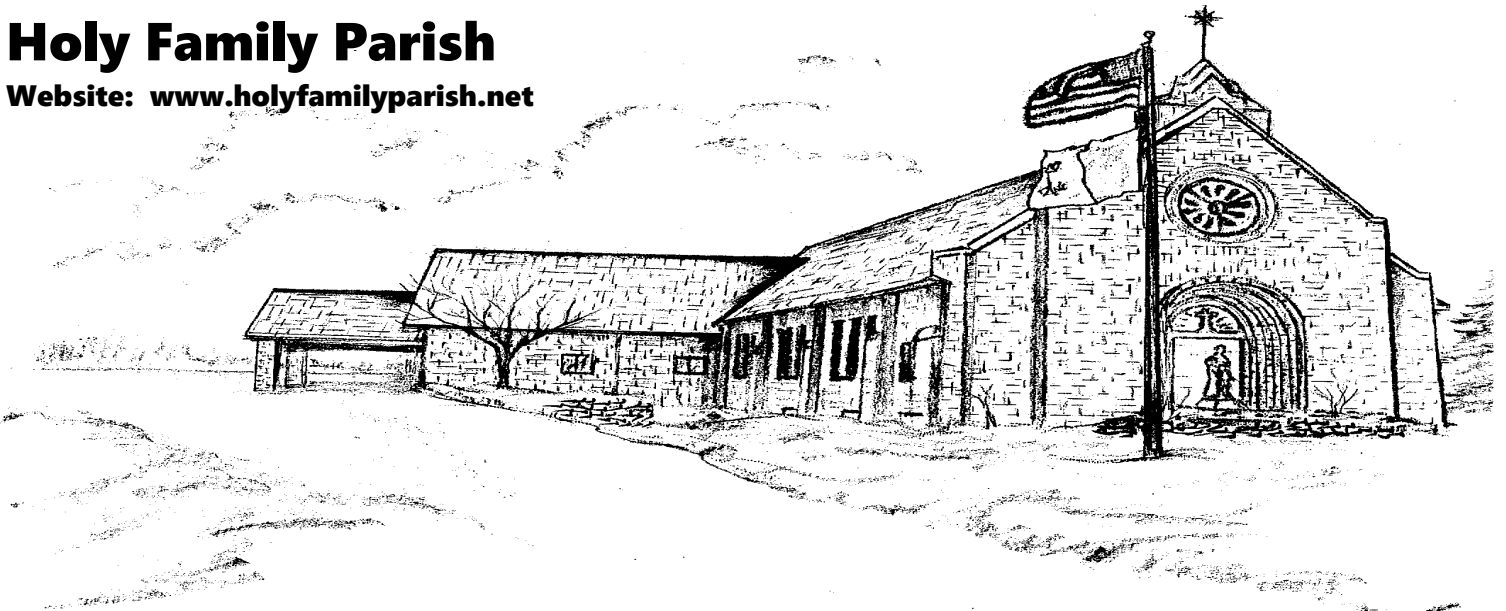


# Holy Family Parish

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## Second Sunday of Advent – December 8, 2024

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### Pastoral Council Members

Pam Marenger – President Diane Danhoff  
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Bob Berbohm – Evangelization Committee

### Finance Council Members

Gerald Miron Piper Desy  
Mary Kay Nolde Frank Chenier

### Sacrament of Marriage

Notice of six months is required

### REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS

The basic requirement for the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage is that you be a practicing Catholic. One parent must be a practicing Catholic to present a child for Baptism

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please notify the pastor during the pregnancy in order to schedule sacramental instruction, if necessary.

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

7:30 am – 7:50 am

before daily Mass or by appointment

### Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament is for anyone you know who has any continuing or serious illness or at point of death, or is having surgery and would like to celebrate this healing sacrament. Contact Fr. Sebastian at (906) 440-4193

Please remember our sick in your prayers.....

*Mike Gasperich, Joan, Jean Way, Shelly Polaczyk  
Clifford Marcella, Brenda Chouinard, John King  
Michael Theoret, Herb Iverson, Sue Boudreau*

Attention parishioners. We will start with our prayer list back in the weekly bulletin. If you have a family member or friends who are sick and in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 786-1209. This will be the new corner for the names. The Mass intentions are now listed in the weekly calendar.

# THE BIBLE STUDY

## The Gospel of Luke

### Genealogy of Jesus in Matthew and Luke

Jesus' genealogy is given in two places in Scripture: [Matthew 1](#) and [Luke 3:23-38](#). Matthew traces the genealogy from Abraham down to Jesus. Luke traces the genealogy from Jesus to Adam. However, there is good reason to believe that Matthew and Luke are in fact tracing entirely different genealogies. For example, Matthew gives Joseph's father as Jacob ([Matthew 1:16](#)), while Luke gives Joseph's father as Heli ([Luke 3:23](#)). Matthew traces the line through David's son Solomon ([Matthew 1:6](#)), while Luke traces the line through David's son Nathan ([Luke 3:31](#)). In fact, between David and Jesus, the only names the genealogies have in common are Shealtiel and Zerubbabel ([Matthew 1:12](#); [Luke 3:27](#)).

Some point to these differences as evidence of errors in the Bible. However, the Jews were meticulous record keepers, especially in regard to genealogies. It is inconceivable that Matthew and Luke could build two entirely contradictory genealogies of the same lineage. Again, from David through Jesus, the genealogies are completely different. Even the reference to Shealtiel and Zerubbabel likely refer to different individuals of the same names. Matthew gives Shealtiel's father as Jeconiah while Luke gives Shealtiel's father as Neri. It would be normal for a man named Shealtiel to name his son Zerubbabel in light of the famous individuals of those names (see the books of Ezra and Nehemiah).

One explanation, held by the church historian Eusebius, is that Matthew is tracing the primary, or biological, lineage while Luke is taking into account an occurrence of "levirate marriage." If a man died without having any

sons, it was tradition for the man's brother to marry the widow and have a son who would carry on the deceased man's name. According to Eusebius's theory, Melchi ([Luke 3:24](#)) and Matthan ([Matthew 1:15](#)) were married at different times to the same woman (tradition names her Estha). This would make Heli ([Luke 3:23](#)) and Jacob ([Matthew 1:15](#)) half-brothers. Heli then died without a son, and so his (half-) brother Jacob married Heli's widow, who gave birth to Joseph. This would make Joseph the "son of Heli" legally *and* the "son of Jacob" biologically. Thus, Matthew and Luke are both recording the same genealogy (Joseph's), but Luke follows the legal lineage while Matthew follows the biological.

Most conservative Bible scholars today take a different view, namely, that Luke is recording Mary's genealogy and Matthew is recording Joseph's. Matthew is following the line of Joseph (Jesus' legal father), through David's son Solomon, while Luke is following the line of Mary (Jesus' blood relative), through David's son Nathan. Since there was no specific Koine Greek word for "son-in-law," Joseph was called the "son of Heli" by marriage to Mary, Heli's daughter. Through either Mary's or Joseph's line, Jesus is a descendant of David and therefore eligible to be the Messiah. Tracing a genealogy through the mother's side is unusual, but so was the virgin birth. Luke's explanation is that Jesus was the son of Joseph, "so it was thought" ([Luke 3:23](#)).

**(We will continue).**

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY**

Mon.	Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For all of our Special Intentions 1:00 P.M. - St. Vincent dePaul Society meets 6:00 P.M. - Mass – For the people of our parish
Tues.	Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Our Lady of Loreto</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For a Special Intention
Wed.	Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Damasus I, Pope</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Shelly Kern Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs.	Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Harold Chenier 7:00 P.M. - Smear League
Fri.	Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – Oliver Chenier <b>6:30 P.M. - Penance Service</b> ----- Parish Office closed
Sat.	Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i></b> 3:00 P.M. - Confessions heard until 3:45 PM 4:00 P.M. - Mass –Peggy Verbrigghe
Sun.	Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Third Sunday of Advent</i></b> 8:00 A.M. - Mass – For the People of our Parish 10:00 AM - Mass - Richard & Rita Anderson

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**78 envelopes returned for Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Adult Offering.....	\$4,067.00
Loose.....	185.25
General Maintenance.....	205.00
Fuel.....	385.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,842.25</b>

<b>Budgeted weekly Income &amp; Expense...</b>	<b>\$4,509.61</b>
<b>Over.....</b>	<b>332.64</b>

Pasty Supply Donation.....	100.00
Christmas flowers.....	365.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society.....	70.00
U.P. Catholic Services appeal.....	1,525.00



*Through the waters of baptism* we welcome into our parish community **Banks Robert**, son of Jake & Jenna Eastin and **Laken Lou**, son of Austin & Caitlyn Wicklund. Both boys were baptized on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to the proud parents and god parents.

This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, thus the Solemnity is transferred to Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> which will be a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule will be 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM.

## SPIRIT LIFTERS

- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** - So much of what is great has sprung from the closeness of family ties.
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**- Belief in God is acceptance of the basic principles that the universe makes sense, that there is behind it an ultimate purpose.
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** - When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** - Every speaker has a mouth, An arrangement rather neat. Sometimes it's filled with wisdom, Sometimes it's filled with feet.
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** - God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Help me never to judge another until I have walked a day in his steps.

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

For more info contact Beverly Miller at 428-3610.

Holy Name is looking for a Lead cook (28 hours per week) and a Part time or Full time (with benefits) Custodian. Resumes can be emailed to [employment@holynamecrusaders.com](mailto:employment@holynamecrusaders.com)

Delta County Victims Service Unit presents a Special Holiday Event on Thursday Dec. 12 at 6 pm at Bay College Heirman Center Room 952. For those who are grieving a death loss, we invite you to come and be supported by hearing tips for surviving the holidays and special time of remembrance.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| <b>Monday</b><br>Gn 3:9-15,20<br>Eph 1:3-6,11-12<br>Lk 1:26-38 | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Is 40:1-11<br>Mt 18:12-14          |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>Is 40:25-31<br>Mt 11:28-30                 | <b>Thursday</b><br>Zec 2:14-17<br>Lk 1:26-38         |
| <b>Friday</b><br>Is 48:17-19<br>Mt 11:16-19                    | <b>Saturday</b><br>Sir 48:1-4,9-11<br>Mt 17:9a,10-13 |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18            |  |

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Our penance service is Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
All Saints, Gladstone – Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
St. Joe & St. Pat – Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

### St. Anthony/St. Thomas

#### Annual Dinner Bazaar 2024 – Sunday Dec. 8th

They will be serving Baked Ham, Pigs in a blanket, meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot veggies, coleslaw, serving from 11:00 am to 2:00 PM

St. Anthony's is also holding their **Annual Meat Pie Sale 10** Pies must be preordered by calling or texting Debbie at 399-4259. Pick up is Dec. 12 & 13 between 1-4 at St. Thomas Church.

#### *Pregnancy Services & Donut Connection Join Forces to Help Those Experiencing Unplanned Pregnancy!*

For the month of December, receive either **2 FREE Donuts** or **1 FREE Muffin** from *Donut Connection* when you donate a pack of 50 or more fragrance-free wipes, or 20 or more diapers sizes 3, 4, 5, or 6.

#### **U.P. Catholic Services Appeal**

**Our goal this year is 42,662.03. We need the participation of everyone to meet this goal. To date we have received \$30,615 from 92 pledges. Still short \$12,047.03. Please return your cards as soon as possible.**