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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 8:00 am

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 BAPTISM

Contact **Beth Geis** to arrange a Baptism

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday ~ 7:15am-7:45am

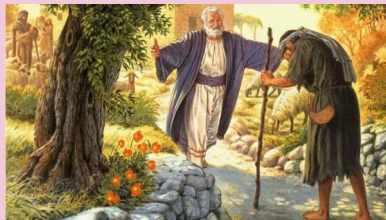
Saturdays ~ 4:30pm - 5:30pm

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

A Franciscan Parish for 158 years! • March 30, 2025 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

Holy Family Parish

“A man had two sons...” (Luke 15:11)



Surely the story of the Prodigal Son is one of the most beloved, if not *the* most beloved, of all Jesus' parables. Have we not all been like the younger son: ungrateful, selfish, foolish, and sorry? Do we not all need to know that our God, like the father, eagerly and joyfully receives us in His mercy when we have strayed from Him, no matter how many times we have “set off to a distant country”?

Jesus tells this parable in response to the criticisms of the Pharisees and scribes, who object to Him eating with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus' point is not only that God “runs” to us even when we are “still a long way off,” but also that we should be glad, not critical, that God is so generous with others – as He is with us.

The older son resents his father's unrestrained joy at the return of the prodigal. He refuses to join the party. He won't even refer to his sibling as “brother,” calling him instead “your son.” He reminds his father that he has always obeyed him, always served him faithfully, and never received such treatment from his father. The younger brother does not deserve such generosity from his father.

With the older son, Jesus contrasts the compassion of God with the hardness of heart of the Pharisees and scribes. It's possible that we, too, can develop hardened hearts toward others, whether they sin against us or simply sin. Lent is not only a good time to rejoice that God is so generous with us, but also to ask the Holy Spirit to save us from any tendency to resent that generosity when it is shown to others who – maybe we think – don't really “deserve” it.

Please Pray for Steve Kopp

A funeral service for our brother and long-time supporter of St. Mary of the Rock and Holy Family, Steve Kopp, was held at St. Mary of the Rock on Friday, March 21. He was laid to rest at Maple Grove Cemetery in Brookville on Tuesday. Please pray for Steve: *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.* Please pray also for Steve's family and friends who will miss him.



Announcing a New Women's Group

We are delighted to announce a new group forming for mothers! See inside the bulletin for details.

Blessing for Expectant Families

And speaking of mothers: next weekend we will be giving blessings for all expectant moms (and dads and brothers and sisters) at the end of each Mass. Families will receive not only a blessing, but also a blessed St. Gerard medal (he's the patron saint of expectant mothers) and information about Baptism and godparents. We will offer these blessings every three months, on the first weekend of January, April, July, and October.

Toni Cummings will be away from the office for the next few weeks. Please contact Cheryl Borgman by phone (812-934-3015) or by email (holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com) for Mass intentions, bulletin items, or anything else you would normally contact Toni about. We look forward to Toni returning; in the meantime, please be patient as we work to fill her shoes (not easy!).

PARISH EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE

Upcoming Collection Dates

April Collection Dates:

April 8 from 6pm-7:30pm
 April 22 from 6pm-7:30pm

May Collection Dates:

May 6 from 6pm-7:30pm
 May 20 6pm-7:30pm

Please use **FRONT** entrance of school.
 Must bring items to the sorting room **INSIDE**
 the building.

OUR LENTEN OUTREACH Water for Life

We will be accepting donations for our Lenten outreach project, Water for Life, throughout Lent and into Easter. To donate, you can write a check to Holy Family Parish, with "Water for Life" in the memo. Or you can donate cash clearly marked "Water for Life." You can donate by placing them in the collection any week, or dropping it by the parish office, or mailing.



ADORATION

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

Monday – Friday ~ 9am-9pm
in St. Anne's Chapel.
Join us ANYTIME & for however long
you can.

If you would like to sub when needed, PLEASE join our GroupMe Chat. You will then receive text messages for the needed times. To join the Chat OR help with an hour, please contact Dustin Walke at 317-691-5209 or walkedustin@gmail.com.

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, April 19th at 1:00pm
in Rectory Yard

If inclement weather, it will move to school cafeteria.



First Friday of the Month April 4th



Adoration
 (begins after 8am Mass)

& Benediction
 (begins at 7pm)

Stations of the Cross
 (Immediately following Benediction)

Flowers in Memory

Donate an Easter flower in memory
 of someone who has passed.

There are forms by each exit. Please return the form and a live flower you have already purchased or the form and \$15. If dropping in the collection basket please mark envelope "Easter Flowers." We will recognize them in our Easter Garden and in the bulletin.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Struewing Family would like to thank the Bereavement Committee and all who helped with Lisa Struewing's service. We appreciate each and every one of you!
Love, John Struewing & Family

LOCAL LENTEN FISH FRIES

Knights of Columbus 5:00pm-7:30pm
 Fridays - **March 14th - April 11th**

St. Martin 4:30pm-7:00pm
 Fridays - **March 14th - April 11th**

St. Mary's - Aurora 4:30pm-7:00pm
 Fridays - **March 14th - April 11th**

St. Teresa - Bright 4:30pm-7:30pm
 Fridays - **March 14th - April 11th**

⇒ **April 26th ~ Marian Biking**
 Pilgrimage with the Cofraternity of St. Maximilian Kolbe starting at St. Mary's of the Rock at **9am**.

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

Help support St. Louis & St. Anthony's sister parish, St. Francis Xavier in Gandou, Haiti.
Saturday April 5th
 4:30-7:30
 @Knights of Columbus Hall

LENTEN SERIES & RETREATS

Traditional Silent Retreats

St. Teresa of Avila Retreat Center
 Men's Lent Retreat ~ April 3-6
edelweisshouse.org / 812-221-5370



Women's Lenten Retreat

St. Catherine of Siena Church and Hall
 Saturday, April 5th from 8:00-3:00pm



OA Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday before Easter
 10am-12pm
 at the Main Academic Building

JOB OPENINGS

@ Sisters of St. Francis

The Sisters of St. Francis are hiring for a QMA or Medical Assistant and a CNA Training Supervisor. If interested, please apply at: www.olderburgfranciscans.org



BATESVILLE PREGNANCY HOTLINE
 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.

You're invited to...

MARY'S WAY

Women Answering Yes

3rd Annual
 Mary's Way
 Candlelight Dinner

Thursday, April 3, 2025
 6:00: Doors open for registration
 6:30: Dinner
 Guest speaker to follow dinner

Candlelight catered dinner, inspirational speaker, prayer & fellowship for women (high school age and older) in the St. Mary's School gymnasium.

OLDENBURG ACADEMY
 VIRTUE • HONOR • EDUCATION
 EST. 1879

Join us for Student Visit Days this Spring!

April 8th & April 22nd
8-10:30 am

Current 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join us for a student visit day this spring! Contact Molly Freeland at mfreeland@oldenburgacademy.org to learn more and to schedule a morning at Oldenburg Academy!

Rediscover your love!

HAS YOUR MARRIAGE GROWN COLD AND DISTANT?

April 4-6

Retrouvaille has been helping troubled marriages since 1977. The program is confidential, effective, and can help you find hope and healing!

RETROUVAILLE
 A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

HelpOurMarriage.org
 513-486-6222

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 29

5:30 pm † Karen Rupp

Sunday, March 30

8:00 am † Donna Doll

10:00 am Members of the Parish

Monday, March 31

8:00 am Living and † Deceased
Members of the Floyd Doll Family

Tuesday, April 1

8:00 am † Floyd Roell

Wednesday, April 2

8:00 am † Jerome Warner II

Thursday, April 3

8:00 am † Joe Scheele

Friday, April 4

8:00 am † Janey Obermeyer

Saturday, April 5

5:30 pm † Howard & Tom Zins

Sunday, April 6

8:00 am Members of the Parish
10:00 am † Deceased Members of
Gilbert and Jeanne Meyer Family

If you would like a Mass offered for someone,
please contact the Parish Office.
Mass intentions are \$10/Mass.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mike Moll
Jim Heppner
Joe Moll
Patrick Schene
Diane Raver
Ben Batta
Rita Batta
Rita Brockman
Rory Biltz
Russell Wagner
Tim Wurtz
Logan Nicholas Doll
Melanie Jones
Dave Amberger
Doty Amberger
Tina Cohill

Connie
Alisa Doll
Terry Duncan
Beth Fasbinder
Rick Flodder
Marvin Gehring
Tony Gorbail
Lisa Haessig
Jean Ham
Dennis Harmeyer
Sylva Havens
Becky Horstman
Dale Kuntz
Eugene Laker
Beth Lamping
Jim Lamping Jr.
Todd Leising
Gary Lewis
Rita Litzinger

Carlos Luken
Carolyn Meyer
Sandy Meyer
Keith Milligan
Layla Mulcahy
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
Ruth Ann Starost
Paul Strassel
Carol Strassel
Steve Suding
Terri Jo Thompson
Wesley Neil Thompson
Jen Tucker
Dan Wagner
Mattie Wagner
Rick Wilhelm
Tom Wilson
and all our nursing
home & homebound
parishioners.

March 30, 2025

2025 Capital Improvement Projects/Expenses

Project	Estimated Cost	Current Expenses	Description
Confessional	\$ (4,285.41)	\$ (4,285.41)	Reconstruct current confessional
4 Stage carts and Roller	\$ (2,800.00)	\$ -	Rollers for storage underneath the stage
Flooring replaced in vestibule right & left entrances	\$ (10,000.00)		Quoting-estimated
Camera System	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ -	Update security system and add more cameras
Grout tucked on bricks of Church and School buildings	\$ (55,000.00)	\$ -	Quoting
Bedroom & Bathroom Remodel	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ 3,080.34	Renovate Friary Bathroom & Bedroom
Total 2025 Projects	\$ (82,085.41)	\$ (1,205.07)	
Remaining Donations left from 2024	\$ 4,169.00		
Donations from 2025	\$ 15,360.00		
Total Deficit for 2025 Projects	\$ (62,556.41)		

OFFERING AN ACT OF WORSHIP

March 23rd Sunday Collection

Envelope Collection.....\$5,729.00
Loose.....\$2,466.10
Total.....\$8,195.10
Budget.....\$7,692.31
ABOVE Budget.....\$502.79

2nd Collection on 3/22 & 3/23 \$1,966.00

Church in Africa

⇒ March Monthly Parish Collection

Capital Improvements

Sick of writing checks?

Donate monthly via ACH.

Forms located in the back of church. Contact our Business Manager for more details or questions.



Upcoming MISSION Office Special Collection

March 29 & 30

Catholic Relief Services

Information & envelopes can be found on the bulletin board in the center vestibule.

LOCAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR LENT

- ⇒ April 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Michael, Brookville
- ⇒ April 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Michael, Brookville
- ⇒ April 8, 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist campus of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Decatur County
- ⇒ April 9, 6:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County
- ⇒ April 9, 6-8 p.m. at St. Maurice, Napoleon
- ⇒ April 10, 6-8 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Millhousesen
- ⇒ April 10, 7 p.m. at St. Louis, Batesville
- ⇒ April 11, 6-8 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Osgood
- ⇒ April 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Peter, Franklin County

NEED A PLACE FOR A FAMILY GATHERING

Holy Family Cafeteria
and/or Gym

OR

St. Mary of the Rock
Hall & Shelter

Call or Email Cheryl Borgman

If you or a loved one are **seriously ill**
or **getting ready to have surgery**,
please contact



Fr. John Barker

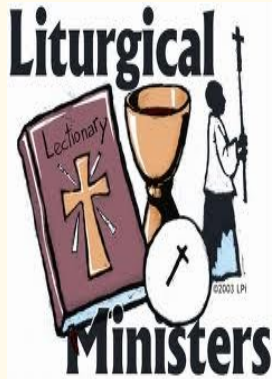
@ 812-934-3013 opt. 1

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.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



USHERS for March

5:30pm: Rick Obermeyer, Jay Pfeiffer & Ed Scheele

8:00am: Brad Laker, Bob Schrank & Matt Schrank

10:00am: Brian Lecher, Mike Meyer & Ron Obermeyer

USHERS for April

5:30pm: Louis Scheele, Marvin Wissel & Bill Beetz

8:00am: Chris Stange, Tom Honnert & Jason Honnert

10:00am: Ken Pfeiffer, Richard Rahe & Mike Schwegman

USHERS for May

5:30pm: Tim Ryker, Paul Brockman & Doug Haskamp

8:00am: Rick Hoff, Bill Hoff & Roger Collins

10:00am: Paul Waechter, Dale Nobbe & Ken Enneking

March 29th & March 30th

Servers:

5:30pm Kenzi Froehling & George Jelinek

8:00am Henry Giesting & Kiersten Kreuzman

10:00am Heidi Werner & Nolan Wanstrath

Lector:

5:30pm Steve Kerker

8:00am Eric Doll

10:00am Jan Westerfeld

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Connie Chaffee, Eddie Obermeyer, Dan Eckstein, Carla Enzinger, & Monica Livers

8:00am Jeff Paul, Teresa Merkel, Eric Heppner, Connie Luers & Dennis Moeller

10:00am Tina Duncan, Wendy Havens, Julia Heidlage, Jenny Ilderton & Melissa Jacobs

Music:

5:30pm Parish Choir

8:00am Matt Trossman

10:00am Leon Enneking, Tim Volz, Carol Roell & Kim Brockman

April 5th & April 6th

Servers:

5:30pm Annabelle Eckstein & Annie Patterson

8:00am Maddie Balash & Abby Balash

10:00am Jonah Trossman & Adelynn Kruthaupt

Lector:

5:30pm Paul Brockman

8:00am Kyle Laker

10:00am Paul Gates

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Jay Pfeiffer, Karen Patterson, Will Patterson, Elaine Hawkes & Michael Irvin

8:00am Jon Spreckelson, Theresa Boyce, Dorothy Ziegler, Christy Honnert & Deanna Raver

10:00am Kay Pulskamp, Allen Raab, Brandy Starost, Jacob Starost & Ryan Tekulve

Music:

5:30pm Parish Choir

8:00am Matt Trossman

10:00am Leon Enneking, Tim Volz, Carol Roell & Kim Brockman

April 12th & April 13th (Palm Sunday)

Servers:

5:30pm Jason Kaiser & Makynze Borgman

8:00am Asher Suddah & Leo Spreckleson

10:00am Adelynn Kruthaupt & Maddie Dole

11:00am Gus Robben & Emma Robben (SMR)

Lector:

5:30pm Mary Gehring & Kris Schneider

8:00am Teresa Merkel & Denny Moeller

10:00am Carol Dobson & Marty Werner

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Maureen Grote, Dan Eckstein, Carla Enzinger, Eddie Obermeyer & Monica Livers

8:00am Isaac Trossman, Angie Harmeyer, Kris Baumer, Karen Trenkamp & Teresa Merkel

10:00am Barb Luff, Dave Rieman, Teri Rieman, Beth Geis & Jenny Ilderton

Music:

5:30pm Leon Enneking, Tim Volz, Carol Roell & Kim Brockman

8:00am Jayne Enneking

10:00am Bryce & Shannon Mullins

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The website for the Sign Up Genius is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AAA622AAF4C70-55761162-holy> or you can go to the QR code below to sign up. If you are interested in helping and do not have access to internet, please contact the parish office and we will get you signed up.

HOLY THURSDAY ~ 7PM MASS

Eucharistic Ministers ~ (need 2 more) Karen Trenkamp, Kay Pulskamp

Servers ~ (need 3)

Foot washing (need 5 more) ~ Karen Trenkamp, Ellen Paul, Katey Stout, Linda Adams, Dave Adams, Kayne Cornett & Brandi Cornett

Ushers (need 2 more) ~ Rick Hoff

Lector ~ Patty Doll

EASTER VIGIL ~ 9PM MASS

Eucharistic Ministers (need 1 more) ~ Diane Tekulve, Dave & Teri Rieman

Servers ~ Makynze Borgman, Luke & Caitlin Raver

Ushers (need 2 more) ~ Rick Hoff

Lectors (need 2 more) ~ Dee Raver & Connie Luers

EASTER DAY ~ 10 AM MASS

Eucharistic Ministers (need 4 more) ~ Wendy Havens, Kay Pulskamp

Servers (need 1 more) ~ Greyson Farmer

Ushers (need 3)

Lector ~ Wendy Havens

GOOD FRIDAY ~ 2PM LITURGY

Eucharistic Ministers ~ Karen Trenkamp & Wendy Havens

Servers (need 1 more) ~ Grace Flaspohler

Ushers (need 2 more) Rick Hoff

Lectors (need 2)

EASTER DAY ~ 8 AM MASS

Eucharistic Ministers (need 2 more) ~ Karen Trenkamp & Monica Livers

Servers (need 1 more) ~ Annie Harmeyer **Ushers (need 3)**

Ushers (need 3)

Lector ~ Wendy Havens

SIGN UP HERE



Thank You...

Religious Education/Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:



1st – 8th Grade Religious Education - The next class will be **Wed. March 26th from 6:30pm-7:30pm.**
- On Wednesday, March 26th, we will do a walkthrough of First Communion Mass. Parents can attend if wish, but they do NOT need to. First Communion Banners are due Wednesday, March 26th!

FRIENDLY REMINDER: We will be having Religious Education classes on Wednesday April 16th!

Preschool/Kindergarten Religious Education Class
Next Class is on **March 30th** from 9:45am-11:00am.

CURIOUS ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process by which men and women become members of the Catholic Church or renew their knowledge of what it means to be Catholic. If you are interested in joining Holy Family's OCIA group, please contact Beth Geis &/or plan to attend one of the below meetings that will be held in the Library (the stairs across the street from the fire house & ring the bell).

Monday, March 31st @ 6:00 PM Tuesday, April 15th @ 6:00 PM
Tuesday, April 29th @ 6:00 PM Thursday, May 15th @ 6:00 PM

FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK

In this collection, you can find interviews on dozens of the lives of the saints. Learn about Sts. Monica, Augustine, Stephen, Philip Neri, Catherine of Siena, and more!



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 & she will help you!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next Adult Formation class is Wednesday, March 26th from 6:30-7:30 PM in the library. Await the surprise topic from Father E.J. If you have any questions, please reach out to Father E.J.!



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.

Contact Dustin Walke at 317-691-5209 with questions.

Young Adult Men's Group

Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

The group welcomes young men who are 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

**YOUNG
ADULTS**



TEAM JESUS YOUTH GROUP (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP):

High School Youth Group is Sunday, April 6th @ Holy Family Parish from 5:30-7:30 PM.

More information will come about what we will do! Join your peers every Wednesday morning for High School Bible Study at the Youth Center 7:07-7:37 AM. Smoothies, Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Snacks provided.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: The next youth group is **Fri., April 4th from 3-5pm** at the St. Louis Youth Center.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY:

The next youth group is **Mon. April 7th.** If you are interested in joining us, please contact Beth Geis.

If you need any help getting your child from the Middle School to the Youth Center, please contact me & we will be willing to help figure something out.

TRIFORCE MISSION TRIP: This year, the group is going to East Bank, West Virginia July 6-12th, 2025. The next meeting is **Sun. April 27th** from 4:30-5:30pm in the youth center at St. Louis.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION MASS

Our second graders are preparing for their First Communion that they will be receiving on **Saturday, April 5th!** Please keep them in your prayers as they receive Jesus for the first time!

HOLY FAMILY STUDENTS: Griffin Dunn, Nora Gesell, Abigail Kaiser, Leah Maxey, Will Mullens, Lucy Obermeyer, Joseph Priniski, Gannon Schomber, Meyer Suddath, Claire Patterson, Madilyn Nunlist, Nolan Spreckelson, Theodore Bohlke, Asher Eckstein, Milena Jobst, Austin Laker, Aurora Linville, Luke Nobbe, Calvin Ollier, Madison Ripperger, Emersyn Sitterding, Bryson Wallpe, Riley Schantz, Lilah Schantz.

ST. MARY OF THE ROCK STUDENTS: Sydney Kopp, Silas Kopp & Bruce Kopp

Young Mothers Group

grow. flourish. thrive.
psalm 92:12-15

A women's group focused on building a flourishing and supportive community that helps one another grow in faith, hope, and trust in motherhood, and also aims to build and foster connection within the parish. For more details text, call, or e-mail Tina Paul.

Phone: 812-212-2538 Email: hello.paulfamily@gmail.com 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 email (kjanssen0517@gmail.com) or cell (812-212-3207).