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Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, make our family like unto Thine!

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Usually, Roman Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday between the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity on Dec. 25 (This is called "Christmas" because it is the Mass of Christ's birth.) and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on Jan. 1 (This is called "New Year's Day" because it is the beginning of a new chronological year, but the new liturgical year already began on the First Sunday of Advent.). However, since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on Dec. 30, a Friday. Although the Feast honors the first (human) family of Christianity from 2000 years ago, it was not celebrated distinctly until about 100 years ago.

Pope Benedict XV inserted the Feast into the Latin Rite General Calendar in 1921 because he saw the family being attacked from all sides. Industrial capitalism stole Sunday out from underneath the family by requiring men, women, and children to work long hours in unsafe conditions for subsisting wages. Communist socialism ripped children from their mother's wombs by abortion and replaced the stability of marriage with the bureaucratic structure of the State. Both forms of materialism, manifested in our own country today, attack the very human need for belonging to a family wherein a father and a mother together with their children work and rest in a rhythm that imitates God. Is it possible that Pope B15 heard a cry from families for guidance and help?

All Saints' Day Party

St. Francis of Assisi (Joel Steckler), St. Veronica (Tara Cabral) and St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, OFM, Conv. (Todd Scheller) enjoy the festivities of the Second Annual All Saints' Day Party on Sunday Oct. 30, 2011, in the Pole Barn/Classroom/Dining Hall at God's Country.

Thanks to Dr. J.R. and Rose Hoffman who donated a wood-burning stove, and thanks to Cris Goldbach for installing the stove pipe, we have a decent source of heat for activities during the winter months.



To learn how human families are supposed to work and rest together, we pilgrimage to an animal barn to adore God-with-us. Joseph and Mary's infant God lays on a bed of hay, cut by a gardener. To them, every family cries, "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, make our family like unto Thine!" God's PEACE!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Winter Schedule (Central Time):

- 9:30 Registration at Welcome Center
- 10:00 The Message of Fatima at Our Lady of Grace Grotto
- 10:15 Examination of Conscience at Ten Commandments
- 10:30 – 11:15 Confessions in Welcome Center
- 10:30 – 11:15 Stations of the Cross
- 11:30 Mass in Welcome Center
- 12:00 Angelus before Pitch-in Meal in Pole Barn
- 1:15 Rosary on Trail or in Welcome Center
- 2:15 Teaching on Prayer in Pole Barn
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet at Gardener's Hut

Afterwards, families are welcome to play and to cook out.

To arrange a visit or to request a group retreat,
contact the Welcome Center (812.357.2119).

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOD'S COUNTRY

Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m. – First Saturday Devotions

Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m. – 2nd Thursday Holy Hour at St. Boniface Grotto, Evansville, IN

Nov. 25, 5:00 p.m. – 4th Friday Free Family Flix For Fun Pitch-in Meal, followed by *The Scarlet & The Black*

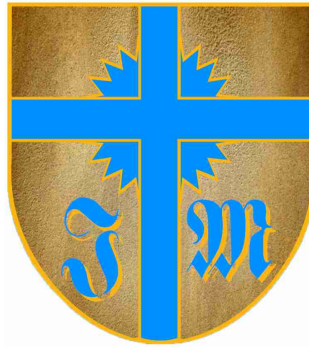
Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m. – Reparation Work Day.

Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m. – First Saturday Devotions

Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. – 2nd Thursday Holy Hour at St. Boniface Grotto, Evansville, IN

Dec. 23, 6:00 p.m. – 4th Friday Free Family Flix for Fun (*The Fourth Wise Man*)

Dec. 30, 3:00 p.m. – Solemnity of the Holy Family. >>>>>>>>>>



St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc.

The Mission of St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc., is the renewal of Catholic family life through the inspired and natural beauty of God's Country for those already pursuing a vocation as a domestic church, for youth discerning their vocation to service in communion, and for all of Christ's disciples who have a common vocation to holiness and to the mission of evangelizing the world.

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Special Events

On Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, look for a TV interview of Dr. Mark by Bill Potter on WJTS 18 in Jasper, IN about St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. Please tell your friends to tune in.

On Dec. 30, please join us for the Solemnity of the Holy Family. (On the Latin Rite General Calendar, it is a feast. However, since it is one of our patronal feasts, we are allowed to celebrate it as a solemnity.)

The schedule follows:

- 3:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy – Gardener's Hut or Welcome Center
- 3:30 The Sacred Liturgy (Mass) – Welcome Center
- 4:30 Pitch-in Meal – Pole Barn / Dining Room
- 5:30 The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary (Bring flashlights/lamps)
- 6:15 Christmas Caroling at Nativity Cave (Bring flashlights/lamps)
- 7:00 Hot Chocolate, Deserts, and Games– Pole Barn / Dining Room

Parishes in the Tell City Deanery and their Lord's Day Mass Schedule (version 8-27-11):

St. Augustine, Leopold

Rev. Brian Esarey, Pastor
4:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)
10:30 a.m. Sunday

Holy Cross, St. Croix

9:00 a.m. Sunday

St. Martin of Tours, Siberia

7:30 a.m. Sunday

St. Joseph, Crawford County

Rev. John L. Fink, Administrator
9:15 a.m. Sunday

St. Paul, Tell City

Very Rev. Dennis Duvelius, V.F., Pastor
5:30 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)
9:30 a.m. Sunday
11:30 a.m. Sunday

St. Mark, Perry County

5:30 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)
8:00 a.m. Sunday

St. Michael, Cannelton

Rev. Barnabas Gillespie, OSB, Pastor
8:00 a.m. Sunday

St. Pius V, Troy

10:30 a.m. Sunday

St. Isidore the Farmer, Perry County

Rev. Dr. Guy Mansini, OSB, Pastor
6:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)
9:30 a.m. Sunday

St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad

Rev. Anthony M. Vinson, OSB, Pastor
8:00 a.m. Sunday

St. Boniface, Fulda

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)



Testimony

My name is Justin. I'm the Youth Minister at St. Christopher Catholic Church in Radcliff, KY.

We brought our youth group here today (Oct. 22, 2011). I just want to say that God's Country is awesome. It's the first time that we have ever been here, and it's beautiful. The Stations, the Rosary Trail, the Waterfall - The Waterfalls weren't running, but we could see where they would be running - was just great.

I think all the kids enjoyed it. I think we are going to try to come back for a longer stay so that they can have some more time so we can do some fishin', and some more prayin'.

I especially liked the Old Rugged Cross at the end. I thought it was beautiful. The idea of everybody taking a nail, and if they have any worries or anxieties or whatever they need to get rid of, just to nail that right into the Cross. I just think that it was a beautiful way to end the day.

Your needs placed before God's Mercy!

We invite you to send us your prayer requests. A binder sets below the only publicly available Divine Mercy stained glass window in the US in the Gardener's Hut. God's Country is 32 of America's most blessed acres. **God answers prayers here.** We want the whole world to know it and to receive the blessings from a visit.



We need you!

Send us **your testimony** to include in the *Voice of the Gardener Newsletter*. E-mail your testimony and a photo to: sjhf@psci.net.

A donor has gifted us with a household of gently used furniture. We need a place to store it until we can get it to those in need in the Tell City Deanery, probably in the spring. Contact us if you can **donate storage** until April.

We need more **saint posters** to hang in the Pole Barn / Classroom / Dining Hall to create a retreat atmosphere.

More testimonies may be viewed on our updated website

<http://stjosephsholyfamily.org/>

Thanks, Erik Slow and Cris Goldbach!

Additional photos may be found at Katie Ginter's Gallery

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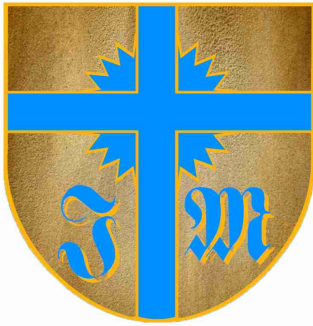
Thanks, Katie!

2nd Thursday Holy Hour

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you. I ask pardon of you for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love you. (Prayer taught to the Fatima children by the Angel of Peace in 1916.) Please join us for the St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. Holy Hour every 2nd Thursday at the St. Boniface Catholic Church Grotto in Evansville.

(Adoration on May 12, 2011)





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