

# ST. BARTHOLOMEW

## DECEMBER 28, 2025



# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY,

## **FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- New Year's Day Mass (**Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**) is on 1/1/26 at **9:00 am**.
- No RE or daily Mass on 12/31. RE will start back up on **January 7**.
- An RE Ski Day is scheduled for **Fri. January 23rd** at Showdown. If you are interested, contact Fr. Cody.
- The fall session of the Church Fathers series has concluded. Notes for the series are available on the table at the entrance to the church and online on our website.
  - ◇ The series will return Wed. 1/28/26 at 11:30am.
- The Pre-Christmas Party has been postponed due to weather to become a New Years party! It is now scheduled for **Wednesday, January 14th at 6pm**. Food, games, crafts, and fellowship.
- The next Chosen Movie Night is on **Jan. 7th at 6:00 pm** at Stageline Theater. Come one, come all!
- Winter weather is here! I want to remind everyone of our email and text messaging service called Flocknote. If I need to cancel Mass due to weather, I will send out a text or email either the night before or on Sunday morning. If you would like to be on this list, please contact the office at [stjosephmt@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephmt@gmail.com).
- We have raised 28% of our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal with \$4900 more to go. Please consider making a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the ministries of the Diocese.

If you have anything to add to the announcements or bulletin please reach out to Father Cody.



## **PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Baptism:** Contact Parish Office

**Weddings:** Contact Parish Office *\*at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.\**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

December 28, 2025

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Resp. Psalm: 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5

Reading 2: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Confessions on Sunday from 8:30—8:50 am  
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am

Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

This year we approved a budget that requires a much higher amount of income than we have budgeted for many years. This increase in income was due largely to the increasing costs of basic needs like insurance premiums and the costs of running a parish. Each week I will include in the bulletin the amount of money we brought in through the offertory as well as the amount we are above or below our goal for that point in the year. The annual goal is \$51,000 with a weekly average need of \$1000.

#### **Weekly Collection totals:**

11/9/25—\$2685.00 including stoles and stipends of \$370.00

11/16/25—\$736.00

11/23/25—\$572.00

11/30/25—\$314.00

Thank you for your generous support of  
St. Bartholomew!

## VOCATIONS PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.*

### Seminarians

Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersbach, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 12/28/25	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 12/29/25	
Tues. 12/30/25	
Wed. 12/31/25	No daily Mass, Church Fathers series, or RE
Thurs. 1/1/25	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God: 9am</b>
Fri. 1/2/25	
Sat. 1/3/25	
Sun. 1/4/25	<b>Feast of the Epiphany</b> The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am



## **Basics of Catholicism Part 116—All-Male Priesthood**

### **Common Misconceptions:**

Men are better leaders.

Many people argue today that the reason for an all-male priesthood is that men are better leaders. Honestly, I know many women who would be better pastors than some men. I also know some men who would make better pastors than some women. Jesus didn't create an all-male priesthood with the belief that men are better leaders. The major problem that comes from this type of teaching is that it diminishes the role of women in the Church. Did you know that women can become Cardinals? Did you know that women can be administrators of parishes, lead religious communities, take on roles of leadership in the Vatican and much more? The Church is not against women in leadership or from women taking on roles in the Church. Quite the opposite. When men and women work together in leadership in their parish, then the parish flourishes. Too often we get caught in strife and disagreements leading to the frustration of an all-male priesthood. The church is working to evaluate and encourage ways to promote lay leadership and especially the roles of women in the church.

Celibacy in the priesthood was an economic decision from the Middle Ages.

Yes and no. Celibacy in the priesthood traces its origin to the first priests of the early church. Even some of the greats like St. Augustine had to give up his wife to become a bishop. Today, priests are paid significantly less than their Protestant counterparts. Usually priests are given a stipend for living expenses which is about 30-40% of Protestant Pastors. Most of the Catholic Churches today could not afford a full-time priest if they gave a living wage and especially a wage that could support a family. But this is not the point. Celibacy was encouraged by Jesus as sign for the coming of the Kingdom. Priests stand as a sign of hope for the coming of that Kingdom. Celibacy is a gift and a gift to the Church. Priests want an undivided heart when serving their people and the people want the same. We don't want to hear that our priests are unavailable to come visit because they have other family obligations or that they don't have time. We want the radical availability of priests which comes with celibacy.

Fr. Cody