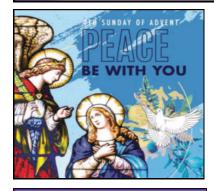
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<u>Weekend</u> Saturday at 5:30 pm Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 am <u>Weekdays in Main Church</u> Monday-Friday at 8:00 am <u>Holy Day</u> Please check the bulletin.

VIRTUAL MASS SCHEDULE LIVE on Saturdays at 5:30pm on our Facebook Available on our Website shortly

#### after Saturday Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Contact <u>Beth Geis</u> to arrange a Baptism holyfamilybeth@gmail.com/ 812-934-3013 (ext. 125)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays from 4:30pm - 5pm

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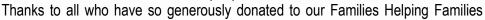
#### Fr. Carl's Thoughts and Reflections Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2022

This year we have 4 full weeks of Advent, so you still have time to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ as a helpless little baby. Last week's Scriptures were primarily about John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus the Messiah. This week's Scriptures focus on Mary and Joseph as they prepare for the birth of Jesus. In

the first reading from Isaiah, we hear of the Lord speaking to Ahaz the king. Ahaz refuses to ask for a sign from God about the future of his reign. So Isaiah gives the sign: a virgin shall bear a son and name him Emmanuel (God with us). This prophecy is applied by the Church to Jesus, and is fulfilled through Mary and the Holy Spirit. St. Paul writes to the Romans, explaining how Jesus is a descendant of David, but also the Son of God. This is a great blessing for Gentiles and Jews alike who are called to have faith in Him and



become holy. St. Matthew's Gospel gives us the details about Mary's pregnancy and Joseph's concern. We learn that an angel appeared to Joseph and set his mind at ease, because Jesus was conceived in Mary through the Holy Spirit. Joseph is to name him Jesus and He is to save His people because He is the Son of God!





and our Giving Tree name tags. Your responses haves been overwhelming, especially in this year of high inflation, with everything costing more than we expected or bargained for. The committee is especially pleased with your generosity, and I'm sure God is too!

Thanks, also, for your responses to the Retirement Fund for Religious that was collected this past weekend for our many Sisters,

Brothers, and Religious Priests who are retired and in need of expensive medical care. This has surely been a season of giving, as we have been given so many gifts by our loving and merciful God. As we have been told in Scripture, "It is more blessed to give than to receive!"

We want to congratulate all who received the Anointing of the Sick at last week's Masses. With the flu, RSV infections, and the Covid virus still very much active, especially among the elderly, it is important to take advantage of all the opportunities the Church gives us for strength and healing.

We congratulate Jason Leander Gehring, son of Benjamin and Katherine Gehring,

who was Baptized here at Holy Family on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

May he and his family grow in their love of the Holy Family. Our condolences to the families of Francis Flaspohler

and Raymond Simmermeyer whose funerals were Saturday, December 10. May they rest in peace.

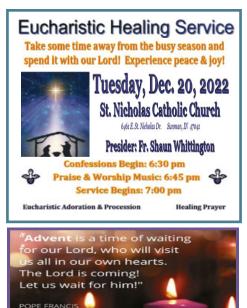


Have a Blessed Fourth Week of Advent! Fr. Carl

### MISSION CLUB CARD PARTY



Do you like to play cards? Join us **December 21st** in the Fr. Rudolf Room underneath the Holy Family Parish Rectory in Oldenburg, IN at 1pm.





- <u>BRIGHT LIGHTS</u> November 25th January 6th Free Catholic Drive thru Christmas display. Open Friday-Sunday from 6pm-
- 10pm. 23345 Gavin Ln, Lawrenceburg, IN
   ADVENT ADORATION Dec.23rd-24th 10am-10pm The seven churches of Dearborn County will all have 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration.
- <u>8 NIGHTS OF MUSIC</u> December 25th

   January 1st at 7pm each night.
   8 Christmas Concerts in Dearborn County.
- <u>ST. JOHN WINE TRADITION</u> on December 27th. Come to 5:30pm Mass at St. Joseph in Shelbyville & bring a bottle of wine with you to share after Mass in the Cafeteria.
- HOLY INNOCENTS MASS on December 28th at 7pm at All Saints –St. Joseph AND St. Teresa, Bright. All who have experienced a miscarriage, or the death of a child are invited to this sacred night of prayer & healing.

## BATESVILLE DEANERY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE on

January 1st. Come & delight in the beauty of the 14 parishes in the Batesville Deanery.



An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our

spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart? Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith. God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

#### The Best Remedy for Anxiety - Most



of the time our anxiety stems from a fear of something or someone in the future. The next time it happens to you, try the <u>"Three Ps Remedy":</u>

Prepare-Do what you can now. Simply ponder, What can I do in a proactive way that makes sense? Usually one or two things will occur to you. Do them and watch your anxiety begin to shrink. Present-Live in the present moment, not in the imagined future. Living in the now can help smother the fire of fear. Pray-Know that God is in of control of the future. God has the power and the love to do what we cannot do. Our Father's love can and does shape the future. Pray & experience the peace that will replace the

anxiety, because the God who loves you unconditionally is in control now and in the days ahead. Prayer Lord, show me how to prepare, to live in the present moment, and to pray when fear begins to creep in. Amen. -from the book <u>Three</u> <u>Minutes with God: Reflections and Prayers to Encourage.</u> <u>Inspire. and Motivate</u> by Monsignor Frank Bognanno





Saturday, December 17 5:30 pm † Cletus Tekulve Sunday, December 18 8:00 am Members of the Parish 10:00 am † Donald Volz Monday, December 19 8:00 am † Jack Amberger Tuesday, December 20 8:00 am † Rosemary Galle Wed, December 21 8:00 am Mary Ann & Maurice Hartman Thurs, December 22 8:00 am † Paul Wissel Friday, December 23 8:00 am † Ray Bedel Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00pm † Luke Schwegman

MIDNIGHT Members of the Parish Sunday, December 25

**CHRISTMAS** 

8:00 am Living † Deceased Members of the George & Anelda Moll Family 10:00 am Members of the Parish

**Mass Intention Requests** Is there someone in your life that has passed on & you would like a mass intended for them? We at Holy Family are blessed with several friars that would be able to hold them in their intentions during Mass. Please contact Toni Cummings at 812-934-3013 ext. 4 Or tdcummings96@gmail.com for intention requests. Mass intentions are \$10/Mass.



Holy Family Church offers **DIRECT** the option to make your **DEPOSIT** contribution to Holy Family

Church by Direct Payment, debiting either a checking or savings account, on the first of each month. After you sign up, your contribution will come out monthly. You will receive a year-end statement as in the past, with your donations listed. There are NO FEES for this service. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Cheryl at the Parish Office at 934-3013 Opt. 2

If interested in getting on a list to cook an occasional (1-2 times a month at most) meal for our priests, please contact Cheryl Borgman in the office



via phone at 812-934-3013 or email holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com. Thank you!



Bobby Patterson, Tami Peters, Dick Hirt. Ron Enneking, Beth Fasbinder. Marian Beetz Lisa Haessig. Jean Ham, Cliff Nobbe. Scott Cooper. Keith Milligan, Pat Schrank,

Wesley Neil Thompson, Tony Gorball, Sandy Koch, Carlos Luken, Melanie Jones. Ted Harmeyer, Jane Fussner, Jon Flanary, Wilma Barnhorst. Terri Jo Thompson, Tina Cohill. Carolyn Scheele, Kenny Barber, Gary Lewis,

Fawn (Ryan) Arnett, Kathleen Jones, Andy Murphy, Dennis Harmeyer, Beth Lamping, Eugene Laker, Dan Wagner, Sylva Havens, Stephanie West, Jen Tucker, Donna Doll, Doty Amberger, Rita Litzinger, Clare Ronnebaum, Daryl Stearns,

Jerry Lamping. Helen Enneking, Anna Mae Raver, Dave Amberger, Gary Payne, Mattie Wagner, Julianne Raver, Alma Simmermeyer, Dale Kuntz, Rita Struewing, Ruth Ronnebaum, and all our nursing home & homebound parishioners.

December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38 Wednesday: Sq 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45 Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56 Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022** 

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18



**BAPTISM** If you are wanting to Baptize a child or receive a Baptismal Certificate, have a new born & have not taken the Baptism Class, please contact Beth Geis at holyfami-

lybeth@gmail.com /(812)-934-3013 ext 3!



Any remaining tags on the Giving tree are for Holy Family's own homebound, college students, military, nursing home residents & those that have lost a loved one that we will

remember, as well. Any questions, please call Carol Dobson at 812-212-3582. Thank you so much for your support.







Join us for our Adoration Hours from 9am-9pm Monday-Friday in St. Anne's Chapel at Holy Family Church. All welcome to join the scheduled adorers, & thus grow in your love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament & His love for you! SEEKING adorers for the 1pm hour on Mondays, the 5pm hour on Thursdays & the 1pm hour on Fridays. If that would fit in your schedule, contact Dustin Walke at 317-691-5209/walkedustin@gmail.com.

#### Mass Ministry Schedule

December 17 & December 18 Servers:

5:30pm Annabelle Eckstein & Taytum Froehling 8:00am Wilbur Giesting & Henry Giesting 10:00am George Jelinek & Gus Robben

#### Lector:

5:30pm Karen O'Bryan 8:00am Kyle Laker 10:00am Marty Werner Eucharistic Ministers:



5:30pm Tom Meyer, Karen Patterson & Julie Bower 8:00am Dorothy Ziegler, Cathy Kaiser & Deanna Raver 10:00am Kris Baumer, Carol Dobson

4 Tina Duncan Music:

#### 5:30pm Bryce & Shannon Mullins 8:00am Parish Choir 10:00am Leon Enneking, Tim Volz, Carol Roell & Kim Brockman

### **Christmas Mass Ministry Schedule**

#### <u>4:00pm Mass:</u>

Sacristan - Mary Gehring Lector - Angie Kelly Eucharistic Ministers - Connie Chaffee & 3 VOLUNTEERS Servers: 2 VOLUNTEERS Ushers - 3 VOLUNTEERS Greeters: 2 VOLUNTEERS

#### <u> Midnight Mass :</u>

Sacristan - 1 Volunteer Lector - 1 Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers - Dorothy Ziegler, Jon Spreckelson & 1 VOLUNTEER Servers: Reagan Flaspohler & Ellen Swain Ushers - 3 VOLUNTEERS Greeters: 2 VOLUNTEERS

#### 8:00am Mass:

Sacristan - Diane Tekulve Lector - Teresa Merkel Eucharistic Ministers- 3 VOLUNTEERS Servers: 2 VOLUNTEERS Usher - Ed Scheele, Larry Merkel & 1 VOLUNTEER Greeters: 2 VOLUNTEERS

#### 10:00am Mass:

Sacristan - Wendy Havens Lector - 1 VOLUNTEER Eucharistic Ministers - Elaine Hawkes & 2 VOLUNTEERS Servers: 2 VOLUNTEERS Ushers - 3 VOLUNTEERS Greeters: 2 VOLUNTEERS

Please sign up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board in the center vestibule .

#### **USHERS for DECEMBER**

5:30pm: Bill Beetz, Herbert Moorman & Rick Obermeyer 8:00am: Mike Baumer, Noah Werner & Bill Gehring 10:00am Doug Haskamp, Tim Ryker & Roger Collins



<u>Christmas Ministry Sign-up Sheets</u> are on the bulletin board in the back of church. We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Ushers. <u>Please sign-up or</u> <u>email Toni at tdcumings96@gmail.com</u> so our Christmas Services will be blessed.



8am & 10am Mass



Please send any info you would like listed in the bulletin by those dates. Thank you!



**St. Joseph the Steward -** St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's

Son and Spouse. Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to

claim ownership over her. Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been. Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal. Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph. but he submitted to each one. Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home." Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER**



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS If you have child that is interested in processing with the 4:00 Mass, please let me know & I Can forward on the signupgenius! There was an email sent out & will be posted on the Facebook

page! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Cod45aaa622aaf4C70-400

If you have any guestions, feel free to contact Beth Geis! E-mail: holyfamilybeth@gmail.com or call: 812-934-3013 (ext. 3)

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Preschool/Kindergarten Religious Education is Sun., December 18th from 9:45 - 11:00 AM in the Rudolph Room. We will not have Religion on Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st.

Religious Education Grades 1-8 is Wed., Jan. 11th @ 6:30 PM. Have a safe & Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! We will see you in 2023! More information regarding First Communion ♦ Confirmation will be coming during Christmas break!

HIGH SCHOOL 'Religious Education' is Wed., January 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the old stone Church building. The high schoolers will be helping with Santa Shop for the older kids! Any High School student (9th - 12th) interested is welcome to join ANY time.

#### TEAM JESUS HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The next event will be Sun., Jan. 8th @ the Youth Giologie Moster house. We will be having an After Christmas Pajama & White Elephant'.

Are you interested in High School Youth Group but don't know what it's about? Talk to these students who love coming! We always welcome new people Landon Oldham, Charlotte Trossman, Jon Spreckelson, Isaac Trossman ♦ Matt Geisen



#### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP "SAINTS IN THE MAKING"

Our next Youth Group will be Fri., Jan. 6th from 3pm-5pm. This will be our Christmas Party.

Our next Bible Study will be Mon., Jan. 9th from 3pm-5pm. If you are interested eq need help with a ride, please let Beth Geis know ↓ she Can help get you to St. Louis from Batesville.

#### MISSION TRIP

Our next Mission Trip meeting will be on Sun, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30pm-6:30pm @ St. Louis.

#### **Rummage Sale Upcoming Collection Dates JANUARY Collection Dates:**

January 3, 2023 January 17, 2023, January 31, 2023 Collection times are 6pm-7:30pm Please use **FRONT** entrance of school. Must bring items to sorting rooms INSIDE building.



#### FREE blood pressure checks after ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND. We are located in

the bride's room at the back of church. If you are able to help with B/P checks in order to offer them at each mass once a month, please contact Barb Luff if you would like to help. 812 934 4671.



Mother Mary, pray for us, that we might be inspired by the way you received your life and God's. Draw us close to your Son, that we might trust Him with our lives, as He learned to trust His Father by His trust in you. Amen.



**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

DECEMBER 23RD, 26TH, 29TH & **30<sup>TH</sup>.** WE WILL BE IN THE OFFICE ON THE **27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup>**. REGULAR HOURS RESUME AFTER THE 1ST OF THE YEAR!

### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

To you God entrusted his only Son:

- IN YOU MARY PLACED HER TRUST;
- WITH YOU CHRIST BECAME MAN.

**OBTAIN FOR US GRACE, MERCY** 

AND COURAGE. AMEN.

Secular Franciscan Meeting December 18th at 2pm in the Fr. Rudolf Room! All are welcome to join us!

Congratulations, Dave &

Teri Rieman on

celebrating your Rite of

Admission on Nov. 20, 2022



Remember to SAVE those Aluminum Cans! Aluminum Cans ONLY Please. Please deposit them in the Wire Bins located on the South side of the Church Parking lot. Thank you! PLEASE PLACE CANS IN A BAG BEFORE DEPOSITING THEM IN THE BIN! NO LOOSE CANS. PLEASE!

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