



Holy Family

P.O. BOX 98 • 3027 PEARL ST. • OLDENBURG, IN 47036

Fr. Carl's Thoughts and Reflections

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023

This weekend is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, with the Christmas Vigil Mass at 4 PM Sunday afternoon and later in the evening is the Midnight Mass at midnight. As I have mentioned before, this 4th week is about 6 hours long! Hopefully you will be well prepared for our Christmas celebrations by Sunday afternoon! Merry Christmas!



Our Scriptures for this 4th Sunday bring to a conclusion our Advent preparation for Jesus' birth. Last week the focus of the readings was on John the Baptist; this week the focus is on Our Blessed Mother Mary. The first reading from Second Samuel tells us about King David who wanted to build a house (temple) for the Lord to live in. The prophet Nathan has a dream telling David not to build a house for the Lord. The Lord has been caring for His people for a long time. Now the Lord will build a house (progeny) for David, giving him heirs to make his kingdom secure, eventually resulting in the birth of Jesus through the obedience of Mary. In the second reading, St. Paul writes to the Romans regarding the prophetic writings which were fulfilled by the birth of Jesus, the Son of Mary, through the Holy Spirit. This reminder is to strengthen the

faith of the Romans and through them to bring Christ glory forever and ever.



Our Gospel reading from the first chapter of St. Luke's Gospel is once again the account of the Annunciation of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary. We had this same Gospel for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. Gabriel visits Mary who is betrothed to Joseph. Gabriel greets Mary as

"full of grace." Mary is troubled by this greeting, and wonders what it means. The Angel goes on to tell Mary that she has been chosen by God to be the mother of His Son, and Mary wonders how this will happen. Gabriel reassures her that the Holy Spirit will come upon her, and the child to be born will thus be the Son of God, to be named Jesus. Gabriel also reveals that Elizabeth, Mary's kinswoman, is 6 months pregnant and will bear a son in her old age, for nothing is impossible for God. Mary is convinced & declares that she is the "handmaid of the Lord," ready to be obedient to God's word. So we are once again called to recognize Mary's great faith & obedience, and we should do our best to follow Mary's example. How are we being called to obedience and commitment to the Lord's plans? What can we do this week and year to further God's plans in our family, in our Church, and in our world?

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Justin and Shannon Paul, parents of Bo Robert Paul, whose funeral was December 12. We also pray for Rita J. Jaisle, who died and was buried on December 16. May they rest in peace and the families be consoled.



May you have a Blessed 4th Sunday and a Merry Christmas!

Fr. Carl

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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 page

Available on our Website shortly
after Saturday Mass

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
holyfamilybeth@gmail.com/
812-934-3013 (ext. 125)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4:30pm - 5pm



All are invited to join the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg for our

Convent Christmas Tours on Wed., Dec. 27th from 6pm to 7:30pm.

We have many festive trees and decorations representing various cultures and themes. The Sisters' Chime Choir will be playing in the Chapel. You may join us in our Convent Dining Room for refreshments and shop in our Gift Shop. The event is free and open to the public. We hope that you can join us.

Rummage Sale Collection /Sorting Date

JANUARY Collection Dates:

January 2, 2024
January 16, 2024
January 30, 2024

FEBRUARY Collection Dates:

February 13, 2024
February 27, 2024

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**

located in the bride's room at the back of church.



Daughters of Isabella

MEETING will be TUES., **January**

2nd at the Hall of the

Knights of Columbus at 7pm.



FRANCISCAN FRIARS
Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe

With praise and thanksgiving to God, we joyfully announce and invite you to attend the

Ordination of
Bro. John Robert Barker, OFM

to the **Sacred Order of Deacon** through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by

The Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson, DD, JCL
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Saturday, January 20, 2024
10:00 AM

Holy Family Church
3027 Pearl Street Oldenburg, Indiana 47036

Luncheon to follow
RSVP by January 10 - jbarker@friars.us

Livestream: Holy Family Oldenburg Facebook



Congratulations, **Mr. & Mrs. Jacob & Marie (McMahon) Flaspohler!** Wed at Holy Family Church on December 9 by Fr Kevin Kahmann.

TriForce Mission Trip Rummage Sale

The TriForce Mission Trip is having their Rummage Sale again this year @ St. Anthony's Church in Morris, IN!

Donation Drop Off Days:

January 12th: 4pm – 8pm
January 13th: 11am – 3pm
January 14th: 11am – 3pm
@ St. Anthony Parking Lot

Rummage Sale Days:

January 18th: 9am – 6pm
January 19th: 9am – 6pm
January 20th: 8am – 6pm

(1/2 price day ALL day & \$2 bag day 1pm-6pm)

The TriForce Mission Team wants to thank you for your donations & purchases.



HOLY FAMILY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTACTS: **CATECHIST:** Beth Geis: at 812-932-3045/

holyfamilybeth@gmail.com **TURTLE SOUP:** Dorothy Ziegler @ 812-212-0414 - **MASS MINISTRIES:** Toni Cummings @ 812-932-3046 tdcummings96@gmail.com - **RUMMAGE SALE:** Cheryl Borgman @ 812-934-3015/holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com - **FESTIVAL:** Cheryl Borgman @ 812-934-3015/holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com - **CARING COMMITTEE:** Carol Dobson @ 812-212-3582 - **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Marcia Bischoff @ 812-871-4872 & **LINEN SERVICES:** Cheryl Borgman @ 812-934-3015/holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23

5:30 pm † Therese 'Tess' Zins

Sunday, December 24

8:00 am Members of the Parish

10:00 am † Donna Hoover

4:00 pm Members of the Parish

Midnight † Tracy Dwenger

Monday, December 25

8:00 am † Ambrose & Anna Mae Nobbe

10:00 am † Ethel Rose Haskamp

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 am † Joyce Harmeyer

Wed, December 27

8:00 am † Jim Grote

Thurs, December 28

8:00 am † Dorothy DOLL

Friday, December 29

8:00 am † Cletus Tekulve

Saturday, December 30

5:30 pm † William & Veronica Kuntz

Sunday, December 31

8:00 am † Helen Enneking

10:00 am Members of the Parish

7:00 pm † Cindy Young

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.

2023 Capital Improvement Projects

Project	Approx Cost
Website Revamp	\$ (4,435.00)
Roof above ramp replace	\$ (3,198.84)
Slate Roof Steeple fix	\$ (9,730.00)
Boiler Work & Replacement	\$ (61,632.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (78,995.84)
TOTAL INCOME RAISED	\$ 54,845.05
TOTAL DIFFERENCE NEEDED	\$ (24,150.79)

OFFERING AN ACT OF WORSHIP

December 11th Sunday Collection

Envelope Collection.....	\$7,682.75
Loose.....	\$1,139.00
Total.....	\$8,821.75
Budget.....	\$7,455.84
ABOVE Budget.....	\$1,365.91
Religious Retirement Collection....	\$1,737.00
Immaculate Conception Collection...	\$1,669.00

Special Parish **DECEMBER** Collection:
Choir/Music Liturgy



Wilfrid Scheele,
Cam Wahman,
Aaron Davis,
Connie,
Donn Salladay,
Shane Neal,,
Tony Gorbail,
Todd Leising,
Jeanne Phillips,
Sandy Meyer,

Becky Horstman,
Bill Pierce,
Benjamin Mattingly,
Steve Suding,
Terry Duncan,
Tom Wilson,
Marvin Gehring,
Leah Schornick,
Paul Messerschmidt,
Bobby Patterson,
Tami Peters,
Dick Hirt,
Beth Fasbinder,
Lisa Haessig,
Jean Ham,
Scott Cooper,

Keith Milligan,
Pat Schrank,
Carlos Luken,
Wesley Neil
Thompson,
Jane Fussner,
Terri Jo Thompson,
Tina Cohill,
Carolyn Scheele,
Gary Lewis,
Dennis Harmeyer,
Beth Lamping,
Eugene Laker,
Dan Wagner,
Sylva Havens,
Jen Tucker,

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

December 24, 2023

READINGS FOR THE DECEMBER 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: 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/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

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

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9/
Col 3:12-21 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40



Our Maintenance Man, Doug Nobbe



will be retiring April 2024. We are seeking replacement soon. Electric, plumbing, bobcat/ excavator operation, as

well as being able to fix about anything is all part of the required skills for this job. If you are interested in this position please submit a resume to Cheryl Borgman in the Parish Office at holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com.

Caring Committee

Holy Family Caring Committee is looking for individuals who would like a visit; help running errands; use some meals....etc. **If you know of anyone, please contact Carol Dobson at 812-212-3582.** We would love to help in **any way** we are able! PLEASE reach out! **AT THIS TIME...we are unable to transport anyone around.**

Holy Family Church Caring

Committee NEXT

MEETING is

January 30th at 6:30pm in the Rudolph Room. For any questions please call Carol Dobson @ 812-212-3582.



DID YOU KNOW... Most Americans favor some restrictions on abortion. A Marist poll released in January, 2022 found that 71% of Americans, including 49% of Democrats, want abortion to be limited to the first three months of pregnancy at most. 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. The hotline can also be reached at FB Messenger.

Mass Ministry Schedule

December 23rd & December 24th

Servers:

5:30pm **NEED 2 SERVERS**

8:00am Leo Spreckelson & Henry Spreckelson

10:00am **NEED 2 SERVERS**

Lector:

5:30pm Carol Dobson

8:00am Connie Luers

10:00am Jan Westerfeld

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Diane Tekulve, Carla Enzinger, Thomas Meyer, Connie Chaffee & Jay Pfeiffer

8:00am Dorothy Ziegler, Karen Trenkamp, Connie Luers, Dennis

Moeller & **NEED 1 VOLUNTEERS**

10:00am Wendy Havens, Kay Pulskamp, Dave Rieman, Teri Rieman & **NEED 1 VOLUNTEER**

Music:

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

8:00am Jayne Enneking

10:00am Bryce & Shannon Mullins

December 24th & December 25th

Servers:

4pm **NEED 2 SERVERS**

MIDNIGHT Caitlin Raver & Luke Raver

8:00am **NEED 2 SERVERS**

10:00am **NEED 2 SERVERS**

Lector:

4pm Toni Cummings

MIDNIGHT Eric Doll

8:00am Teresa Merkel

10:00am Marty Werner

Eucharistic Ministers:

4pm Kris Baumer, Karen Patterson, Will Patterson, Connie Chaffee, Allen Raab, Elaine Hawkes & Mike Irvin &

MIDNIGHT Dorothy Ziegler, Anna Deputy, Br. John Barker, Deanna Raver & Christy Honnert

8:00am Carla Enzinger, Karen Trenkamp, Dennis Moeller & **NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS**

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Music:

4pm Children's Choir

MIDNIGHT Parish Choir

8:00am TBD

10:00am TBD

December 30th & December 31st***

Servers:

5:30pm Annabelle Eckstein & Kenzi Froehling

8:00am Leo Spreckelson & Henry Spreckelson

10:00am Abe Trossman & Maggie Jelinek

Lector:

5:30pm Diane Raver

8:00am Dennis Moeller

10:00am Julia Heidlage

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Tom Meyer, Jay Pfeiffer, Connie Chaffee, Lisa Oldham & Karen Patterson

8:00am Carla Enzinger, Karen Trenkamp,, Dorothy Ziegler, Cathy Kaiser & Deanna Raver

10:00am Dave Rieman, Teri Rieman, Melissa Jacobs, Carol Dobson & Tina Duncan

Music:

5:30pm Parish Choir

8:00am Matt Trossman

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

*****IF UNABLE TO FULFILL THE WEEKEND MINITRIES** as scheduled above, please try to find a sub or reach contact Toni Cummings ASAP!***

USHERS for DECEMBER 5:30pm: Herbert

Moorman, Brad Nobbe & Doug Nobbe -

8:00am: Bill Gehring, Eric Heppner & Bill Hoff

- **10:00am:** Mike Meyer, Ron Obermeyer & Ken Pfeiffer

USHERS for JANUARY

5:30pm: Rick Obermeyer, Jay Pfeiffer & Ed Scheele - **8:00am:** Eric

Heppner, Rick Hoff & Bill Hoff -

10:00am: Richard Rahe, Mike Schwegman & Paul Waechter

SIGN UP: Mary, Mother of God Vigil - 7pm Mass NEEDS

2 Servers, Kris Schneider, Karen Trenkamp, Maureen Grote & 3 Eucharistic Ministers & Ushers



Mary, Mother of God Day - 8am Mass NEEDS - 2 Servers, 5 Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers & 1 Sacristan



Adoration

Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family encourage all parishioners to join them Monday – Friday anytime from 9am-9pm in the St. Anne's Chapel. Bring a friend or someone you know and bask in the Lord and grow in His Love for us! Come for the time that works for you. Sit in His Presence with the scheduled

adorers. **SEEKING ADORERS for THREE**

HOURS....Tuesdays at 8pm, Thursdays at 5pm

& Fridays at 2pm. If you are interested, please contact

Dustin Walke at 317-691-5209 or walkedustin@gmail.com

Even if unable to cover an hour on a regular basis, we ask

that you just join us when you can to adore the Lord in the

Presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

9TH ANNUAL

Put on the Armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil -Ephesians 6:11

E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



8:00am to 3:30pm

EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

35 minutes NW of Cincinnati and one hour South of Indy at 1 Trojan Rd A St Leon, IN 47012



Tim Staples
Lead Apologist of Catholic Answers

Fr. John Hollowell
Pastor in Solidum, All Saints Parish

Nathan Crankfield
Catholic speaker & founder of the Seeking Excellence podcast



Sean Casey "The Mayor"
Cincinnati Reds Hall of Famer 3x MLB All Star



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WWW.E6CATHOLICMENSCONFERENCE.COM

Religious Education/Youth Ministry Page

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

The next **Religious Education Classes** are **Wed., Jan. 10th** from 6:30pm-7:30pm. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Remember the reason for the season and may God Bless you abundantly!
Preschool Kindergarten Class resumes **Sun., Jan. 7th** in the Fr. Rudolf Room from 9:45am-11am.

YOUTH GROUP

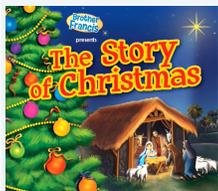
SAINTS IN THE MAKING (Jr. High) YOUTH GROUP: Our next Youth Group is **Fri., Jan. 5th** from 3 – 5 pm @ St. Louis Youth Center.

JR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY: Our first Bible Study is **Mon., Jan. 8th** from 3 – 5 pm @ St. Louis Youth Center. If you need help with getting a ride to the center for either Bible Study or Youth Group, please let Beth Geis know!

TEAM JESUS HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: The next Team Jesus High School Youth Group is **SUNDAY, Jan 7th** from 6:30pm-8:30pm!
More details to come in the future!

TRIFORCE MISSION TRIP MEETING:
The next Mission Trip Meeting is **THIS SUNDAY, Dec. 21st** @ **4:30 PM** at the Youth Center. This will be our Christmas Party, but we will also have a short meeting.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



The Story of Christmas: An Audio Drama About the First Christmas - Children will enjoy this heartwarming dramatization that recounts the story of the very first Christmas, as told by Brother Francis. With music, songs, & engaging storytelling, you will experience the wonderful events that led up to the birth of God's Son and the story of redemption.

Adult Faith Formation **ADULT FORMATION** - Join us for Adult Faith Formation on **Wednesday Evenings** at 6:30pm. There will be different themes each week discussing different topics of our faith. If you are interesting in joining, come on Wednesday evenings or contact Beth Geis at holyfamilybeth@gmail.com or Brother John Barker at jbarker@friars.us

CHASTITY TALK WITH JASON EVERT



The Batesville Deanery is blessed to have Jason Evert, one of the most renowned Catholic speakers in the US, coming to the Batesville Deanery on **Wed., Feb. 21st** from **6pm-9:30pm**. During the 2nd week of Lent, we can bring our 7th – 12th graders to hear him speak to their hearts about an incredibly important message: Chastity.
For more information, please go to chastity.com/purified. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact Beth Geis!



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!**



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

In search of home care nurses for Wesley Thompson



- ◆ Wesley (20 months old) is the son of parishioners, Adam & Cynthia (Geisen) Thompson.
 - ◆ Wesley's family is in need of **TWO** nurses who are willing to care for Wesley 1-2 Sundays per month (6-12 hour shifts).
 - ◆ The nurse must be willing to accompany the family to mass, in order to care for Wesley during mass, in addition to home care duties. His family lives in Batesville & attends mass at Holy Family, in Oldenburg.
 - ◆ **MUST** be an RN or LPN. If not yet licensed in the state of Indiana, must be willing to apply for multistate licensure.
 - ◆ Trach/G tube/pediatric experience preferred. Wesley has a tracheotomy, a gtube, and is oxygen dependent.
 - ◆ Absolutely no smoking on patient property or during shifts.
 - ◆ Must pass a comprehensive background screen.
 - ◆ Rate of pay: RN-\$34/hour LPN \$26/hour.
- ◆ Benefits are not available for part time employees. Benefits are offered only to full time employees, this role could potentially lead into a full time position.
 - ◆ Please contact Sam Schneider at Team Select Home Care 812-565-9131 if you have administrative/HR questions.

NEED A HALL FOR FAMILY GATHERINGS?

WE CAN HELP. LOCATIONS & DATES AVAILABLE

Holy Family Cafeteria &/or Gym Call Cheryl

OR Borgman @ 812-934-3013 Opt.2

St. Mary of the Rock Hall & Shelter

Call Brad Lecher @ 812-212-2908