

HOLY FAMILY PARISH OFFICE

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[https://www.facebook.com/
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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 8:00 am

Wednesday at 6am & 8am

Saturday at 4:30 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 ~ 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Sundays ~ 7am-8am

& 9am-10am

A Franciscan Parish for 159 years! ~ December 21, 2025 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent

Holy Family Parish



Father Alejandro, from the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima, stands with the Ramirez family outside their home.

Praying with the Ramirez Family

Angel and Leticia Ramirez are the proud parents of four children: Leticia, Angela, Gustavo and Alex. The conditions inside their home in Guatemala are challenging. The rusted scrap-metal roof traps in heat, making the temperature almost unbearable. The family crams together inside a single bedroom and shares meals in a narrow space with one long bench. Angel and Leticia pray their children can stay in school and that their family will live in

a safer space. It hurts Leticia's heart when rain streams through holes in the roof and her children contend with mosquitoes, rats, snakes, and spiders. The family prays for a compassionate friend like you to set in motion the blessing of a safe home. **Scan the QR code or visit CrossCatholic.org/Advent to give.**



Congratulations to Harper Marie!

Harper Marie, the daughter of James and Megan Jewell, was baptized at the 10am Mass on Sunday, December 7. Let's all welcome our sister in Christ to the household of God. Alleluia!



Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate

This weekend at the 10am Mass, three inquirers in our OCIA program (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), will be received into the catechumenate. This is a period of study and prayer from now until Easter, when they will be baptized. Our friends Whitney Axsom, Mason

Green, and Shianne Peterson will publicly state their will to become members of Christ's Body, the Church, which will receive them. We will also welcome our sister Lindsey White, who is preparing to enter into the full communion of the Church. Please keep Whitney, Mason, Shianne, and Lindsey – and their sponsors – in your prayers today and throughout the coming months.

Thanks to the Caring Committee

On Sunday, December 7, the Caring Committee and friends spread some holiday cheer at Saint Andrews in Batesville and the Sisters' here in Oldenburg. Many thanks for all the hard work and the caroling. I personally received a note of thanks to pass on from the residents at Saint Andrews, who were delighted especially to have the young people join them that day.



Christmas Blessings to All

Father EJ and I want to wish all of you a very blessed and merry Christmas. It has been our delight and honor to serve Holy Family Parish this last year, and we look forward to the next one. May our King and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless all of you abundantly in this season of grace. May He bring you joy at His birth and may He come more fully into your heart this year. Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, may the Lord give all of you His peace!

~ Fr. John



PARISH EVENTS

Rummage Sale Collection & Sorting

January 6th - 6pm-7:30pm

January 20th - 6pm-7:30pm

Please use **FRONT** entrance of school. Must bring items to sorting rooms **INSIDE** building. **SALE DATES:** July 24, 25 & 26

Secular Franciscan Meeting December 21st at 2pm in Heppner Hall @ the Rectory

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

DECEMBER 27 & 28

In the Bride's room after ALL Masses.

Let us ask the Lord, tiny and defenseless as he appears before us in the crib, to inspire in every heart tenderness and compassion:



Wipe away, *Baby Jesus*, the tears of children!
Embrace the sick and the elderly!
Move all people to lay down their arms
and to draw close in a universal embrace of peace!
Invite the peoples, O merciful Jesus,
to tear down the walls created by poverty and
unemployment, by ignorance and indifference,
by discrimination and intolerance.

It is you, *O Divine Child* of Bethlehem,
who save us, freeing us from sin.
It is you who are the true and only Savior,
whom humanity often searches for with uncertainty
God of peace, Gift of peace for all of humanity,
come to live in the heart of every individual
and of every family.
Be our peace and our joy! Amen!

A Christmas Prayer by St. John Paul II
coauthoryourlifewithgod.com

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 3pm hour on Thursday

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

ST. LOUIS BINGO Night

Thursdays in St. Louis Cafeteria

- STAIRCASE COVERALL BINGO -
- HOT SLOTS PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT-

Early Bird Games at 7pm
Pull Tabs, Specials & Door Prizes
www.STLBingo.org
IGC License 002512

Lights of Christmas Open Door Tour Sun. Dec. 28 ~ 1:00pm-5:00pm

The Batesville Deanery welcomes you and your loved ones to tour the beautifully decorated churches of our deanery on Sunday, December 28, between 1pm and 5pm. Bask in the sacred spaces of our adored Savior dressed in their finest during this Christmas season! Addresses are as follows:

- All Saints Parish – St. John Campus, 25743 St. Rt. 1, Guilford
- All Saints Parish – St. Paul Campus, 9788 N. Dearborn Rd, Guilford
- All Saints Parish – St. Martin Campus, 8044 Yorkridge Rd, Guilford
- All Saints Parish – St. Joseph Campus, 7536 Church Ln, West Harrison
 - Holy Family Church – 22154 Main Street, Oldenburg
- Immaculate Conception Parish – 2081 E. County Rd 820 S., Greensburg
 - St. Anthony of Padua Parish – 4773 E. Morris Church St., Morris
 - St. Catherine of Siena Parish – 9995 E. Base Road, Greensburg
 - St. Catherine of Siena Parish – 1963 N Saint John St, Greensburg
 - St. Charles Borromeo Parish – 213 Ripley St., Milan
 - St. John the Baptist Parish– 331 S. Buckeye St., Osgood
 - St. Joseph Parish – 125 E. Broadway, Shelbyville
 - St. Lawrence Parish – 542 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg
 - St. Louis Parish – 13 St. Louis Place, Batesville
 - St. Mary Immaculate Conception – 203 Fourth St., Aurora
 - St. Mary Parish – 1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way, Greensburg
 - St. Maurice Parish – 8874 Harrison St., Napoleon
 - St. Michael Parish – 145 St. Michael Blvd, Brookville
 - St. Nicholas Parish – 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman
 - St. Peter Parish – 1207 East Rd., Brookville
 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross – 23455 Gavin Lane, Lawrenceburg
 - St. Vincent de Paul Parish – 4218 E. Michigan Road, Shelbyville
 - The Oratory of Saints Philomena & Cecilia – 16194 St. Mary's Rd, Brookville
 - St. Mary of the Rock - 17440 St. Mary's Road, Batesville

COMMUNITY EVENTS

AA Meeting - December 21st & 28th (Every Sunday). Join our OPEN group from 7pm-8pm in the Fr. Rudolf Room, under the rectory at Holy Family Church.

Batesville **CELEBRATE RECOVERY December 23rd & 30th, January 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th** 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.

Retrouaille – HOPE 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 upcoming program beginning with a weekend on **January 9-11, 2026**, call 513-486-6222 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

ST. MEINRAD **WINTER CHANT WORKSHOP: PRAYING WITH CHANT** January 12-16 Explore chant in a theological context and apply your insights in rehearsal. Register today at saintmeinrad.edu/sacred-music to deepen your love of sacred music.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 20

4:30 pm † Deceased Members of the Joseph & Seraphine Ferkinhoff Family

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am † Jim Bertram

10:00 am Members of the Parish

11:00 am † Irvin Amberger (SMR)

Monday, December 22

8:00 am † Tim Foley

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 am † Joseph Moeller

Wednesday, December 24

8:00 am † Mike Biltz

4:00 pm † Donna 'Ditto' Doll

Midnight, Members of the Parish

Thursday, December 25

9:00 am Living & † Deceased Members of the Rita & Leroy Struewing Family

11:00 am † Floyd Roell (SMR)

Friday, December 26

8:00 am † Dan Weigel

Saturday, December 27

4:30 pm † Kyle Norton

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am † Members of the Parish

10:00 am Living & † Deceased

Members of the Holy Family Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

Karen Stoll
Cooper Crane
Don Strub
Robert Amberger
Tim Buckley
Charlie Peters
Peggy Peters
Melissa Williamson
Helen Lewis
Ted Dickman
L.C.
Avery Krause
Peggi Shipman
Amanda Scott
Becky Gorbali

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
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
Terri Jo Thompson
Wesley Neil
Thompson
Jen Tucker
Dan Wagner
Mattie Wagner
Tom Wilson
Donald Niehoff
and all our nursing
home & homebound
parishioners.
December 21, 2025

Holy Family Parish Giving Tree

Holy Family Giving Tree Tags adorn the tree. For the Christmas season, Holy Family likes to bring a little holiday cheer to the parishioners that are homebound, in nursing homes, attending college, veterans, serving our country & have lost loved ones this past year.

- Carol Dobson & the Caring Committee

Any questions or concerns, please call Carol Dobson at 812-212-3582



WOW! What a super response we had this year! We are in total awe at the generosity of our Holy Family Parish. From all of us on the Caring Committee & Giving Tree - THANK YOU!

Your generosity helped us do so much throughout the year.

We are truly blessed with such a wonderful Parish.

A more detailed report will follow in the coming new year, as to what we were able to provide this past year. Merry Christmas & A Very Happy & Healthy New Year! Thank You, Thank You!

- Carol Dobson, Giving Tree, Secular Franciscans & the Caring Committee

OFFERING AN ACT OF WORSHIP

December 7th SUNDAY Collection

Envelope Collection.....	\$6,995.00
Loose.....	\$1,484.00
Total.....	\$8,479.00
Budget.....	\$7,692.31
ABOVE Budget.....	\$786.69

Special Parish **DECEMBER** Collection:

CHOIR/Music Ministry



Paperless Donation -

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

HOLY FAMILY VOLUNTEER CONTACTS

CATECHIST or RUMMAGE SALE: Beth Geis: at 812-932-3045 or beth@holyfamilyoldenburg.org
TURTLE SOUP: Dorothy Ziegler at 812-212-0414
MASS MINISTRIES: Toni Cummings at 812-932-3046 or toni@holyfamilyoldenburg.org

FESTIVAL or CHURCH LINEN SERVICES: Cheryl Borgman at 812-934-3015 or Cheryl@holyfamilyoldenburg.org

CARING COMMITTEE: Carol Dobson at 812-212-3582

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE: Marcia Bischoff at 812-871-4872

Did You Know? Abortion harms women. According to a 2009 study released by the American Association for Cancer Research, women who have had an abortion are at a 40% higher risk of developing breast cancer. The Batesville Pregnancy Hotline also offers one on one peer counseling and can provide more information on any of these options. Free and confidential help is available! If you need help or know a mother needing help, please call 812-934-5116, go to www.batesvillecph.org, or search for Batesville Pregnancy Hotline on Facebook. The hotline can also be reached through Facebook Messenger. 24/7 Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline | 1-877-558-0333

'Tis the Season EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION:

Jan. 4th submits
Dec. 22nd

Please send any submissions
by the dates listed above.

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

December 21 at 11am
Christmas Day at 11am



Holy Family Parish
Christmas Masses

Holy Family Church ~ 4pm Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass ~ 9am Christmas Day
St. Mary's of the Rock ~ 11am Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS EVE MINISTRY NEEDS

4pm Mass NEEDS: 5 Eucharistic Ministers,
1 Sacristan & 3 Ushers

Midnight Mass NEEDS: 1 Lector,
1 Sacristan & 3 Ushers

CHRISTMAS DAY
MINISTRY NEEDS

9am Mass NEEDS: 2
Servers, & 2 Ushers

***Sign up with the QR code**
for a Ministry NEED*



December 24 & 25

Sacristan:

4:00pm Julia Heidlage
Midnight Diane Tekulve
9:00am Wendy Havens

Ushers:

4:00pm Dottie & Rick Hoff & **2 Volunteers**
Midnight Lou Giesting, Wilbur Giesting & Henry Giesting
9:00am Larry Merkel & **2 Volunteers**

Servers:

4:00pm Greyson Farmer & Annie Harmeyer
Midnight Luke Raver & Leo Spreckelson
9:00am **2 Volunteers**
11:00am **2 Volunteers (SMR)**

Lector:

4:00pm Jan Westerfeld
Midnight Eric Doll
9:00am Wendy Havens

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00pm Connie Chaffee, Julia Heidlage, Jenny Ilderton & **4 Volunteers**
Midnight Anna Deputy, Jon Spreckelson, Henry Spreckelson, Dorothy Ziegler & Monica Livers
9:00am Kay Pulskamp, Karen Trenkamp, Elaine Hawkes & Teres Merkel

Music:

4:00pm Shannon Mullins & The Children's Choir
Midnight Parish Choir (Starting at 11:30)
9:00am Leon Enneking & Kim Brockman/Jayne Enneking

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

USHERS for December

4:30pm: Brad Nobbe, Louis Scheele & Tim Ryker
8:00am: Rick Hoff, Tom Honnert & Jason Honnert
10:00am: John Baumer, Troy Ilderton & Ken Pfeiffer

USHERS for January

4:30pm: Doug Haskamp, Paul Brockman & Martin Brockman
8:00am: Eric Heppner, Bill Hoff & Roger Collins
10:00am: Richard Rahe, Mike Schwegman & Paul Waechter

December 20 & 21

Servers:

4:30pm Aubrey Kruthaupt & Lorelei Enzinger
8:00am Kiersten Kreuzman & Luke Raver
10:00am Nolan Wanstrath & Grant Wanstrath
11:00am Emma Robben & Gus Robben (SMR)

Lector:

4:30pm Steve Kerker
8:00am Angie Kelly
10:00am Paul Gates

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:30pm Maureen Grote, Landon Oldham, Winston Lecher, Tom Meyer & Michael Irvin
8:00am Dennis Moeller, Deborah Carter, Jon Spreckelson, Angie Harmeyer & Eric Heppner
10:00am Whitney Prickel, Julia Heidlage, AJ Strassell, Tina Duncan & Jenny Ilderton

Music:

4:30pm Bryce & Shannon Mullins
8:00am Parish Choir
10:00am Leon Enneking & Kim Brockman

January 3 & 4

Servers:

4:30pm Annie Patterson & George Jelinek
8:00am Jonah Trossman & Annie Harmeyer
10:00am Audrey Stirn & Maddie Dole

Lector:

4:30pm Kristina Schneider
8:00am Dan Kerker
10:00am Jaculin Wilhelm

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:30pm Eric Sunderhaus, Mabel Sunderhaus, Deann Kaiser, Karen Patterson & William Patterson
8:00am Deanna Raver, Charlotte Trossman, Christy Honnert, Dorothy Ziegler & Cathy Kaiser
10:00am Barb Luff, Brandy Starost, John Gerstbauer, Allen Raab & Beth Deputy

Music:

4:30pm Leon Enneking & Kim Brockman
8:00am Jayne Enneking
10:00am Bryce & Shannon Mullins



God of love, you sent Your Son, Jesus, to shine bright like the sun; lighting the way for all who walk in darkness. Let Your love shine like a light to all people, and may the light of Your love always shine in our hearts. Let Your love transform us and inspire us to love more deeply. - Amen.

December 27 & 28

Servers:

4:30pm Easton Enzinger & Kenzi Froehling
8:00am Maddie Balash & Abby Balash
10:00am Maddie Dole & Audrey Stirn

Lector:

4:30pm Halle Meyer
8:00am Angie Harmeyer
10:00am Jan Westerfeld

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:30pm Eddie Obermeyer, Dan Eckstein, Elaine Hawkes, Lisa Oldham & Jay Pfeiffer
8:00am Jeff Paul, Teresa Merkel, Christy Honnert, Karen Trenkamp & Henry Spreckelson
10:00am Wendy Havens, Paige Gerstbauer, Carol Dobson, Melissa Jacobs & Kay Pulskamp

Music:

4:30pm Leon Enneking & Kim Brockman
8:00am Jayne Enneking
10:00am Bryce & Shannon Mullins

Holy Day of Obligation

MARY
Mother of God

Mass Times:
December 31
6:00pm - Holy Family
January 1
9:00am - Holy Family
11:00am - St. Mary's

Mary, Mother of God
MINISTRY NEEDS

6pm Mass NEEDS

2 Servers, 1 Lector, 2 Eucharistic Ministers & 3 Ushers

Mary, Mother of God Day
MINISTRY NEEDS

9am Mass NEEDS

1 Servers, 2 Eucharistic Ministers, 3 Ushers & 1 Sacristan

Use the QR code to
sign up for
a Ministry NEED



Religious Education/Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education:

Religion Education class will resume on **Wed. January 7th**. Have a great break, a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Preschool/Kindergarten Class:

The next class **Sun. January 11th**!

There will be **NO** class on December 21st, 28th, or January 4th.

TURTLE SOUP:

There will be **NO** Religious Education Turtle Soup Fundraiser. We are in process of creating a new fundraiser. Look out for more information in the near future.



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.

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



Discovering God Together

Research shows again and again that when families openly live and share their faith together, their marriages are stronger, children and parents get along better, and children are less likely to succumb to drugs, alcohol, promiscuity, or negative peer pressure. In this book, experienced psychotherapists Greg and Lisa Popcak show how you can transform your family into a joyful place where each member experiences life as a gift from God. From tapping into the rich beauty of Catholic traditions to mustering the motivation needed to deepen your spiritual life, you discover the practical, positive & tangible difference our faith can make in your family life.

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 (kjanssen0517@gmail.com)**.



Young Adult Bible Study

Please consider joining the Young Adult Bible study group, which meets Wednesdays at 6pm (location varies). Come for a time of prayer, Scripture, discussion, and community. For more info, contact Justin Weberding (812-363-5006 or weberdingjustin@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. **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