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Emergency – If someone is dying or there has been a death, please

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm

Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices

Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 30, 2018

Mass Intention: Eileen Cogbill

MUSIC

ENTRANCE #392

O Come All Ye Faithful

PSALM #782

O happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

OFFERTORY #400

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

COMMUNION #402

Once in Royal David's City

RECESSIONAL #387

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Holy Communion – *This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like*

to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.

PRAYER LIST

David Adams, Joseph Birchette, Steve Campbell, William Claiborne, Mary Davidson, Marta Fritzne (Gabi Wolz's Mother), Cathy Lipchak, Marie Martinelli, Jim Melton, Erin Moores, Jesse Oliver, Sarah Riegel, Marilyn Reilly, Beulah Taylor. Thank you for your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.: Mass Intention: No Mass

Tues.: Mass Intention: Lauren Campbell

Tues.: Social Ministry: 10:30am – 12:30pm

Wed.: Mass Intention: Margarette Freeman

Thurs: Mass Intention: Alice Walsh

Fri.: Mass Intention: Joseph Hochstrasser

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family, Joseph and Mary and Jesus, show us the proper way for a family to interact. There are four basic principles from the Bible in St. Paul's letter. They are very counter cultural principles. But they are true regardless of their popularity now-a-days. If a family wants to be happy, they would be wise to implement these 4 principles. **YOU HAVE TO HAVE THEM ALL. IF YOU ONLY PICK ONE THEN IT WILL BE LOPSIDED, UNJUST AND NOT CHRISTIAN!!! THEY ARE A PACKAGE DEAL.**

1. Husbands should love their wives like Christ loved the Church – How much did Christ love the Church? He loved it enough to die for it. That is how husbands should be in regards to their wives and families. Husbands should sacrifice for their wives and lay their lives down for them as Christ did for the Church. This is not an easy thing to do. To be a married man is to be a man who does every day for his family. He dies to his own wants and desires, so that his wife and children can have the possibility to grow closer to God and grow closer to God and grow in holiness. Husbands should not seek their own preferences in regards to the decisions they make for their families. Husbands should always make decisions that are best for their families, not for themselves. When husbands act for themselves, as though they are still bachelors, and the results for their families are

always detrimental.

2. Wives be subordinate to your husbands – At the top of any organization is a head who, at the end of the day, has to make the decisions. This is the role of the husband. And the wife’s role is to be subordinate to that. This is not an easy thing to do. This does not mean wives are not on an equal level as husbands. The Bible clearly teaches women are equal to men in dignity and honor. For example, the current marriage rite in the Church prays “may her husband entrust his heart to her...acknowledging her as his equal.” Nevertheless, there must be a way to resolve disagreements rather than them ending in divorce and separation, which is unfortunately the too common answer these days. That way is for a wife to submit to her husband. The good news is that if a husband is acting as he is supposed to in a marriage (see number 1 above), the decision that he makes will be the thing that is best for the family and not something of personal or selfish preference. It should go without saying that submitting to your husband does not include abuse. Could you ever imagine Christ abusing the Church? Never. It is always a blessing for the Church to be subordinate to Christ.

3. Children obey your parents in everything – You parents are not to be the friends of your children. And your children have zero voting rights in your home. Your home is not a democracy. In regards to your children, it is an absolute monarchy with the parents as king and queen over the children. Children have to do what you say. You have all authority. You should use it without hesitation and without apology. You parents should present a united force of authority over your children. Never disagree in front of them or they will ‘divide and conquer.’ If parents disagree, go to the room and come up with a solution together but always in front of the children present a united front. ‘Have each other’s backs,’ to put it in colloquial terms. That means stand up for each other in front of the kids. And if your kids disobey you, do not feel helpless, rather discipline in a methodical manner. Take away everything they enjoy – cell phones, video games, deserts, their favorite clothes, time with friends. They will break (give in) eventually. You parents have to be strong enough to stand your ground. You only have to provide them food and shelter until they are 18 years old. And it can be purposely bland food and boring shelter if they are disobeying you. Then when they are 18, they should not be permitted to live under your roof unless they live by (God’s) rules.

4. Fathers [parents] do not provoke your children, so they do not become discouraged – Parents’ number one job is to get their children to heaven. That is it. Number one. The way you will do that is by helping establish the Catholic religion in your children, as well as helping build them into good and moral and virtuous people. It matters most of all. Whether they are good at sports, whether they get into your favorite school, whether they are successful in a worldly sense is much less important. They should always try their best that is what matters. This requires parents to have a certain patient understanding of what your kids are capable of. The temptation in times of frustration (over the 18 years and more of formation that a parent is charged

with) is to fly off the handle in an unconstructive way. That is not to say that raising your voice is not an effective parenting tool, it most certainly is. But it is to say there should be some thought and consideration put into your disciplining of your children so that it eventually leads to growth. I believe in most cases this principle is the least counter-cultural principle of the 4 principles.

God wants all people, husbands, wives, children to be equally and fully happy in family life as He loves husbands, wives and children all equally and fully. He has given us these principles which provide the best chance of attaining that happiness of family life. These are not easy but obtaining happiness is not easy. Anyone who says so is trying to sell you something.

Fr. Rossi

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MINISTRY

78 Dinners were served on Wednesday, December 26, 2018. Thanks to all those who so generously give of their time and talent to makes our meals program a success.

BUDGETED WEEKLY INCOME	\$3,288.00
COLLECTION	<u>3,402.43</u>
GAIN	\$ 114.43

THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL THE VERY GENEROUS DONATIONS to St. Peter’s Food Pantry. Your generosity has helped numerous people in our community to have good nutritious meals.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TOWARDS THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - A complete list will be attached to next week’s bulletin.

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, Dec. 31, 2018</u>	Mass is Canceled
<u>Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019</u>	Mass is 12:00 Noon

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General’s Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

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