

The foundation of how people treat their neighbors began with how they treat their own parents. In our first reading today, God explicitly tells us the value of our parents in our lives and even reveals to us the blessings that come with honoring them until old age. God has fashioned them for us, that they may lead us to Him. Thus, we please our God, the Father, whenever we love our parents. "Whoever honors his father atones for sins and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard" (Sir 3:3-5).

Every month I used to celebrate Mass at Bayview Senior Care in Sturgeon Bay, at Helping Hearts Assisted Living in Casco and at Autumn Fields Senior Living Communities in Luxemburg. And every time I visit them, I used to render them songs and they are so happy about it. Because of this visitation, I realized that it is during our parents' old age that they long most for us. It is the time when all they have are the memories we have shared with them when we were young and how their hearts cry out to feel once more the warmth of their children's love especially during holidays. Thus, I pray that we find in our hearts to treasure them all the more because that is what God wills for us.

For all the Children who are present today, here are some beautiful words that you can ponder upon. "My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fails, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life" (Sir 3:12-13).

In synchrony with the first reading, our responsorial Psalm lets us know that our Father in heaven blesses the people and the household of those who have holy fear in Him and ensures that they follow His teachings so that prosperity will also be theirs. "Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table." (Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.)

If valuing our parents and our families has been richly expressed in the first reading and responsorial psalm, the second reading comes with a longer list of how we are called to honor and respect one another, clearly giving us the basics of how each individual family member should treat each one in love. "Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged." (Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17)

Moreover, in the Gospel today, it emphasizes to us that even the son of God, Jesus, displayed obedience to His earthly parents. Jesus, as young as He was, made His family life with Mary and Joseph a priority even as He follows His Father's will. And while it was a challenging situation for Mary and Joseph to see Jesus begin to grow in wisdom, doing the will of His heavenly Father, they remained growing in faith, trusting in the words of God and His promises.

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**December 29, 2024**

## ***The Holy Family***

### **Mass Intentions**

† Deceased

**Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Dec 28th, Mass**

† Phoebe Wendricks

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Dec 28th, Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Dec 29th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Dec 29th, Mass**

† Ciley Cochart

**Tuesday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Dec 31st, Mass**

**Tuesday, 4:00 PM, Rosiere, Dec 31st, Mass**

† For the People

**Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 1st, Mass**

**Wednesday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 1st, Mass**

† For the People

**Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln, Jan 2nd, Mass**

† For the People

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Jan 3rd, NO MASS**

**Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Jan 4th, Mass**

† Karen Pinchart

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Jan 4th, Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Jan 5th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 5th, Mass**

† Donna Bredael

**Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 7th, Mass**

**Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 8th, Mass**

**Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln, Jan 9th, Mass**

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Jan 10th, Mass**



### **Sanctuary Light**

**Dec 22-28:** In mem. Alvin Jorgensen

**Dec 29-Jan 4:** In mem. Mel & Arlene Beaurain

### **Sacrificial Offerings**

Dec 12-17, 2024: \$787.75



### **St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip**

Dec 16-22 Sales: \$4855.00

Gross profit: \$329.46

FYTD profit: \$3336.53

*For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at [Havel27sm@gmail.com](mailto:Havel27sm@gmail.com).*

**Parish Office:** The parish office will be closed on Dec 31-Jan 1.

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Each family has their own challenges that at times cause us to doubt but God continues to fortify us with the grace and strength to continue to persevere in our faith and love towards Him that we may portray it to our families.

There were also incidents in the life of Mary and her family which she did not understand before. When they needed an inn to lay her Baby Jesus' head, she found nothing but a manger. When she offered her Child Jesus to the Lord in the Temple to observe what the Law has prescribed, they just knew that Jesus will be the cause of the downfall and rise of many in Israel. When she had to flee for Egypt with her husband, Joseph, they did not stay in their house but in a foreign land. When Mary went back to the Temple looking for Jesus to take Him home, she discovered that Jesus has to be in His Father's house. "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what He said to them (Lk 2:41-52).

Mary did not understand everything that needed to happen, yet she embraced them fully with love allowing her to witness her Son's suffering and death at the calvary and on the cross. At the foot of Jesus, she resigned and submitted herself fully to the will of God.

There are indeed many situations in our lives and within our families that we cannot fully decipher. Thus, it is with utmost prayer that each member of every family should cooperate and listen not only to the words of their parents but most importantly, like the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, everyone should be obedient to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya  
Administrator

## **Liturgical Ministers:**

### **December 28th, 4:00 pm Rosiere**

Lector: Chris Vincent

Communion Distributors: Chris Vincent, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

### **December 29th, 10:15 am Lincoln**

Lector: Tammy Barta

Comm Distributors: Tammy & Jerry Barta

Servers: Danny Ducat & Kai Jimenez

### **December 31st, 4:00 pm Rosiere**

Lector: Mark Bader

Communion Distributors: Volunteer

Servers: Volunteer

### **January 1st, 10:15 am Lincoln**

Lector: Mary Fameree

Comm Distributors: Volunteer

Servers: Volunteer

### **January 4th, 4:00 pm Rosiere**

Lector: Mark Bader

Communion Distributors: Matt Thayse, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta & Caleb Everard

### **January 5th, 10:15 am Lincoln**

Lector: Mary Beaurain

Comm Distributors: Mary & Jim Beaurain

Servers: Vivian & Dominic Barta & Abby Agamaite

## **Parish News**

**Interested in Sharing your Talents:** We currently have an opening for a pianist/organist at our Lincoln site. This is a paid position. Please contact the parish office with any questions 920-837-2852.

### **Cemetery Maintenance – Trimming/Weed**

**Eating:** We have an opening for Trimming/Weed eating at our Lincoln site starting in Spring. This is a paid position. Please contact the parish office with any questions 920-837-2852.

**RE Classes:** K-11: Classes on January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025.

**Confirmation:** Next class is Jan. 8, 2025.

Confirmation is **Sunday, Jan 19**, 4:00 pm at St Mary Church, Luxemburg.

**BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!!!:** Our next Bingo date is Sunday, January 5 at 1PM in the Lincoln church basement. Please consider joining us. The cost is \$10 for six cards, or \$2 each. Future Bingo dates are: January 26, February 16, March 2 and April 13.

**Poinsettia:** Thank you to everyone who donated money towards Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of someone.

### **Gospel Readings for Week of December 29, 2024**

Monday, Dec 30: Luke 2: 36-40

Tuesday, Dec 31: John 1: 1-18 (St. Sylvester I, Pope)

Wednesday, Jan 1: Luke 2: 16-21 (The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

Thursday, Jan 2: John 1: 19-28 (Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors)

Friday, Jan 3: John 1: 29-34 (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

Saturday, Jan 4: John 1: 35-42 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)