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Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph
St. Mary's Catholic Church Wasco



HOLY FAMILY: MODEL FOR THE MODERN FAMILIES TO IMITATE

Our celebrations are not ending on Christmas Day. For the Church, Christmas continues, and immediately after Christmas day, we celebrate the feast of the Holy family because Christmas is a family feast and God comes to us in the family. Today, every family can look up to the Holy family as the model family. The first reading of the day is taken from the book of Genesis (15:1-6, 21:1-3) wherein we see Abraham being blessed by the Lord for obedience to God. This reading should increase our trust in God. Abraham simply believed that his ancestries would be like the sand of the sea and the stars of the sky, God would multiply his descendants. He was advanced in his age. As was his wife, Sarah. But they believed in God undoubtedly. Their lives should become an example for all of us at this particular time when we are faced by war and uneasiness around us.

The Gospel of the day is from Luke (2:22-40), which describes the Jewish tradition of purification after a child's birth. Being the feast of the Holy Family, we shall reflect on the lifestyles of Joseph and Mary.

Couple in Communion with the Lord: The ordinary life of Joseph began with the struggle for his daily bread. He set up his carpentry and worked day in and day out. Mary also worked without sparing herself in order to keep her house in good condition and to help Joseph. She turned the millstone and carried water. She washed, cooked, swept, and sewed. But she did everything with her motherly love. Although Mary and Joseph were busy with their daily chores, both of them found time to be with the Lord. I am sure we are all busy with our daily activities. Do we find time to be with the Lord as this couple was? With numerous tasks of the day, they never failed to be in communion with God. Their work and prayers went side by side.

Forgiving Couples: This Holy family was the poorest, most modest, most silent family in that miserable village of Nazareth. In Nazareth, there was a group of people who came around Joseph and Mary's family and looked up to them as a model family. But there was another group who sneered at them. They tried to annoy and lay snares for them. They gathered around Joseph with gossip and calumny and urged him to retaliate, even to speak about the pregnancy of Mary. But Joseph, a strong descendant of David, would always just shake his head, looking at Mary and Jesus. If the argument became heated, Mary's eyes could brim with tears of pity, and Jesus with rightful authority would intervene and cut the discussion short, "...we must forgive! Forgive, not once but seventy times seven." Many of our existing family issues can be exterminated or eased if our married couples have the mind and heart of Joseph and Mary.

Couple Spent Time Together: Holy family was not spared from the problems and difficulties of day-to-day life. But their love, prayers, devotion, and commitment in life and work kept them united. They, in the midst of troubles, smiled at those who looked at them despairingly and prayed for them. We can mold our family thusly. Children and youth have shared with me that they are not getting sufficient attention, love, and concern from their parents. They would wish to be born again as some electronic gadgets (cell phones, laptops, etc.) because nowadays many parents, after their day of work, spent too much of their time with gadgets instead of with the family. Jesus, who is divine, the son of God made flesh, when He grew, began helping His Father Joseph and Mother Mary according to His own capacity. Jesus at the age of twelve attracted everyone by His concentration in prayer and meditations on the Scriptures. The questions He asked, the remarks and comments with which He illustrated His narratives astonished everyone. The baby Jesus of Bethlehem invites every one of us today to be like Him, always obedient to the parents and to live life as He lived and showed to us. He was always interested in doing the will of His Father. In our present-day society, if the children are obedient and respectful of their parents and the parents attentive to our children, we can also make our families after the example of the Holy Family.

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:
MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

Mustang boys lose to Pirates 57-50



Landon Mitchell takes the ball up court vs Riverside. -Photo by Tylynn Cimmiyotti



Caden George going up for a shot against Riverside. -Photo by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team lost their last two games before the Christmas break. The Mustangs were defeated by the Riverside Pirates 57-50 and then lost to the Dufur Rangers by the score of 58-48. The Mustangs have an overall record of 6-4 on this season so far. The Mustangs next action will be on December 27, 28 and 29th at the 2A East-West Preview Tournament which will be held at the Pendleton Convention Center. The Mustangs will take on the Kennedy Trojans on Wednesday, the Knappa Loggers on Thursday, and the Vernonia Loggers on Friday. All Heppner boy's games are scheduled for 4:30 in the afternoon.

In the game with the third ranked 3A Riverside Pirates, the Mustangs trailed the entire game after their brief 5-4 lead early in the first quarter. The Pirates took a 16-13 lead into the second quarter and then extended that lead to 31-22 at the half. The Mustangs trailed by as many as 14 points in the third. They then cut into that lead and trailed 44-38 as the buzzer sounded ending the third quarter. The Mustangs worked hard at closing the gap in the fourth quarter and pulled within two points of the Pirates at 52-50 with two minutes to play in the game. Heppner couldn't get any closer than that and they lost by the score of 57-50.

Landon Mitchell led the team in scoring with 14 points. He also had 5 rebounds and 2 assists in the game. Caden George was next with 12 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists for the team. Scoring 9 points and hauling down 8 rebounds was Thomas Bales. Mason Orem had a good all-around game with 8 points, 5 rebounds, 2 blocks, 2 assists and a steal for the Mustangs. Marty Medina

was next with 6 points and 3 rebounds while Keaton Coiner scored 2 points and recorded 2 rebounds.

In the JV boys game, Heppner defeated the Pirates 32-29. Caylan Proudfoot led the team with 9 points and Logan Turner had 8. Alakae Rodriguez scored 6 and Keaton Coiner tallied 5 points. With 2 points each were Caleb George and Tripp Stewart.

The Mustangs traveled to Dufur and just couldn't get anything to go their way. They trailed early in the game and were playing catch up throughout the entire contest. Dufur led 17-7 at the end of the first quarter and 32-19 at halftime. Heppner trailed at one point in the third quarter by 19 points. The Mustangs cut that lead to 9 points midway through the fourth quarter but just couldn't get any closer and lost the game by the score of 58-48.

Mitchell once again led the team in scoring with 15. He also had 4 rebounds, 1 block and had a steal in the game. Caden George recorded 10 points, 3 rebounds and dished out 3 assists. Cameron Proudfoot filled up the start sheet with 9 points, 6 rebounds and had 3 assists. Mason Orem scored 7 points, had 6 rebounds and 3 assists for the Mustangs. Thomas Bales had 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 blocked shot and a steal. Scoring 2 points and having 3 rebounds in the game was Keaton Coiner.

The Heppner JV boys team got another win as they defeated Dufur by the score of 49-34. Leading the way in scoring was Caylan Proudfoot with 17 points. Alakae Rodriguez was next with 8 and with 6 points each were Caleb George and Logan Turner. Tripp Stewart chipped in 5 points, Jackson Coiner had 4 and with 3 points was Keaton Coiner.

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Bingo at Rebekah Lodge

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be starting the New Year with a bang, only on New Year's Eve. They will be holding their regular dinner and BINGO with some changes for this month only. The Lodge is asking everyone to bring an appetizer of their choice to share for this In exchange for this, there will be no charge for the meal this month. The cost

for BINGO will remain the same at 50 cents a card or \$5 per packet of 10 cards. Sometime during BINGO, a drawing of those playing will be held for a free 10-game packet of BINGO cards each month (except May which is Memorial Day weekend). This family-friendly afternoon begins at 3 pm on December 31 at the Odd Fellow Hall on Main Street in Lexington.

DG driver takes a wrong turn



A cargo truck for Dollar General traveling up Chase St. -Contributed Photo

In an unfortunate turn of events, a cargo truck for Dollar General found itself on the wrong path during its route. The driver, for reasons yet to be determined, took the misguided decision to venture up Chase Street in Heppner. However, as luck would have it, a vig-

ilant community member intervened just in the nick of time, preventing the truck from reaching the cemetery. Realizing their mistake, the driver had no other option but to reverse the entire length of Chase Street.

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Lunch & Dinner
Specials 12/28 - 1/03

- *Thursday - Kielbasa and jojos \$9
- *Friday - chicken noodle soup and salad \$9
- *Saturday - Pulled pork sliders & Gouda bites \$9
- *Sunday - opening at 3pm. Tomato Soup and grilled ham and cheese \$9. White elephant gift exchange at 8:30 pm. DJ at 9:00 pm.
- *Monday - Sweet n sour chicken, fried rice, egg roll \$9
- *Tuesday - BBQ Beef sandwich with chips \$9
- Tuesday night 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos**
- *Wednesday - 1/2 biscuits & gravy, 2 sausage pattys, & 2 eggs \$9 or \$7 for seniors

MORROW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS TRANSFER STATIONS
CLOSING EARLY
Both Morrow County Transfer Stations will be closing early December 24th & 31st.

Sunday 12/24/2023 9AM-2PM
Sunday 12/31/2023 9AM-2PM

SOUTH-END STATION: HWY 74 HEPPNER/LEXINGTON HWY, LEXINGTON
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THE MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS A VACANCY

Interested Morrow County residents may submit an application for consideration. The deadline for applications has been extended to January 18, 2024. Applications should be submitted to community@mocohtd.org.

Applicants may reach out to the Chief Executive Officer, Emily Roberts, with any questions at 541-676-2915 or community@mocohtd.org.

