

HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 30, 2018

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH
7105 Cass Ave. DENTON, NE 68339
Parish priest: Msgr. Mark Huber
Regular Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil: 5:00 pm
8am, 10am, 12 noon
◆ **Daily Mass: 8:00 am**
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MASSES INTENTIONS 12/31/18- 1/06/19

Mon - 8am - Maya Hagge
- 6pm - Elizabeth Poland
Tues - 9am - all people
- 10:30 - Bernadt Family
Wed - 8am - Ernie Hejl
Thurs - 8am - special intentions
Fri - 8am - Steve & Amber Jarecki intentions
Sat - 8am - Loren Martin
5pm - Dorothy Griffin
Sun - 8am - Lawrence Fritz
10am - Ron Trouba
12 noon - all people

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY MASSES:

Dec. 31st 6pm; Jan. 1st 9am & 10:30am

THANK YOU: to all who participated in the Advent giving tree, caroling, visiting the sick or homebound, decorating the church, providing music, serving and participating in the Christmas Masses. May Our Savior's birth fill you with joy always.

2019 ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: In the narthex

PARISH THINGS: // This Wed. 6pm join in decorating the church // Mary, Mother of God Masses: Dec. 31st 6pm; Jan. 1st 9am & 10:30am // Jan. 8th Bible Class 6:45-8pm // Jan. 15th Epiphany dinner // Jan. 21st Knights of Columbus meeting

'FOODNET:Volunteers serve at Denton Comm. Center, 5pm Mondays, assist preparing meals at 3:30pm, pick up food from different locations on Mondays 1-3, or clean up at the end, contact John Hetcko or Mary Coulter.

CHURCH CLEANING: Dec.: Janyce Ostrander, Carmen Hesser, Paige Mongeon, Beth Coufal, Jodi Gabel, Audine Oehm, Judy Gant, Linda Jeffery, Judy Lewis, Amanda Wasser; January: Deb Ruhlman, Jessica Becker, Lynda Peterson, Deb Henkel, Mary Jo Griffin, Rosemary Clements, Mary Lee Jurgens, Pam Mechtenberg, Barb Sullivan, Sara Winters, Michelle Richards

PRAYER LINE: Parishioners will pray for your intentions, bootswailes@aol.com or 402-328-9730

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: 12-23-18
Tithe:\$5,969.00; Loose plate: \$137; votives: \$36.00;
Christmas: \$8,035.00.

NEARBY EVENTS: // Marian Mantle prayer group meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month 3pm in the Flanagan room at Madonna Hospital to pray for faith for children // Pray the rosary 9:30 or 1pm on Tues. outside the Lincoln abortion clinic // NFP intro session Jan. 10th & 29th 7pm @John23rd Ctr, see www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp // Jan. 10-11th Winter Symposium for the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women // Jan. 13th 7pm at Gianna's Java & Gelato, talk on forgiveness by Ian Butler // Jan. 25th 7:30-10:30 Villa Marie Dance at the PlaMor dance hall, music led by Bobby Layne & Orchestra // Jan. 26th 10am Walk for life at the State Capitol // June 10-14 summer days with Christ the King Sisters for children who completed 1st to 8th grade. //

LITURGY PLANS- Jan. 5/6, 2019

5pm vigil	8am	10am	
	Jurgens	Coppersmith	music
Krause	Cvitak	D Shinaut	reader
Kavan	Steward	Shinaut	aclte
Griffin	Hollman	Ashenbach	ushr
	Hoffmann	Urbach	ushr
Emmert	Holffmann	Bachmann	gifts
Patera	C Henkel	S Henkel	svrv
	Gabel		svrv

12 noon not assigned

John Paul II: Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible to himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it. It is Christ the Redeemer who fully reveals man to himself.

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE: Type in "diocese of lincoln"; for events/ opportunities. For study from home go to "Education", under religious education there are good materials.

POPE'S INTENTIONS: That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

PARENT PROTECTION OF CHILDREN:
<https://www.lincolndiocese.org/protection-of-youth>

WORKS OF MERCY: *Corporal:* Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, visit those in prison. Bury the dead; *Spiritual:* Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful, Warn the sinner, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive offenses willingly, Comfort the afflicted, Pray for the living & the dead.

The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the church, his bride.

Every particular task of the family is an expression and concrete actuation of that fundamental mission. We must therefore go deeper into the unique riches of the family's mission and probe its contents, which are both manifold and unified.

Thus, with love as its point of departure and making constant reference to it, the general tasks for the family are: I. Forming a community of persons; II. Serving life; III. Participating in the development of society; IV. Sharing in the life and mission of the church.



HANNAH AND MARY

The story of Hannah and her son Samuel in today's reading from 1 Samuel was especially important for Luke's Gospel. The passage describes the presentation of young Samuel to the priest Eli as part of the story of the faith of Hannah. Hannah had been in great suffering, as she had long desired to have a son, and saw this as central to her vocation and identity. Hannah's deep honesty with God during her distress, together with her confident persistence in prayer, reveals her as a model of faith. Luke links Hannah to Mary through the Magnificat song in Luke 1, which mirrors Hannah's joyous song in 1 Samuel 2. Luke links young Samuel to Jesus, through the presentation in the Temple in Luke 2.

Luke is suggesting that God is up to something big. Just as Samuel initiated a turning point in Israel's history, Jesus is about to open a new chapter in human history. Their stories are rooted in the remarkable faith of their mothers, Hannah and Mary.

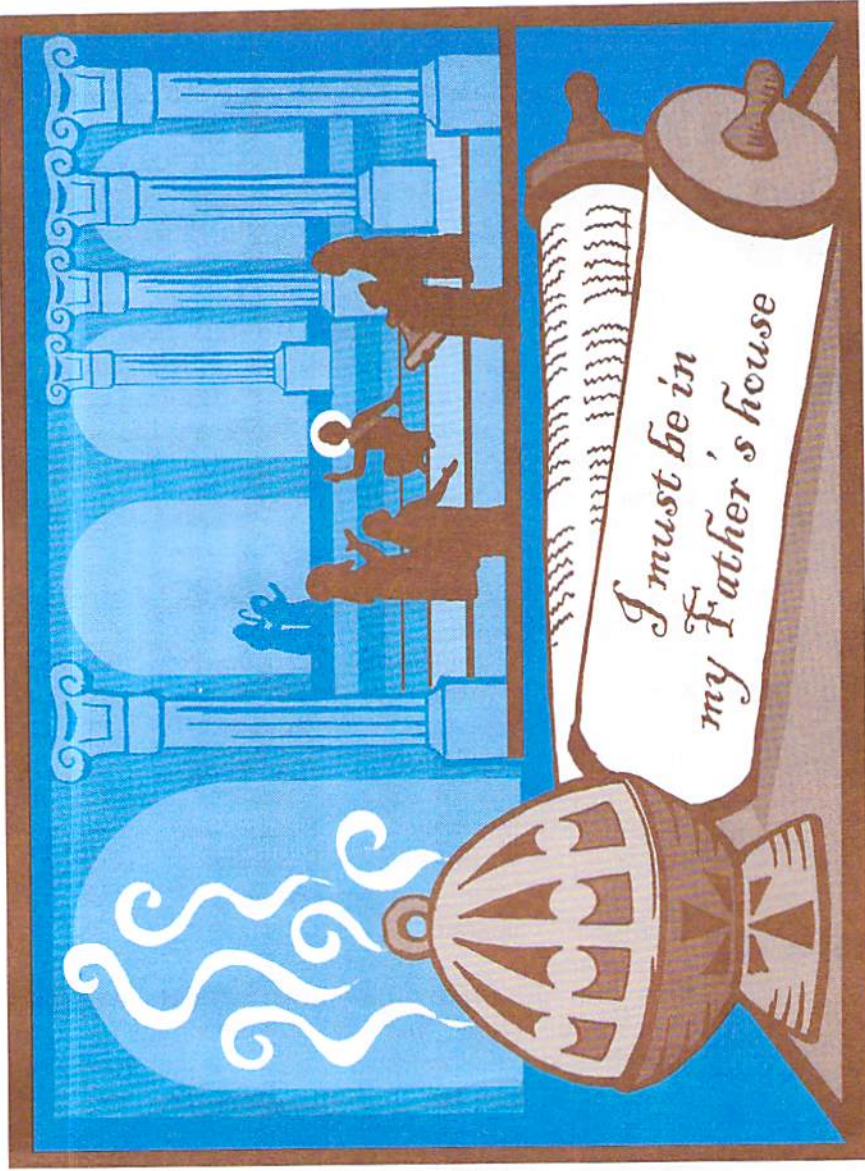
WEAVING THE STORY

Today's passage from Luke is the only story about Jesus in the Gospels that occurs between Jesus' infancy and his adult ministry. Luke uses the story to weave these elements together.

This story, like all the infancy passages, emphasizes that Jesus was born Son of God. Jesus' first spoken words in Luke conclude with "I must be in my Father's house." God is his Father, and Jesus speaks as God's Son.

Luke connects the future ministry of Jesus with the scene at the temple with the teachers. Jesus' listeners are astounded at his wisdom. This anticipates similar scenes as an adult. Luke also subtly hints at Jesus' resurrection, with details such as the question "why were you looking for me?" similar to "why do you seek the living one among the dead?" Luke invites us to see his Gospel as an integrated whole, weaving together Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Today's Readings: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Lk 2:41-52



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December 30, 2018 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life

together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.