

December 27, 2015

MASS  
INTENTIONS 

<b>December 28 Monday</b>	NO MASS
<b>December 29 Tuesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Freda Rae Maher BY: Lyn and Colette Miller
<b>December 30 Wednesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Helena Maria Buie BY: Leonard and Marie Hernandez
<b>December 31 Thursday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Sis Gray BY: Don and Janet Werts
<b>January 1 Friday 7:00 pm</b>	FOR: The Kerkemeyer family BY: Greg Berry family <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
<b>January 2 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Margaret Oulson BY: Virginia Kuhnline
<b>January 3 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Sis Gray BY: Kevin and Glenda Walden

**“Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”**

I can almost hear myself saying something similar when I was the age Jesus was. So certain of what I was supposed to do, but not quite ready for what it required. Jesus had no intention of being disobedient to Mary and Joseph, but in following the call of his so young heart he caused them distress. I suspect if we are honest we have each done something that has caused distress to our parents and families. What is remarkable with this story is that Jesus did not bluster and hold fast to his actions. He instead “He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.” Thus he gives us an example by which we can model our lives. When conflicts and troubles rise up in our families as they surely will, we do not hold obstinately to that which caused tempers to flair. For the good of the family we respond with honesty, and deference to each other. The Holy Family whose feast we celebrate today was met by the same struggles as we. They trusted in the pattern given them by God and overcame those struggles with Love, Patience, Compassion and Mercy. Let us follow their example and do likewise.

**Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

We will celebrate on New Year’s Eve mass for the feast day at 4PM: Saint John the Evangelist in Medora.

We will celebrate on New Year’s Day mass for the feast day at 7PM: Saint Alphonsus

Please come and begin the New Year giving thanks to God for the many blessings he has shared in 2015 and asking for the intercession of Mary the Holy Mother of God for the New Year.

*J. Bell*



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Jonny Wade, Anna Mae Mills, Tom Mills, Ryan Page, Dan Kallal, Margaret McCauley, Dolores Weiss, Dennis House, Joan Kerkemeyer, Pat Schetter, Mark Price, Bobbie Ulrich, Michelle Miller, Dale Rimbey, Richard Alward, Mike Beer, Mike Reno, Kathy Risley, Nancy Quirk Stinnet, Delmar Sandage, Nancy Scharfenberg (sister of Kim Vinyard), Brayden Granda, Steven Ahrens, Lawrence Albert, Kathryn Weiner, Michele Bryant, Lynn Turner, Rhonda Pruitt, Mitch Bryant, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Harold Becker (brother of Pat Pohlman), Don Keil, Dolly Grube, Edna Plogger, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Robert Logan, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Theresa Beaver, Denise Horton, Dave Drasnin, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Jewel Wayman, John Wolff. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

# LITURGICAL ROLES

## St. Alphonsus

	January 1 Friday 7:00 pm New Year's Day	January 2 Saturday 5:00 pm	January 3 Sunday 8:30 am
<b>Servers</b>	I. Wolff E. Wolff	T. Mizerski J. Buchanan	M. Berry K. Holtorf
<b>Lector</b>	T. Wolff	D. Mizerski	G. Berry
<b>E. Min.</b>	T. Wolff L. Miller J. Beilsmith L. Beilsmith	J. Beilsmith L. Beilsmith D. Mizerski B. Klunk	K. Vinyard J. Highfill J. Hanneken G. Walden
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	T. Wolff A. Grube	B. Klunk M. Mlller	M. Allen B. Gray

Collections will be listed next weekend due to an early bulletin deadline.

### FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

### THE NAME FOR GOD

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

# LITURGICAL ROLES

## St. John

	December 31 Thursday 4:00 pm New Year's Eve	January 3 Sunday 10:30 am
<b>Lector</b>	M. Alward	J. Granda
<b>E. Min.</b>	J. Alward P. Reed E. Reed	D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	J. Wheeler M. Loy	The Longmeyer family
<b>Ushers</b>	K. Alward R. Bellitto	C. Bierman C. Reed

### Mass Intentions

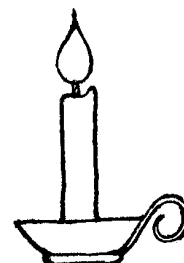


<b>December 31 4:00 pm Thursday</b>	FOR: Mary Ann Vieregge BY: Debbie Christopher and family <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>
<b>January 3 Sunday 10:30 am</b>	FOR: Bill Muffley BY: Marlyn and Margaret Alward and family



### Many Thanks

Thank you to everyone who attended our PSR Christmas program and party. We had a great turnout and appreciate everyone that organized the program and helped make it such a success!



In our life there is  
a lot to be thankful for  
Jesus Christ in our heart  
on Christmas and New Year's Day  
We thank him for his friendship