



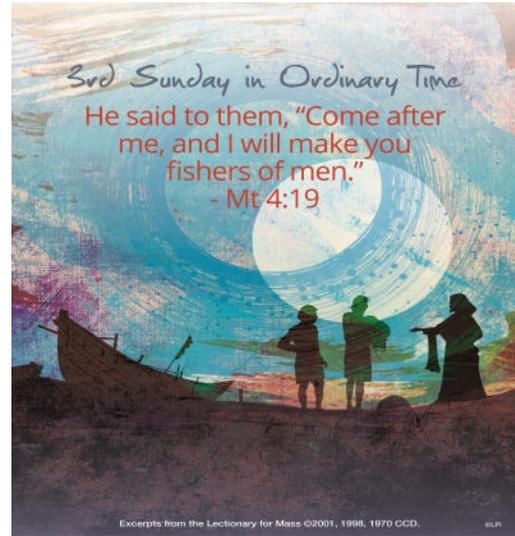
# Holy Family

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

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January 22, 2023  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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

**Church Office:** 218 S. Maple Ave.

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Hannibal, MO 63401

**Rectory Phone:** (573) 719-3227

**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:**

**Proposed Parish Picnic:** In my short time being in the parish, I have learned that our Parish used to have a picnic held at the Knights place. For some reason, the number started dwindling and finally ended just like that. So, I would like to revive it as we can have a fund raiser for the parish as well which is allowed by the diocese. In this process, I would like to have it organized in a central place within the town where many people can easily come. The first and foremost purpose is to get the Holy Family Parish family together in one place. This will include our children, youth, parents and the elderly. Accordingly, we will have to organize activities that will involve all these groups. It will also draw other people from the community. Secondly, the proceeds will be earmarked for making improvements in the church - one is to activate the church bells and the other is to fix stain-glass windows. Perhaps you have seen the traditional churches with gorgeous stain-glass windows that give a heavenly experience lighting up the mystery of our Redemption. This will also provide a spiritual environment to have a foretaste of the heavenly splendor when we celebrate the Holy Mass. Over and above this will educate our younger generation in the life of the Catholic faith. So as to keep this ball rolling, **I would like have a team of 3-5 volunteers** to do the planning, organizing and execution of the proposed event with help different committees. The dedicated volunteers may contact me directly or the parish office. I look forward to have positive response.

**Felt Need of a Sacristan:** After Sister Mary leaving and the Deacon being not available, things are not being done the way they should be in the sacristy, the Mass setting and other things in the church. Therefore, a part time person or a volunteer is being thought of to be overall in-charge of Sacristy related work, Mass setting, altar and church care with the help of existing volunteers. It will be a paid position. If anyone who has done these types of works or anyone is interested, please contact the Pastor.

**Eucharistic Revival Explained by USCCB:** There are five pillars that stand at the heart of the revival. They stand as calls to action for the faithful and are designed to foster deeper faith, proclaim the gospel, evangelize the masses, empower Christians, and embrace Christ.

**Pillar One: Foster Encounters with Jesus through the Kerygma and Eucharist:** The first pillar of the Revival is: Foster encounters with Jesus through kerygmatic proclamation and experiences of Eucharistic devotion. Which leads to the questions: What is the kerygma and what does it have to do with the Eucharist? The kerygma is the Gospel as proclaimed by Jesus. The word means “proclamation” in Greek. In a nutshell it is as follows: Because we are all sinners we will die an eternal death unless we are saved. Jesus died for our sins to save us from this eternal death. If we repent and give our lives to him, we will receive eternal life. Are you ready to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ? So the bookends of the kerygma are repentance and turning to Jesus to live your life for him. This is the foundation for evangelization. It has provided the impetus for centuries of missionary work, the conversion of civilizations, and the worldwide spread of Christianity. The kerygma is Christianity’s turnkey standard operating procedure for expanding the Church and it has worked quite well since Jesus used it. There’s no need to change it now. The kerygma is not well-known today. For whatever reason, the Catholic Church is shying away from the bluntness of this message, favoring instead “dialogue” and ecumenism. This has contributed to confusion about what the gospel message really is. To remedy this, or perhaps evade it—or maybe a combination of the two—we’ve muddled the straightforward message of the kerygma by replacing it with catechesis. But trying to catechize before evangelizing is like trying to teach someone something they have no desire to learn. “There is general imbalance in the Church (on the Church (on the diocesan and parochial levels), which unfortunately tends to place a much greater emphasis on catechesis at the expense of initial proclamation,” said Catholic apologist and speaker Hector Molina, adding, “Unfortunately, for many Catholics the kerygma remains an enigma.”

“All forms of missionary activity are directed to this proclamation,” said Pope St. John Paul II in *Redemptoris Missio*, regarding the kerygma. He says the kerygma “reveals and gives access to the mystery hidden for ages and made known in Christ (cf. Eph 3:3-9; Col 1:25-29), the mystery which lies at the heart of the Church’s mission and life, as the hinge on which all evangelization turns.” But how do you really help someone believe in the gospel through the kerygma? You really have to dig deep, to get to know them as a person. This is what recent popes really mean by “encounter” being at the center of successful evangelization. This is where the Eucharist comes in. The kerygma is about encountering others, and the Eucharist is about encountering Jesus.

It is the means by which we connect people with Jesus because the Eucharist is Jesus himself. Without the Eucharist, there is no “encounter” in evangelization because there is no Jesus. The gospel is not about encountering one another. It’s about encountering the Lord. Only once we encounter him can we encounter him through others. We can encounter Jesus in the Eucharist not only through Communion, but also in Eucharistic Adoration. (Cont. next page)

Speaking about the new documentary on the Eucharist, called *Alive*, Lucia Gonzales, founder of Bosco Films, emphasized this form of encounter with the Lord. "It's a very special documentary," Gonzales said, "because it's just people speaking about something that happened to them ... how their life was before and after this moment in adoration, without knowing what was happening there, that changed their life forever."

This encounter with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is so meaningful that people have devoted their lives to getting to know Jesus more through Adoration. For example, for the Knights of the Holy Eucharist, a Franciscan order of Brothers in Lincoln, Nebraska, Adoration is central to their lifestyle.

"Adoring and encouraging others to adore the Most Blessed Sacrament is essential to the Knights of the Holy Eucharist," reads their website. "Through Eucharistic adoration the Knights enjoy an intimate friendship with the Person of Jesus and profit from an increase of faith, hope, and charity." The Franciscan brothers' devotion to the Eucharist flows straight from St. Francis of Assisi, who said, "Let us, as we see bread and wine with our bodily eyes, see and firmly believe that they are His most holy Body and Blood living and true. And in this way the Lord is always with His faithful, as He Himself says, 'Behold, I am with you until the end of the age.' [cf. Mt. 28:20]" (Admonition 1:21-22). The kerygma and the Eucharist are connected in yet another way. The first step in the acceptance of the gospel is penance; accepting that we are sinners and in need of God. This leads us to the Eucharist, God in the flesh, whom we receive after we confess our sins. St. Francis says: "In all your sermons you shall tell the people of the need to do penance, impressing on them that no one can be saved unless he receives the Body and Blood of our Lord." (St. Francis of Assisi) So the way to revive belief in the Real Presence is simple: Follow the example of saints like St. Francis of Assisi, who unabashedly preached the kerygma and the Real Presence together—barely missing a beat, barely even breathing a breath between the two teachings because they are inseparable.

This is why the United States Bishops Conference makes the kerygma the focal point of their first pillar in the Eucharistic Revival; because devotion to the Eucharist starts with understanding and boldly proclaiming this gospel message: We are sinners, and because of this we will die an eternal death unless we are saved. Christ offers us salvation and eternal life if we believe in him. If we desire to be saved, we will desire Jesus and therefore we will desire the Eucharist (will be continued).

## YOUTH NEWS...

This "ordinary time" has been anything *but* ordinary for our youth group! We have truly enjoyed digging into the Catholic faith through the video series Altaration. The teens have really inspired our CoreTeam with their openness during small groups and their willingness to participate in weekly challenges, meant to draw us closer to the heart of our Father during the celebration of the Mass. If you have not been able to attend the previous meetings there is still time to get in on this really great opportunity to dig deeper in your faith! If you are interested in learning about any of the following "Summer Opportunities" for our parish youth please reach out to Ashley Schuster 573-795-8427. Registrations for the camps and Steubenville will begin within the next month, so do not delay!

### Upcoming Youth Group Events:

**Sun., January 22** – Session 3 Altaration "The Mystery Revealed"

**Sun., January 29** – CSW for HF students / TBD Youth Group

**Sun., February 5** – YG meet from 4:00-6:30 pm for Tim Francis Eucharistic Miracles presentation (youth sit together in church)

**Sun., February 12** – Session 4 Altaration "What is Our Response?"

**Sunday, February 19** – Session 5 "The 'Whys' Behind the 'Whats'"

**Sunday, February 26** – Session 5 Wrap Up "The 'Whys' Behind the 'Whats'"

### Summer Opportunities for Youth

Steubenville July 7-9

Totus Tuus July 16-21

Camp Lolek - MS Boys May 29-June 2 or June 11-13,

MS Girls June 5-9 or June 15-17

Camp Maccabee - HS Boys June 19-24

Camp Siena - HS Girls June 25-30

**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!

### Readings Jan.22-29

Sunday: Is 8:23 - 9:3 Ps 27:1,4, 13-14

(1a) 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5 Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

(Matthew 5:3)

1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a



**Dear Holy Family,**

I am at a transition time in my life and for personal reasons, I am writing to let you know I have retired as an active Deacon for the diocese of Jefferson City, which means I will not be serving as Deacon at Holy Family Parish from this time forward. This is the only place I have been since my ordination just short of my 10-year anniversary (April 13/2013). I have been at Holy Family for almost 18 years, first as a member and then as Permanent Deacon. I have formed a deep relationship with this parish and so many people within the parish. Naomi and I plan to continue to worship at Holy Family just not as your Deacon and Deacon's wife. I didn't really get to serve with Fr. Alex too long, but I hope he enjoys our parish as much as I do.

Here are some final thoughts as Permanent Deacon to a great Parish:

As I write this, I am remembering these words from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*For everything that happens in life—there is a season, a right time for everything under heaven:*

*A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, a time to collect the harvest;*

*A time to kill, a time to heal; a time to tear down, a time to build up;*

*A time to cry, a time to laugh; a time to mourn, a time to dance;*

*A time to scatter stones, a time to pile them up;*

*A time for a warm embrace, a time for keeping your distance;*

*A time to search, a time to give up as lost; a time to keep, a time to throw out;*

*A time to tear apart, a time to bind together; a time to be quiet, a time to speak up;*

*A time to love, a time to hate; a time to go to war, a time to make peace.*

During our 18 plus years together, we have probably experienced almost everything on the list. I remember the baptisms, weddings, funerals, brunches, auctions, retreats, Lenten studies, Christmas parties, singing, praying, preaching, fellowship, and friendship. I remember it all! We have laughed and cried, mourned and danced and ate way too many desserts together! We have said goodbye to beloved Pastors and members who have moved on, and we have welcomed new Pastors and members as well. Throughout it all, we have bonded and grown in wonderful ways while experiencing a great deal of mercy, grace, joy, and love!

The Lord has blessed us in more ways than we can count. The Lord has certainly been with us and has shown us that what we think is impossible, God makes possible.

When Jesus prepared to leave his disciples, he found three promises to share:

First, Jesus promised to make a home in his disciples' hearts. (John 14:23), Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Second, Jesus promised to fill the disciples with a spirit of courage and comfort. "The Holy Spirit...will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you". (John 14:26).

Finally, Jesus promised to sustain his disciples with a special kind of peace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you" (John 14:27).

So we'll open the gifts Jesus gave us—a home in him, the courage to move on, and the peace that will get us through many unknowns. And we'll trust that God continues to stay with us and those we love for many more seasons.

The thing you need to remember is that you will always be a part of me and I will always be a part of you. Thank you for all of your patience, kindness, mercy, grace, generosity and love that you have shown me! You are a great group of people and I wish you all the best. May you continue to grow in faith, hope, and love, worshipping the Lord with your whole heart, mind, body, and soul and remember to do everything for the glory of God! See you soon. **Blessings, Troy Egbert**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE...** We thank Troy Egbert for his almost ten years of devotion and love to Holy Family and our parishioners as our deacon. God chooses special people for service within the church, people who love Jesus and truly enjoy bringing God's Word to life. Not everyone is chosen, and we certainly thank you Troy for your "YES" when God called you to serve your parish family. We will miss your homilies, your passion for serving each and every individual within our church, community and beyond. Thank you for your compassion and love for each of us. We pray that God blesses you with a restful retirement and good times with your with family and friends. We will see you at Mass!

***Peace and blessings, Troy, from Your Parish Family***

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### 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 1/21** - Thatcher Johnson, Lucas McAdams,  
Joselyn Richards

**Servers 1/28** - Mia Dorian, Jack & Layla Murphy,

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

Natalie Astorino, Judy Kaylor, Nancy Hays - alt

**Sacristan:** Lisa Allen

**Minister of the Word:** Sharon Welch

**Servers 1/22** - Joseph Dean, Audrey Deien,  
Dylan Terrill

**Servers 1/29** - Molly O'Donnell, Collin Steinman,  
Kohen Westhoff

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

Marilyn Kerkemeyer, Nancy McWilliams,

Mark Novak - alt

**Sacristan:** Gene Libey

**Minister of the Word:** Becky Thomas

**Servers 1/22** - Abby Devlin, Bethany Devlin,  
Emma Lee

**Servers 1/29** - Ally Falconer, Marissa Falconer,  
Jaxon Jones

#### 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

#### STEWARDSHIP TIME/TALENT FORMS...

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their Stewardship Time/Talent form. It is important for you to return your completed form to the parish office. This form also helps us in updating your current information such as email, phone numbers and addresses. Thank you!

#### Sun., 1/22

**7:30 pm & 11:00 am Masses**

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

**9:30 am RCIA** - Parish Ctr upstairs

**3 pm Bible Study Group (Rupp)** - Conf Rm

**6-8 pm Youth Group** - Youth Rm

#### Mon., 1/23

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

**6:45 pm Couples Group Meeting** - Parish Ctr

**6:45-8 pm Cancer & Caregivers Support Meeting** - Conf Rm

#### Tues., 1/24

**8:15 am Mass** - church

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

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

#### Wed., 1/25

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

**10:00 am Willow Care Mass**

**6:30 pm Stewardship Advisory Council** - Conf Rm

#### Thurs., 1/26

**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., 1/27

**7-8 am Centering Prayer** - Conf Rm

**8:15 am Mass** - church

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

#### Sat., 1/28 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS!

**3:00 pm Confessions** - church

**4:00 pm Kick-off Mass for Catholic Schools Week** - Honors Choir sings, students and families take care of ministries

Cookies and drinks provided by School Advisory Council in the school library

#### Sun., 1/29

**7:30 & 11 am Mass** - church

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

**9:30 am RCIA** - Parish Ctr upstairs

**4-7 pm Holy Family Skating** - Scotties, Quincy, IL

**6-8 pm Youth Group** - Youth Rm



**MASS INTENTIONS - January 22-29**

- Sun. 7:30 am - People of the Parish  
11:00 am - Michael Stephens
- Tues. 8:15 am - Deceased of the Miller Family
- Wed. 10:00 am - Mary Littrell (Willow Care Mass)
- Thu. 8:15 am - Jim Rehmsmeyer
- Fri. 8:15 am - Bill Hammock
- Sat. 4:00 pm - People of the Parish
- Sun. 7:30 am - Lee Viorel  
11:00 am - Dusty Wilson

**Your Gifts To God**



**Jan 14-15, 2023**

Offertory Budget	52 Wks	1,327,126.99
Needed to Date	29 Wks	720,128.43
Received to Date		773,613.27
Over (Under) for Year		33,484.84
Needed Each Week		25,521.67
Received Jan. 14-15		17,597.09
Total of Jan. 14-15 is comprised of:		
Regular Env./Loose/Online		9,814.50
School Support		3,277.50
Youth Env.		5.63
Masses		110.00
Tuition 2022-23		2,132.25
Votive/Religious Articles		5.00
Bldg/Gym Rental		50.00
Solemnity of Mary		75.00
Immaculate Conception		5.00
First Offering		161.00
Lay Retirement		65.00
Palmyra portion for Fr. Alex		1,490.13
Palmyra portion for Nurse		406.08
<b>Building Fund</b>		<b>82.00</b>
<b>GNP</b>		<b>25.00</b>

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION...Doors open at 5 pm on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The dinner auction is the primary fundraiser for our school.**



Registrations are due by February 1, 2023 ... get yours in early! Program: 5 pm - Doors open, silent auction begins, bar opens (all guests must be 21) 6 pm - Opening remarks & dinner catered by

The Rebel Pig

7:15 pm - Silent Auction closes  
7:30 pm - Live Auction begins

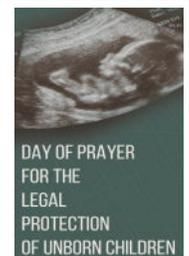
Send your form along with payment to:

**Holy Family Dinner Auction  
c/o Cherrie Allen  
5691 County Rd 441  
Hannibal, MO 63401**



**GAS RAFFLE...** It is now just over 5 weeks away before our School Auction – the biggest fundraiser of the year! We are very fortunate again this year to receive a donation from Big River Oil Company. They have committed to donate 250 gallons of gas. The only difference this year, is that it must be used ONLY at the Oakwood Location for pick up on Gas. Please make sure you extend a BIG THANK YOU to The McIntyre Family for being a huge supporter with this effort. **Tickets can be sold until the auction on Feb 11th. The drawing for the gas winner will drawn at the Auction. For a chance to win \$100 cash, there will be a drawing on Feb 1st live on Facebook. These tickets must be turned in by Jan 31, 2023. Turn in checks and money to Holy Family School office or Kara Viorel and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email Kara Viorel, 573-795-1009 or [karaviorel@gmail.com](mailto:karaviorel@gmail.com)**

**JANUARY 23, 2023  
DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE  
LEGAL PROTECTION OF  
UNBORN CHILDREN**



*A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.*

*Pope Saint John Paul II Evangelium vitae*

We are all sinners. But with the grace of God, we can become saints. We can be lights to the nations, sharing the truth about the irrevocable dignity of the human person. Where sin abounds, God's grace abounds all the more. Therefore, let us take courage and offer prayer and penance, that all human life would be welcomed in love and protected in law.

For our nation: May God unite us in peace and respect for each other and reverence for all human life; We pray to the Lord:

*Lord, hear our prayer*