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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 8:00 am

Saturday at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 am

3rd Sunday at St. Mary of
the Rock at 11 am

Holy Days

Check the Bulletin for Mass Times

FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month after

Daily Mass until 7pm

Main body of Holy Family Church

ADORATION

Monday-Friday 9am-9pm

St. Anne's Chapel located by
the East side entrance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact **Beth Geis** to arrange a Baptism

SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday ~

7:15am-7:45am

Saturdays ~ 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Sundays ~ 7am-8am

& 9am-10am

A Franciscan Parish for 159 years! ~ August 24, 2025 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



“Lord, will only a few people be saved?” (Luke 13:23)

Was the person who asked Jesus this question trying to get some kind of statistic? Such a percentage of people will get to heaven, and the rest won't? What was that person interested in when he approached Jesus with that question? Well, at any rate, at least he was concerned with what happens after death, and he knew that it was not a matter of course that he or anyone else would enjoy eternal happiness.

People in earlier centuries were profoundly concerned about the question of eternal salvation, and rightly so. Has the interest in the subject faded for many people, even Catholics, these days? Have many of us even stopped asking ourselves, “What am I doing with my life? What will become of me after I die?”

Well, as usual, Jesus makes no direct reply to the person's question. The point is not whether that person or anyone else knows how many people will enter the Kingdom. It is far more important that each of us does what we can to reach the goal ourselves.

Jesus is clear that the door to the Kingdom is wide open. All – absolutely all – are invited. But this does not mean that all will automatically go through the gate. The road to eternal life is difficult and the gate in is narrow. Jesus addresses each of us personally this week and reminds us that the most important thing we can do in our lives, throughout our lives, is to seek the Kingdom of God, and not take our eternal happiness for granted. Every day, several times a day, we are invited to follow Jesus into the Kingdom by taking our discipleship and its demands seriously. Every kind word, every moment of self-control and restraint from sinful temptations, every prayer of thanksgiving and praise, every unselfish act, is a step along the path.

It is never too early to think seriously about our life – and our death. But Jesus warns us that one day it WILL be too late. If we find that we have stepped off the path, it's time to get back on it and start heading again toward the Kingdom. The Lord will help us along the way; He wants us with Him in paradise. Don't we want that too?

Congratulations, Jaylyn Caeli!

Jaylyn Caeli, the daughter of Jarron and Jozie Koenemann, was baptized on Saturday, August 16. Congratulations, Jaylyn and family! Let's all welcome our sister in Christ to the household of God. Alleluia!

Parish Council Elections

A reminder to eligible members of the parish who might be interested in running for parish council to contact Fr. John by August 31. We've put copies of last week's bulletin insert at the entrances if you missed it and want more information.

~ Fr. John

PARISH EVENTS

Holy Family **PARISH FESTIVAL NEEDS**

Festival Day - October 5th

Festival Chairs - FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please call your workers & return your worker list in the Parish Office sooner than later. With the way Fall Break hits this year we need to make sure to get our workers locked in.

Please reach out to the parish office if you are in need of some names to work in your booth.

ATTENTION Festival Workers

Festival Booth Chairpeople have their lists. They will be reaching out & confirming that you are still available to help us on our Festival day. **WANT** to volunteer and haven't had the opportunity yet, please call Cheryl Borgman at 812-934-3015 and join the fun



The **SILENT AUCTION** needs items for the Church Festival. We are looking for Experience packages, like a Bengals game or other sports event, unique items, antiques, hand crafted furniture, vacation packages, kid's items, or other day get-aways.

Please contact GERALYN LITZINGER at 812-212-5698 to arrange pick up or if you have questions. We appreciate any item that you think will help raise money for our church!

GET THE WORD OUT!!

Flyers can be found in the center vestibule for advertising. Grab one or two and post in a business you frequent, on FB or any social platform for your friends & family to see & save the date to join us for a fun day of festivities & food!

CRAFT BOOTH ITEMS

We are looking for some handmade crafted items for the Craft Booth! Items can be homemade décor, signs, wreaths, ornaments, jewelry, etc. Please contact Cheryl in the parish office you have items you would like to donate to this booth. Thank you!

PRODUCE BOOTH ITEMS

Please help us fill our shelves! During harvesting & canning, set aside some items to share for the produce booth to sell. Canned goods, such as jellies, jams, pickles or maybe a favorite recipe you put in a jar make great items. Potatoes, corn, apples, pumpkins, flowers, plants...etc. are appreciated, too.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Misa en Español - Spanish Mass at St. Louis Church

Misa en español cada domingo a las 5:00pm, confesiones a las 4:00pm. Sundays at 5:00pm, confessions at 4:00pm.

Under the Spires AA Meeting August 24 & 31 (Every Sunday)

Join our OPEN group from 7pm-8pm in the Fr. Rudolf Room, underneath the rectory at Holy Family Church, for support.

Batesville Celebrate Recovery August 27 (Every Thursday)

6:30pm-8:30pm (doors open at 6pm) at Ignite Church (Batesville). Join our Christ-centered recovery program to help overcome life's hurts, habits & hang-ups. Whether addiction, anxiety, depression or any life issue, we provide a safe, confidential & welcoming environment for healing & growth.

Catholic Back-to-the-Land Conference - August 29-31

Faith/Farming/Homesteading activities /workshops/Food/Bonfires/Kids activities/Overnight Motor home/tent areas/**Sponsorship Welcomed!** Priests available for Conversation, Confessions, Divine Office, Rosary, Stations of the Cross. Scan the QR code or register at: <https://www.edelweisshouse.org>. General inquiries: Pat@edelweisshouse.org or 812-527-2228



St. Catherine of Siena 87th ENOCHSBURG CHURCH PICNIC

Sun., August 31 from 11am-5pm Fireside Inn Fried Chicken or Roast Beef Dinners served 11-4, Carry Outs available all day. Games for children & adults, raffles, Beer Garden, Country Store and more! 9995 E. Base Rd., Greensburg IN License # 002472

St. Peter's LABOR DAY FESTIVAL - September 1st

10:45am-3pm - Dine-in or Carryout Chicken Dinners, snack bar, games for children & adults, raffles, Beer Garden, Country Store and more! St. Peter's Brookville, IN License #002598-162566

St. Anthony's LABOR DAY PICNIC & CHICKEN DINNER

September 1st - 11am-6pm - \$25,000 Grand Raffle, Music, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Games for All Ages & Beer Garden. Chicken Dinners & More. Indoor, Outdoor Seating, Carryout and Drive Thru. Call 812-934-6218 for more info or for raffle tickets! License #: 002382

Ladies Traditional Silent Retreat at St. Teresa of Avila

Retreat Center at Edelweiss - September 4-7

Email: Teresa @edelweisshouse.org Register on website: edelweisshouse.org For more info: 812-527-2228

RETROUVAILLE - Begins with a weekend on September 5-7

HOPE for couples going through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the this program, call 513-486-6222 or scan the QR code.

Used Book & Etc. Sale September 12 & 13 9am - 5pm

at the Library Annex 108 N Elm St. Hardcover and Paperback books, CD's, DVD's, and More! Everything is priced at \$1! Cash, check, or Venmo only! We are accepting donations of gently-used books, tapes, CDs, DVDs, etc. at the library

DUOMENTE Chamber Music Series Beethoven Immortal:

A Sonata Marathon - September 13th - 7pm Enjoy Meng Yuan on Piano & Dan Qiao on Violin as they perform "Development", Sonatas No.5, No.8 & No.10, at Holy Family Church

St. Louis Parish FESTIVAL - September 20-21

Sat.: 5-11 p.m. - Live music, pulled pork, pull tabs, cash raffle.

Sun. 10am - 5pm - Chicken and roast beef dinners, country store, basket booth, plant stand, Eureka band, free admission. Information: 812-934-3204, mwachsmann@st.louissschool.org License # 002512

EWTN Trip to shrine & studio - Sept 28-29 or Oct. 1-2

\$400. More info contact St. Joseph's Shop at 812-932-1286 or Marian at 513-616-0575

DUOMENTE Chamber Music Series Beethoven Immortal:

A Sonata Marathon - November 18th - 7pm

Enjoy Meng Yuan on Piano & Dan Qiao on Violin as they perform "Recapitulation" - Sonatas No.6 & No. 7 at Holy Family Church



Knights of St. John International
St. Joseph Commandery No. 220 Oldenburg, Indiana

COOKOUT

The Village Store

Friday, August 29th

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 30th

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Featuring

**Grilled Ribeye Steak
Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches**

Your support of our events funds our charitable works for our primary charity, Tri-County Council for Special People, Inc., and many other local and regional charities and organizations.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - THIS WEEKEND

In the Bride's room after ALL Masses.

Daughters of Isabella Meeting

September 2nd at 7pm @ Knights of Columbus Hall

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23

5:30 pm Living & † Deceased
Members of the John & Alice
(Yager) Nobbe Family

Sunday, August 24

8:00 am † Bill Klein
10:00 am Members of the Parish

Monday, August 25

8:00 am † William Burst

Tuesday, August 26

8:00 am † Robert & Romilda Pulskamp

Wednesday, August 27

8:00 am † Jerry Lamping

Thursday, August 28

8:00 am † Shirley Obermeyer

Friday, August 29

8:00 am † Becky Lipps

Saturday, August 30

5:30 pm † Bill Kerker

Sunday, August 31

8:00 am † Karen Rupp
10:00 am Members of the Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

Larry Holtel
Helen Lewis
Ted Dickman
Mary Daily
L.C.
Avery Krause
Peggi Shipman
Amanda Scott
Becky Gorball
Mike Moll
Joe Moll
Patrick Schene
Diane Raver
Ben Batta
Rita Batta
Rory Biltz
Tim Wurtz

Logan Nicholas Doll
Melanie Jones
Dave Amberger
Doty Amberger
Tina Cohill
Connie
Alisa Doll
Terry Duncan
Rick Flodder
Marvin Gehring
Lisa Haessig
Jean Ham
Dennis Harmeyer
Becky Horstman
Dale Kuntz
Eugene Laker
Beth Lamping
Jim Lamping Jr.
Todd Leising
Gary Lewis

Rita Litzinger
Carlos Luken
Carolyn Meyer
Sandy Meyer
Shane Neal
Bobby Patterson
Gary Payne
Tami Peters
Corey Peters
Jeanne Phillips
Bill Pierce
Clare Ronnebaum
Ruth Ronnebaum
Donn Salladay
Carolyn Scheele
Wilfrid Scheele
Leah Schornick
Pat Schrank
Ellen Siebert
Alma Simmermeyer

Paul Strassel
Carol Strassel
Steve Suding
Terri Jo Thompson
Wesley Neil Thompson
Jen Tucker
Dan Wagner
Mattie Wagner
Tom Wilson
Donald Niehoff
and all our nursing
home & homebound
parishioners.
August 24, 2025



Did You Know? Having kids can increase the happiness and sense of well-being that adults experience. The Institute for Family Studies looked at data from the 2021 American Time Use Survey and found that “in general, activities *with* children score highest on well-being. For instance, 56% of activity time receives the highest meaningfulness rating when children are present, whereas only 37% of time spent with other individuals does. Similarly, respondents are more likely to assign the highest happiness rating to time spent on activities with their kids (44%) than without (25%).” Batesville has a pregnancy hotline whose mission is to help mothers in difficult situations. If you need help or know a mother needing help, please call 812-934-5116, go to www.batesvillecph.org, search for Batesville Pregnancy Hotline on Facebook, or through Facebook Messenger.

OFFERING AN ACT OF WORSHIP

August 17th SUNDAY Collection

Envelope Collection.....\$7,234.00
Loose.....\$1,465.00
Total.....\$8,699.00
Budget.....\$7,923.08
ABOVE Budget.....\$775.92
Assumption Collection.....\$2,784.00

Special Parish **AUGUST** Collection:

AIR CONDITIONING

Tired of writing checks?

Donate monthly via ACH.
Forms located in the back of church. Contact our Business Manager for more details.



A little way to help our Religious Ed program: Remember to **SAVE** those Aluminum Cans! **Aluminum Cans ONLY**. Please deposit **bagged cans** in the Wire Bins located on the South side of the Church Parking lot. Thank you!



GRIEF SHARE®

GRIESHARE.ORG

Begins September 16 | Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm | Library of the parish office

GriefShare is a 13-week FREE support group that helps us understand the difficult emotions of grief. The group provides solid support each step of the way. Open to ALL that are grieving. To register, use the QR code here or call the parish office. More info - visit GriefShare.org or grab a flyer from one of the church entrances.



Caring Committee & Secular Franciscans join forces & could use help.

Holy Family Caring Committee is excited to announce that we are partnering with the Holy Family Secular Franciscans to provide meals for parishioners with a temporary need. If you are willing to help with favorite recipes, meal preparation and/or delivery, please contact Teri Rieman, OFS at 513-967-8561 or teri_rieman@comcast.net. Many hands make light work!

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one are seriously ill or preparing to have surgery, please contact Fr. John Barker @ 812-934-3013 opt.1 or Fr. EJ Stein @ 812-934-3013 opt. 6. We will be VERY happy to come visit & celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing with you personally.



NEED A PLACE FOR A FAMILY GATHERING OR SPECIAL EVENT?

Holy Family Cafeteria and/or Gym OR
St. Mary of the Rock Hall & Shelter

Call or Email Cheryl Borgman at 812-934-3013 opt.2
or holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com

INTERESTED IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES...



Contact Toni Cummings at tdcummings96@gmail.com or 812-934-3046 if interested in joining one of our liturgical ministries (Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Lectors, Ushers & Greeters). We will find time to discuss responsibilities of ministry & schedule you at your preferred Mass!


COME & SPEND MORE TIME IN THE PRESENCE of the LORD, our SAVIOR



Monday – Friday ~ 9am-9pm in St. Anne's Chapel.
***SEEKING AN ADORER* to fill the 3pm hour on Friday.**

If you would like to **FILL** an hour or sub when needed, PLEASE contact Dustin Walke at walkedustin@gmail.com or 317-691-5209 to join our GroupMe Chat. You will receive & be able to send text messages for needed times.

First Friday of the Month



Adoration & Benediction

September 5

Begins after 8 am Mass in Main Body of Holy Family
Benediction at 7pm



Sorrowful Mother Procession

September 14

after 10am Mass

Join us in this historic tradition of processing to the Shrine for prayers & Benediction. The Knights of St. John will be grilling out following Benediction. Bus transportation will be available for those who may need assistance. (Weather permitting)

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Interested in Ministry Help?

If you have any interest in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or helping with any other ministry, please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office.

USHERS for September 5:30pm: Paul Brockman, Doug Haskamp & Martin Brockman
8:00am: Bill Hoff, Roger Collins & Eric Heppner
10:00am: Mike Baumer, Paul Waechter & Charles Lampfert

USHERS for October 5:30pm: Marvin Wissel, Charles Lampfert & Rick Obermeyer
8:00am: Louis Giesting, Wilbur Giesting & Henry Giesting
10:00am: Dale Nobbe, Bill Starost & Jacob Starost

USHERS for November 5:30pm: Brad Nobbe, Eric Sunderhaus & Ed Scheele
8:00am: Brad Laker, Bob Schrank & Matt Schrank
10:00am: Brian Lecher, Mike Meyer & Ron Obermeyer

August 23 & 24

Servers:

5:30pm Lauren Lecher & Kenzi Froehling
8:00am Leo Spreckelson & Annie Harmeyer
10:00am Maddie Dole & Heidi Werner

Lector:

5:30pm Paul Brockman
8:00am Gary Laker
10:00am Wendy Havens

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Tom Meyer, Deann Kaiser, Maureen Grote, Eric Sunderhaus & Mabel Sunderhaus
8:00am Dennis Moeller, Theresa Boyce, Henry Spreckelson, Eric Heppner & Karen Trenkamp
10:00am Dave Rieman, Teri Rieman, Tina Duncan, Beth Geis & AJ Strassell

Music:

5:30pm Leon Enneking & Kim Brockman
8:00am Jayne Enneking
10:00am Bryce & Shannon Mullins

August 30 & August 31

Servers:

5:30pm Annabelle Eckstein & Annie Patterson
8:00am Blaise Mullens & Kiersten Kreuzman
10:00am Jordan Brelage & Nolan Wanstrath

Lector:

5:30pm Steve Kerker
8:00am Eric Doll
10:00am Marty Werner

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Elaine Hawkes, Jay Pfeiffer, Connie Chaffee, Winston Lecher & Eddie Obermeyer
8:00am Christy Honnert, Deanna Raver, Cathy Kaiser, Jon Spreckelson & Dorothy Ziegler
10:00am Wendy Havens, Jenny Ilderton, Kay Pulskamp, Charlotte Trossman & Melissa Jacobs

Music:

5:30pm Matt Trossman
8:00am Matt Trossman
10:00am Leon Enneking & Kim Brockman

September 6 & 7

Servers:

5:30pm Makynze Borgman & Aubrey Kruthaupt
8:00am Luke Raver & Jonah Trossman
10:00am Emma Robben & Asher Suddath

Lector:

5:30pm Mary Gehring
8:00am Connie Luers
10:00am Jan Westerfeld

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Will Patterson, Michael Irvin, Toni Lecher, Dan Eckstein & Carla Enzinger
8:00am Monica Livers, Eddie Obermeyer, Kate Walke, Jeff Paul & Angie Harmeyer
10:00am Allen Raab, Ryan Tekulve, Kris Baumer, Carol Dobson & Beth Deputy

Music:

5:30pm Matt Trossman
8:00am Matt Trossman
10:00am Leon Enneking & Kim Brockman

September 13 & 14

Servers:

5:30pm Gresyon Farmer & Easton Enzinger
8:00am Abby Balash & Maddie Balash
10:00am Gus Robben & Audrey Stirn

Lector:

5:30pm Kristina Schneider
8:00am Teresa Merkel
10:00am Jaculin Wilhelm

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Eric Sunderhaus, Mabel Sunderhaus, Michael Irvin, Maureen Grote & Tom Meyer
8:00am Eric Heppner, Dennis Moeller, Karen Trenkamp, Theresa Boyce & Henry Spreckelson
10:00am Brandy Starost, Jacob Starost, Barb Luff, Whitney Prickel & Nick Prickel

Music:

5:30pm Leon Enneking & Kim Brockman
8:00am Jayne Enneking
10:00am Bryce & Shannon Mullins

Religious Education/Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Please remember to register your children for Religious Education.



Religious Education class will **start Wed., September 3rd at 6:30pm** with an Opening Mass and a Meet & Greet of teachers. Classes will begin regularly on Wed., September 10th.

HELP NEEDED! Seeking a **MALE** teacher to **HELP** teach our 8th grade boy class this year. We have a teacher for 8th grade, but could use another person in the classroom. There are more boys this year than we have had in the past. If interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Beth Geis

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next Formation class is **THIS Wed., Aug. 27th** from 6:30-7:30PM in the **Fr. Rudolf Room**. Any questions, contact Fr. E.J. Stein.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic and want to learn more about our OCIA program at Holy Family, please contact Beth Geis for more information.



FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK



The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth

ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, youth pastors, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive resource also features the voices of young Christians with lived experiences of mental health challenges in the films that accompany each session. The course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness within faith communities, increase positive attitudes towards help-seeking and mental health care, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing.

YOUTH GROUPS



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP starts **THIS Sunday, August 24th** from 4:30-6:30pm at the Youth Center at St. Louis. Come for a discussion and Minute to Win It Games!

First MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS (6th-8th Grade) is **Friday, September 5th** from 3pm-5pm.

First MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY is **Monday, August 25th** from 3pm-5pm.

BAPTISM If you are ready to have your child baptized, please contact Beth Geis & she will send you the information you need. If you are in need of a Baptismal Certificate from either Holy Family, St. Mary of the Rock or St. Anne, please contact Beth Geis.



Explore Graduate Theology at Saint Meinrad

In-person Oct 11 OR online Nov 19 at 7:30pm. Laity & deacons are invited to an Open House for the Graduate Theology Program of Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology. Discover how our Master of Arts & certificate programs in theology can deepen your understanding of the faith & support your call to ministry or discipleship. Visit saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.



Young Mother's Group A women's group focused on building a flourishing & supportive community that helps one another grow in faith, hope & trust in motherhood, and also aim to build & foster connection within the parish. For more details text, call, or e-mail Tina Paul. Phone: 812-212-2538 Email: hello.paulfamily@gmail.com or scan the QR code to join the Facebook group!



Young Mothers' New Baby Meal Train

As many mothers of a new child know, those first few weeks bring excitement, challenges, and adjustments to family life. Let's support those mothers & families who have recently had a baby with the gift of a meal train! If you are interested in being on the meal train list to deliver a meal to a family that had a new baby or you recently had/will be having a baby and would like to receive meals, please contact Kara Janssen by **cell (812-212-3207) or email (kjanssen0517@gmail.com)**.

Calling ALL MEN who'd like to enjoy a cup of coffee & discuss the role of our Catholic faith in our everyday lives.

Join us TUESDAYS after morning Mass in the Fr. Rudolf room for some friendly conversation with your parish brothers.

No commitment, come & go as you please. Coffee is provided. **Contact Dustin Walke at 317-691-5209 with questions.**



YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Men's Group Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. The group welcomes young men who single or married with or without young children. Call, text, or email Stephen Janssen to sign up or for more details. **Phone: 317-502-9524 Email: smjanssen08@gmail.com**