



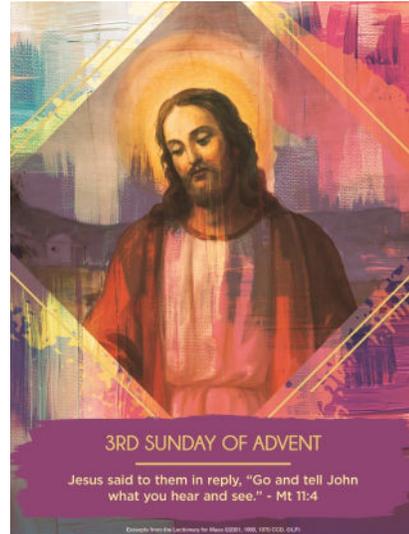
Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

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DECEMBER 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

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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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

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

55+ VAN - David Murry —573-501-2765

From the Pastor:

Praying for a Family: Last weekend, we launched a wonderful act of charity at Parish level. A family in the parish praying for other families did make an impact in all the parishes I have worked. It built up a spiritual bond and brought many back to church. I was pleased see that almost all of our family address paper pieces were taken by many generous people which I appreciate it so much. I will also offer prayers for all parish families during Advent. I am grateful to Patty and Renee at the Parish Office for getting the addresses ready.

School Newsletter: We have decided to give out the weekly school newsletter as insert in the parish bulletin. Perhaps most of you have seen it last weekend. It is to enlighten the Parish family on the wonderful things happening in the school. Since our parish family is running the school, we must feel proud of our school and support it all the more generously.

Many thanks: I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all for the beautiful card with a title 'A GIFT OF Love' carrying signatures and prayerful wishes by many thoughtful people of our parish family for me to get well from the bout of pneumonia and bronchitis. I also received cards, text messages and personal contacts. Indeed, when we pray with one mind and heart, the Lord grants our prayers. And so, He granted me a quick recovery to be able to offer Holy Mass and do other ministries. **A big thank you to one and all** for your love and concern that you expressed in different ways.

I am really concerned about many of our children and family members who are getting sick. Let us all united in our prayers before the Eucharistic Lord.

I have found a couple of Christmas traditions that have come into our Christmas celebration to share with you all. It is quite informative.

Nativity Scenes: They are also called manger scenes or crèches, have been a popular Advent and Christmas decoration for homes, parishes, and public places for hundreds of years. And, did you know, it originated with a Catholic saint? St. Francis of Assisi had a special devotion to the Child Jesus, and he is credited with creating the first nativity scene on Christmas Eve of the year 1223. He recreated the scene of Christ's birth in a special service and Mass he held inside of a cave, inviting both his fellow friars and the townspeople to join in the celebration. It is said that St. Francis was first inspired by this idea after visiting the historical place of Christ's birth on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It is likely this event which deepened his devotion to the Child Jesus. Later he told a friend why he desired to create the first nativity scene in his town: *I want to do something that will recall the memory of that child who was born in Bethlehem, to see with bodily eyes the inconveniences of his infancy, how he lay in the manger, and how the ox and ass stood by.?*

St. Francis set up an empty manger (the feeding trough of farm animals which served as Jesus' crib) inside a cave, and even included a live ox and donkey beside the manger just as it was on that first Christmas night. Through these visual aids he wanted everyone to impress more deeply into their understanding how Christ came into the world in such poverty and simplicity. This was a typical perspective of St. Francis' unique charism of simple, poverty-centered spirituality.

Christmas Carols: They were first sung in Europe thousands of years ago, but these were not Christmas Carols. They were pagan songs, sung at the Winter Solstice celebrations as people danced round stone circles. The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year, usually taking place around 22nd December. The word Carol actually means dance or a song of praise and joy! Carols used to be written and sung during all four seasons, but only the tradition of singing them at Christmas has really survived.

Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus, then started to be celebrated at the same time as the solstice, so the early Christians started singing Christian songs instead of pagan ones. In 129, a Roman Bishop said that a song called "Angel's Hymn" should be sung at a Christmas service in Rome. Another famous early Christmas Hymn was written in 760, by Comas of Jerusalem, for the Greek Orthodox Church. Soon after this many composers all over Europe started to write 'Christmas carols'. However, not many people liked them as they were all written and sung in Latin, a language that the normal people couldn't understand. By the time of the Middle Ages (the 1200s), most people had lost interest in celebrating Christmas altogether.

This was changed by St. Francis of Assisi when, in 1223, he started his [Nativity Plays](#) in [Italy](#). The people in the plays sang songs or 'canticles' that told the story during the plays. Sometimes, the choruses of these new carols were in Latin; but normally they were all in a language that the people watching the play could understand and join in! The new carols spread to France, Spain, Germany and other European countries.

The earliest carol, like this, was written in 1410. Sadly, only a very small fragment of it still exists. The carol was about Mary and Jesus meeting different people in Bethlehem. Most Carols from this time and the Elizabethan period are untrue stories, very loosely based on the Christmas story, about the holy family and were seen as entertaining rather than religious songs. They were usually sung in homes rather than in churches! Traveling singers or Minstrels started singing these carols and the words were changed for the local people wherever they were traveling. One carol that changed like this is ['I Saw Three Ships'](#). (Source: www.whychristmas.com)

“Be strong, fear not!” Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life’s roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life’s unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God’s merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

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

12/10 - Nikki Porter, Alaina Power, Jackson Power

12/17 - Logan Essig, Elaina Wellman,
Sydney Wienhoff

7:30 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Geri Graves, Katie Hammock, Evan Hurst - alt

Sacristan: Debbie Morawitz

Minister of the Word: Sarah Deien

12/11 - Molly O'Donnell, Aidan Watts, Evan Watts

12/18 - Collin Steinman, Kohen Westhoff

11:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Spike & Theresa Ehrhardt, Annie Massie - alt

Sacristan: Ken Zielinski

Minister of the Word: Sue Webster

12/11 - Adalyn Allgood, Logan Allgood, Jaxon Jones

12/18 - Ally Falconer, Marissa Falconer,
Aniston Ledbetter

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

CCW CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Holy Family Council of Catholic Women will have their Christmas Party & Installation of Officers this Monday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All women of the parish are welcome to come celebrate. Students from Holy Family School will entertain us with song. We will have food, fun and great fellowship! Please join us!

Sun., 12/11

Senior Snowman Tree - take a tag and get a gift for nursing home or homebound parishioner

7:30 & 11 am Masses

Coffee & doughnuts - after 7:30 am Mass

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

1:30 pm Youth Meet at Youth room - to go caroling

Mon., 12/12

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

6:30 pm CCW Christmas Party Meeting &

Installation of Officers - Conf Rm

Tues., 12/13

8:15 am Mass - church

9 am Men's Bible Study-Parish Ctr

7 pm Novena & Rosary Group - Gathering Space

Wed., 12/14

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

11 am 55+ Club Mass - Parish Ctr

6:30 pm School Advisory Council Meeting - Conf Rm

Thurs., 12/15

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)

Fri., 12/16

7-8 am Centering Prayer - Conf Rm

8:15 am Mass - church

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

Sat., 12/17 Return Snowman gifts

3-3:45 pm Reconciliation - church

4:00 pm Mass - church

Sun., 12/18

Return Snowman gifts

7:30 & 11 am Mass - church

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

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

1-4 pm TEC Meeting - Parish Ctr

6-8 pm Youth Meet at Youth room- Visit nursing home

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MASS INTENTIONS - December 11-18

Sun. 7:30 am - Evelyn Hirner
 11:00 am - Joyce Dabney
 Tues. 8:15 am - The Lampton Family
 Wed. 11:00 am - Joe & Margaret Coleman (55+ Club Mass)
 Thu. 8:15 am - Lindsay Greenwell
 Fri. 8:15 am - Frank & Mariann Robison
 Sat. 4:00 pm - Gary Carpenter
 Sun. 7:30 am - People of the Parish
 11:00 am - Lindsay Greenwell

Readings Dec. 11-18

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11
 Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
 10abJdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or
 Lk 1:39-47
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19
 and 23 Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps 85:9ab and 10,
 11-12, 13-14 Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
 3b Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Jn 5:33-36
 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17
 Mt 1:1-17
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 [7c, 10b] Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24



Fourth Degree Knights will have their next meeting on Sunday, December 11, at Holy Rosary Parish Hall AFTER 9:30 Mass. Brunch will be served about 10:45, with the meeting after. Families are

welcome!

NEED RELIGIOUS ARTICLES? CALL:
Judy Kaylor, 573-476-4303
Email: judykaylor@hotmail.com



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

Dec. 3-4, 2022

Offertory Budget	52 Wks	1,327,126.99
Needed to Date	23 Wks	586,998.41
Received to Date		574,176.85
Over (Under) for Year		(12,821.56)
Needed Each Week		25,521.67
Received Dec. 3-4		30,663.15
Total of Dec. 3-4 is comprised of:		
Regular Env./Loose/Online		19,457.00
School Support		2,292.50
Youth Envelopes		7.85
Tuition 22-23		4,490.00
Votive/Religious Articles		3.00
Bldg/Gym Rental		250.00
A&E - Christmas Flowers		350.00
Solemnity of Mary		25.00
Feast of Immaculate Conception		60.00
Registration 22-23		225.00
Lay Retirement		20.00
Cafeteria Payroll		3,482.80
Building Fund		190.00
GNP Adopt-A-Family		1,102.00
Christmas - Seminary		60.00



Grateful Living - The Joy of Stewardship

Each of us receives a unique vocation from God recognizing the things we do well naturally is a way of seeing the grace of God within us; seeing the gifts and talents of the people with whom we interact helps us to know and to value each person as a gift from God. It takes each of us doing what we can to make God's love known, to bear the fruit of God's grace in the world. What talent, skill, interest, experience, or body of knowledge equips you in particular to make God's love known in your part of the world?

Please pick up your Stewardship packet in the Gathering Space. Stewardship forms are being accepted in the office! Thank you for turning in your forms. Contact the office with questions!

“Do not forget that holiness consists not in extraordinary actions, but in performing your duties towards God, yourself, and others well.” St. Maximilian Kolbe

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!**

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**
Thank you!



YOUTH NEWS...

From the youth minister:

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, Dec. 11 - Youth Group meet at youth room 1:30-3:30PM for caroling
- Sunday, Dec. 18 - Youth Group meet at youth room 1:30-3:30PM for nursing home visit
- Sunday, December 25 - No meeting! Merry Christmas!
- Sunday, January 1 - No meeting! Happy New Year!

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 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.

Christmas Tree Blessing

Lord God let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

-From the Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers



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



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



ALTAR MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We will need the following Altar Ministers for our Christmas Masses:

Sat., December 24

4 pm - Sacristan, 1 Server, 5 Eucharistic Ministers, 3 Greeters, 4 Ushers

7 pm - 1 Lector, 3 Servers, 5 Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristan, 3 Greeters, 4 Ushers

11 pm - 3 Servers, 5 Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristan, 3 Greeters, 4 Ushers

Sun., December 25

9 am - 1 Lector, 3 Servers, 5 Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristan, 3 Greeters, 4 Ushers

Choir Members are needed as well at all of our Masses. Everyone is welcome to come and sing. The songs are Christmas carols that most are familiar with, so please help out if you are able! We are having a special practice for anyone interested in singing for Christmas on Thurs., December 22nd at 6:30 pm in church. Please come to practice if you are able. Please email the parish office if you can serve.

Email: miller@myhollyfamily.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

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

Sun., December 11 - 1:30-3:30 pm Youth Meet at Youth Room to go caroling

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.

Sun., December 18 - 1:30-3:30 pm Youth Meet at Youth Room to visit nursing homes

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

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



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR DEC./JAN..... Please follow the schedule for submission of bulletin information:

Submit Information on:

Friday, December 16 for publication in the January 1, 2023 bulletin

Monday, December 26 for publication in the January 8, 2023 bulletin

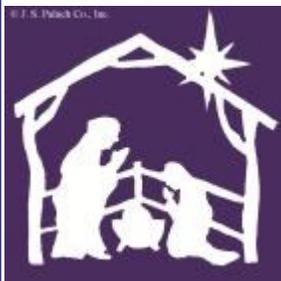
Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

**Bishop McKnight's
December prayer intention
for our Local Church**

During the holiday season, may our self-centeredness be replaced with generosity; our frustration with compassion; our anxieties with patience; and our intolerance with understanding. We pray to the Lord.

**Intención del mes de diciembre
del Obispo McKnight por
nuestra Iglesia Local**

Durante la temporada navideña, que nuestro egocentrismo sea reemplazado por generosidad; nuestra frustración con compasión; nuestras ansiedades con paciencia; y nuestra intolerancia con comprensión. Roguemos al Señor.



The Diocese of Jefferson City is inviting parishes, families and individuals to share their Christmas crèche photos with us. We will be posting these photos on social media as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our savior. Please use this form to share your crèche photo with us: diojeffcity.org/christmas-creche-photo-submission/