



# Christmas Flower Memorials

## in honor or memory of our loved ones



Walter & Cecilia Anderson  
Russell, Anna & Wilma Apsey  
Bob & Jessie Bare  
Jim Barth  
Charles Beard  
Sherry Lynn Beitler  
Barbara Bey  
Edward Bey  
Rebecca Bey  
Adaline Bigelow  
Fr. Robert Bissot  
Robert Boelter  
James C. Boerner  
Frank & Dorothy Bonner  
Joyce Bracket  
Dr. Robert Brackett  
Dan Bruske  
Deceased Members of Cosenza & Klassa families  
Deceased Members of the Marciniak family  
Deceased Members of St. Raphael Sodality  
Sam Delia  
William & Emily Des Ormeau  
Albert Detloff  
Barbara Detloff  
Charlie & Jan Dettling  
Philip & Sharon Fisher  
Robert Fitzgerald  
Sy, Lorraine & Nancy Goebel  
Edward & Henrietta Gracy  
Carole Goff  
Ben Hussein  
Denise Huxtable  
Deceased Members of the Kramer Family  
Richard & Rose King  
Vicki King  
James & Georgia La Bell  
Ken LaVergne  
Omer & Liz LaVergne  
Dorothy Lemon  
Crystal Lowe  
Mack Family  
Jean Therese MacMaster  
John & Alice MacMaster  
Ed & Agnes Maher

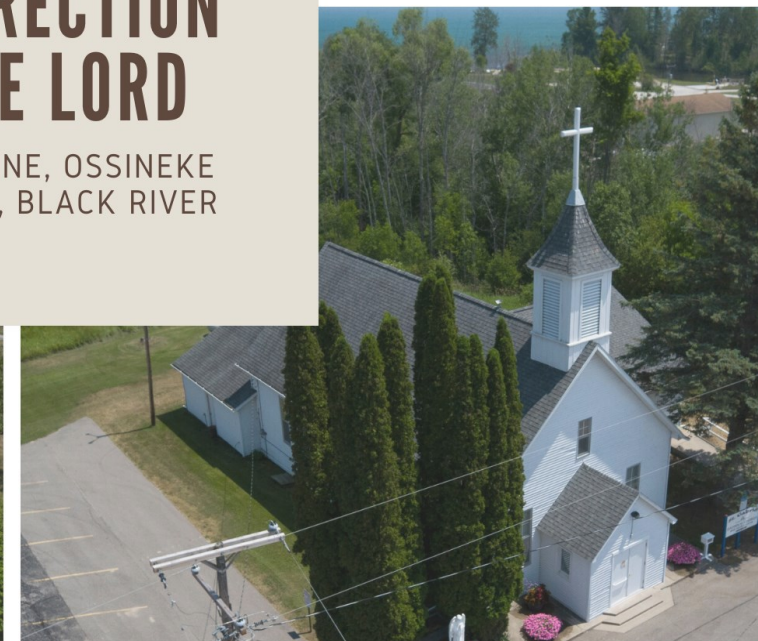
Thomas Maher  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Makarewicz  
Gerry Malenfant  
Leo & Molly Malenfant  
Mary Ann Miller  
LeRoy & Alice Mitchell  
Martin Mitchell  
Bernie & Carol Mousseau  
Marta Ostroznik  
Carol Paulson  
Aileen True & Mable Pinto  
Curt Pleiness  
Jean Preston  
Jean Margaret Rauch  
Fatura & Ruzinsky Families  
Didi Rigato  
Saranen Family  
Joe & Josephine Sefernack  
Ralph & Shirley Sommerfield  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Souva  
St. Catherine Parishioners  
Teddy J. Stern  
Kathy Stone  
Chester Sufnar  
Katherine Sufnar  
James Sufnar  
Josephine Sufnar  
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Joseph Zylo



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ST. ANNE, HARRISVILLE

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### SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — 25 DECEMBER 2020

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From the Priest's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Merry Christmas to you all!

I cannot believe that it is already my first Christmas at our parish. What blessing it has been to get to know so many of you in the past half a year.

At Christmas we celebrate the great article of our faith that the invisible God chose to become visible to us so that we would be able to touch him and know him personally. That same God still is visible to us in the Scriptures we read, in the Sacraments we celebrate, in the community of the Church.

One of the ways God is made manifest and visible in my daily life is through you all. Each one of you has something to share with this community. Each one of you by your faith helps to make God visible in the world today. This year at Christmas we are called all the more to be visible ‘stars’ shining Jesus’ light. As I was writing this, I stepped outside and could see the “Bethlehem star” which is the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn that may have been the bright star the Magi saw. It last appeared at night about 800 years ago. Jesus is the source of the light in our lives. He scatters the darkness. He gives us strength in our weakness. He is our life. This Christmas with our families and friends whether in person or virtual, be sure to brightly remind everyone of the visibility of our God. Maybe you could ask to lead a moment of prayer before opening the gifts. Or perhaps a short story of how you have seen God in your family and friends this year. Do not be afraid this Christmas season (Christmas goes until January 10<sup>th</sup> this year) to share the light of Christ with others.

This Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family. It is the Sunday that falls during the octave of Christmas (the eight days of celebration of Christmas day ending on January 1). This Sunday is a great day to remind ourselves of the gift of our families. Make a phone call. Make a card. Send a text. Reach out to your siblings, your parents, your children and thank them for being your family. We don’t necessarily choose our families. They are gifts received.

This Thursday and Friday we celebrate the Eighth day of Christmas (also known as New Year’s Day). Take a moment to come to Mass and pray for the beginning of this new year. Thank Mary, the Mother of God, for giving us her son, Jesus.

God bless,

Rev. Tyler A. Bischoff



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael

World Peace

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine

Donald Zielinski

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

John & Mary Zubalik

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,

St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

Monday, December 28, The Holy Innocents  
NO MASS

Tuesday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket  
NO MASS

Wednesday, December 30,  
NO MASS

Thursday, December 31, Mary, Mother of God  
6:30 pm Mass, St. Catherine

David Kieliszewski

Friday, January 1, Mary, Mother of God  
11:00 AM Mass, St. Anne  
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

Saturday, January 2,  
3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

Sunday, January 3, Epiphany of the Lord  
4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine

Herbert Vaughn

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Vicki King

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

Glenda Curran

The Parish offices will be closed Thursday, Dec 24th until Monday, Jan. 4th. If you have an emergency contact Fr. Tyler Bischoff at 471-2556.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).  
Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$53,605.75	\$64,848.75	\$13,877.50	\$18,509.50
Actual year-to-date	\$52,610.68	\$59,946.28	\$12,539.17	\$18,839.22
December 20	\$1,255.00	\$2,951.00	\$551.00	\$885.00
Other Collections:	\$310.00	\$460.00	\$675.00	\$105.00

Dear Padre

**Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn’t seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.**

As Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn’t come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you” (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God’s purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God’s path for them, even though they didn’t know where the path would take them.

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God’s purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God’s direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother” (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus’ new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God’s will.

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. Arthur Duchnowicz  
Monday—Rev. Wayne Dziekan  
Tuesday— Rev. Peter Eke  
Wednesday— Rev. James Fitzpatrick  
Thursday—Rev. Matthew Furguele  
Friday—Rev. James Gardiner  
Saturday—Pope Francis

Good News

Some of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today’s readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn.

Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should commit themselves: “compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another” (Colossians 3:12–13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector.

In a way, these are all “holy families.” Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people “God’s chosen ones” (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy.

**Prayer Tags:** St. Catherine and St. Anne parishioners, take a random tag off the tree and pray for the parishioner on the back of the card. St. Raphael parishioners, look for your name on the front of the tag and pray for the parishioner on the back of the tag.