family before meals , at bedtime, and in the morning.

I— **Imitate.** Dads should imitate St. Joseph as the spiritual leaders of the family. Moms should imitate Mary in her compassion and love. Children should imitate Jesus's respect and obedience for his parents.

 \mathbf{L} – Love. Accept, encourage, and support one another. Welcome others in loving hospitality.

Y—**Year 2017.** Resolve to make this year a year of spiritual growth for your family. (see epicpew.com/holiness-family)

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6, 5:30 pm, Vigil Mass:

Lector: Charlene Storoe Altar Servers: Clinton Tarvin, Carson De Clue Acolyte: Joe Petrusek Eucharistic Ministers: Janis Bozarth, Kris Ann McDonald

Sunday, January 7, 10:00 am, Mass:

Lector: Caroline Ward Altar Servers: Gabriel Zamora, Maritza Villagomez, Natalia Robles Acolyte: Dan Gonzalez Eucharistic Ministers: Corinne Dutto, Chuck Bieker, Jim and Carol Wimer

All Eucharistic Ministers , Readers, and Altar Servers please meet in the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass begins.

Thank you for the Altar Flower Donations

Thank you to the anonymous donors as well Peter and Marilyn Fallow, Kathy McGee, John & Janis Bozarth and to the following people who contributed for altar flowers in the memory of loved ones: Chuck and

Jeanette Bieker in memory of their parents; Sandra Acevedo in memory of Betty Pewen, Bill and Elaine Acevedo in memory of their parents, Peg Brown in memory of Gary Brown, and Joe and Kathy Petrusek in memory of F. Petrusek.



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