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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

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of Baptism. For in Baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear. We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are

undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death.

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death." Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."

Saturday Mass Time Change

Most of you will remember that last year we asked the parish if we wanted to change the time of our Saturday evening Mass. The results were split, but based on feedback from many parishioners, we decided to move the Mass from 5:30 to 4:30 this winter and see how things stand on the other side. So, beginning November 8, Saturday Mass will be at 4:30, with confessions at 3:30. We will check back in the spring to see if we want to keep it at this time all year, or move it back to 5:30 during Daylight Saving Time. **Mark your calendars: beginning November 8, Saturday Mass will be at 4:30, confessions at 3:30.**



Parish Council Elections

We will have elections for parish council at all the Masses on the weekend of October 25-26. You will find in this bulletin pictures and bios of our eight excellent candidates. Please prayerfully consider who you think will best serve the parish on council for the next three years.



PARISH EVENTS

Welcome New Members

♦ James & Polly (Back) Kruthaupt

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

Daughter's of Isabella REMINDER!

Have you registered for Fall Conference yet? Contact Wendy Havens to register.

Mission Club Card Party

October 15th at 1pm in the Fr. Rudolf Room

Secular Franciscan Meeting

October 19th at 2pm in Heppner Hall @ the Rectory



The Larry Holtel family would like to sincerely thank Fr. John for his visits to Dad and for his heartfelt homily at the funeral mass. It was a wonderful celebration of Dad's life. Thanks also to the

bereavement committee for preparing and serving the luncheon after the funeral, and to all who contributed dishes that day. But most of all, thanks especially for the prayers and support from friends and family throughout those difficult days. It meant a lot to all of us.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Under the Spires AA Meeting Sept. October 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 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.

Family Fun Night for Haiti - Silent Auction, Soup Supper & Entertainment October 25th 5-10pm

St. Anthony's Schad Hall, Morris.

Knights of Columbus Council #1042 Charity Dinner & Dance October 25th 5:30pm 1308 W. Main St. - Greensburg, IN

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

HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXPO November 8th - 8am - 2pm

St. Mary School - Greensburg, IN For more info or interested in being a vendor email holidayexpo@st.marysgreensburg.com

DUOMENTE Chamber Music Series Beethoven

Immortal: A Sonata Marathon - November 8th - 7pm Meng Yuan on Piano & Dan Qiao on Violin as they perform "Recapitulation" - Sonatas No. 6 & No.7 at Holy Family Church

Mens Advent Retreat at St. Teresa of Avila Retreat

Center at Edelweiss - December 4-7 Email: Teresa

@edelweisshouse.org Register on website: edelweisshouse.org

For more info: 812-527-2228



TRICK or TREAT with the Sisters

When: Tuesday, October 28th from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Where: St. Clare Hall

All children 10 & under welcome!

Must be accompanied by a parent.

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

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 13

8:00 am † Judy Raver Doll

Tuesday, October 14

8:00 am † Deceased Members of the
John & Marie Lamping Family

Wednesday, October 15

8:00 am † Elmer Frank &
Anna Mae 'Vogel' Raver

Thursday, October 16

8:00 am † Marjorie Fischer

Friday, October 17

8:00 am † Ronald Moorman

Saturday, October 18

5:30 pm † Joey Lee

Sunday, October 19

8:00 am † Norbert Scheidler
10:00 am Members of the Parish
11:00 am † Nathan Schwegman (SMR)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Robert Amberger
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 12, 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

October 5th SUNDAY Collection

Envelope Collection.....\$7,878.00
Loose.....\$2,150.22
Total.....\$10,028.22
Budget.....\$7,692.31
ABOVE Budget.....\$2,335.91

**Special Parish OCTOBER Collection:
Church Fire Alarm Expense**

Did You Know? In vitro fertilization (IVF) is not pro-life. In the IVF process, multiple humans are created, but only some are implanted. The remaining humans are frozen or discarded. In some cases more than one embryo is planted in the woman's uterus, which can result in a multiple pregnancy. As the Mayo Clinic states, "A surgery called fetal reduction can be used to help a person deliver fewer babies." "Fetal reduction" is a selective abortion.

Eugenics can also play a role – based on genetic testing of the embryos, humans with anomalies such as Down syndrome may be discarded. 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.



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!



Do you have unused, broken or old religious artifacts, such as statues, medals, rosaries..., that you need to dispose of from your home? Drop them off in the sacristy or the rectory & they will be disposed of appropriately.

A Natural Family Planning class is held the 1st Sunday of the month from 9a.m. to 12 Noon in Batesville.

This class is taught in one session. The Sympto-Thermal method is 98% effective, natural, & safe. There is a \$40 fee for books & materials. For reservations or info call/text Aly (812)212-4951 or Michael (812)212-2719.



2nd Weekend of the Month Offering - THIS WEEKEND

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 ADORER* to fill
the 2pm hour on Monday**

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 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 Stim & 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

November 1 & 2

Servers:

5:30pm Greyson Farmer & Kenzi Froehling
8:00am Annie Harmeyer & Leo Spreckelson
10:00am Gus Robben & Adelynn Kruthaupt

Lector:

5:30pm Paul Brockman
8:00am Patricia Doll
10:00am Jan Westerfeld

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Winston Lecher, Landon Oldham, Tom
Meyer, Karen Patterson & Carla Enzinger
8:00am Dennis Moeller, Jeff Paul, Teresa
Merkel, Keren Trenkamp & Henry Spreckelson
10:00am John Gerstbauer, Carol Dobson, Allen
Raab, Melissa Jacobs & Kay Pulskamp

Music:

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

Religious Education/Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education class is **Wed., October 22nd at 6:30pm-7:30pm**. Students will meet in classrooms. *NO Religious Education on October 15th due to Fall Break.*

Wed. October 29th will be a Religion Education All Saints/Souls Day Party. Please come dressed as a favorite saint to class!

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



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 26th from 4:30-6:30pm** at the St. Louis' Youth Center. Come join us for a talk about Marriage & a Friendsgiving event!

TRIFORCE MISSION TEAM MEETING: **Sunday, October 26th at 6:30pm** in 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. 15th from 6:30-7:30PM** in the **Rectory Library**. Any questions, contact Fr. E.J. Stein.

FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK

THE FOOTPRINT OF GOD

The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine is a documentary film series hosted by popular Catholic author, speaker, and apologist Steve Ray. Meet the people and see the places that shaped the salvation story through



Scripture and Church history. It's a fast-paced, entertaining biography, travel documentary, Bible study, apologetics course, and Church history study rolled into one remarkable adventure!

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. Email: hello.paulfamily@gmail.com, Phone: 812-212-2538 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**



HOLY FAMILY

VOLUNTEER CONTACTS

CATECHIST or RUMMAGE SALE:

Beth Geis: at 812-932-3045 or holyfamilybeth@gmail.com

TURTLE SOUP:

Dorothy Ziegler at 812-212-0414

MASS MINISTRIES:

Toni Cummings at 812-932-3046 or tdcumings96@gmail.com
FESTIVAL or CHURCH LINEN SERVICES:
 Cheryl Borgman at 812-934-3015 or holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com

CARING COMMITTEE:

Carol Dobson at 812-212-3582

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE:

Marcia Bischoff at 812-871-4872

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

More info, contact Dustin Walke at 317-691-5209



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**

Holy Family

We had a great parish festival this year! The weather was beautiful, the food and games were terrific, and everyone was having a good time. The people of Holy Family Parish did themselves proud. The group effort in support of the parish was evident not just throughout the day, but in the days and weeks leading up to the festival.

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make the festival so enjoyable. As Saint Paul said, "God loves a cheerful giver." That means all the turtle soup cooks, the volunteers for the booths, the cooks and chicken fryers, the servers, the set-up and tear-down crews, the local law enforcement, and the traffic directors. And we cannot forget the many generous souls who donated for the baskets, raffles, and silent auction, as well as food, produce, baked goods, and crafts.

May God shower all of you – and all the people who joined us for the day – with abundant blessings of health, happiness, and peace.

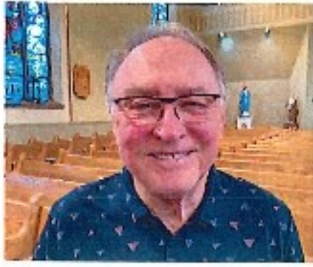
- Fr. John



Parish Festival



2025 Parish Council Candidates



David Adams

I am originally from Southern Illinois, where I completed my education at Southern IL University. I majored initially in criminology, and later changed majors, graduating with a degree in Mortuary Science. I also completed a post graduate course in finance with Rice University. After graduation I owned a funeral home for several years, which led me to a 35 year career with Batesville Casket Company. I currently am a business consultant for Johnson Consulting Group, and plan to retire at year's end. My wife Linda and I have lived in Batesville for over 10 years and feel a strong sense of community due to my many years of association with BCC. We joined Holy Family last year, and I would be honored to serve in any way possible that might benefit our parish.



Jason Brelage

I am grateful to once again call Batesville home. I grew up here before attending Purdue University, and during my time in Lafayette I met my wife, Christy. We were married in 2015 at St. Lawrence Church, and a year later we returned to Batesville. Soon after, we found our spiritual home at Holy Family. From the beginning we felt truly welcomed, and it has been a blessing to raise our family in this parish. All five of our children were baptized here; our four youngest attend St. Louis, and our oldest is currently a student at Indiana University. Faith and community are central to our lives. I am active in the Young Adult Men's Group and volunteer regularly. Now, I feel called to serve Holy Family in a greater way. By joining parish council, I hope to deepen my faith, build stronger connections with fellow families, and help ensure Holy Family remains a vibrant, welcoming parish.



Ruth Cooper

Hello, my name is Ruth Cooper, and I've been a lifelong member of Holy Family Parish. I grew up in Oldenburg, where I attended both Oldenburg School and Oldenburg Academy. Today, I live in Hamburg with my husband, Scott. Professionally, I work as a business analyst at Schneider Electric. I also run a Mary Kay business, inspired by their mission to support women affected by cancer and domestic abuse—causes that deeply resonate with me. I'm interested in joining the parish council to help foster growth, inclusivity, and unity within our parish community. I'm passionate about creating programs and policies that reflect the diverse needs of our parishioners and encourage active participation in parish life.



Stephen Janssen

My name is Stephen Janssen. My Catholic faith is the cornerstone upon which my life is built. I am a member of Holy Family Parish and started the young adult men's group earlier this year. Over a year ago, my family and I found a new place to call home here in Oldenburg. I live here with my bride, Kara, along with our children Liv (5), Jack (3), Isla (1), and another little girl we are expecting in December. My wife and I are blessed to share in the responsibility and gift of passing on the treasures of the Catholic faith to our children, especially in our daily lives inside the home. If you vote to elect me to the parish council, you can expect me to humbly serve all the parish members, especially as a voice for young men and families in the parish community.



Shannon Mullins

Shannon Mullins is a lifelong member of Holy Family Church and a lifelong resident of Oldenburg. A devoted music educator with over 20 years of teaching experience, she is the founder of Miss Shannon's Music Studio, Inc. Her love for music and Catholic faith began in the HFC Children's Choir, inspiring a lifetime of service. At age 16, Shannon became a church musician and has since spent more than three decades as a cantor, accompanist, and choir director. For over 20 years, she has led the parish Children's Choir, sharing her faith through music with countless young singers. Active in parish life since childhood, she has supported the church festival, rummage sale, and religious education. Shannon's faith remains the heart of her vocation as a teacher, performer, and mother to Katryna, Lily, and Kane. Together with her husband, Bryce, she continues to blend music, family, and faith in service to her community.



Sue Siefert

I'm Sue Siefert and I welcome the opportunity to serve the parish. I'm a graduate of St. Louis School, Oldenburg Academy, Xavier University and Indiana Wesleyan University. At St. Louis Parish I served on council with Frs. Ric Schneider and Bill Farris. I joined Holy Family as I missed the Franciscans! After a 25-year marketing career I served on the alumni staff at Oldenburg Academy and then as the Advancement Director for the Sisters before retiring. Currently I volunteer at Holy Family's and St. Louis' rummage sales and festivals, Twice Blessed Resale, Batesville Historical Center, the Food Pantry and with the Kiwanis. I also serve at Weigel's, write for *The Beacon*, and provide Facebook posts for funeral homes in Indiana, Kentucky and Virginia. My background is diverse, I'm retired with time available, and my Franciscan heart is willing to serve. Thank you for considering me.



Marcie Trossman

I am a life-long Oldenburger and Holy Family Parish member. As a member of the parish council, I hope to work toward supporting the mission of the church and expanding opportunities for individuals and families to improve their faith life. I am proudly married to the awesome Matt Trossman, who is involved in Music Ministry, and we have five children: Ella (20), Isaac (18), Charlotte (17), Abe (15), and Jonah (10). I can usually be found attending or volunteering at their many activities. For almost 26 years, I have taught English at East Central High School, where I am also the Book Club moderator and English Academic Team coach. If elected to the parish council, I hope to serve the parish well.



Justin Weberding

My name is Justin Weberding. I attended St. Louis school growing up and graduated from Batesville High School. During my senior year, I met my soon to be wife Kate. I currently work at Reclaim in Greensburg as a fitness coach, and I work part time at the Weberding Carving Shop. Ever since Kate and I met, our faith and zeal for Christ and the Catholic Church has grown exponentially. I want to bring a new generation to the parish council to help our community grow and prosper through Christ. I especially believe my voice will aid in youth formation since I have a close understanding of these members of our church.

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