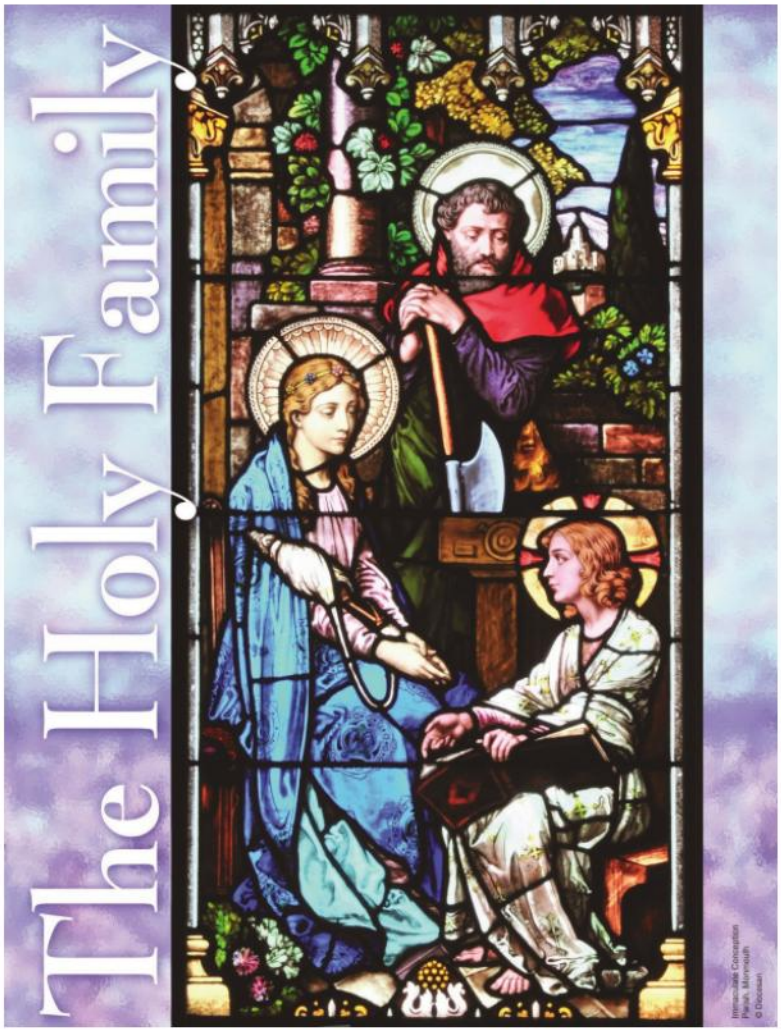
# St. Mary Hyde Park

St. Mary Hyde Park prepares its members for salvation by knowing, living and sharing Christ.

## December 31, 2017
### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph




### Mass Times
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm
**Sunday:** 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am
**Weekdays: Tues**: 7:30am & 6:45pm
**Thurs**: 7:30am **Wed & Fri**: 9:00am
**Sat**: 9:00am

### Reconciliation
**Saturday:** 3:00-3:45pm and by appt.

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## NEW to St. Mary?

**Welcome!** You can register from our website or through the church office. We will contact you to answer any questions. **We are glad you are here!**

## Sacraments

**Baptism** - Preparation class takes place on the First Thursday of the month. Sacrament takes place on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Call the church office to begin this process. Godparent letters require 10 business days to process. Please email: mshank@smshp.com. Thank you!

**First Eucharist & First Reconciliation -** St. Mary School and Parish Religious Education Program students prepare in their second grade year. Call the church office for more information.

**Confirmation** - Confirmation - St. Mary School and Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) students prepare in their seventh-grade year. Please contact Michele Carle-Bosch with questions. mbosch@smshp.com Adults, not yet confirmed, please call the church office for more information.

**Reconciliation** - Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm and by appt. Community Penance Services take place during Advent and Lent.

**Anointing of the Sick -** Call the church office

**Marriage -** Parishioners must contact the church office at least one year in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

## Please Pray For...

**Prayer Request Hotline** is **533-5500 ext. 5770.** For anyone in need of prayer, please call and leave your prayer request. Thank you.

**Parishioners Called to Military Service:** If you know of a parishioner who is called into, or presently serving in, our country's military forces **please notify the church office (321-1207.)** In serving honorably, they contribute to the good of the nation and the preservation of peace (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2310). Please keep the following in your prayers: Sam Anderson, Craig Blessing, Josue Vazquez, Tony DeFilippo, Louis Hamilton, Jr., Jake Keefe, Ewan MacDougall, Michael O'Connor, Andrew Quatkemeyer, Amy Rohs, Todd Seurkamp, Todd Smyth.

## Circle of Care

**Circle of Care** is available to offer you support in difficult times. Meal assistance, housework, transportation etc. Please don't hesitate to contact Emilie Kroner at kronerfamily@gmail.com or (513) 319-5028.

## Gift of Treasure - Thank You!

**December 24 & Christmas** Collections not available at time of print

**Projected weekly Collection.....$17,884.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Want to write fewer checks? Sign up for *Electronic Fund Transfer.* To enroll go to our web-site www.smchp.com and click on "Giving" found at the top of the main page. Questions? Call Jeff Rinear **321-1207 ext. 5502. *to increase your electronic giving:** Log in to smchp.weshareonline.org and click *Payments/Schedules/Click Edit next to Sunday offerings*

## Church Office Hours

M-F 9:00-Noon and 1:00-5:00pm

**Child Care** is available during 9:30am Mass in Robisch Hall.

**Parish and School Space Reservations**
Please reserve parish space with Connie: cerdmann@smshp.com or 321-1207

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, January 1**

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 am Sp. Int. of the Thomas Osborne Family

**Tuesday, January 2**

7:30 am Paul Kennedy

6:45 pm For the People of the Parish

**Wednesday, January 3**

9:00 am Paula Bosch-Fr. Ken Schartz & St. Mary Staff

**Thursday, January 4**

7:30 am Mary C. Cavellier-Family

**Friday, January 5**

9:00 am Carolyn & James McMahon-St. Mary School PTO

**Saturday, January 6**

9:00 am Anne Cusick-Konerman Family

4:00 pm Kathy Ralph-James Ralph

**Sunday, January 7**

8:00 am JoAnn McDermott-Terri & Michael Hinkley

9:30 am For the People of the Parish

11:30 am Cindy Braun-Terri & Michael Hinkley

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, January 1, New Years Day

† Mass, 9:00 am, Church

**Wednesday, January 3**

† School Resumes

**Thursday, January 4**

† Baptism Preparation Class, 7:00 pm, Seton Ctr. Marian Room

**Friday, January 5**

† Fathers Team, 6:45 am, Seton Center Marian Room

**Saturday, January 6**

† PTO Bid-n-Buy Trivia Party, 6:00 pm, Robisch Hall

**Sunday, January 7**

† Sports Mass, 9:30 am Mass, Sports Association Fellowship immediately follows in Robisch Hall

The church office will be closed Monday, December 25 - Tuesday, January 2, 2018. **We will re-open on Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00 am.**

## From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Just as the Holy Family put their faith and trust in God, we must always remember to place our lives in God's loving hands. When we do this, we will be amazed at the power of the grace of God in our lives.

It is a blessing to celebrate Mass and the Sacraments with all of you, our St. Mary family.

Fr Ken Schartz

**Next Sunday's Readings**

The Epiphany of the Lord– January 7, 2018

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

**The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
**Monday, January 1, 2018**
**9:00 am Mass**

## From St. Mary School Office

Happy Feast of the Holy Family!

We look forward to welcoming back students this Wednesday, January 3, 2018. God's Blessings to all families for a New Year full of Faith, HOPE, & Love.

**Mark Your Calendars for Catholic Schools Week Open House at St. Mary School...*Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 12:30-2:30 pm.***

We are accepting registration for our **Kindergarten Fall 2018** Class. If you would like a personal tour, please call the school office at 321-0703. Visit us at www.smshp.com to learn more and to view photos of SMS Life!

# Around St. Mary

## Adult Faith Formation Winter 2018 Series

**Mark Your Calendar**...*more details found on smchp.com*

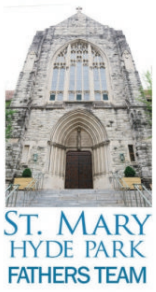
† **Women in Scripture**—An 8-week study beginning Thursday, January 11 from 10:00-11:30 am.

† **Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible**– An 8 week study beginning Monday, January 22 from 7:00- 8:30 pm

† **Lectio : Prayer** - A 5 week study beginning Tuesday January 16 from 10:00-11:30 am.

## FATHERS TEAM

**Men of St. Mary:** Come join 20+ other men to grow in faith, fatherhood and fellowship every Friday from **6:45 -7:30 am** in the Seton Center Marian Room.




***Make a resolution*** to begin the new year by attending a retreat **Jan. 5-7** at the **Jesuit Spiritual Center of Milford**. Reflect on the past, while contemplating the future. The retreat will focus on the lives of the saints, led by Fr. Bob Flack.

More info at: jesuitspiritualcenter.com or contact Trey Rouse at strcincy@hotmail.com.

## Dinner for Father

***Give us this day our daily bread***...

St. Mary Meal Ministry provides a healthy dinner to our Pastor, Fr. Ken Schartz. We are currently working on the schedule for 2018, providing dinners on ***Monday and Wednesday***. Please volunteer to share whatever dinner you are making for your family that evening and we know Fr. Ken will enjoy it as well.

Dinners can be dropped off at the Rectory any time before 5:00 pm. You may also provide a gift card to Father for a restaurant if you prefer not to cook.

Sign up online to bring a meal to Fr. Ken from the front page News section of www.smchp.com.

Pick any available date. You can sign up for multiple dates or just one. Any help would be greatly appreciated. You can also cancel or swap dates as your schedule changes.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact Connie Erdmann at 321-1207 x5511 or cerdman@smshp.com OR Ann Sebastian at sebastianfam@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Register to be a part of St. Mary Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8) from the front page News of **smchp.com** or Youth Ministry Page found under Groups & Events. ***Miss Ashley Gabriel*** leads our St. Mary Youth Ministry Program. For Youth Ministry business, you can reach Ashley at smcyouthminister@smshp.com

## STEWARDSHIP

### End of the Year - St Mary Donations

As good stewards we are committed to maintaining our beautiful church, great school and parish grounds. The year-end is a spiritual opportunity to give back to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us.

For ease, you can give a Christmas Donation online at https://smchp.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities or through our website at www.smchp.com , click on Ways to Give and click on Offerings via WeShare.

### Stock Donation

With the stock market at record highs, this just may be the best time to donate stock to St Mary. It may even save you taxes while gifting more to our beloved church.

#### Stock Donation Procedures

Please follow these new procedures to ensure that St. Mary, Hyde Park receives your stock transfers in a timely manner. Here are the specific location information and delivery instructions:

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| Company Name: | Fifth Third Bank |
| DTC Number: | 2116 |
| Account Number | 0104471751CG |
| Account Name: | St. Mary, Hyde Park |

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## Church Restoration Update

Restoration work planned in the coming weeks:

† Stained glass staff installs covers for clerestory (street side)

† Reinstall clerestory stained glass (street side)

† Extract 4 lower Nave windows (one side) and board up

† Reinstall clerestory stained glass (school side)

Back in the Virginia studio of Stained Glass by Shenandoah, the restoration of the balcony window is 50% completed.

## The Word in Your Heart: A Reflection on today's scripture written by a St. Mary Parishioner

### The Word In Your Heart - December 31, 2017
### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Luke 2:22. *When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.*

The Catholic Church has given us a wonderful sequel to the Feast of Christmas—the Feast of the Holy Family that we celebrate today.

In the Gospel passage we hear of Joseph and Mary taking Jesus to the temple. Simeon and Anna recognize Jesus immediately as salvation, glory, and light for all people. Mary and Joseph were amazed by these comments. Because they brought Jesus to the temple, the word of his presence quickly spread "to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem." As they left the temple they must have been thinking of all that had previously happened to them as well as what their future would hold.

It is remarkable that God would choose to place Salvation for all the world in the confines of an ordinary family trio. Mary and Joseph show us the wonderful treasure that is available in our own family life.

Within the families of St. Mary parish, young mothers and fathers have a sense of wonder and awe when they hold their newborn baby, just as Mary and Joseph did. When we offer our children to the church to be baptized we become part of the Body of Christ. Jesus is there with us. We can easily find God within the bonds of our relationships as our children grow and change. Our family life is meant to bring salvation to us.

As the year comes to a close it is good to reflect on our moments of sorrow and joy within our family. We can probably see that God was with us through it all. We can also look ahead to the exciting possibilities that lay in front of us. It is truly a time to be grateful for his presence in our lives.

— Terri Knappenberger

*A member of St. Mary Parish for 20 years,* ***Terri Knappenberger*** *lives in the Hyde Park with her husband Jim. Their three children attended St. Mary School. They feel blessed to be a part of the St. Mary Church Family.*

**The Word In Your Heart** welcomes new contributors. No writing experience required—celebrate God's presence in your life by sharing a reflection on the Word of the Lord! Contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com for info and guidelines.

## EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

### Canticle of Creation Community Kosmos

In the beginning (when) God created the heavens and earth (Gen. 1:1) and when God looked at everything he had made (and) he found it good (Gen. 1: 31). And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (John 1: 14).

*"Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us"*

Gaudium et Spes expresses a concern for the world, our community, our home – no matter how large or small: the heavens and the earth; the light and the darkness; the waters and the sky; the land and the sea; plants and planets; all living creatures, including finally us. For St. John tells us the world is what God loves – because all has been created by Him.

Did you know kosmos is the Greek word for "created world." In theology, kosmos is also used to refer to "worldly life" or "this world" or "this age" as opposed to the afterlife or world to come., and without the kosmos, we, the total we would not exist. Therefore we must, as Pope Francis beseeches "care for creation."

So how can we "care for creation." By being attentive to our individual impact on this "kosmos."

Interested? Want to know more? Call me, Margaret Shank 513-321-1207

## Is Your Marriage Hurting in Anyway?

Then please consider Retrouvaille (ret' ro-vi) -a program designed to help heal and renew marriages.

Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce.

- † The next program in Cincinnati is January 12-14, 2018.
- † For more information call (800) 470-2230 or Retrouvaille.org.
- † Other weekends and locations are Available -call for details or check the website.

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# Bringing Home the Word

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph | December 31, 2017**

## Love, Patience, Forgiveness, Gratitude

*By Mary Katharine Deeley*

**When we were married,** my husband and I gradually grew in our relationship. Four of the characteristics St. Paul mentions in today's reading from Colossians were particularly helpful for us: patience, forgiveness, love, and gratitude. They helped us overcome the challenges of building a life together, and each of our children gave us ample opportunity to practice them over and over again.

By God's grace and with hard work, we've been together more than thirty years. Sometimes I think, "How did we do it?" We did it together, and we did it with God, and I'm so grateful for my husband and for two wonderful daughters who come back home at Christmas and call just to say hello.

So it makes sense that we dedicate one Sunday to the Holy Family. We don't know a lot about Jesus' childhood, but today's Gospel tells us that, as unusual as the circumstances were, Mary and Joseph worked with each other and with God to do the right thing for Jesus. They followed the prescribed law, they listened carefully to the prophecies and rejoicing of Anna and Simeon, and they raised God's Son to adulthood—when he showed the world who he was.

Even after that, Mary was with him, loving and grieving for him even at the end. What parent would have done less? The Holy Family undoubtedly practiced love, patience, forgiveness, and gratitude with one another, even as the Lord taught us to do. We honor them by doing the same. +

***A day to honor a special family***

## Sunday Readings

**Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 or Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3**

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives.

**Colossians 3:12–21, Colossians 3:12–17, or Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19**

In word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Lk 2:22–40 or Lk 2:22, 39–40**

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

## A Word From Pope Francis

It is necessary to reaffirm the conviction that every family is the principal setting for the growth of each individual, since it is through the family that human beings become open to life and the natural need for relationships with others. Over and over again we see that family bonds are essential for the stability of relationships in society, for the work of education, and for integral human development, for they are inspired by love, responsible intergenerational solidarity and mutual trust.

—Address, Food and Agricultural Organization, June 20, 2013

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Does my family know how to encounter trying times gracefully?
- What attitudes or actions allowed the Holy Family to have peace amidst the crosses?

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# Honoring Our Parents

*By Kathy Coffey*

*"Honor your father and your mother…"* (Exodus 20:12).

**What nugget of wisdom** does the Fourth Commandment teach us? Today some parents and children are estranged; others wish their parents were alive to honor them. But the following story shows how delightfully some children still honor their parents.

Jan celebrated her sixtieth birthday with friends, far from her children living in five different states. "No gifts," she had told her kids. "All I need are memories of you." Then the postal service delivered a special box. Within it were sixty slips of paper on which Jan's children had written sixty special memories. She read and cherished each one, mixing laughter and tears.

Why honor our parents? In the world of the Bible and in good homes today, parents provide images of trust, hope, and serenity that enable the young to face formidable obstacles. To their children they convey the message, spoken or unspoken, "You are loved. You are wonderful."

All humans are constantly making the passage from the known to the unknown. Parents who have endured disappointment, even tragedy, can help their offspring travel that passage with dignity. "We've made mistakes," they say. "We've lost jobs, health, or our dearest loves. But it didn't kill us. Something in people endures, continues to trust, and moves forward in confidence."

## Related Roles

Furthermore, parents are memory keepers. When their children hit snags, they remind them what glorious people they are. And if humor, perspective, or care packages from home can lighten the load, they contribute those, too.

The wisest parents honor their children in turn. They count on their children's good sense to pilot them through difficulties, so they restrain the "free advice." They clarify the boundaries of their role: providing safe harbors, but holding the ropes loosely. They encourage children to explore God's beautiful world, not burdening them with unnecessary anxiety. They recognize the arenas where the young have more expertise, inviting them to shine there.

Many parents struggle with handing on their faith to a generation that seems unenthusiastic at best. There, too, honor comes in. Realizing that the gift of faith, no matter how important, cannot be coerced or controlled, parents can follow the advice of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Agonizing over her sons' shenanigans, she once said, "What's a mother to do but pray and dote, pray and dote?"

If the roles of parent and child seem too idealized, we need only look to Jesus and his mother for role models. (Unfortunately, Scripture records little of Jesus' relationship with Joseph.)

## Learning From Jesus and Mary

The wedding at Cana provides the perfect example of their honoring each other. Mary wisely tells Jesus of the need: "They have no wine." Then she backs off. She trusts his instincts to resolve the crisis.

Despite his reservations ("My hour has not yet come"), Jesus in turn honors his mother. Whether he was responding to her, or to the couple's dire need, we may never know. Despite the exhaustion and pain of his passion, Jesus continues to honor Mary, making sure even from the cross that his beloved disciple would continue to care for her (John 19:26-27).

In Jesus' day, women with no son or husband for protection often became desperate beggars. Knowing that sad reality, Jesus makes sure that John will take her into his own home. St. Ignatius imagined that the first appearance of Jesus after the Resurrection, although not recorded in Scripture, must surely have been to Mary.

As parents and children who follow Jesus, we are called to do likewise. +

Lord, Mary and Joseph helped you to grow in love and wisdom. Surround me with loving and caring people to help me to be a wise, loving, and caring person.

From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and
Mary Ann McSweeny

# WEEKDAY READINGS

*January 1–6*

Mon. Solemnity of Mary:
Nm 6:22–27 / Gal 4:4–7 / Lk 2:16–21

Tue. Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen: 1 Jn 2:22–28 / Jn 1:19–28

Wed. Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 2:29—3:6 / Jn 1:29–34

Thu. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:
1 Jn 3:7–10 / Jn 1:35–42

Fri. St. John Neumann:
1 Jn 3:11–21 / Jn 1:43–51

Sat. Christmas Weekday: 1 Jn 5:5–13 / Mk 1:7–11 or Lk 3:23–38 or Lk 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38

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**December 31, 2017**

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## Who Should Come

- An adult child who is concerned about an aging parent.
- A spouse feeling overwhelmed with the responsibilities of caring for a mate
- A friend who feels responsible for checking on an ailing individual who may have no family
- A sibling who visits a brother or sister on a regular basis
- Anyone who feels responsible for the care and welfare of another individual

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Meeting is co-sponsored by Deupree House and the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities, funded in part by the Council on Aging

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# Mass in Celebration of the 51st World Day of Peace on the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2018

**Cincinnati: Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains**
**(Corner of 8th and Plum Streets, Downtown Cincinnati)**
**11:00 a.m.**
**Celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr**

A reception with light refreshments will follow the Mass at the Cathedral.

**Dayton: Ascension Parish**
**(2025 Woodman Drive, Kettering)**
**10:00 a.m.**
**Celebrated by Bishop Joseph Binzer**

The Holy Father designates each New Year's Day as a special opportunity for the universal Church to pray for a year of greater peace, respect for life and social justice. This year's theme is "Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace." Join us as we pray for all those fleeing their homelands from war and hunger, discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation. We will pray too for the resolve to not view migrants as a threat but as an opportunity to build peace.

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Offices of Catholic Social Action, Worship and Mission.
For more information, contact the Catholic Social Action Office at (513) 421-3131, ext. 2660 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org in Cincinnati; (937) 224-3026 or plong@catholiccincinnati.org in Dayton.

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## Weekly Marriage Tip

Which of the Ten Commandments is hardest for you (or your spouse) to keep? Do you know your beloved well enough to predict their answer? Of course there's always the Great Commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Your spouse is your closest neighbor.

www.susanvogt.net

## Weekly Parenting Pointer

When your child makes a mistake, fails at something, or simply has some bad luck, teach him/her the skill of recovery." This is more valuable in life than just being lucky. Recovery means you figure out how to make amends and what to do to prevent the problem in the future.

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December 31 - Feast of the Holy Family

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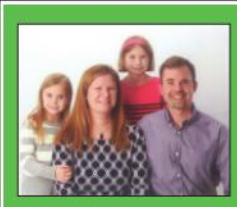

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