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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 **Beth Geis** to arrange a Baptism
[holyfamilybeth@gmail.com/](mailto: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 29, 2024 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Holy Family Parish



We are God's children now... (1 John 3:2).

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Holy Family, and of course here we celebrate it in a special way. Many parishes have a single patron saint, but we have two of the greatest saints and the Lord Himself looking over us! We are very blessed, and it shows. Our parish family is strong in worship and in service and getting stronger all the time.

This week Saint John reminds us that we are God's children. We belong to the family of God, a very Holy Family indeed. The one thing that should mark such a family is love – the kind of love that God shows us by creating us, redeeming us from our sins and failings, and offering to share His life with us in His Kingdom. This is a love that is generous, open-hearted, and when necessary, sacrificial. As members of God's family, we see other people's problems as our own, others' suffering as our own, others' joys as our own.

Not everyone has the experience of coming from a loving family. Some families are broken and others never really came together in the first place. But as members of God's family, we should all be able to feel that we are loved by our Christian brothers and sisters, and we should be prepared to show them the love they deserve. On this feast of the Holy Family let's pray for all our families, that they may know and show love:

We bless Your name, O Lord, for sending Your own incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as He lived its life, He would experience its worries and its joys. We ask You, Lord, to protect and watch over our families, so that in the strength of Your grace their members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to Your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Justin Black

Holy Family parishioners Justin Black and Madison (Madi) Lampert were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, December 14 at Holy Family Church. Please pray that God will bless the Black's with a long and happy life together!

Congratulations, Colter Thomas!

Colter Thomas, son of Tyler and Emily Lecher, was baptized here at Holy Family on December 15. Let's all welcome our brother in Christ, Colter Thomas, to the household of God. Alleluia!



Please Pray for the Family of Ace Moorman

On Tuesday, December 17, our brother Thomas Edward "Ace" Moorman was laid to rest at St. Louis Cemetery. Please take a moment to pray for Ace: *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 New Year's Masses!

If you are able to help out at New Year's Masses, please contact Toni Cummings at tdcumings96@gmail.com.

- Fr. John

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.

FAMILY DAY FOR VOCATIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025
9:00AM - 12:00PM
ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS: CATHOLIC CENTER



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

SCHEDULE:
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





Thank you to the Bereavement Committee for the delicious luncheon following Dale's funeral. Thanks also to the Caring Committee for your support during our time of grieving.

- Family of Dale Parmer



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 \$55 for dues & initiation fees. If you have any questions please contact Scot Harmeyer at 812-933-9046 or council1461@indianakofc.org.

HelpOurMarriage.org

RETROUVAILLE

A 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



HOLY FAMILY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CONTACTS:

CATECHIST or RUMMAGE SALE: Beth Geis: at 812-932-3045 or holyfamilybeth@gmail.com **TURTLE SOUP:** Dorothy Ziegler @ 812-212-0414 - **MASS MINISTRIES:** Toni Cummings @ tdcummings96@gmail.com or 812-932-3046 - **FESTIVAL or CHURCH LINEN SERVICES:** Cheryl Borgman @ 812-934-3015 or holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com - **CARING COMMITTEE:** Carol Dobson @ 812-212-3582 **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Marcia Bischoff @ 812-871-4872

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28

5:30pm † Jim Grote

Sunday, December 29

8:00 am Members of the Parish

10:00 am † Rick Lecher

Monday, December 30

8:00 am † Herman & Claire Suttman

Tuesday, December 31

8:00 am † Stephen Weiler

6:00pm Living & † Deceased Members of the Rita & Leroy Struewing Family

Wed, January 1

9:00 am † Gordon Giesting

11:00 am † Cleora Kuntz (SMR)

Thurs, January 2

8:00 am † Albert Meyer

Friday, January 3

8:00 am † Dolores Scheele

Saturday, January 4

5:30pm † Melvin & Millie Cutter

Sunday, January 5

8:00 am Members of the Parish

10:00 am † Bob & Joan Grieshop & Janet Kirschner

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 Gorbali
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
Anna Mae Raver
Clare Ronnebaum
Ruth Ronnebaum
Donn Salladay
Carolyn Scheele
Wilfrid Schuele
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 29, 2024

2024 Capital Improvement Projects/Expenses

Project	Cost	Description
Create 4 Storage carts for underneath stage doors	\$ (2,800.00)	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	\$ (141,470.49)	Total Cost for 2024 Projects
Total Donations to date + Balance from 2023	\$ 145,639.49	Total Donations to date for 2024 Projects
Balance Remaining after projects	\$ 4,169.00	Balance of Donations after Projects

OFFERING AN ACT OF WORSHIP

December 8th Sunday Collection

Envelope Collection.....\$4,985.25
Loose.....\$2,258.00
Total.....\$7,243.25
Budget.....\$7,692.31

UNDER Budget.....-\$449.06

Immaculate Conception

Collection.....\$1,673.00

December 15th Sunday Collection

Envelope Collection.....\$5,123.25
Loose.....\$2,966.25
Total.....\$8089.50
Budget.....\$7,692.31

ABOVE Budget.....\$397.19

Special Parish **JANUARY** Collection:

Heating Cost

Are you tired of writing a check & finding your collection envelope every week for church? Now you can donate wireless through an ACH. All you have to do is fill out a form in the Parish Office and it will automatically come out of your bank account the 1st business day of the month!! Contact Cheryl for signups. Forms are in the back of church & on our website.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40

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

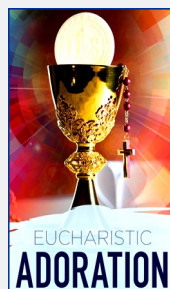
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd--6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



COME AND SPEND MORE TIME IN THE PRESENCE OF the LORD, our SAVIOR Monday – Friday 9am-

9pm in the St. 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.

Mass Ministry Schedule

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

January 11th & January 12th

Servers:

5:30pm George Jelinek & Makynze Borgman
8:00am Blaise Mullens & Jason Kaiser
10:00am Gus Robben & Jonah Trossman

Lector:

5:30pm Steve Kerker
8:00am Kyle Laker
10:00am Jaculin Wilhelm

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Eddie Obermeyer, Dan Eckstein, Carla Enzinger, Maureen Grote & Tom Meyer
8:00am Isaac Trossman, Angie Harmeyer, Theresa Boyce, Jeff Paul & Teresa Merkel
10:00am Brandy Starost, Ryan Tekulve, Beth Geis, Dave Rieman & Teri Rieman

Music:

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

USHERS for January 5:30pm: Marvin Wissel, Bill Beetz & Paul Brockman

8:00am: Tom Honnert, Louis Giesting & Jason Honnert - **10:00am:** Mike Baumer, Bill Starost & Jacob Starost

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God

Holy Family Parish MASS TIMES

December 31st - 6pm
January 1st - 9am at Holy Family
January 1st - 11am at St. Mary of the Rock



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

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS MINISTRIES

SERVERS:

6:00pm Jonah Trossman & Abe Trossman
9:00am **2 SERVERS NEEDED**

LECTOR:

6:00pm Debi Carter
9:00am Teresa Merkel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

6:00pm Isaac Trossman, Karen Trenkamp, Maureen Grote, Karen Patterson & Will Patterson
9:00am Wendy Havens & **4 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

MUSIC:

6:00pm TBD
9:00am TBD

USHERS:

6:00pm **3 VOLUNTEERS**
9:00am **3 VOLUNTEERS**

First Friday of the Month

Adoration & Benediction

January 3rd

begins after 8am Mass
Benediction at 7pm




Criterion Newspaper is the weekly Catholic News paper delivered to your home. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis wants

every parishioner to have the opportunity to receive this Catholic newspaper. If each parishioner could pay the subscription cost of \$18/year, this would help out tremendously! Envelopes for this can be found in your weekly contribution packets.

NEED A PLACE FOR FAMILY GATHERINGS?

WE CAN HELP. LOCATIONS & DATES AVAILABLE

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



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

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**. We hope you had a **Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!** We will see you in 2025!

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



YOUTH GROUP

TEAM JESUS YOUTH GROUP (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP): High School Youth Group is **THIS Sun., Jan. 5th, from 5:30-7:30pm @ Holy Family Church.** More details to come.

Join your peers every Wednesday morning for High School Bible Study at the Youth Center 7:07-7:37 A.M. 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. The next meeting is Jan. 19th from 4:30-5:30pm in the youth center at St. Louis.

FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK

ROOTED - This series guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus

Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection. Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted helps viewers apply the passage and related teachings to each day of Advent, guided by the Church's teachings.

<https://watCh.formed.org/rooted>



If you have any questions, feel free to contact Beth Geis!

E-mail: holyfamilybeth@gmail.com

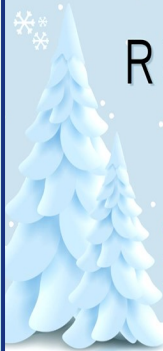
/ Call: 812-934-3013 (ext. 3)

TRIFORCE MISSION TEAM

Winter RUMMAGE SALE

ST. ANTHONY, MORRIS, IN
UPPER AND LOWER HALL

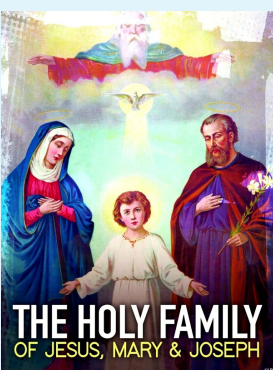
DROP OFF DATES:		SALE DATES:	
JAN 10	4pm-8pm	JAN 16	9am-6pm
JAN 11	11am-3pm	JAN 17	9am-6pm
JAN 12	11am-3pm	JAN 18	8am-5pm



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 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!



All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us. But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship. You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother? The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father? Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful,

unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter? We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS