

St. Mary of Victories & St. Stephen of Hungary Chapel

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Rev. Brian W. Harrison, O.S., Chaplain Confessions ½ hour before Mass
Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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December 27, 2015 – Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions this week:

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| Sunday: | 9:00 a.m. | For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Catherine, Emil, Michael & John Hoffmann (deceased), requested by Fred Hoffmann |
| Monday: | 5:00 a.m. | For the most forgotten souls in Purgatory, requested by Richard Erdel |
| Tuesday: | 5:00 a.m. | Linda Lucas (deceased), requested by her widower Richard Lucas |
| Wednesday: | 5:00 a.m. | For the intentions of Msgr. Joseph Herres |
| Thursday: | 5:00 a.m. | For the repose of the soul of Patricia Shepherd's mother |
| Friday: | 5:00 a.m. | Conversion of Crone family, requested by Robert & Rebecca Downs |
| | 11:00 a.m. | For the intentions of Bishop Peter J. Elliott |
| Saturday: | 5:00 a.m. | <i>(Celebrant's intentions)</i> |
| Sunday: | 9:00 a.m. | For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Richard Ramseyer (deceased), requested by Patricia Kachelmeyer |

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| Sunday Collection, December 20: | 9:00 a.m. | \$371.00 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | \$209.00 |

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| First Christmas Day Collection, December 25: | 9:00 a.m. | \$165.00 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | \$248.00 |

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| Special Christmas Collection: Kenrick-Glennon Seminary: | 9:00 a.m. | \$125.00 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | \$73.00 |

Readings for the Feast of the Holy Family (pp. 400-402): This is a surprisingly recent feast in the Church's calendar. Pope Leo XIII introduced it a little over a century ago for some dioceses; but it was only in 1921 that Benedict XV extended its celebration to the universal Church. Now, more than ever, there is a tremendous need to venerate and pray to the Holy Family, as we see so many divorces and families breaking up, more children growing up without the presence of their father, and the very definition of true marriage and family life being undermined by radical propaganda, which in turn influences legislatures and judges. The Gospel today (Luke, ch. 2) presents us with the only incident we know of from the boyhood of Jesus: the Son of God himself was *obedient* to human parents.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: On New Year's Day, **Friday January 1st**, the Church will fittingly begin the year 2016 by honoring Our Lady, the one through whom the work of our salvation began. This is a holy day of obligation. For New Year 'early birds', Fr. Harrison will offer Mass in the Traditional Latin Rite at **8:00 a.m.**, followed by our usual Friday Holy Hour (Eucharistic adoration) in the Holy Cross Chapel from 9:00 till 10:00 a.m., for those who can stay. Then there will be a sung *Novus Ordo* Latin Mass at **11:00 a.m.** (same format as our 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass). Don't forget to pray at our beautiful 150-year-old **crib scene** before or after Mass in the Christmas season! Next Sunday (Jan. 3rd) we will celebrate the beautiful **Feast of the Epiphany**, recalling the visit of the Magi to the Infant Jesus.

SMV Children's Book: The Hooper family has produced a beautiful coloring & prayer book, adorned with lovely photos of St. Mary of Victories and the Child Jesus from our church! Get several copies from Jim and Lisa for only **\$8.00** apiece. Great kids' gifts! *All proceeds to our church!*

Msgr. John McCarthy sends his sincere thanks to all who participated in the celebration at SMV last Sunday of his 60th anniversary of Priestly Ordination, and to those who gave gifts and extended their best wishes. Monsignor says he found these expressions of appreciation truly gratifying.

You're invited! . . . to Stan and Sue Metheny's Christmas 'open house' **today, December 27th**, after 4:00 p.m. at 130 N. Newstead, near the Cathedral Basilica. They'll provide meat, cheese and beverages. If you'd like to bring a potluck dish, it will be most welcome. Phone Stan at 314-330-2610.

Imádkozatok betegeinkért: Please pray for our sick parishioners, especially Jimmy Essex, Frank Borkin, Dante Prosperi, and others who are suffering pain as advancing years take their toll.

Year of Mercy: The Archdiocese is creating a series of videos to be released in different seasons during the Year of Mercy, which began on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The first one, "[Christmas Mercy](http://archstl.org/mercy)", is available at archstl.org/mercy. We encourage you to watch this video.

“Pray for Bishops Now” apostolate: There is always an urgent need in the Church to pray for our Catholic bishops, including of course the Holy Father. Visit www.prayforbishopsnow.com for more info.