



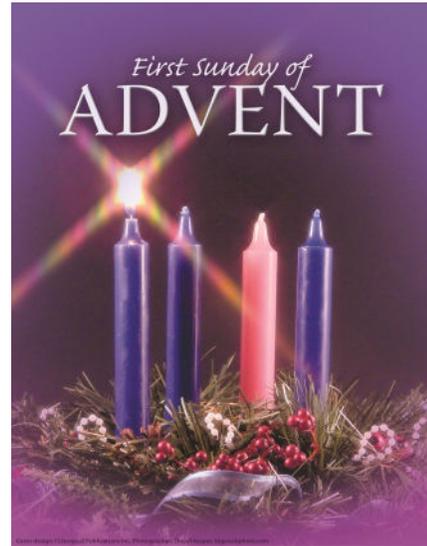
# Holy Family

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

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NOVEMBER 27, 2022  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**MISSION:** *Holy Family Faith Community is called to live out the mission of Jesus. Empowered by God through Baptism and centered in the Eucharist, we strive to proclaim the good news of salvation, build community, serve the needs of others, celebrate our faith, and welcome all in one spirit of Christ.*

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**MASS SCHEDULES/CONFESSION**

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Confession: 3-3:45 pm Sat. or by appointment

Weekdays: 8:15 am - Tues., Thurs., Fri.

10 am Wed. - Nursing Home Mass (see bulletin)

2nd Wed. of the month - 55+ Club Mass - 11 am Par. Ctr

Office Hours Church: Mon-Fri. 8 a.m. - 5p.m.

School: Mon-Fri. 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**INFORMATION & SERVICES**

**Church Address:** 1111 Broadway, Hannibal, MO

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**Website:** <https://hollyfamily.diojeffcity.org>

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Parish School of Religion Classes - 9:30 - 10:45 am**

**on Sundays in St. Michael's Hall. Forms for registration are in church.** Submit form to the parish office to register. Call the parish office 573-221-1078 if you need a form.

**RCIA CLASSES - 9:30-10:45 am on Sundays - Parish**

**Center Conference Room** Contact the parish office - 573-221-1078 for more information

**Sacrament Preparation/Celebration**

+Baptism Prep - Please register by calling the parish office - 573-221-1078 to set-up a meeting with the pastor prior to the Baptism.

+Marriage - Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

+Anointing of the Sick- can be done privately at home, at Church or in the hospital

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK** - Notify the Church office of homebound. If someone is in the hospital and would like to see Fr. Alex, call the rectory or office.

**Prayer Circle** - Send prayer requests to: Shelly Lowe at: [praywithhollyfamily@att.net](mailto:praywithhollyfamily@att.net)

Need a ride to church? If you are 55+ please call:

55+ VAN - David Murry — 573-501-2765

**From the Pastor:**

Advent Begins! November 27 – December 24 Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. As we prepare for Christmas, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest will wear violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose is worn (GIRM, no. 316). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

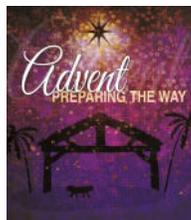
The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

**Bishop Robert Barron writes:** Friends, welcome to this great journey of Advent, the liturgical season of vigilance - or, to put it more mundanely, of waiting. Waiting is very hard for most of us. I suppose we human beings have always been in a hurry, but modern people especially seem to want what they want when they want it. We are driven, determined, goal oriented, fast-moving. I, for one, can't stand waiting. So when I'm told that waiting seems to belong to the heart of the spiritual life, I'm not pleased, for here, too, I want answers, direction, clarity—and I want them pronto. So what sense can we make of the countercultural and counterintuitive spirituality of vigilance? The first thing we have to realize is that we and God are, quite simply, on different timetables. "To you, O Lord, a thousand years are like a day" (2 Peter 3:8). What is a long time to us is an instant for God. Also, is it possible that we are made to wait because the track we are on is not the one God wants for us? G.K. Chesterton said that if you are on the wrong road, the very worst thing you can do is to move quickly. Maybe we're forced to wait because God wants us seriously to reconsider the course we've charted, to stop hurtling down a dangerous road.

Or perhaps we are made to wait because we are not yet adequately prepared to receive what God wants to give us. Saint Augustine argued that the purpose of unanswered prayer is to force an expansion of the heart. And even if we desire with sufficient intensity what God wants to give, we still might not be ready to integrate a particular grace into our lives or to handle the implications of it. So may we embrace the spirituality of Advent, and may we spend these holy days together waiting—in prayer, penance, and hope—for the appearance of Christ our Savior. Peace.

**St. Teresa of Calcutta** has some profound wisdom that is simple and should guide us throughout the season of Advent, especially in the final days before Christmas.

*Advent is like springtime in nature when everything is renewed, fresh, and healthy. Advent refreshes us, makes us healthy and able to receive Christ in whatever form he may come to us. At Christmas, he comes as a little child, small, helpless, and in need of his mother and all that a mother's love can give. His mother's humility enabled her to serve. If we really want God to fill us, we must empty ourselves through humility of all the selfishness within us.*



Brothers and sisters, today as we begin the season of Advent and a new church year, we might be aware of time. How little time we have to prepare for Christmas. How fast time flies. How precious our time is here on this earth - a time that will come to an end someday for each of us. Perhaps we should keep this in mind as we hear the message of the Gospel: *"... be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

**Altar Ministers - December, 2022**

**4:00 p.m. Ministers of Eucharist:**

Anne Hays, Melissa Millan, Margaret Miller - alt

**Minister of the Word:** Deb Pierceall

**Sacristan:** Libby Cody

**11/26** - Jack Murphy, Layla Murphy, Pyper Vogel

**12/3** - Abram Peters, Josie Peters, Liza Peters

**7:30 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:**

Geri Graves, Katie Hammock, Evan Hurst - alt

**Sacristan:** Debbie Morawitz

**Minister of the Word:** Sarah Deien

**11/27** - Abby Dodd, Collin Steinman, Kohen Westhoff

**12/4** - Elias Cernea, Joseph Dean, Jaxon Lay

**11:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:**

Spike & Theresa Ehrhardt, Annie Massie - alt

**Sacristan:** Ken Zielinski

**Minister of the Word:** Sue Webster

**11/27** - Audrey Deien, Abby Devlin, Bethany Devlin

**12/4** - Tristan Bastian, Erin Clark, Braiden Ehrhardt

**Ministers of Hospitality - December, 2022**

**4:00 p.m.** Brian & Sarah Murphy

**7:30 a.m.** Tim Hays & Jack Immegart

**11:00 a.m.** Richard & Karen Zerbonia

**Sun., 11/27**

**Adopt-A-Family** envelopes in church

**Mitten Tree Tags on Tree** - return gifts next weekend

**7:30 & 11 am Masses**

**9:30-10:45 am Parish School of Religion**

**9:30-10:45 am RCIA** - Parish Center upstairs

**2 pm Women's Welcome** - Parish Ctr

**3-4 pm Rupp Group Bible Study** - Conf Rm

**6-8 pm HS & MS Youth Gathering** - Parish Ctr

**Mon., 11/28**

**5:30 pm Women's Bible Study** - Conf Rm

**6:30 pm Couples Group Meeting** - Parish Ctr

**6:30 pm Cancer & Caregivers Meeting** - Conf Rm

**Tues., 11/29 8:15 am Mass**

**9 am Men's Bible Study**-Parish Ctr

**7 pm Novena & Rosary Group** - Gathering Space

**Wed., 11/30 8:15 am Mass** - church

**8:30 am Women's Bible Study** - Conf rm

**8:30 am Building & Grounds** - Work day, meet at south door to gym (parking lot)

**5:30 pm Stewardship Advisory Council Meeting** - Conf Rm

**Thurs., 12/1 8:15 am Mass** - church

**5:30 pm Women's Cursillo Group Meeting** - St Anthony Rm

**6:30 pm 11th Step Open AA Meditation Meeting** - Conf Rm (lower level, 218 S Maple Ave)

**6:30 pm Women's Welcome Meeting** - Parish Ctr

**Fri., 12/2 7-8 am Centering Prayer** - Conf Rm

**8:15 am Mass** - church

**9 am Men's Bible Study (Cody)**- Parish Ctr

**1 pm Holy Family School Dismissal**

**Sat., 12/3 Return Mitten Tree gifts**

**Religious Articles Sale** - Gathering Space

**3-3:45 pm Reconciliation** - church

**4:00 pm Mass** - church

**Sun., 12/4 Return Mitten Tree gifts**

**Religious Articles Sale** - Gathering Space

**7:30 am Mass** - church

**9:30-10:45am Parish School of Religion**-St. Michael's

**9:30-10:45 am RCIA** - Parish Center - upstairs

**11:00 am Mass** - church

**1-4 pm TEC Meeting** - St. Michael's Hall

**2 pm Women's Welcome** - church

**3-4 pm Rupp Group Bible Study** - Conf Rm

**6-8 pm Youth Christmas Prep Meeting**- Yth Rm/gym

**CCW NOTE...**Thank you to all who have so generously donated food for the funeral dinners. Please pick up your containers at the Parish Center.

Sign-ups for funeral dinner and monthly meeting hostesses are currently in progress. Contact Mary Smoot to choose your month to help.

Holy Family Students will be singing at our December 12 meeting. We will also sign Christmas cards for nursing home residents and shut-ins. If you know someone to whom we should send a card, please phone, text or email me with their info. Mary Smoot 573.231.2896

**MASS INTENTIONS - November 27-December 4**

Sun. 7:30 am - Jean Chapman & Jeanette Rupp  
 11:00 am - People of the Parish  
 Tues. 8:15 am - Tom & Imogene Finnigan  
 Wed. 8:15 am - David Hoskins  
 Thu. 8:15 am - Jack Walker  
 Fri. 8:15 am - Helen Agnes Schwartz  
 Sat. 4:00 pm - People of the Parish  
 Sun. 7:30 am - Bob & Mary Welch  
 11:00 am - Fonnie McLain

**Readings Nov. 27-Dec. 4**

Sunday: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44  
 Monday: Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9  
 Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
 Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
 Mt 4:18-22  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a  
 Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
 Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

**ATTN: ALTAR MINISTERS**

Please check the schedule to see if you are serving in December. If you have a weekend you know you will not be in town, please find a sub or call the office so we can find one for you. Please be thinking about which Christmas Mass you would like to serve, if you are able to help out.

Our Mass times will be Saturday, 12/24 at 4 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm. On Sunday, 12/25 our Mass will be at 9 am. Our choirs can always use extra help, especially during the holiday season.

**CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE** - 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 4th at the James O'Donnell Funeral Home. RSVP by calling 573-221-8188 by Wed., Nov. 30th if you plan to attend. Refreshments and keepsake gift for all who attend.



**Your Gifts To God  
 And Parish...**

**Nov. 12-13, 2022**

Offertory Budget	52 Wks	1,327,126.99
Needed to Date	20 Wks	510,433.40
Received to Date		510,771.03
Over (Under) for Year		337.63
Needed Each Week		25,521.67
Received Nov. 12-13		19,278.43
Total of Nov. 12-13 is comprised of:		
Regular Env./Loose/Online		12,583.00
School Support		2,262.50
Youth Envelopes		10.00
Memorials		245.00
Masses		40.00
Tuition 2022-23		1,852.50
A&E - Christmas Flowers		190.00
Registration 2022-23		225.00
Lay Retirement		5.00
All Saints		20.00
Palmyra portion for Fr. Alex		1,490.13
Palmyra portion for Nurse		355.55
<b>Building Fund</b>		<b>85.00</b>

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR DEC./JAN.....**

Please follow the schedule for submission of bulletin information:

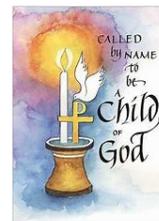
**Submit Information on:**

Wednesday, November 30 for publication in the December 11th bulletin  
 Monday, December 5 for publication in the December 18th bulletin  
 Friday, December 9 for publication in the December 25 bulletin  
 Friday, December 16 for publication in the January 1, 2023 bulletin  
 Monday, December 26 for publication in the January 8, 2023 bulletin  
 Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

**CONGRATULATIONS...**

**Nova Rae Hurt**, who was baptized Sunday, November 13  
 Nova's parents are Dana & Kayla Hurt

**Asher Cody Williams**, who was baptized Sunday, November 20  
 Asher's parents are Cody & Ashlyn Williams



**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP**

**RENEWAL** - Have you picked up your packet from the Gathering Space at the back of church? Look the materials over and prayerfully consider how you can best serve your parish family. Return your time/talent and tithing commitment form in the confidential envelope provided. You can mail them, put them in the collection or drop them by the parish office. Be sure that you have marked the Mass you attend at the bottom of the Time/Talent form. **THANK YOU!**

**YOUTH NEWS... From the youth minister:** The diocese hosted Viva Cristo Rey on 11/20 for the Global Celebration of Young People. I hope it refueled all participants before heading into this season of Advent!

Our middle & high school youth groups will be participating in several service opportunities as we head toward the Christmas season. If anyone in the parish needs assistance or would like a visit from our youth during Advent please contact Ashley 573-795-8427.

**Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, Nov. 27 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Youth Group meeting at parish center (upstairs) at 6-8 PM
- Sunday, Dec. 4 - Youth Christmas prep meeting 6-8 PM at youth room/gym – decorate & plan for Christmas events
- Sunday, Dec. 11 - Youth Group meet at youth room 6-8PM for caroling
- Sunday, Dec. 18 - Youth Group meet at youth room 6-8 PM for nursing home visit
- Sunday, December 25 - No meeting! Merry Christmas!
- Sunday, January 1 - No meeting! Happy New Year!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN**

**MEMORY...** Forms for Christmas flowers in Memory are at the entrances to church. Please return the form along with your \$10 donation to the parish office in the collection, by mail or drop off by Monday, December 5th. Please be sure to write or print legibly. Thank you!



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION...**

Everyone is welcome to take part in 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration which takes place in our Adoration Chapel. If you do not have a prayer hour and would like one, please contact Libby Cody at libbym62@yahoo.com or Ashley Schuster at aschuster.bsnrn@gmail.com



**PARISH NURSE...** If you or someone you know is in need of a visit from our parish nurse, please contact **Beth Anderson at 573-795-5828** or email: [nursebethhfsj@gmail.com](mailto:nursebethhfsj@gmail.com) We have Co-Vid tests! If you suspect Co-Vid please send someone to get the test for you from the office. Thank you!

**AUCTION UPDATE!**



Our co-chairs, committee chairs, and volunteers have been busy behind the scenes preparing for Holy Family School's 22nd annual school auction. The date for the auction is Saturday, February 11, 2023. We rely on generous donations from our parishioners and other businesses to make our auction a success year after year. Please consider how your donation can help provide our students with the latest learning technology, a safe and updated building, field trips and much more! Have questions?... You can email: [hfauction@gmail.com](mailto:hfauction@gmail.com) Everyone should have received their donation letter in the mail. Please let us know if you did not and we will make sure you receive one.

**PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Holy Family Parish Advent Penance Service will be Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm in church. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. Everyone is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas!

**Toys for Tots** needs help filling boxes of toys for 1,600 kids in Northeast Missouri. It will be done at a warehouse in Hannibal from now through December 23. If you can help please call Harold Smith at Douglass Community Services, 573-221-3892 x266



**NEED RELIGIOUS ARTICLES? CALL: Judy Kaylor, 573-476-4303 Email: [judykaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:judykaylor@hotmail.com)**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

**Christmas Flowers in Memory** ... forms are in church this weekend, **return by Mon., December 5th** in the collection, drop by the parish office or mail it to: 218 S. Maple Ave, Hannibal, MO 63401

**Month of November - Food Collection for Douglass Community** - bring non-perishable food items to donate

**Sat./Sun., November 26/27 - Adopt-A-Family envelopes** at front and back entrances to church, please drop your donations in the collection, all monies received will go to Good Neighbor for parishioners in need, and those in need in the Marion and Ralls County communities

- **Mitten Tree Tags** on tree, take a tag, get a pair of gloves, mittens and a small book, game or toy for child listed on mitten, return to tree

**Sat./Sun., December 3-4 - Return Mitten Tree Gifts** to tree

**Sun., December 4 - Candlelight Memorial Service** - 2:00 pm at James O'Donnell Funeral Home

**Mon., December 5 - Final day to Return Christmas Flowers In Memory form**

**Tues., December 6 - 6:30 pm - First Reconciliation for HF School & PSR students** - church & St. Michael's Hall in use

**Wed., December 7 - PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** - 6:30 pm in church

**Wed., December 8-Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception** - 8:15am & 6:30 pm

**Sat./Sun., December 10-11 - Senior Snowman Tags** on tree, take a tag get a small gift for a homebound or nursing home resident

**Mon., December 12 - 6:00 pm CCW Christmas Party Meeting and Installation of Officers.** Holy Family Students singing for entertainment. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

**Sat./Sun., December 17-18 - Return Senior Snowman Gifts** to tree.

**Saturday, December 24th - Masses at 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 25th - Mass at 9:00 am**

**ADVENT WREATH & BLESSING**

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time.

The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

*When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family. All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, [Isaiah 9:](#) (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or [Isaiah 63](#) (lines 16-17 & 19) or [Isaiah 64](#) (lines 2-7) is read: Reader: The Word of the Lord. R/ Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says: Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. - USCCB

