

A Franciscan Parish for 159 years! ~ October 5, 2025 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 8:00 am

Wednesday at 6am & 8am

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.

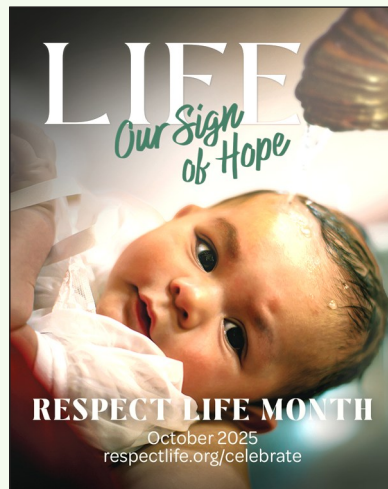
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday ~

7:15am-7:45am

Saturdays ~ 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Sundays ~ 7am-8am
& 9am-10am



Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world (Evangelium vitae 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of

God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

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PARISH EVENTS

2025 HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

October 5th 11am to 3pm
Delicious Chicken & Roast Beef Dinners,
Our Famous Turtle Soup, Pet Blessings,
Raffles, Adult & Kids Games and MORE!

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St. Mary's of the Rock Preservation Society

Annual Turkey Dinner

Sunday, October 12, 2025

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

CARRY OUT ONLY

COST: \$15.00 / meal

MEALS INCLUDE:

TURKEY, SWEET POTATOES, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, DRESSING,
GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW & DESSERT

*BEEF, CASH, & GENERAL RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Country Store

CARING Committee Meeting

October 6th at 6pm in the Fr. Rudolf Room

Daughter's of Isabella Meeting

October 6th at 7pm at the Hall of the Knights of
Columbus. New members always welcome!



OLDENBURG ACADEMY

OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 5, 2025
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us for our Open House on
Sunday, October 5 from 1-3pm. Tour our
campus with current students, meet teachers,
and see what makes the OA experience unique.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU!

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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 Sept. 28, October 5, 12, 19 & 26 (Every Sunday). Join our OPEN group from 7pm-8pm in the Fr. Rudolf Room, underneath the rectory at Holy Family Church.

Batesville Celebrate Recovery October 9, 16, 23, & 30

(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.

Rosary COAST to COAST - October 5 at 3pm in the Liberty

Park Gazebo - Batesville Join a multitude of prayer warriors across the nation for the coast to coast Rosary Rally!

The Divine Mercy Chaplet begins at 3pm, followed by songs & prayers for our country. Rosary Coast to Coast begins at 4pm. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a lawn chair.



CALLING ALL SINGERS - Christmas Cantata Info

Practices will be on **Sundays at 1:30pm starting October 5th** at Finks Church in Osgood, IN. Come to as many practices as you are able. "Come Let Us Adore" is December 7 @ 3pm at Finks Church in Osgood. CD & music for practice will be given at the first practice. Any Questions contact Sharon Miller at 812-871-3401

Men's Traditional Silent Retreat at St. Teresa of

Avila Retreat Center at Edelweiss - October 9-12

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

Family Fun Night for Haiti - Silent Auction, Soup

Supper & Entertainment October 25th 5-10pm

St. Anthony's Schad Hall, Morris.

St. Charles HARVEST DINNER & RAFFLE

November 1 3-7pm - Milan, IN

BLOOD DRIVE at St. Anthony of Padua's Schad Hall

November 6 from 12pm-2:15pm AND 3:30pm-5:45pm

Ladies Retreat at St. Teresa of Avila Retreat Center

at Edelweiss - November 6-9 Email: Teresa

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

Oldenburg Academy's Lucky Buck Raffle

This raffle is a yearlong raffle beginning October 3, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Each buyer will have 66 chances to win cash. Tickets sell for \$20 (3 for \$50) with drawings taking place every Friday for \$100, the last day of the month for \$500 and December 8 for \$1,000 and August 15, 2026 for \$1,000. All proceeds help fund programs for OA students. Each winning ticket is returned to the drawing barrel for another chance to win! Info: call the OA Advancement Office at 812-933-0737. License #002071 - 163632

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 4

5:30 pm † Therese 'Tess' Zins

Sunday, October 5

8:00 am Members of the Parish

10:00 am † Wilbur 'Doc' & Marge Flodder

Monday, October 6

8:00 am † Ron Raver

Tuesday, October 7

8:00 am † Alma Laker

Wednesday, October 8

8:00 am † Janey Obermeyer

Thursday, October 9

8:00 am † Gerald 'Jerry' Scheele

Friday, October 10

8:00 am † Martin & Jeanette Bedel

Saturday, October 11

5:30 pm † Robert & Mary Jane Kerker

Sunday, October 12

8:00 am Members of the Parish

10:00 am † Joseph & Seraphine Ferkinhoff Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tim Buckley
Charlie Peters
Peggy Peters
Melissa Williamson
Helen Lewis
Ted Dickman
Mary Daily
L.C.
Avery Krause
Peggi Shipman
Amanda Scott
Becky Gorball
Mike Moll
Joe Moll
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
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.

October 5, 2025



2025 Capital Improvement Projects/Expenses

Project	Cost Est.	Current Exp.	Description
Confessional Reconstruction	\$ (4,285.41)	\$ (4,285.41)	COMPLETED
3 Stage carts and Roller	\$ (2,800.00)	\$ (2,800.00)	COMPLETED
Flooring replaced in vestibule right & left entrances	\$ (7,757.55)	\$ (7,757.55)	COMPLETED
Replace Molding on Sorrowful Mother Shrine	\$ (7,786.54)	\$ (7,786.54)	COMPLETED
Grout tucked on bricks of Church and School buildings	\$ (55,000.00)	\$ -	Starting mid October
Parking Lot Resurface	\$ (8,650.00)	\$ (8,650.00)	COMPLETED
Bedroom & Bathroom Remodel in Friary	\$ (6,773.69)	\$ 6,773.69	COMPLETED
Total 2025 Projects	\$ (93,053.19)	\$ (24,505.81)	
YTD Donations	\$ 56,558.44		
Total Deficit for 2025 Projects	\$ (36,494.75)		

OFFERING AN ACT OF WORSHIP

September 28th SUNDAY Collection

Envelope Collection.....\$6,791.00
Loose.....\$1,385.85
Total.....\$8,176.85
Budget.....\$7,692.31
ABOVE Budget.....\$484.54
September Collection.....\$1,413.00

Special Parish SEPTEMBER Collection: BUILDING MAINTENANCE

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



The Batesville Food Pantry is preparing Holiday food boxes for families in need

this November and December. HOLY FAMILY PARISH is assigned **180 CRUNCHY ONION TOPPING** to collect. Please bring your donations by **October 26**. If you'd prefer to give financially, mail donations to P.O. Box 383, Batesville, IN 47006 or donate online at www.batesvillefoodpantry.org. Thank you for helping make the holidays brighter for our neighbors!

Did You Know? Abortion harms women. In a new topic-blind study published in the

Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics & Gynecology, 35% of women with a history of abortion attempted suicide. Women who lost their babies due to miscarriage or problematic pregnancies had a roughly 30% rate of suicide attempts. Women who were coerced into abortions had the highest rate of suicide attempts at 46%. The lowest rate of suicide attempts, 13%, was found among women who had successful deliveries and no history of abortion, miscarriage, or problems within the pregnancies 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.

- ◆ **Respect Life Sunday Mass** at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis at 10:00 AM on Oct 5.
- ◆ **Life Chain Events** will also take place throughout central and southern Indiana on Oct 5. They are peaceful public witnesses of individuals standing for 60-90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. In Greensburg, this will take place from 2-3 PM on downtown square. Park in lot at corner of Franklin and Main. Contact Patricia Louagie at 812-614-2528 for more information.



2nd Weekend of the Month Offering - October 11 & 12

Children are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item for the Batesville Food Pantry as their weekly offering. Items will be taken up at offertory time by them & placed in a basket.



Bulletin Ad DEADLINE

Any information for the bulletin must be submitted by 9am Monday morning.

St. Mary's of the Rock Campus OCTOBER MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 19th at 11am

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 discuss ministry
responsibilities & Mass preference!

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

Monday – Friday
9am-9pm in St. Anne's Chapel.



SEEKING ADORERS to fill
the 2pm hour on Monday &/
or 7pm hour on Thursday.

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.



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.

The Sisters of St. Francis
are hiring for the
following positions:
LPN and MA.

If interested, please apply

at www.oldenburgfranciscans.org



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

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

USHERS for December 5:30pm: Brad Nobbe, Louis Scheele & Tim Ryker
8:00am: Rick Hoff, Tom Honnert & Jason Honnert
10:00am: John Baumer, Troy Ilderton & Ken Pfeiffer

October 4 & 5

Servers:

5:30pm Annabelle Eckstein & Annie Patterson
8:00am Annie Harmeyer & Leo Spreckelson
10:00am Jordan Brelage & Emma Robben

Lector:

5:30pm Mary Gehring
8:00am Angie Harmeyer
10:00am Julia Heidlage

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Winston Lecher, Karen Nailor, Toni Lecher, Landon Oldham & Maureen Grote
8:00am Monica Livers, Kate Walke, Jeff Paul, Eric Heppner & Dennis Moeller
10:00am Melissa Jacobs, Kay Pulskamp, Carol Dobson, Allen Raab & Ryan Tekulve

Music:

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

October 11 & 12

Servers:

5:30pm Lorelei Enzinger & Makynze Borgman
8:00am Abby Balash & Maddie Balash
10:00am Nolan Wanstrath & Grant Wanstrath

Lector:

5:30pm Steve Kerker
8:00am Shannon Munchel
10:00am Carol Dobson

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Tom Meyer, Karen Patterson, Michael Irvin, Eric Sunderhaus & Mabel Sunderhaus
8:00am Kris Baumer, Teresa Merkel, Karen Trenkamp, Theresa Boyce & Henry Spreckelson
10:00am Brandy Starost, Jacob Starost, Barb Luff, Whitney Prickel & Beth Deputy

Music:

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

October 18 & 19

Servers:

5:30pm Lorelei Enzinger & Aubrey Kruthaupt
8:00am Blaise Mullens & Kiersten Kreuzman
10:00am Audrey Stirn & Asher Suddath
11:00am DuBois brothers (SMR)

Lector:

5:30pm Kristina Schneider
8:00am Dan Kerker
10:00am Wendy Havens

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Will Patterson, Deann Kaiser, Lisa Oldham, Elaine Hawkes & Jay Pfeiffer
8:00am Jon Spreckelson, Christy Honnert, Dorothy Ziegler, Cathy Kaiser & Deanna Raver
10:00am Julia Heidlage, Dave Rieman, Teri Rieman, Beth Geis & Nick Prickel

Music:

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

October 25 & 26

Servers:

5:30pm Easton Enzinger, & George Jelinek
8:00am Luke Raver & Jonah Trossman
10:00am Heidi Werner & Maddie Dole

Lector:

5:30pm Halle Meyer
8:00am Deborah Carter
10:00am Marty Werner

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Connie Chaffee, Eddie Obermeyer, Toni Lecher, Dan Eckstein & Maureen Grote
8:00am Monica Livers, Kate Walke, Charlotte Trossman, Angie Harmeyer & Eric Heppner
10:00am Beth Geis, Paige Gindling, John Gerstbauer, Wendy Havens & Jenny Ilderton

Music:

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

Religious Education/Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education class is **Wed., October 8th at 6:30pm-7:30pm**. Students will meet in classrooms. *NO Religious Education on October 15th due to Fall Break.*



Preschool/Kindergarten Class
Sun., October 26th from 9:45am-11am.
NO Preschool Religious Education on October 5th, 12th or 19th due to Fall Festivities.

First Communion Parent Meeting is **THIS October 8th at 6:30pm** in the cafeteria.

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.



YOUTH GROUPS



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP is **Sunday, October 12th** from 4:30-6:30pm at the St. Louis' Youth Center. Come join us for a Meditative Rosary and a Nerf Gun War!

TRIFORCE MISSION TEAM MEETING:
Sunday, October 26th from 6:30pm at the St. Louis' Youth Center. All 8th-12th graders are welcome to join us!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (6th-8th Grade) is **Friday, November 7th** from 3pm-5pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY is **Monday, October 20th** from 3pm-5pm.

If you are a member of Batesville Community Schools and would like a ride to Middle School Youth Group or Bible Study, please contact Beth Geis.

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.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next Formation class is **Wed., Oct. 8th** from 6:30-7:30PM in the *Rectory Library*. Any questions, contact Fr.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Opus Joyous Show weaves a wonderful story of spiritual adventure rich in Catholic symbolism and clear and effective explanations of faith, virtue, and the challenges of responding to Christ's call to heroic battle with evil. Making special appearances throughout the show are The Virgin Mary, Joseph, The Angel Gabriel, and Jesus appearing as the main characters travel through time collecting relics from the life of Christ in their quest to save the world from the storybook pirate villain Captain Barnacle and his shady plan for utter darkness upon the entire world!



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

On Saturday, September 27th, Holy Family, St. Louis & St. Catherine of Siena had a Confirmation Retreat with NET Ministries. It was a great day discussing the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thank you to NET Ministries for hosting the retreat & Fr. Terrance Chartier, FI for Mass, Exposition & Benediction. You guys did a great job! Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as we prepare for the day on April 11th, 2026!

