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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

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

VIRTUAL MASS SCHEDULE

LIVE on Saturdays at 5:30pm on our Facebook page

A link is available on our website from livestream 'til next Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION & BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month after Daily Mass - 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 <u>Beth Geis</u> to arrange a Baptism holyfamilybeth@gmail.com/ 812-934-3013 (ext. 125)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday from 7:15am-7:45am Saturdays from 4:30pm - 5:30pm Sundays 7am-8am & 9am-10am

A Franciscan Parish for 158 years! • December 22, 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Family Parish



Blessed are you who believed... (Luke 1:45).

Little Mary of Nazareth could probably have been excused for having trouble believing Gabriel's message that she would be the mother of the Messiah. But not only was she "full of grace," she was also full of faith and of hope. Mary knew that with God nothing is impossible, and that God usually chooses the most unlikely ways to carry out His

plans. Mary believed that God would be faithful to His people and His promises to give them a Good Shepherd to lead them home to Him.

It can be difficult to trust that God watches out for us all the time and that He has nothing but good intentions for us. Our lives can be very messy and unpretty. They can be marked by serious sin that we cannot or will not give up. They can be colored by failures, disappointments, or betrayals that loom so large over us that we have trouble seeing much good in our lives. On the outside we may seem as if we or our family have it all together, but on the inside, we deal with chaos, frustration, fears, and sorrow. We can wonder how God can be with us in such a mess, or why He doesn't just make it better.

We won't be the first ones or the last ones to ask these questions and possibly be disappointed with the answer. "Have faith" can seem like a hollow response when we're struggling. But thousands of years of experience and God's revelation of His mercy and love in His Son have shown that God can and does make good things come even from the worst circumstances. And He does recreate our hearts and our world in surprising ways.

But we do need to have faith enough to draw close to God in our troubles. Often what God does for us goes beyond the problems themselves to work on our hearts so that our troubles bear fruit for eternity. We can develop more compassion for others who also struggle. We can become less self-centered and more generous toward others. Our obvious need for God can lead to greater humility, less self-righteousness, or heal impatience or a critical spirit. God can do many good things with our troubles without making them just go away. May He give you faith and strength to hang in there while He does that.

Please Pray for the Family of Dale Parmer

On Friday, December 13, our brother Dale Parmer was laid to rest at Holy Family Cemetery. Please take a moment to pray for Dale: *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace*. Please pray also that the Lord will console his family and friends who will miss him.





Sign Up for Holy Day Masses!

If you are able to help out at Christmas and New Year's Masses, please contact Toni Cummings at tdcummings96@gmail.com.

Fr. Fr. Mike, E.J., & I wish all y'all a very Merry Christmas! May the Lord give you His peace.

- Fr. John



Come Hear the Holy Family Parish Choir

Tues., December 24 - 11:30 p.m. Holy Family Midnight Mass



Oldenburg Knights of St. John Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas dinner will be on

January 4 at the Batesville K of C Hall. Doors open at 6p.m. and we eat at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person for adults.

DID YOU RSVP by December 18? IF NOT call or text Marty Brockman at (812) 216-8435. \$25 yearly dues can be paid that night & the Commandery Knight of the Year will be awarded.



The Batesville Knights of Columbus will be having an initiation for new members on December 30th starting at 6:30PM at the clubroom

at 624 Delaware Rd. Candidates, please be at the club at 6PM for registration & bring \$55for dues & initiation fees. If you have any questions please contact Scot Harmeyer at 812-933-9046 or council1461@indianakofc.org.

REROUVAILLE A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Cincinnati Retrouvaille weekend January 3-5

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

HelpOurMarriage.org 513-486-6222



Lights of Christmas Open Door Tour - Sun. Dec. 29~ 1:00-5:00pm



The Batesville Deanery welcomes you and your loved ones to tour the 19 beautifully decorated churches of our Deanery. 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, IN
- All Saints Parish St. Paul Campus, 9788 N. Dearborn Rd, Guilford, IN
- All Saints Parish St. Martin Campus, 8044 Yorkridge Rd, Guilford, IN
- All Saints Parish St. Joseph Campus, 7536 Church Ln, West Harrison, IN
 - Holy Family Church 22154 Main Street, Oldenburg, IN
- Immaculate Conception Parish 2081 E. County Rd 820 S., Greensburg, IN
 - St. Anthony of Padua Parish 4773 E. Morris Church St., Morris, IN
 - St. Catherine of Siena Parish 9995 E. Base Road, Greensburg, IN
 - St. Charles Borromeo Parish 213 Ripley St., Milan, IN
 - St. John the Baptist Parish- 331 S. Buckeye St., Osgood, IN
 - St. Joseph Parish 125 E. Broadway, Shelbyville, IN
 - St. Lawrence Parish 542 Walnut St., Lawrenceburg, IN
 - St. Louis Parish 13 St. Louis Place, Batesville, IN
 - St. Mary Immaculate Conception 203 Fourth St., Aurora, IN
 - St. Mary Parish 1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way, Greensburg, IN
 - St. Mary of the Rock 17440 St. Mary's Road, Batesville, IN
 - St. Maurice Parish 8874 Harrison St., Napoleon, IN
 - St. Michael Parish 145 St. Michael Blvd, Brookville, IN
 - St. Nicholas Parish 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman, IN
 - St. Peter Parish 1207 East Rd., Brookville, IN
- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish 23455 Gavin Lane, Lawrenceburg, IN
 - St. Vincent de Paul Parish 4218 E. Michigan Road, Shelbyville, IN
- The Oratory of Saints Philomena & Cecilia 16194 St. Mary's Rd, Brookville, IN



Rummage Sale Collection & Sorting

Tues., **January 7** from 6:30-7:30pm Tues., **January 21** from 6:30-7:30pm Tues., **February 4** from 6:30-7:30pm

Tues., February 18 from 6:30-7:30pm

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



SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 9:00AM - 12:00PM



Join us for a day of prayer, learning, and FUN! Here's what you can expect:

- ✓ EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & MASS
- ✓ CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
- MEET SEMINARIANS, PRIESTS, & RELIGIOUS

CHEDULE:

9:00AM - 11:00AM: FAMILY VOCATION STATIONS

11:00AM: FAMILY MASS

12:00PM: SPECIAL LUNCH FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

REGISTRATION

FAMILY DAY: HEARGODSCALL.COM/FAMILY-DAY-FOR-VOCATIONS
HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH: HEARGODSCALL.COM/HIGH-SCHOOL-LUNCH



HOLY FAMILY VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES CONTACTS:
CATECHIST or RUMMAGE SALE: Beth

Geis: at 812-932-3045 or holyfami-

lybeth@gmail.com TURTLE SOUP:

Dorothy Ziegler @ 812-212-0414 - <u>MASS</u>

MINISTRIES: Toni Cummings @ tdcummings96@gmail.com or 812-932-

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<u>SERVICES:</u> Cheryl Borgman @ 812-934-3015 or holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com -

CARING COMMITTEE: Carol Dobson @

812-212-3582 **BEREAVEMENT COM-**

MITTEE: Marcia Bischoff @ 812-871-4872

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21 5:30pm † Emil Kuntz

Sunday, December 22

8:00 am † Andrew Schneider

10:00 am Members of the Parish

Monday, December 23

8:00 am † Michael Dietz

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 am † Dick Hirt

4:00pm Living & † Deceased Members of the Rita & Leroy Struewing Family

Wed, December 25

Midnight Members of the Parish 9:00 am † Donna 'Ditto' Doll

11:00 am † Marlene Schwegman (SMR)

Thurs, December 26

8:00 am † Phyllis Bryan

Friday, December 27

8:00 am † Joe & Flora Wissel

Saturday, December 28

5:30pm † Jim Grote

Sunday, December 29

8:00 am Members of the Parish

10:00 am † Rick Lecher

AN ACT OF WORSHIP

December 1st Sunday Collection Envelope Collection.....\$4,990.25 Loose.....\$1,086.00 Total......\$6,243.25 Budget......\$7,692.31

UNDER Budget......\$450.06 Catholic University Collection.....\$1,724.70

Special Parish <u>DECEMBER</u> Collection:

Choir & Music Liturgy



COME AND SPEND MORE TIME IN THE PRESENCE of the LORD, our SAVIOR Monday – Friday 9am-9pm in the St.

ADORATION Anne's Chapel. If you

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Patrick Schene Jim Flodder 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 Gorball Lisa Haessig Jean Ham Dennis Harmeyer Sylva Havens Becky Horstman Dale Kuntz Eugene Laker Beth Lamping Jim Lamping Jr. Todd Leising Garv 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 Anna Mae Raver 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.

December 22, 2024

2024 Capital Improvement Projects/Expenses			
Project		Cost	Description
Repair Stage Doors underneath	\$	(5,000.00)	In Process
Confessional Updates	\$	(3,500.00)	Quoted
Boiler Work & 1/2 Boiler Replacement	\$	(46,461.00)	Completed
Front Stairs outside Friary & Gutters on gym	\$	(4,925.00)	Completed
Reseal the East Side of the Church Windows	\$	(22,740.00)	Completed
New Stable for Nativity Set	\$	(3,063.00)	Completed
Cut the 3 dead trees down in the cemetery	\$	(1,000.00)	Completed
Priests' concrete parking repair for	\$	(2,275.00)	Completed
Battery Backup Replacement-Cheryl's Comp	\$	(634.49)	Completed
Repaint Holy Family Statue	\$	(1,295.00)	Completed
Copier for Office	\$	(8,500.00)	Completed
Replace Roof on Rectory	\$	(40,860.00)	Completed
Steam Table for Festival	\$	(2,832.00)	Completed
Roof for the Shrine in Woods at Cemetery	\$	(585.00)	Completed
TOTAL 2024 PROJECTS	\$	(143,085.49)	Total Cost for 2024 Projects
			Total Donations to date for 2024
Total Donations to date + Balance from 2023	\$	143,579.49	Projects
Total Deficit for Projects	\$	494.00	Total Deficit to cover Projects

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22. 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10 & 14/Lk 1:57-66 **Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27 & 29/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/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/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 **Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 **Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



DID YOU KNOW... Abortion harms women. According to a 2011 PREGNANCY HOTLINE article published in the British Journal of Psychiatry, compared to women who carried their babies to term, women who obtained abortions were at

an 81% increased risk of mental health problems, 10% of which was directly attributable to the abortion, 21% more likely to display suicidal behaviors, and 35% more likely to commit suicide. . 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! Batesville's pregnancy hotline 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 & also reachable at FB Messenger.

Mass Ministry Schedule

December 21st & December 22nd

Servers:

5:30pm Jonah Trossman & Lorelei Enzinger 8:00am Luke Raver & Kiersten Kreuzman 10:00am Annie Harmeyer & Emma Robben

Lector:

5:30pm Paul Brockman 8:00am Connie Luers 10:00am Paul Gates

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Karen Patterson, Will Patterson, Michael Irvin, Jay Pfeiffer & Connie Chaffee 8:00am Jon Spreckelson, Kris Baumer, Angie Harmeyer, Theresa Boyce & Jeff Paul 10:00am Ryan Tekulve, Beth Geis, Beth Deputy, Dave Rieman & Teri Rieman

Music:

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

December 28th & December 29th

Servers:

5:30pm Annabelle Eckstein & Kenzi Froehling 8:00am Leo Spreckelson & Jason Kaiser 10:00am Greyson Farmer & Adelynn Kruthaupt Lector:

5:30pm Toni Cummings 8:00am Dennis Moeller 10:00am Marty Werner

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Eddie Obermeyer, Dan Eckstein, Carla Enzinger, Maureen Grote & Lisa Oldham 8:00am Teresa Merkel, Deann Kaiser, Eric Heppner, Christy Honnert & Karen Trenkamp 10:00am Monica Livers, AJ Strassell, Carol Dobson, Tina Duncan & Wendy Havens

Music:

5:30pm Leon Enneking, Tim Volz, Carol Roell & Kim Brockman 8:00am Jayne Enneking

10:00am Bryce & Shannon Mullins

January 4th & January 5th

Servers:

5:30pm Annie Patterson & Aubrey Kruthaupt 8:00am Henry Giesting & Maddie Balash 10:00am Heidi Werner & Grace Flaspohler Lector:

5:30pm Kristina Schneider 8:00am Teresa Merkel 10:00am Jan Westerfeld

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Karen Patterson, Will Patterson, Michael Irvin, Maureen Grote & Elaine Hawkes 8:00am Dorothy Ziegler, Cathy Kaiser, Deanna Raver, Jon Spreckelson & Kris Baumer 10:00am Julia Heidlage, Jenny Ilderton, Melissa Jacobs, Kay Pulskamp & Allen Raab

Music:

5:30pm Parish Choir 8:00am Matt Trossman 10:00am Leon Enneking, Tim Volz, Carol Roell & Kim Brockman

USHERS for December 5:30pm: Bob Obermeyer, Ed Scheele, Louis Scheele

8:00am: Bob Schrank, Dan Kerker & Roger Collins - 10:00am: Ken Pfeiffer, Mike Schwegman & Paul Waechter

Holy Family Christmas Masses CHRISTMAS DAY CHRISTMAS EVE 9am 4pm & Midnight @ Holy Family Church @ Holy Family Church 11am @ St. Mary of the Rock

CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTRIES

SERVERS:

4:00pm Gus Robben & Annie Harmeyer MIDNIGHT Wilbur Giesting & Caitlin Raver 9:00am 2 SERVERS NEEDED

LECTOR:

4:00pm Jackie Wilhelm **MIDNIGHT** Toni Cummings 9:00am Wendy Havens

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00pm Connie Chaffee, Will Patterson, Karen Patterson, Deann Raver

& 3 VOLUNTEERS

MIDNIGHT Deanna Raver, Dorothy Ziegler, Jon Spreckelson, Henry Spreckelson & 1

VOLUNTEER

9:00am Dave Rieman, Teri Rieman, Kay Pulskamp, Karen Trenkamp & Elaine Hawkes

MUSIC:

4:00pm Shannon Mullins & Children's Choir **MIDNIGHT** Parish Choir 9:00am Jayne & Leon Enneking

USHERS:

4:00pm 4 VOLUNTEERS **MIDNIGHT 3 VOLUNTEERS** 9:00am 3 VOLUNTEERS



CHRISTMAS MINISTRY NEEDS



4pm Mass NEEDS

3 Eucharistic Ministers, & 4 Ushers

Midnight Mass NEEDS

1 Eucharistic Ministers & 3 Ushers

CHRISTMAS DAY MINISTRY NEEDS

9am Mass NEEDS - 2 Servers & 3 Ushers

Use the QR code to sign up for a Ministry NEED OR contact Toni Cummings at tdcummings96@gmail.com or 812-212-2354

Mary, Mother of God **MINISTRY NEEDS**



6pm Mass NEEDS

1 Servers. 4 Eucharistic Ministers & 3 Ushers

Mary, Mother of **God Day MINISTRY NEEDS**

9am Mass NEEDS

2 Servers. 4 Eucharistic Ministers. 3 Ushers & 1 Sacristan

Use the QR code to sign up for a Ministry NEED OR contact Toni Cummings at 812-212-2354 or tdcummings96@gmail.com

Religious Education/Youth Ministry Page

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

1st - 8th Grade Religious Education - The next class will be Wed. January 8th from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Preschool/Kindergarten Religious Education Class
There will be NO class December 22nd or December 29th.
Class will resume on **January 5th** again from 9:45am-11:00am.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION next session is Jan. 8th from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the

Parish Library (located up the stone stairs across from Oldenburg firehouse.) We will begin a new topic to be disclosed soon



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS /
BENJAMIN CELLO CHRISTMAS
SPECIAL - In this special hour-long



SPECIAL - In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow pupp Christmas" by Brother Joseph and

Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater. Featuring a fully orchestrated score and new music by the creators of "Benjamin Cello", this special shows the Christmas story like you've never seen it before. Spanning from the Creation and Fall of Man to the Journey of the Wise Men to worship the Christ Child, "The Story of Christmas" is an epic musical dramatization of why God became Man.

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

TEAM JESUS YOUTH GROUP (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP): High School Youth Group is THIS Sun., Dec. 15th, from 5:30-7:30pm @ Holy Family Church.
This will be our last youth group for the

This will be our last youth group for the 2024 year 4 we will come together again

on January 5th! More details to come.

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 THIS Fri., Jan. 17th from 3-5pm at the St. Louis Youth Center.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY: Middle School Bible Study is THIS Mon. Jan. 13th at the St. Louis Youth Center. 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.



Congratulations to our OCIA Candidates who received the Rite of Acceptance' on



Sun., December 15th. Please pray for them as they prepare to become members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Bottom Row: (Left to Right) Brandy Starost, Brandi Cornett, Katey Stout Middle Row: Bill Starost, Kayne Cornett, Linda Adams, Angie Pierson, Terri Rieman Top Row: Father John, Luke Pierson, Linda Adams, Beth Geis

Candidates to Sponsors: Brandi Cornett – Brandy Starost, Kayne Cornett – Bill Starost, Linda Adams – Angie Pierson, Dave Adams – Luke Pierson, Katey Stout – Teri Rjeman



BAPTISM: If you are preparing to have your child baptized or need to receive a Baptismal Certificate, please contact Beth Geis. If this is your first child, you will need to schedule a Baptism Class with Beth Geis. If this is not your first child & have attended a class already, we will need

proof. Phone #: (812)-934-3013 ext 3 or E-mail: holyfamilybeth@gmail.com



Tis the Season of Cheer...Remember to SAVE those Aluminum Cans! Aluminum Cans! Aluminum Cans ONLY Please. Please deposit them in the Wire Bins located on the South side of the Church Parking lot. PLEASE PLACE CANS IN A BAG BEFORE DEPOSITING!