



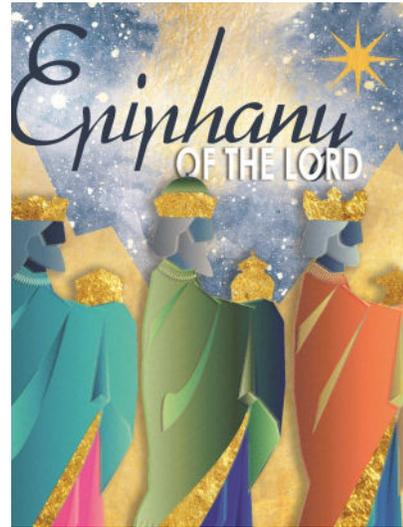
Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

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January 8, 2022
EPIPHANY

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

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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: Christmas Masses: I would like to give big applause to our school children who did a wonderful singing at 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass led by Chris Ledbetter. I also give a very special applause to Erin Clark (8th grade) who did an excellent job by being the Cantor. My thanks and appreciation go to Linda & Greg St. Juliana for joining in and leading the three vigil Masses. My appreciation goes to the members of different choir groups for the lively singing. My appreciation also goes to the instrumentalists who added very special flavor to the entire singing in all the four Christmas Masses.

Continual Prayers and Sympathies: I along with my family once again express our sincere thanks to all those who reached out to me in person and expressed sympathies over the sudden death of my sister Agnes. And also, we express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who sent sympathy cards and memorial donations. I appreciate you all so much for praying at all the four Christmas Masses. Many thanks to Patty Miller for adding a prayer for Agnes to the petitions. It was quite strengthening and soothing for me and my family members. When I passed on all your good gestures of concern to my two nieces and nephew (three siblings of my sister) they were really touched and moved in tears of gratitude to all of you. It is really a noble way of supporting one another in time of loss and pain. May the Infant Jesus keep us closer to His Love.

The feast of Epiphany: The Greek Word Epiphany (*επιφάνεια*), means *appearance* or *manifestation*. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the feast is the commemoration of the baptism of Christ where the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah, and at Cana he revealed his Divinity by transforming water into wine. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

Gospel exegesis: The Magi and the star: The *Magi* were not Kings, but a caste of Persian priests who served Kings by using their skills in interpreting dreams and the movements of the stars. The sixth century Italian tradition that the magi finding Jesus were three Magi: Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior, is based on the fact that three gifts are mentioned in Matthew's Gospel: gold, frankincense and myrrh. "Matthew nowhere says that there were three wise men from the East. This assumption has probably been drawn from the fact that three gifts are mentioned, and it could easily be presumed that each of the Magi brought one, although this is going beyond what the text itself says. "They are supposed to have been kings, but this stems from a very literal translation of a psalm verse: 'The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts' (Ps 72:10). Ancient depictions of them never involved symbols of royalty, but simply the Phrygian cap and garments of noble Persians" (Dr. M Watson). The Magi may actually have been Persian priests or Babylonian astronomers or Nabataean spice-traders. Eventually, however, they were pictured as representatives of different peoples and races. The Orthodox Church holds that the Magi consisted of twelve Kings, corresponding in number to the twelve tribes of Israel. The term magi in Greek refers to a wide variety of people, including fortune-tellers, priestly augurs, magicians and astrologers. Because of their connection with the star in this story, it is safe to conclude that Matthew identified them mostly with the last group. Possibly they came from Babylonia, or Persia, where the word magus originated. There were almost certainly Gentiles, for if they had been Jews, they would have known better than to ask King Herod about a national ruler who would challenge his dynasty! It is not clear from the story why they wanted to pay homage to a Jewish king, or what they learned about him from their observations of "his star" (Matthew 2:2) Dr. M Watson.

The Star: Commentary on the Torah by Jewish rabbis suggested that a star appeared in the sky at the births of Abraham, Isaac and Moses. Likewise, in the Book of Numbers, the prophet Balaam speaks of "a star that shall come out of Jacob." Stars were believed to be signs from God, announcing important events. Thus, the brightness of the light to which kings were drawn was made visible in the star they followed. (In the last 40 years, a number of scientists and astronomers have pointed to particular clustering of planets or stars around the time of Jesus' birth, which would have created an unusual or dramatic heavenly "portent," suggesting that perhaps Matthew's account is more historical than some exegetes might choose to believe). "But what does all of this matter? Matthew tells us that all we need to know is that, from the time of his coming into the world, the Lord was manifested to people who came from distant lands. God made the good news of this birth know to them by a suitable sign, which guided their journey. But it was necessary for the chief priests and scribes to supply the Scriptures to the strangers, so that they might reach 'the house' where they would find the one for whom they were looking." (*Days of the Lord*, Vol. 1, pp. 259-60)

The gifts: Gold, frankincense and myrrh may be thought of as prophesying Jesus' future. Gold was a gift for Kings; frankincense (an ancient air purifier and perfume), was offered to God in Temple worship (Ex. 30:37); and myrrh (an oriental remedy for intestinal worms in infants), was used by the High Priest as an anointing oil (Ex. 30:23), and to prepare bodies for burial. These gifts were not only expensive but portable. Perhaps Joseph sold the gifts to finance the Holy Family's trip to Egypt. The gifts might have been God's way of providing for the journey that lay ahead.

While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations - Jews, Gentiles, and all people. The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews - Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

Altar Ministers - January, 2023

4:00 p.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Rich & Denise Fogle, Angel Cox,- alt

Minister of the Word: Hal Benedict

Sacristan: Libby Cody

Servers 1/7 - Alexa Arthaud, Isabella Best,
Reagan Carroll

Servers 1/14 - Natalie Friedersdorf,
Alejandro Gonzalez, Dayanara Gonzalez

7:30 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Natalie Astorino, Judy Kaylor, Nancy Hays - alt

Sacristan: Lisa Allen

Minister of the Word: Sharon Welch

Servers 1/8 - Molly O'Donnell, Collin Steinman,
Kohen Westhoff

Servers 1/15 - Aidan Watts, Evan Watts, Elias Cernea

11:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:

Marilyn Kerkemeyer, Nancy McWilliams,
Mark Novak - alt

Sacristan: Gene Libey

Minister of the Word: Becky Thomas

Servers 1/8 - Tristan Bastian, Erin Clark,
Braiden Ehrhardt

Servers 1/15 - Adalynn Allgood, Logan Allgood,
Tessa Janes

Ministers of Hospitality - January, 2022

4:00 p.m. Joe Hays & Steve Smith

7:30 a.m. Ron Knutelski & Dick Rupp

11:00 a.m. Scott & Sheila Boehmer



Sun., 1/8

7:30 pm & 11:00 am Masses for Epiphany

9:30 am Parish School of Religion Classes - St. Michael's Hall

9:30 am RCIA - Parish Ctr upstairs

6-8 pm Youth Group - Youth Rm



Mon., 1/9

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

Tues., 1/10

8:15 am Mass - church

9 am Men's Bible Study-Parish Ctr

7 pm Novena & Rosary Group - Gathering Space

Wed., 1/11

8:15 am Mass - church

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

Thurs., 1/12

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., 1/13

7-8 am Centering Prayer - Conf Rm

8:15 am Mass - church

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

Sat., 1/14 3:00 pm Confessions - church

4:00 pm Mass for Epiphany

Sun., 1/15

7:30 & 11 am Mass - church

9:30 am Parish School of Religion Classes -
St. Michael's Hall

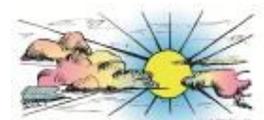
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*We Ask Eternal Rest O Lord
for the Soul of:*

Melanie Dorian, mother of
Andy Dorian, and
grandmother of Mia & Gray Dorian, of our parish



MASS INTENTIONS - January 8-15

Sun. 7:30 am - Anne Galluzzio
 11:00 am - Donna Hark
 Tues. 8:15 am - Agnes Gabriel
 Wed. 8:15 am - Mary Lou Edwards
 Thu. 8:15 am - Deceased of the Nemes Family
 Fri. 8:15 am - Janice Garner
 Sat. 4:00 pm - Bill Schanbacher
 Sun. 7:30 am - Joe Galluzzio
 11:00 am - People of the Parish

Readings Jan. 8-15

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 (see 11) Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38
 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b) Mt 3:13-17
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
 Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12
 Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
 Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11
 Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8
 Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Attention all engaged couples, MPFs and pastors:

2023 Pre-Cana Conference dates & locations:

March 11th @ Our Lady of Lourdes: 903 Bernadette Dr, Columbia, MO 65203

June 17th @ Chancery Offices: 2207 W Main St, Jefferson City, MO 65109

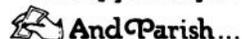
September 23rd @ St. Thomas More Newman Center: 602 Turner Ave, Columbia, MO 65201

2023 Engaged Encounter dates & location are to be determined.

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER...

Mark your calendars for this event to be held on Friday, January 27, 2023 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Watch the bulletin for additional information on this event!

Your Gifts To God



Dec. 24-25, 2022

Offertory Budget	52 Wks	1,327,126.99
Needed to Date	26 Wks	663,563.42
Received to Date		682,145.28
Over (Under) for Year		18,581.86
Needed Each Week		25,521.67
Received Dec. 24-25		28,781.42
Total of Dec. 24-25 is comprised of:		
Regular Env./Loose/Online		21,478.00
School Support		1,087.50
Tuition 2022-23		2,290.00
Votive/Religious Articles		34.00
Bldg/Gym Rental		145.00
Solemnity of Mary		25.00
Feast of Immaculate Conception		25.00
Palmyra portion for Fr. Alex		1,490.13
Palmyra portion for Nurse		360.94
<u>Cafeteria payroll</u>		<u>1,845.85</u>
Building Fund		70.00
GNP Adopt-A-Family		722.00
Christmas - Seminary		3,375.00

FOR BAPTISMAL PREPARATION...

When planning for a baptism at Holy Family please remember the following: Parents and Godparents both must meet with Fr. Alex. One meeting will be scheduled, normally on the Friday before the baptism. If Godparents are not from our parish we must have a letter of good standing from the parish where they are currently registered. At least one of the Godparents must be a practicing Catholic. Thank you!

THANK YOU...

To everyone who helped decorate our church for the Christmas Season. We appreciate your dedication and hard work that added to the celebration of our Masses for the Nativity of the Lord.

Special thanks to our liturgical ministers for each of the Christmas masses. We thank you for your dedication in contacting the office to sign up and for serving your parish family! May God bless you richly.



YOUTH NEWS...

As we begin this new year our youth group will dive into the mystery of the Mass. We will seek to dispel myths about the Catholic Church and inspire a deeper love of our profound faith. Our Core Team is beyond excited to share this program with our teens. Come with questions and an open heart! "May the Child Jesus be the star that guides you through the desert of your present life." ~ Saint Padre Pio

Upcoming Dates:

- Sunday, January 8 – Youth Group 6-8 pm – Session 1 – Altaration: the Mystery of the Mass Revealed featuring Fr. Mike Schmitz
- Sunday, January 15 – Youth Group 6-8 pm - Session 2 Altaration
- Sunday, January 22 – Youth Group 6-8 pm – Session 3 Altaration
- Sunday, January 29 – Youth Group 6-8 pm – Session 4 Altaration

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!

Holy Family 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.

STEWARDSHIP TIME/TALENT FORMS...

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their Stewardship Time/Talent form. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve your parish family by joining one or more of the ministries. Turn your form in as soon as possible. We will be having new training for these ministries soon.

Life Messages:

- a) Let us worship Jesus at Mass, every day if we can, with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration. Let us offer God our very selves, promising Him that we will use His blessings to do good for our fellow men.
- b) Let us plot a better path for our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior.
- c) Let us become the Star, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him. We can remove or lessen the darkness of the evil around us by being, if not like stars, at least like candles, radiating Jesus' love by selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care. (Fr. A. Kadavil)

BISHOP McKNIGHT'S

prayer intentions for January / enero

For foster parents and adopting parents; may they experience the support of the Church and the love of God as they expand their homes to make room for more children in their families. We pray to the Lord.

Por los padres de crianza temporal y padres adoptivos; que experimenten el apoyo de la Iglesia y el amor de Dios a medida que amplían sus hogares para dar cabida a más niños en sus familias. Roguemos al Señor.



Congratulations to our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Jefferson City for their excellent performance from the Iowa Assessment taken in October of 2022.

Catholic elementary schools score high in national testing

December 14, 2022 | [News](#)

Catholic elementary students in the Diocese of Jefferson City have collectively scored above national averages in every grade level according to this year’s standardized test results. In October, the Iowa Assessment was administered to students at 37 Catholic elementary schools across the Diocese of Jefferson City — the diocese covers 38 counties in central and northeastern Missouri. Students in grades 3-8 took the tests. The results show that collectively diocesan students in every grade exceeded the national averages. Remarkably, diocesan students in fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades are performing at or above a grade level higher than their current grades. The results also reflect a strong response to pandemic learning challenges across the diocese, with no signs of pandemic- related academic decline demonstrated in the data.

2022 Fall Iowa Assessment Results show grade equivalent

	National average	Diocese of Jefferson City
Third grade:	3.2	3.7
Fourth grade:	4.2	5
Fifth grade:	5.2	5.8
Sixth grade:	6.2	7
Seventh grade:	7.2	8.5
Eighth grade:	8.2	9.9

“I congratulate our students, parents, teachers and administrators for this success. Everyone in the Diocese of Jefferson City can feel proud of our Catholic education system — our strength comes from their longstanding support,” said Dr. Erin Vader, superintendent. “As always, the focus of our mission is creating a Christ-centered environment for learning, where students can grow in their Catholic faith as they benefit from our strong academic tradition. Our hope is for every child to grow into a thoughtful, generous and charitable citizen who reflects Christ’s light in this world.”

Approximately 7,000 students attend Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Jefferson City. The cost of education is largely borne by donations to the parish of the school, making Catholic education accessible to more Catholic students.

