



# Holy Family

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*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:** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 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.



## November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

### **INFORMATION & SERVICES**

**Church Address:** 1111 Broadway, Hannibal, MO  
**Church Office:** 218 S. Maple Ave.  
 Hannibal, MO 63401  
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 Hannibal, MO 63401  
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 Hannibal, MO 63401  
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**Website:** <https://hollyfamily.diojeffcity.org>

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Parish School of Religion Classes - 6:30-7:45 pm on Wednesdays in Holy Family School.** Sign up in church or call the parish office, 573-221-1078 if you need a registration form. Contact Terra Murphy at 573-795-0571 for more information.  
**OCIA CLASSES - 9:00-10:45 am on Sundays - Parish Center, 218 S. Maple St (upstairs)** 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. Greg, 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



**Altar Ministers - December 2025**

**4 pm Min. of Eucharist for 12/6, 12/13**

Tiffany Carroll, Joe Loren Hays, Anne Hays, Libby Cody, Carolyn Ellis

**4 pm Min. of Eucharist for 12/20, 12/27**

Denise Fogle, Lisa & Doug Baughman, Tim Pierceall, Deb Pierceall

**December Sacristan:** Marla Ryan

**December Min. of the Word:** Frank DiTillo

**Servers 12/6** - Tanner Baughman, Kayt McAdams  
Luke McAdams

**8:00 am Min. of Eucharist for 12/7, 12/14**

Judy Kaylor, Colleen Closser, Nancy Hays, Katie Hammock, Deborah Johnson

**8:00 am Min. of Eucharist for 12/21, 12/28**

Marty Clark, Joanie Clark, Sharon Welch, Spike Ehrhardt, Theresa Ehrhardt

**December Sacristan:** Debbie Morawitz

**December Min. of the Word:** George Kerkemeyer

**Servers 12/7** - James O'Donnell, Bryson Peters  
Aidan Watts

**10 am Min of Eucharist for 12/7, 12/14**

Terry Mayes, Dan Whelan, Scott Boehmer, Steve Orscheln, Carol Orscheln

**10am Min of Eucharist for 12/21, 12/28**

Terry Mayes, Becky Thomas, Marilyn Kerkemeyer, James Wetton, Ken Zielinski

**December Sacristan:** Ken Zielinski

**December Minister of the Word:** Beth Anderson

**Servers 12/7** - Mara Hams, Hadley Ledbetter  
Layla Pendzinski

**Ministers of Hospitality - December. 2025**

**4:00 p.m.** Libby & Richard Cody

**8:00 a.m.** Rich & Judy Gordanier

**10:00 a.m.** Dan & Shari Whelan

**Sun., 11/30**

**8am & 10am Masses**

**Church Directory Sign-up** - after Masses today

**Adopt-A-Family** - envelopes in the pews

**Mitten Tree** - Tags on tree - see page 2

**11am OCIA Meeting** - Parish Ctr

**5 - 6:15pm MS Youth Meeting** - Youth Rm

**6:30-8 pm HS Youth Meeting** - Youth Rm

**Mon., 12/1**

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

**Tues., 12/2 8:15 am Mass** - church

**9 am HF Students Reconciliation** - church

**9 am Men's Bible Study** (Ellis) - Conf Rm

**10 am Women's Book Study** -Parish Ctr

**6-7 pm Novena Rosary Group** - Gathering space

**Wed., 12/3 8:30am Women's Bible Study** - Conf Rm

**9 am Friendship Quilters** - Parish Ctr

**10 am Beth Haven Mass**

**5 pm Parish Center** in use

**5:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting** - Conf Rm

**6 pm Rosary** - church

**6:30-7:45 pm PSR & Confirmation Classes** - school

**8 pm Men's Fight Club Ministry** - Youth Rm

**Thurs., 12/4 8:15 am Mass** - church

**9am HF Students Reconciliation** - church

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

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

**11th Step Open AA Meditation Meeting** - Conf Rm

**Fri., 12/5 8:15 am Mass** - church

**9 am Men's Bible Study (Cody)** - Conf Rm

**Sat., 12/6 9 am-Noon - Quest Meeting** - Parish Ctr

**Return Mitten Tree** gifts to the tree

**3-3:45 pm Confessions** - church

**4 pm Mass** - church

**Sun., 12/7 Return Mitten Tree** gifts to the tree



**8 am & 10 am Masses** - church

**Coffee & Doughnuts after 8&10 am Masses**

**5-6:15 pm MS youth** - Parish Ctr

**6:30-8 pm HS youth** - Parish Ctr

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

***Ron Baker***, of our parish

***Nonna Ross***, sister of Amanda Hooker, of our parish

***Joan Foutes***, of our parish

**MASS INTENTIONS - Nov 30-Dec 7**

Sun. 8:00 am Dr. Walter Filipek  
 10:00 am John & Joan Pankavich  
 Tues. 8:15 am Daniel Buckman  
 Wed. 10:00 am Special Intention RJB (Beth Haven Mass)  
 Thurs. 9:00 am Dave Scharnhorst  
 Fri. 8:15 am Joyce Dabney  
 Sat. 4:00 pm Bob Craner  
 Sun. 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Fonnie McLain & Gary Carpenter

**Readings for the week of Nov. 30-Dec 7**

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: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37  
 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 (see 7) Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

**FOOD COLLECTION ...** Barrels are at the entrances to church for your donations of food items to help those in need. When you are getting your items for Thanksgiving, don't forget to pick up an extra item or two for those in need. The need is great and we thank you in advance for your donations of non-perishable food items.



**Adopt-A-Family**

Envelopes are in the pews this weekend for your donations to Adopt-A-Family. Donations go to Good Neighbor to help those in the parish and our community at Christmas. Many people struggle needing food, gifts for children, and basic necessities that we may take for granted. We are grateful for your constant support of Good Neighbor to help those in need!

**PARISH COLLECTION - Nov. 15-16**

<u>Needed each week</u>	30,856.25
<b><u>Received Nov. 15-16</u></b>	23,104.59
<b><u>Total for Nov. 15-16</u></b> is comprised of:	
Regular Envelopes, Loose & Online	15,189.50
School Support Envelopes	4,271.75
Masses	20.00
Youth Envelopes	13.50
Votive/Rel. Articles	5.00
A & E - Christmas flowers	315.00
All Saints	25.00
Palmyra portion for Nurse	382.84
<u>Insurance Reimbursement (Parish Ctr)</u>	<u>2,882.00</u>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>107.00</b>
<b>GNP</b>	<b>118.00</b>

Watch the bulletin for Nov. 22-23 collection summary - not available due to early bulletin deadline.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY...**

Forms for Christmas Flowers in Memory are at the entrances to church. Return your form along with your \$10 donation by this Friday, December 5, 2025 Thank you!



**MITTEN TREE**

Mitten Tree tags are on the tree this weekend. Take a tag and purchase a pair of gloves or mittens and a small toy, game or toy for the child. Ages of children will be on the mitten. Wrap your gift and return to the Mitten Tree the following weekend, Dec. 5-6. Gifts are donated to Head Start for their children's Christmas Party. Thank you!



**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Please follow the following deadlines for submission of information for the bulletin:

<b><u>Bulletin for:</u></b>	<b><u>Info. Due by:</u></b>
Sun., Dec. 14	Mon., Dec. 1
Sun., Dec. 21	Mon., Dec. 8
Sun., Dec. 28	Mon., Dec. 15
Sun., Jan. 4, 2026	Mon., Dec. 22

### Good Neighbor Project Receives \$5,000 Grant from Riedel Foundation

HANNIBAL, MO — The George H. Riedel Foundation has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Good Neighbor Project, a community initiative dedicated to helping Hannibal residents meet essential needs such as housing, utilities, and transportation. Established in 2013, the Good Neighbor Project operates through Holy Family Catholic Church and collaborates with local agencies to assist individuals who have exhausted other options. The program has provided more than \$200,000 in aid since its founding, guided by its mission to serve all in need without distinction.

“This grant from the Riedel Foundation is a tremendous boost to our efforts,” said Claire Robinson of the Good Neighbor Project. “It allows us to extend our reach and respond more fully to the growing needs in our community.”

The program is sustained through parish fundraisers and donations from Holy Family parishioners. This marks the first time the Good Neighbor Project has received support from the Riedel Foundation. Founded in 2000, the Riedel Foundation has awarded about \$6.5 million in grants to Hannibal-based nonprofits that improve the quality of life for local residents.

Below is a picture of Paul Richards, representing the Riedel Foundation Board of Trustees, Claire Robinson, GNP Grant Writer and Gail Hedges, GNP President.

Holy Family Good Neighbor Project thanks the Riedel Foundation for their generous gift to help us care for those in need in Hannibal!



The school is looking for additional volunteers to help with the Holy Family School Dinner & Auction. This is the 25th Anniversary of this important fundraiser for our school. Click the QR code below to take you to the Sign Up Genius page for 2026 Holy Family School Auction Volunteers. There are many slots to fill to help make our Auction a success!



### OCIA-Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Explore OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The OCIA program is for:

- Those who are unbaptized Christians, baptized in other denominations, Catholics who haven't received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.
  - Anyone curious about what the Catholic Church believes & teaches.
- OCIA is a journey of conversion, guiding participants toward a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church.

If you are interested please contact Terra Murphy at 573-795-0571 or email her at: [DRE-youth@myhollyfamily.com](mailto:DRE-youth@myhollyfamily.com)



- Sat., 11/29 & Sun., 11/30 - Adopt-A-Family envelopes in church** - money collected helps those in need during Christmas through our Good Neighbor Project
- Sat., 11/29 & Sun., 11/30 - Mitten Tree tags on tree** - take a tag, get a pair of mittens/gloves and a small toy, book game for the age of child on the tag - gifts donated to Head Start Christmas party
- Sat., 11/29 & Sun., 11/30 - Church Directory Sign-ups after all Masses**
- Fri., 12/5 - Return Christmas Flower in Memory forms to the parish office by this date**
- Sat., 12/6 & Sun., 12/7 - Return Mitten Tree gifts to church**
- Mon., 12/8 - Feast of Immaculate Conception** - Masses at 8:15am & 5:30pm - holyday of obligation
- Sat., 12/13 & Sun., 12/14 - Senior Snowman tags on tree** - get a small gift for a senior
- Tues., 12/16 - Holy Family Advent Penance Service** - 6 pm - Church
- Wed., 12/17 - St. Joseph Church, Palmyra - Advent Penance Service** - 6pm - St. Joseph Church
- Sat., 12/20 & Sun., 12/21 - Return Senior Snowman gifts to the tree** - gifts will be distributed on 12/21
- Wed., 12/24 - Christmas Eve** - Masses at 4 pm and 7 pm Parish Office closed
- Thurs., 12/25 - Christmas Day** - Mass at 9 am Parish Office closed
- Fri., 12/26 - Church Directory** - Photo session from 2:00-8:30 pm - Parish Center (upstairs)
- Sat., 12/27 - Church Directory** - Photo session from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Parish Center (upstairs)
- Wed., 12/31 - New Year's Eve** - Mass at 6 pm Parish Office closed
- Thurs., 1/1/26 - New Year's Day** - Mass at 9 am Parish Office closed
- Mon., 1/5/26 - Eucharistic Minister Meeting** - church

**CHURCH DIRECTORY SIGN-UP...** Sign up after the Masses on Sat., November 29 & Sun., November 30. The photos will be taken in the Parish Center (upstairs). The photography dates are December 26 & 27 and January 8, 9, 10. Get signed up soon!

*Dear Church family,  
It's time for a New Directory!*

*Celebrating faith.  
Connecting families.  
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

### Connections Event

*Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.*

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

**Set your appointment with Universal today!**

*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*

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**TO SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY APPOINTMENT ONLINE:** Simply go to: [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)

Click on photography session sign-up enter **mo435** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. **If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots.** The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **We will have sign-ups at church next weekend, Nov. 29-30.** Get your appointment time as soon as possible!

**PHOTOGRAPY DATES & TIMES**

- Friday, Dec. 26th - 2:00-8:30 pm
  - Saturday, Dec. 27th - 10:00 am - 4 pm
  - Thursday, January 8, 2026 - 2-8:30pm
  - Friday, January 9, 2026 - 2-8:30 pm
  - Saturday, January 10, 2026 - 10am-4pm
- Photos will be taken in the Parish Center (upstairs) Sign up now!



**Nativity At The Capitol**

**Celebrating**  
**the real "reason for the season"**

**December 2, 2025**  
**11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

(In case of inclement weather, alternate date is December 14th)

**Nativity Scenes and Music in the Capitol Rotunda**  
**and on the South Lawn**

**For more information contact 573-619-6322**

Sponsored by Team P.L.A.Y. (faith based MO residents to end abortion through Prayer, Legislation, Action, and You the public) and 40 Days For Life Columbia



We want to regroup, recharge, and reorganize to put on another Women’s Welcome retreat in 2026! We have several women who have expressed interest in being on “the giving team”, in other words, the team that puts it on or gives the gift of the retreat to other women! But we don’t want to leave anyone out, so please reach out to Terra Murphy if you’re interested..... 573-795-0571 or Dre-youth@myhollyfamily.com

## The Giving Team

### Recruiting the Giving Team

If this is your first time hosting Welcome, it is going to take some work on the part of the parish to recruit amazing team members to lead an amazing Welcome Weekend.

The people who will likely make great members of a Giving Team are typically those individuals who are more active within the parish. Ideally, these individuals may also have a large circle of influence and are willing to encourage people to attend the Welcome Weekend in the future.

Hopefully you have a list of people in mind who would make wonderful members of the Giving Team. Now it's time to get out there and recruit them!

We know that asking people to commit to getting involved in anything at the parish, especially things that require a time commitment, can be a challenge. For parishes just beginning Welcome, the first Giving Team will probably take the most effort to recruit. Chapter ten of the Team Guide outlines some tips and tricks for recruiting parishioners to attend the Welcome Weekend. These recruitment techniques can also be used for the formation of an initial Giving Team.

Keep in mind, as Welcome grows and flourishes at your parish (because it will!), recruiting people to get involved will become easier and easier. In addition, the former Receiving Team will generally make up the next Giving Team following each Welcome Weekend, so you should only need to go through this recruitment process once.

We know recruitment of any kind can often sound intimidating. Trust that Jesus is on your side and will lead and guide you. The Dynamic Catholic Welcome Team is here for you, too. You CAN do this!

Celebrate the true “reason for the season” at *Nativity at the Capitol* on December 2, 2025, from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Enjoy Nativity displays and live music in the Capitol Rotunda and on the South Lawn. (Weather date: December 14.) For details, call 573-619-6322.

### Gospel Meditation - First Sunday of Advent

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it’s a great day for burglars. If the TV isn’t on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins’. I’ll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I’m extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That’s much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn’t start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don’t just stay vaguely “awake.” Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he. — Father John Muir ©LPi

