



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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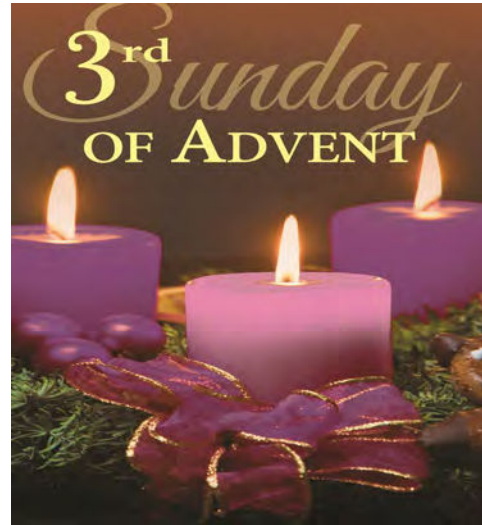
MISSION: Holy Family Faith Community is called to live out the mission of Jesus. Empowered by God through Baptism and centered in the Eucharist, we strive to proclaim the good news of salvation, build community, serve the needs of others, celebrate our faith, and welcome all in one spirit of Christ.

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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.



December 14, 2025 Third 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
School Phone: (573) 221-0456
Rectory Address: 108 West Ridge
 Hannibal, MO 63401
Rectory Phone: (573) 719-3227
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
 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 12/20 - Mia Dorian, Reagan Carroll, Alexa Nacke

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 12/21 - Malaina McIntyre, Aidan Watts, Eli Wiley

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 12/21 - Ashtyn Arthaud, Nola Ball, Emma Lee

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

We Ask Eternal Rest O Lord for the Souls of:

Clara Norman, mother-in-law of Mary Norman, of our parish

Danny Dudgeon, brother of Christy Cavanagh, of our parish

Sun., 12/14 8am & 10am Masses

Return Mitten tree gifts to tree

Senior Snowman Tree - Tags on tree - get a gift for a Senior in a care facility/homebound- Return Dec 20-21

3-6 pm Reconciliation (for all) - church

Crazy about Christmas Youth Night - Cookie bake-off MS Youth from 5-6:30 pm and HS Youth from 6:30-8 pm - Parish Ctr

Mon., 12/15

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

5:30pm CCW Christmas Party & Installation of Officers - Parish Ctr HF students to sing at 6 pm, please arrive by 5:45pm

Tues., 12/16 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 pm HOLY FAMILY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - church

8:15 am Men's Fight Club Ministry - Youth Rm

Wed., 12/17 8:30am Women's Bible Study-Conf Rm

9am-3pm Friendship Quilters - Parish Ctr

10 am Luther Manor Mass

6 pm Rosary - church

6 pm Advent Penance Service at St. Joseph, Palmyra

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

Thurs., 12/18 8:15 am Mass - church

9am HF Students Reconciliation - church

4-6 pm Nativity Scene Expo - St. Michael's Hall - see page 3 for details

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

11th Step Open AA Meditation Meeting - Conf Rm

Fri., 12/19

9am Nativity Skit - HF students - church

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

1 pm Holy Family School Dismissal

4-8 pm Nativity Scene Expo - St. Michael's Hall

Sat., 12/20 Return Senior Snowman gifts to tree

3-3:45 pm Confessions - church

4 pm Mass - church

Sun., 12/21

Return Senior Snowman gifts to tree

8 am & 10 am Masses - church

3-5 pm Nativity Scene Expo - St. Michael's Hall

MS & HS youth - caroling - time to be announced

INVITATION: All are welcome and encouraged to attend a Parish Synodal meeting and to take part in a discernment process regarding Sacred Music in the Liturgy and specifically to craft a parish policy regarding the use of music by composers who have been credibly accused of abuse. The meeting is set for Monday, December 29, 2025 at 6 pm in Holy Family Church, 1111 Broadway, Hannibal. This is a diocesan requested meeting and process. Mark your calendars and join us in church!

MASS INTENTIONS - Dec 14-21

Sun. 8:00 am People of the Parish
 10:00 am Brian & Joe Zielinski
 Tues. 8:15 am Dave Scharnhorst
 Wed. 11:00 am Lynn Lindhorst (Luther Manor)
 Thurs. 8:15 am Steve Murphy
 Fri. No Mass - Nativity Skit at 9am—church
 Sat. 4:00 pm Andy Whiston
 Sun. 8:00 am Brad Vitale
 10:00 am People of the Parish

Exodus 90

Calling all men of the parish — Join the movement to uncommon freedom. Exodus 90 is designed for men to enter into a deeper faith by intentional practices of prayer, discipline, aestheticism, and fraternity. Join this 90-day journey beginning on 1/5/26, to break free of attachments and distractions and become better men of faith. For more information or to join, please contact Aron Lee at aronlee21@gmail.com or 573-231-6551

December 1st was the start of Advent. As we end this year of the Jubilee of Hope we encourage you to add this Advent prayer to your daily routine. We thought it a perfect prayer to end our year of Hope.

Lord Jesus,
 Master of both the light and the darkness,
 send your Holy Spirit
 upon our preparations for Christmas.
 We who have so much to do
 seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
 We who are anxious over many things
 look forward to your coming among us.
 We who are blessed in so many ways
 long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
 We whose hearts are heavy
 seek the joy of your presence.
 We are your people, walking in darkness,
 yet seeking the light.
 To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
 Amen.

Readings for the week of Dec 14-21

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4) Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
 Thursday: Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25
 Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
 Saturday: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

PARISH COLLECTION - Nov. 29-30

<u>Needed each week</u>	30,856.25
<u>Received Nov. 29-30</u>	24,901.75
<u>Total for Nov. 29-30</u> is comprised of:	
Regular Envelopes, Loose & Online	16,932.00
School Support Envelopes	983.75
Youth Envelopes	30.00
Masses	20.00
Votive/Rel. Articles	15.00
Immaculate Conception	25.00
Solemnity of Mary	75.00
A&E - Christmas Flowers	190.00
Registration/Tech fees 25-26	281.00
Tuition 25-26	3,850.00
<u>Knights of Columbus</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
Building Fund	93.00
GNP - Adopt-A-Family	765.00

Watch the bulletin for Dec. 6-7 collection summary - not available due to early bulletin deadline.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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

Holy Family Church Cancer and Caregiver Support Group

Being diagnosed with cancer can be overwhelming. Understanding what to expect and being prepared for the process can help give you a sense of control.

Facing a cancer diagnosis may be different for everyone. It is normal to go through the “Stages of Grief.” This grief is personal and it does not follow any timeline or schedule. Here is what you may expect: Shock and Denial, this is normal; Anger and Bargaining; Guilt and Depression; Acceptance, I can not control that I have cancer, but I can control what I do next.

Share your diagnosis, journaling, meditation, get outside, walk. Join an in-person support group near you. Seeking help from a Counselor, spiritual leader, loved ones. Determine a caretaker and work with them. Build your care team.

For the caretaker, family and friends grief for the loss of the loved one is anticipated and it is very hard when it comes. Let yourself feel and express those emotions, Find people that you trust and share those emotions. Be Patient. It takes time to cope with a major loss. Forgive yourself for anything you perceived that you did, you did not share, or do. Distracting yourself with a dinner, movie, manicure, read a good book.

It is helpful even important to take care of yourself with diet, exercise, yoga, a hot bath. Avoid alcohol and other drugs. Prepare for the Holidays, Birthdays, Anniversaries knowing that strong feelings may return. Get support. Being with other people who have lost a loved one can you feel less alone. These folks and sources like them can offer understanding, practical advice, and support.

If you have any questions, are looking for support and prayers please contact someone from our group.

Lisa and Doug Baughman 660-785-0505,
 Chuck Comier 573-795-0516,
 Frank or Kathy DiTillo 573-406-9683,
 Claudia Lennon 573-406-7393,
 Carolyn Ellis 573-268-8693,
 DeAnne Wickens 573-795-1391,
 Karen Wetton 573-822-3765.

American Cancer Center: [Grief and Bereavement: How Long Is The Grieving Process?](#)

George Washington Cancer Center: [Managing Grief After a Cancer Diagnosis and Loss: A Guide for Patients and Loved Ones](#)

[Understanding Cancer Together:](#)

[Coping with Cancer & Finding Cancer Support](#)

RECONCILIATION... Need to go to Confession? We are offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation today, Sunday, December 14 - 3-6 pm in church. Everyone is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. Take advantage of God’s great love for you!

Nativity Scene Expo - Come to Holy Family Church, 1111 Broadway, Hannibal, MO 63401, St. Michael’s Hall - Cafeteria under church for a Nativity Scene Expo. Over 100 nativity scenes will be on display, along various other related Christmas and Holy Family depictions. For many years, Fr. Greg has collected, repaired, and curated nativity scenes from around the world. He enjoys and appreciates scenes that depict various cultural and artistic traditions and adaptations, that are made from various material, and that celebrate diversity of material, expression and perspective.

- Come and celebrate Christmas hope and joy, and witness what thousands across the Midwest have enjoyed.
- Take advantage of a “Kodak moment” to pick up Baby Jesus from an authentic manger, hold him, and snap a photo with him.
- Relax among friends and share a Christmas beverage and snack.
- See first hand a nativity scene made from spark plugs, nuts and bolts, and woven from soda cans. It’s true.

No cost, free parking, and no commitment. Family fun for all.

December 18, Thursday, 4-6 pm
 19, Friday, 4-8 pm
 21, Sunday, 3-5 pm
 27, Saturday, 10 am—1 pm
 28, Sunday, 3-7 pm





Sat., 12/13 & Sun., 12/14 - Return Mitten Tree gifts to church
Sat., 12/13 & Sun., 12/14 - Senior Snowman tags on tree - get a small gift for a senior
Sun., 12/14 - Reconciliation for all from 3-6 pm in church
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
Thurs., 1/8 - Church Directory - Photo session from 2:00-8:30 pm - Parish Center (upstairs)
Fri., 1/9 - Church Directory - Photo session from 2:00-8:30 pm - Parish Center (upstairs)
Sat., 1/10 - Church Directory - Photo session from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Parish Center (upstairs)

CHURCH DIRECTORY SIGN-UP... The photography dates are December 26 & 27 and January 8, 9, 10. Get signed up today. Directions are below! Thanks to everyone who has signed up so far. You receive a free 8X10 photo and a directory just for

TO SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY APPOINTMENT ONLINE: Simply go to: 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!



*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.



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!



Thank you... To all who donated to our canned food drive for those in need. A special thanks to Holy Family School students for their collection of 754 items for the drive. We are grateful for your generosity in giving to those who need help at Christmas and throughout the year.

GOSPEL MEDITATION**December 14, 2025****Third Sunday of Advent****Matthew 11:2-11**

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7).** He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can’t satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

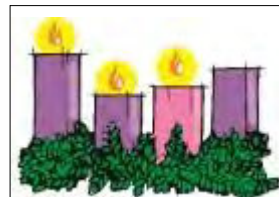
John the Baptist wasn’t a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

- *Father John Muir* ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**The Season That Gives Back**

I don’t have anything left to give.
You can’t pour from an empty cup.
All I do is give. Who is giving to me?



Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I’m sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that’s parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don’t have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

- *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi