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MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Weekend</u> 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 <u>Holy Days</u> 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

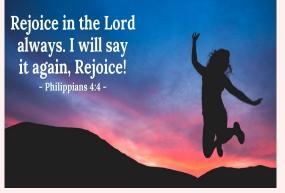
Contact <u>Beth Geis</u> to arrange a Baptism holyfamilybeth@gmail.com/ 812-934-3013 (ext. 125)

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 15, 2024 • Third Sunday of Advent





Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)

Anyone who has been up early enough to catch the sunrise this time of year can appreciate the color of the vestments the priest wears this Sunday. As the sun peeks over the horizon the sky is cast with a blend of purple and rose, a joyful herald of a new day. Just so, the priest is decked out in rose vestments with purple ac-

cents to signal the approach of Christmas, when the "dawn from on high" – Jesus Christ – will shine upon the earth. We call today Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" means "rejoice," and in our second reading Saint Paul encourages the Philippians to "rejoice always." Why? Because "the Lord is near."

The prophet Zephaniah, in the first reading, also encourages God's people to "shout for joy" because God is in their midst as savior. In fact, the prophet tells us that **God Himself** *will rejoice over His people and sing joyfully because of them.* Not only do the goodness and mercy of God bring us joy, but our salvation brings God joy. No wonder Jesus often talks about the Kingdom of God as a banquet – a party!

As we continue our Advent journey toward the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus, it's important for us to remember that "God so loved the world that He sent His only Son," that God *wants* every one of us to be saved and to enjoy all the gifts He offers us, in this life and in the next. We are not a burden to God, and our sinfulness and brokenness, no matter how bad they may be, do not stop God from loving us; we remain His children. So, yes, *Gaudete!* Rejoice in the Lord always, because He rejoices in us.

Congratulations to Our OCIA Candidates!

Last Sunday our brothers and sisters who are preparing for Easter sacraments were accepted into the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Congratulations to David and Linda Adams, Kayne and Brandi Cornett, and Katey Stout. Please pray for them as they continue this time of prayer and preparation for Easter Vigil.

Please Pray for the Family of Cleora Kuntz

On Thursday, December 12, our sister Cleora Kuntz was laid to rest at Saints Philomena and Cecilia Cemetery after a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Mary of the Rock. Please take a moment to pray for Cleora: *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.* Please pray also that the Lord will console her family and friends who will miss her.





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. John

EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES:

Dec. 22nd submits Dec. 12th Dec. 29th submits Dec. 20th



Come & bring a friend for an afternoon of fun **December 18**th in the **Fr. Rudolf Room underneath** the Holy Family Parish Rectory in Oldenburg, IN at 1pm.



Come Hear the Holy Family Parish Choir

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



Please welcome Mason Green & Sophia Vincent to Holy Family Parish

Eucharistic Healing Service



Take some time away from the busy season and spend it with our Lord! Experience peace & joy!



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.



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.



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 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person for adults. **Please RSVP by December 18** by calling or texting Marty Brockman at (812) 216-8435. \$25 yearly dues can be paid that night & the Commandery Knight of the Year will be awarded.



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

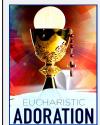
REGISTRATION

FAMILY DAY: HEARGODSCALL.COM/FAMILY-DAY-FOR-VOCATIONS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14 5:30pm † Therese "Tess" Zins Sunday, December 15 8:00 am Members of the Parish 10:00 am † Andrew Schneider 11:00 am † Frank Simmermeyer (SMR) Monday, December 16 8:00 am † Dora Rudolf Tuesday, December 17 8:00 am † Sylvester & Ruth Riehle Wed, December 18 8:00 am † Leona Weiler Thurs, December 19 8:00 am † Jack Amberger Friday, December 20 8:00 am † Joseph & Seraphine Ferkinhoff Saturday, December 21 5:30pm † Emil Kuntz Sunday, December 22 8:00 am † Andrew Schneider 10:00 am Members of the Parish

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one who has passed on or as a special intention for someone in your life, for requests please contact Toni Cummings at tdcummings96@gmail.com or 812-932-3046 Mass intentions are \$10/Mass.



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.

MEN 18 – 35 ONLY

Come join Fr. Slattery and young Men from Ohio State University for a close look at Vocations God may have planned for YOU.

Silent 'Get-A-Way' Retreat Dec 15-18th.

Contact Edelweiss House 812-527-2228 or email the Colonel at Tim.Director@edelweisshouse.org or visit website: edelweisshouse.org.

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 Harmever 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 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 15, 2024

2024 Capital Improvement Projects/Expenses

	Cost	Description
\$	(5,000.00)	In Process
\$	(3,500.00)	Quoted
\$	(46,461.00)	Completed
\$	(4,925.00)	Completed
\$	(22,740.00)	Completed
\$	(3,063.00)	Completed
\$	(1,000.00)	Completed
\$	(2,275.00)	Completed
\$	(634.49)	Completed
\$	(1,295.00)	Completed
\$	(8,500.00)	Completed
\$	(40,860.00)	Completed
\$	(2,832.00)	Completed
\$	(585.00)	Completed
\$	(143,085.49)	Total Cost for 2024 Projects
		Total Donations to date for 2024
\$	143,579.49	Projects
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Readings for the week of December 15, 2024 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ls 12:2-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27 Tuesday: Gn 49:2. 8-10/Ps 72:1-4ab. 7-8. 17/Mt 1:1-17 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38 Saturday: Sq 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



The Giving Tree Holy Family Giving Tree Tags are on the tree. For the Christmas season, Holy Family likes to bring a little holiday cheer to the parishioners that are homebound, in nursing homes, attending college, veterans, serving our country and have lost loved ones this past year. The Caring Committee elves are delivering the holiday cheer as the gifts are returned.

Thanks to ALL! - Carol Dobson & the Caring Committee

Mass Ministry Schedule

December 14th & December 15th

Servers:

5:30pm Annabelle Eckstein & Easton Enzinger 8:00am Blaise Mullens & Abby Balash 10:00am Jonah Trossman & Heidi Werner Lector:

5:30pm Halle Meyer 8:00am Gary Laker 10:00am Julia Heidlage

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Eddie Obermeyer, Dan Eckstein, Carla Enzinger, Maureen Grote & Lisa Oldham 8:00am Christy Honnert, Karen Trenkamp, Dorothy Ziegler, Cathy Kaiser & Deanna Raver 10:00am Barb Luff, Kay Pulskamp, Allen Raab, Brandy Starost & Jacob Starost

Music:

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

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

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

<u>USHERS for December</u> <u>5:30pm</u>: Bob Obermeyer, Ed Scheele, Louis Scheele <u>8:00am</u>: Bob Schrank, Dan Kerker & Roger Collins - 1<u>0:00am</u>: Ken Pfeiffer, Mike Schwegman & Paul Waechter



Religious Education/Youth Ministry Page

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

1st - 8th Grade Religious Education - The next class will be Wed. December 18th

This will be a Christmas Party for the classrooms & our annual SANTA SHOP. If you are able to help with the Santa Shop this evening, please let Beth Geis know. This will be our last Class until January 8th.

Preschool/Kindergarten Religious Education Class

The next class will be **Sun.**, **Dec. 15th** from 9:45-11:00am.. There will be no class December 22nd or December 29th. We will resume class on January 5th again.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION next session is

Adult Dec 18th from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Library Faith (located up the stone stairs across from Oldenburg Formation / firehouse.) We will continue the Theology & Spirituality of Saints with Fr. E.J. Stein. There will be no Classes December 25th & January 1st.

The Class will resume Wednesday, January 8th.



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







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

2024 year & 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., Dec. 20th from 3-5pm at the St. Louis Youth Center.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY: Middle School Bible Study is THIS Mon. Dec. 16th 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: The next meeting is THIS Sun., Dec. 15th from 4:30pm-5:30pm at St. Louis Youth Center. This year, the group is going to East Bank, West Virginia July 6-12th, 2025.

FORMED[®] PICK OF THE WEEK

ADVENT WEEK 3 - Explore the seasons of Advent and Christmas with other great videos, audiobooks, and talks by visiting our Advent & Christmas collection: https:// watch.formed.org/advent-and-christmas



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



DID YOU KNOW... Hope and healing are available to women who regret their **PREGNANCY HOTLINE** abortions. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis offers Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats for

post-abortion healing in a group setting. Healing Hidden Hurts offers a ten-step one on one peer counseling for women seeking an individual experience. 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.



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!

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