## A Franciscan Parish for 157 years! December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH OFFICE

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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

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4:30pm - 5pm

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## Fr. Carl's Thoughts and Reflections

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2023

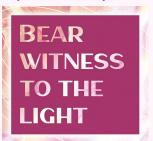
This Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday" because the theme is to be joyful and rejoice as we approach the birth of Jesus. Our first reading is

again from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 61. Isaiah reflects on his call from the Lord to bring "glad tidings to the poor" and to "proclaim liberty to captives." Isaiah rejoices that the Lord has chosen him for this ministry, and compares it to being clothed with festal garments and jewels. He is sure that God will bring justice and praise to all the



nations. St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians also calls for rejoicing and giving thanks for Christ Jesus. The people are to cherish prophecies and to avoid all evil as they await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful and will bring about what He promised.

The Gospel passage from St. John is all about John the Baptist. He was sent by God to testify to Jesus the Light. John admitted that he was not the Christ, nor



Elijah, but came to prepare the way for the Lord. He said he is the "voice of one crying in the desert" to prepare the way of the Lord. Some Pharisees asked John why he was baptizing if he was not Elijah or the Messiah. He said he was just baptizing with water, and was not worthy even to untie the sandal strap of the one coming after him. So John is very clear about his call and his ministry. As we await the birth of our Savior, are

we as clear about our roles as believers in Jesus our Messiah? Are we preparing the way for Jesus to come into our world bringing joy and light and peace? Are we joyful because Jesus has come and is with us, Emmanuel, "God with us"?

Congratulations to all the members of our RCIA program who celebrated the Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcoming at the 10 AM Mass last weekend. They are now committed to fully joining our Church. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith and knowledge of our Catholic Church.

We also celebrated and blessed our Catechists at our Teacher Appreciation service last weekend. We appreciate your commitment to your ministry as catechists in our Religious Education Program. May our Loving Savior continue to bless you!

I hope you all took advantage of our Parish Penance Service on the evening of December 14, or visited other Penance Services in nearby parishes. Receiving the Sacrament of Penance is one of the special ways of preparing for Jesus' birth. We will also have the Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses this weekend as we look forward to this last week of Advent.



Have a Blessed Third Week of Advent!

Fr. Carl







## **Eucharistic Healing Service**



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

### Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 St. Nicholas Catholic Church

### Presider: Fr. Shaun Whittington



Praise & Worship Music: 6:45 pm

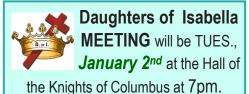
Service Begins: 7:00 pm

**Eucharistic Adoration & Procession** 

**Healing Prayer** 



Join us at Holy Family Church on Dec. 21st at 7pm for Carols Under the Spires. Ring in **Christmas with local** musicians playing classical favorites, & a sing along! The Quartet playing for the evening is Soprano - Kelly Hamm Combs, piano - Stephanie Pestana Konnersman, violin - Dan Qiao & cello - Rebekah Wilhelm. Freewill donation will be collected to support the artists.



## 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.



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.

#### **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-

3015holyfamilycheryl@gmail.com

### 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.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16 5:30 pm † Bobbi Vicars Sunday, December 17 8:00 am Members of the

8:00 am Members of the Parish
10:00 am Living & † Deceased Members
of the George & Anelda Moll Family

Monday, December 18

8:00 am † Lawrence Brockman

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 am † Joseph & Seraphine Ferkinhoff

Wed, December 20

8:00 am † Troy Meer

Thurs, December 21

8:00 am † Omer & Vera Hornig

Friday, December 22

8:00 am † Sandy Koch

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

### **Mass Intention Requests**

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	\$ 34,225.05
TOTAL DIFFERENCE NEEDED	\$ (44,770.79)

## 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 <u>any way</u> 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 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Rudolph Room. For any questions please call Carol Dobson @ 812-212-3582.

## PRAYER REOUESTS

Wilfrid Scheele, Cam Wahman, Aaron Davis, Connie, Donn Salladay, Shane Neal,, Tony Gorball, Todd Leising, Jeanne Phillips, Sandy Meyer, Becky Horstman, Scott Barnhorst.

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,
Rita Struewing,
Ruth Ronnebaum,
and all our nursing
home & homebound
parishioners.

December 17, 2023

### READINGS FOR THE DECEMBER 17, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14/Lk 1:57-66

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



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.



Food Pantry Requests
from Holy Family:
Ingredients for
Green Bean Casserole
Green Beans - Cream of Mushroom Soup
French-fried Onions



Thanks to all who helped to provide Christmas for those in need in our community & parish.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We are delivering gifts for our own parishioners who are the in the nursing homes, homebound, college students & veterans. Please return any of those tags requests as soon as you can. Please be sure to include the tags with your donation. THANK YOU so much!



The Salvation Army in Batesville is looking for bell ringers for this years' Red Kettle Campaign. All Money raised will be used locally

to assist those in need. To sign up contact the Kettle Coordinator, Jeff, at 765-309-3055 or online at "registertoring.com".

Ringing began Nov. 24 and runs through December 24 at Batesville's Kroger between 9am-7pm.



DID YOU KNOW... The United States is not unusual in restricting abortion. According to the Family Research Council, "Alongside Canada, China, Vietnam, and both North and South Korea, the United States is one of only six nations in

the world whose national law allows abortion at any point through the entirety of pregnancy." 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 16th & December 17th Servers:

5:30pm Makynze Borgman & Taytum Froehling 8:00am Caitlin Raver & Luke Raver 10:00am Jonah Trossman & Gus Robben Lector:

5:30pm Steve Kerker 8:00am Shannon Munchel 10:00am Carol Dobson Eucharistic Ministers:

**5:30pm** Michael Irvin, Diane Raver, Carla Enzinger, Maureen Grote & Elaine Hawkes

**8:00am** Eric Heppner, Connie Luers, Dennis Moeller, Christy Honnert

& Karen Trenkamp

10:00am Jacob Starost, Ryan Tekulve,
Beth Geis. Beth Deputy

& Isaac Trossman

### Music:

**5:30pm** Bryce & Shannon Mullins

8:00am Parish Choir

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

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 NEED 1 LECTOR

10:00am NEED 1 LECTOR

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 

**5:30pm** Diane Tekulve, Carla Enzinger, Thomas Meyer, Connie Chaffee

& <u>NEED 1 VOLUNTEER</u>

8:00am Dorothy Ziegler, Karen

Trenkamp & NEED 3 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

## **PLEASE HELP!**

December 30st & December 31st Servers:

5:30pm NEED 2 SERVERS

8:00am Blaise Mullens & Reagan Flaspohler 10:00am NEED 2 SERVERS

Lector:

5:30pm NEED 1 LECTOR 8:00am NEED 1 LECTOR

10:00am NEED 1 LECTOR

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 

5:30pm NEED 5 VOLUNTEERS

**8:00am** Teresa Merkel, Carla Enzinger, Karen Trenkamp

**& NEED 3 VOLUNTEERS** 

10:00am Melissa Jacobs

**& NEED 4 VOLUNTEERS** 

#### Music:

5:30pm Parish Choir

8:00am Matt Trossman

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

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

## Weekend/Holiday Ministries Sign-Ups - HELP!!!

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR the weekend Masses for December 23/24, Christmas Masses @ 4pm, Midnight, 8am & 10am AT the QR CODE pictured on this page, visit Facebook or our website for a link or the SIGN UP SHEETS in the center vestibule & for the December 30/31 weekend Masses & Solemnity of Mary Masses on December 31 @ 7pm & January 1 @ 8am & 10am AT the QR CODE pictured on this page, visit Facebook or our website for a link or the SIGN UP SHEETS in the

center vestibule If you are unable to access the link, contact Toni Cummings by email: tdcummings96@gmail.com or call/text her at 812-212-2354 with time and date.

Please sign up as soon as you can! Thanks!

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.

## **Christmas Ministries Needs**

**CHRISTMAS EVE** 



### 4pm Mass NEEDS

2 Servers, 1 Lector, 3 Eucharistic Ministers

& Ushers

### **Midnight Mass NEEDS**

1 Lector, 3 Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers & 1 Sacristan

### CHRISTMAS DAY

### 8am Mass NEEDS

2 Servers, 3 Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers & 1 Sacristan

### **10am Mass NEEDS**

2 Servers, 1 Lector, 1 Eucharistic Minister & Ushers

\*\*\*Use the QR code to sign up for a Ministry NEED\*\*\* \*\*\*Use the QR codes to sign up for a Ministry NEED for <u>ANY</u> of the Masses on both weekends/ HOLIDAYS - <u>EACH CODE</u> is weekend/holiday specific\*\*\*

## **Solemnity of Mary Masses**

## **Solemnity of Mary Vigil**



### 7pm Mass NEEDS

2 Servers, 1 Lector, 4 Eucharistic Ministers & Ushers

## **Solemnity of Mary Day**

### 8am Mass NEEDS

2 Servers, 5 Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers & 1 Sacristan

### **10am Mass NEEDS**

2 Servers, 1 Lector, 3 Eucharistic Minister, Ushers & 1 Sacristan

## Religious Education/Youth Ministry Page

Religious Education Classes are Wed., Dec. 20th from 6:30pm-Education 7:30pm. We will be on Christmas Break until Wed., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024! Have a safe → Happy Holiday Season!

The next Preschool Kindergarten Class is Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> in the Fr. Rudolf Room from 9:45am-11am.



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 THIS

SUNDAY, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> @ St. Louis Youth Center @ 6:30pm. It will be our Christmas Party with Confession available for all.

### TRIFORCE MISSION TRIP MEETING:

The next Mission Trip Meeting is THIS SUNDAY, Dec. 17th @ 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 True Meaning of Christmas with Dr. Michael Barber Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent

reflection called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes. To go deeper, be sure to get his accompany book, "The True Meaning of Christmas", available on Catholic Market.

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



ADULT FORMATION - Join us for Adult Faith Formation on Wed., Dec. 20th

Formation 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

#### CHASITY 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 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders to hear him speak to their hearts about an incredibly important message: Chasity.

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! <u>Aluminum Cans ONLY</u>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.



Do you like to play cards? Join us December 20th at 1pm in Holy Family Cafeteria

### Secular Franciscan



Meeting December 17th

@ **2pm** at

Meadowbrook Apartments! All are welcome to join!