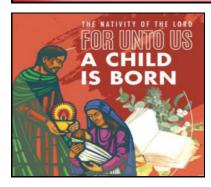
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Fr. Carl's Thoughts and Reflections Christmas Day, Birth of our Savior, December 25, 2022

A Very Merry and Blessed Christmas to you all! Our Advent preparation is completed, and our Loving Savior is born for all humankind! Jesus comes to us as a helpless little baby born in a stable, a powerful sign of His humility and humanness. We are called to be filled with joy and peace at His coming, welcoming the poor and hungry, just as the innkeeper did



for Mary and Joseph. I hope all of you are able to celebrate, even if you have recently lost a loved one. Gathering with family and friends is the best way to support each other and celebrate God's mercy, love, and goodness.

The Scriptures for Christmas Masses give us several options for our Mass



readings. I prefer the readings for Midnight, and these are the ones I will reflect on here. The first reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 9. It refers to God's giving the people a great light which casts away gloom. The people will rejoice as at harvest time or when war is over. The new-born child will be named Wonder-Counselor. God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace, all titles of majesty, goodness, and peace. The Letter to Titus is the source of our second reading. St. Paul describes the grace

of God which enables us to live justly, devoutly, and temperately, a fitting description of our Savior Jesus. He is the revelation of God's glory and enables us to do good. Our Gospel from St. Luke gives us the details of Jesus' birth of Mary in Bethlehem, the town of David, Joseph's ancestor. Jesus is born in a stable and laid in a manger. An angel appears to shepherds and gives them the good news about the birth of their savior and where to find Him. Angels appear, praising God and proclaiming, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

I want to again thank everyone who has been so generous to the parish, the friars. and to our many special collections during the past months. Our Campaign for Human Development and our Retirement Fund for Religious collections were very gratifying. The Giving Tree and Families Helping Families also receive a tremendous response. People on the receiving end have expressed much gratitude for their gifts. The Holiday Under the Spires did well, including the Craft Fair, the Roast Beef Dinners, and the Breakfast with Santa. Thanks to all who were involved in planning these events and doing the hard work to make them successful. All in all, it has been

a great year, even with the economic issues and inflation that everyone is feeling.

Our sympathy and the promise of our prayers go out to the families of Pam Moorman and Jim Doyle whose funeral Masses have been celebrated recently. May they both rest in peace and may their families be consoled.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday at 5:30 pm Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Weekdays in Main Church

Monday-Friday at 8:00 am Holy Day

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 Beth Geis to arrange a Baptism holyfamilybeth@gmail.com/ 812-934-3013 (ext. 125)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4:30pm - 5pm

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Fr. Carl



Take a moment to give the Holy Family Giving Tree Committee, Carol Dobson, Tina Duncan & Cathy Schene, a pat on the back & wish them a big Merry Christmas & thank you! They spent time and hard work to gather and disperse all the generous donations for the Families Helping Families charity & our own homebound, military, nursing home and members who lost a loved one from Holy Family Giving Tree. Christmas kindness and cheer were spread and enjoyed! The pictures of Santa's helpers during Families helping Families wrapping and delivery party. Oh, what a wonderful time of year!



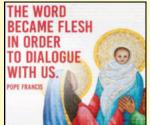




The Nativity of the Lord As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January guickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, & ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic. Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions

around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth & its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas! ©LPi



Being the Sign - I think the real challenge of evangelization in the modern age is the reality that pretty much everyone has already heard of Jesus Christ — or, at least, they think they have. To our 21st-century eyes, the angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it. Our baptism compels us

to do the same — to announce the coming of Christ over and over again, always and everywhere. But our audience is not a group of illiterate shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus they often claim weariness of his name. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either "I already know about Jesus, thanks," or "I've heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who claim to follow him, I'm really not interested in hearing more." Because in the end, our very lives are how we "announce his salvation" in the present day. We announce it

in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us. How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign: "You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Now we are the sign. The world has heard of Christ by now. But have they all seen him? It's our job to show them.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 26 8:00 am † Donald Volz

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 am † Jim Grote

Wed, December 28 8:00 am † Dorothy Doll

Thurs, December 29

8:00 am † Dee Schwegman

Friday, December 30

8:00 am † Troy Meer

Saturday, December 31 5:30pm † Ray Bedel

Sunday, January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

8:00 am † Gordon Giesting 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.

OFFERING

December 11th Sunday Collection

Envelope Collection	\$6,009.00
Loose	\$1,044.00
Total	\$7,053.00
Budget	
UNDER Budget	\$603.32

Religious Retirement Collection..\$2,072.00 Immaculate Conception Collection\$1,443.00

Special Parish DECEMBER Collection: **Christmas Flowers & Decorations**

Please consider Holy Family Church in your will for a lasting way to give to your parish. We thank our parishioners for their generosity.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 25, 2022

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18 **Thursday**: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



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

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.



Did You Know? While population has grown, the world's people have become vastly richer. More people

means more wealth for everyone. Greater wealth also leads to greater protection of the environment. We do not have a population problem. We need more babies, not fewer. 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, or search for Batesville Pregnancy Hotline on Facebook. The hotline can also be reached through Facebook Messenger.

NEED A HALL FOR FAMILY

GATHERINGS? WE CAN HELP. LOCATIONS/DATES AVAILABLE

Holy Family Cafeteria &/ or Gym Call Cheryl @ 812 -934-3013 Opt. 2

> St. Mary of the **Rock Hall & Shelter** Call Brad Lecher @ 812-212-2908



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.

Christmas Mass Ministry Schedule

4:00pm Mass:

Sacristan - Mary Gehring Lector - Angie Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers - Connie Chaffee, Julia

Heidlage, Liz Heidlage, Ben Geis &

1 VOLUNTEER

Servers: Matt Geisen & 1 VOLUNTEER

Ushers - 3 VOLUNTEERS Greeters: 2 VOLUNTEERS

Midnight Mass:

Sacristan – Connie Luers Lector - 1 Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers - Dorothy Ziegler, Jon Spreckelson, Christy Honnert & 1 VOLUN-

TEER

Servers: Reagan Flaspohler & Ellen Swain **Ushers** - Lou Scheele & **2 VOLUNTEERS**

Greeters: Betty Frederick & 1 VOLUNTEER

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 - Kim Brockman

Eucharistic Ministers - Elaine Hawkes, Kay

Pulskamp & 1 VOLUNTEER Servers: 2 VOLUNTEERS Ushers - 3 VOLUNTEERS Greeters: 2 VOLUNTEERS

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

Mass Ministry Schedule

December 31 & January 1 Servers:

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

5:30pm Angie Kelly

8:00am Marlene Kirschner 10:00am Jan Westerfeld

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Michael Irvin, Dan Eckstein

& Carla Enzinger

8:00am Teresa Merkel, Deann Kaiser

& Eric Heppner

10:00am Wendy Havens, Julia Heidlage

& Jenny Ilderton

Music:

5:30pm Parish Choir

8:00am Matt Trossman

10:00am Bryce & Shannon Mullins

USHERS for January

5:30pm: Jay Pfeiffer, Brad Nobbe & Doug Nobbe 8:00am: Bill Hoff, Brad Laker & Bob Schrank 10:00am Joe Goldsmith, Troy Ilderton & Brian Lecher SEEKING MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS please reach out if you have ANY interest or questions about volunteering for one of our many ministries! We NEED Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers & Servers. FOR ANYONE WHO RECEIVED 1st COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION LAST YEAR - THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY to start a new ministry and chapter in your faith. Server training or guidance with lector, Eucharistic minister, usher or greeter will be provided to get you started ASAP! Call/Text Toni Cummings at 812-212-2354 or email at tdcummings96@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about how you can help!

Holy Family Christmas Services



CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm & Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

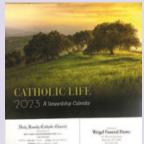
8am & 10am Mass

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: THE OFFICE



WILL BE CLOSED **DECEMBER**30TH. WE WILL BE IN THE OFFICE
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THE 1ST OF THE YEAR!

Grab a 2023 calendar today!



Stop by one of the tables in church & pick up your 2022 Holy Family Catholic Church Calendar courtesy of Weigel Funeral Home.

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MISSION CLUB CARD PARTY

1st Wednesday of the Month at the HALL of the Knights of Columbus -Batesville at 1:30pm.

3rd & 5th Wednesdays in the Fr. Rudolf Room in Oldenburg, IN at 1pm.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays in the lower hall at St. Anthony Church in Morris, IN at 1pm.



Daughters of Isabella MEETING will

be on **January 2** at the Hall of the Knights of Columbus.at 7pm Please bring your dues for the year

Batesville Deanery EVENTS

◆ BRIGHT LIGHTS November 25th – January 6th Free Catholic Drive thru Christmas display. Open Friday-Sunday from 6pm-10pm. 23345 Gavin Ln, Lawrenceburg, IN

BATESVILLE DEANERY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE on

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS Thank you to all of our children who helped make the Procession of Jesus a huge success.

If you have any questions, 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 – 12:00 AM in the Rudolph Room. We will not have Religion on Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st.

Religious Education Grades 1-8 is Wed., Jan. 11th @

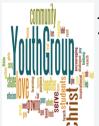
6:30 PM. Have a safe & Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! We will see you in 2023! More information regarding First Communion & Confirmation will be coming during Christmas break!

HIGH SCHOOL Religious Education' is Wed.,

January 11th from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the old stone church build-

ing. The high schoolers will be helping with Santa Shop for the older kids! Any High School student $(9^{th} - 12^{th})$ interested is welcome to join ANY time.

TEAM JESUS HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



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

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP "SAINTS IN THEMAKING"

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

Our next <u>Bible Study</u> will be Mon., Jan. 9th from 3pm-5pm.

If you are interested 4 need help with a ride, please let Beth Geis

Know 4 she can help get you to St. Louis from Batesville.



MISSION TRIP

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



Holy Family Church wants to wish all families a *Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!* We will see you on Wed., January 11^{th!} We appreciate all of you! Enjoy your Christmas Break! The angel said, 'Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.'





FIRST RECONCILIATION: Our 2nd graders received First Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 14nd. Please Congratulate them when you see them! They will not be preparing for First Communion that will be held on Sat., April 15nd 2 pm.

Abigail Balash, Madelyn Balash, Makynze Borgman, Dyllan Dunn, Evelyn Eckstein, Kenzi Froehling, Ellyse Gessell, Jason Kaiser, Andrew Kaiser, Adelynn Kruthaupt, Lauren Lecher, Anna Ollier, Bowen Richard, Molly Walter, Heidi Werner, Masyn Yorn, Emma Robben, Jonah Trossman, Kiersten Kreuzman, Annslee Patterson, Levi Moorman & Wyatt Moorman.











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.

The TriForce Mission team, which supports some of our youth in the parish, wants to thank Holiday Under the Spires. A portion of the proceeds from the Roast Beef dinners will help to support their trip this year and our young parishioners going.





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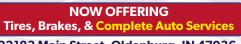
























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