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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 29, 2024

Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30am inside & 11:00am

Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

Confessions: Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—9pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email adorers@hspalmyra.com.

Baptism: To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email church@hspalmyra.com.

Sponsor Forms: Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

Bulletin Deadline: Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

Benevolence: For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 12noon—6pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

OUR MISSION

To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we are reminded of the beauty and sanctity of family life. The Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—invites us to live in love, humility, and faithfulness, trusting always in God’s providence. May their example inspire us to strengthen our own families and to be beacons of God’s love in the world.

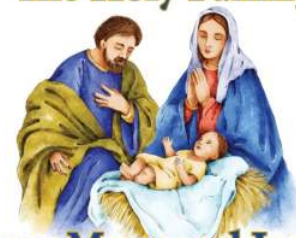
As we approach the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, we honor the woman who said “yes” to God with unwavering trust and became the Mother of our Savior. Mary, our loving Mother, continues to intercede for us, guiding us closer to her Son, Jesus. Let us begin this New Year with her maternal care, seeking her guidance and protection for the journey ahead.

With the New Year upon us, I pray that 2025 will be a time of renewal and abundant blessings for you and your loved ones. Let us start again in the New Year if we have stopped doing a good habit in the past. May God grant you peace, joy, and strength to face every challenge with faith and hope.

Let us walk together, as a parish family, in love and service to one another, growing ever closer to Christ. Wishing you a blessed Feast of the Holy Family, a joyful celebration of Mary, the Mother of God, and a Happy New Year!

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The Holy Family



Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

9:00am Mass

† Carl L. Williams, Jr.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

6:00pm Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass † Carol Solarek

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Office Closed

9:00am Mass

For the People of the Parish

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass For the Living Intentions of Carol Wray

6:40pm Confessions

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

9:00am Mass

† Edward Doherty

6:00pm Respect Life

7:00pm Sunday Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

7:00am Mass

† Joe Spear

7:00pm Hour of Reparation

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

4:00pm Mass

† Kristin Nauheimer

5:00pm Confessions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:30am Mass

For the People of the Parish

9:30am CGS-6th Grade PREP

11:00am Mass

† For the Deceased Members

of the Sprague & McLeod Families

6:00pm 7th & 8th Grade PREP

TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Sunday Offering 12/15/2024	\$ 11,141
Focused Giving Enhancements	\$ 205
Immaculate Conception	\$ 245
Retired Religious	\$ 560
Christmas	\$ 235

Last week’s offerings will be reported in the next week’s bulletin due to an early submission deadline to our publisher.



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Use your credit card or checking account to make your Sunday donations. Visit HolySpiritPalmyra.com and click on Online Giving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO PREP CLASSES TODAY FOR NEW YEAR'S BREAK.
CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 5, 2025.**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASSES ARE DECEMBER 31 AT
6PM AND JANUARY 1 AT 9AM & 6PM**

Charismatic Mass

On Tuesday, January 7, at 7pm there will be a Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing at St. Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge Street, New Cumberland. Rev. Dwight D. Schlaline, Pastor at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will say Mass. All are welcome. For more information, please call Vicki at 717-364-6260, or Mary Ann at 717-512-3628.

Security Update at Holy Spirit Church

After review of our property and a couple of incidents, it was decided that we would install additional security cameras at Holy Spirit. This was done to not only keep our parishioners, staff, and visitors safe but also to protect our property and belongings. These cameras are motion sensor only and not audio recording.

Tax Statement 2024

All parishioners who donated to Holy Spirit in 2024 and have a valid email address on file with us will receive their statement via email by January 31, 2025. Those who do not have an email will receive their statement via US mail.

Office Hours Changes for 2025

Our parish office hours will change and will take effect starting January 6, 2025. Mondays: 9:30am—4pm, Tuesdays: **remote only for emails and phone calls** from 8:30am—3:30pm, Wednesdays: 12noon—6pm, Thursdays: 8:30am—3:30pm, & Fridays: Closed.

Parish Library: Book of the Month



“Let the children come to me...” (Mt 19:14). Mass can be challenging for kids, but did you know our Parish Library has TONS of FREE religious coloring books to use? Crayons also available!

For more parish library information, please email Library@hspalmyra.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH MISSION!

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Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join in a Consecration to the Holy Family at Masses this weekend, December 28/29. We encourage families to attend and devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Prayer cards will be available prior to the Masses.

Holy Hour of Reparation

All are invited to our First Friday devotion on January 3 at 7pm in the Main Church. Spend some time with Jesus and offer up your prayers to His Sacred Heart to make reparation for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

5th Sunday Rosary

will be held after the 11am Mass today, December 29. All are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for this devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Catholic Calendar & Epiphany Home Cards

The 2025 Catholic Calendars have arrived and are located on the back table in the narthex. The Epiphany Home Blessing cards are also located on the back table in the narthex.

FROM OUR MIGRANT JUSTICE MINISTRY

The day before Thanksgiving, members of the Migrant Justice Ministry accompanied a young couple to an immigration attorney. It went well in some respects, but not with the ultimate result we all wanted. The Spanish speaking attorney spoke kindly and honestly as she listened to their histories. However, her opinion was that their cases are not strong enough to win asylum based on the current protected grounds. It is tough to think that out-of-control gangs “governing” a country and extreme poverty do not cover this hardworking couple. Our dinner later was with all the Thanksgiving trimmings and was a lively bilingual experience. We heard their firsthand account of hiking through the Darien Gap jungles into Panama with hundreds of others forging ahead for a better life, seeing families die from horrible situations, facing anacondas, and staying awake most nights so their few possessions wouldn't be stolen. Despite all these memories in their minds, they are still full of joy for being here with the reality of only 5 years ahead. We are thankful for them and the humble kindness they live. Please consider loving your neighbor as yourself and helping some of these immigrants. Matthew 25:35 - “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”

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