

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH



# November 14, 2021

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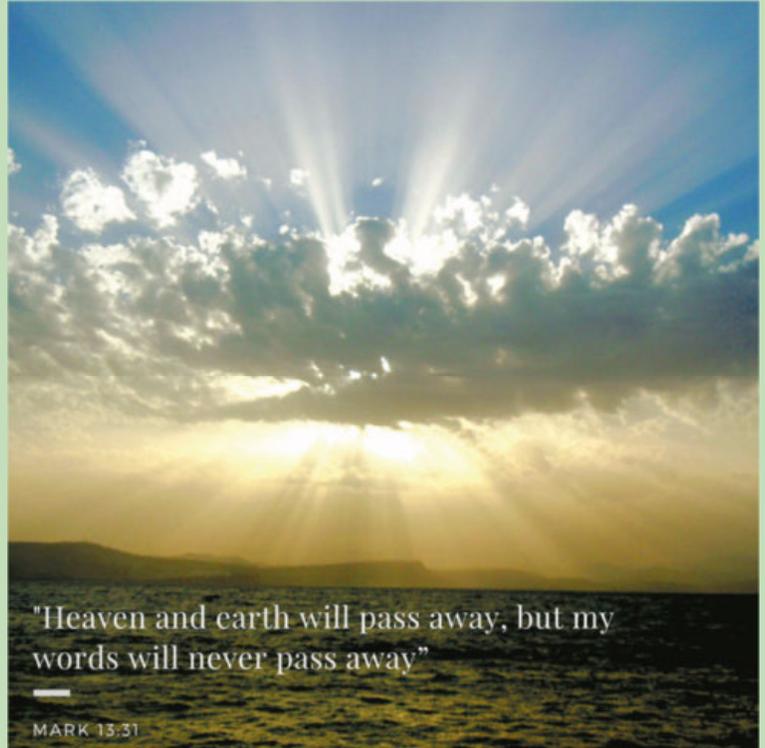
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# Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*The Lord give you peace!*

As I mentioned in my Homily at the opening of the Synod **For a synodal Church**, I would be sharing with you the results compiled by our Parish Council which was tasked to answer four questions on our behalf that were given to all parishes throughout the Diocese of Peoria, and to then share their answers with Bishop Louis Tylka at a meeting which was held in our Vicarate on September 14, 2021. Over the next four weeks I will be sharing the answers our parish provided to each of the questions so that you can read them, reflect upon them, and provide any additional information or feedback you have with the Parish Council or me. God bless you and your family.

*See you at Mass!*

### 2. What do you consider to be the greatest challenge we are facing in the Church today?

The greatest challenge faced by the Church is the environment created by today's culture, which is antagonistic toward those trying to seek truth and live faithful lives. Our culture also creates a lot of confusion. Many misconceptions about the Church and its teachings are propagated through social media and by word of mouth. The result is that the version of Catholicism presented to many people today is only a caricature of what Catholicism truly is. Even people within the Catholic community are confused or mistaken about what the Church teaches on a number of issues, including the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which is central to our faith. We need to dispel these misconceptions by ensuring that our parishioners have a clear and correct understanding of what the Church teaches and why, and by also lovingly engaging non-Catholics and inviting them to learn about our Catholic faith from reliable sources.

In addition, the values that are put forward by our current culture are contrary to Catholic values. People are encouraged to act immorally, to think selfishly, to hate and dehumanize others who have different views or ways of life than they do, and to devalue human life in general. We need to counter this by living up to the values that we as Catholics hold - to live lives of holiness, courage, integrity, and charity. We need to ensure that in our own lives, we are cultivating virtue and striving to live a life of service to God. The joy and fulfillment that we experience from doing so, especially when we do so with the support of our parish community, can act as a magnet to draw others to God and to the Church.

Finally, there is no getting around the fact that being Catholic is difficult - both in that the teachings we espouse can be difficult to understand, and in that it is difficult to live out one's faith in the modern world. But we cannot shy away from difficulty; we need to acknowledge that being Catholic involves carrying our crosses and living a faithful and joyful life despite our worldly suffering. People today are up for that challenge, but we need to bring that challenge to them and make them aware of the bountiful rewards of having a true and deep relationship with Christ in the setting of his Church.

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, November 15-Weekday

5:30pm †Edwin Rogers by Family

### TUESDAY, November 16-Weekday

7:00am Intentions of Mickey Laughland Family by Friend

### WEDNESDAY, November 17-St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:00am †Sr. Jean Francis Stenger by Friend

5:30pm †Orville Jochman by Joe Jochman

### THURSDAY, November 18-Weekday

7:00am Intentions of Jerry Sanderson by Lisa Sanderson

**9:00am School Mass:** †Deanna Tillman by Glen & Mary Ellen Foreck

### FRIDAY, November 19-Weekday

7:00am †Elsie Cramer by Darlene Hasselbacher

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### SATURDAY, November 20

5:00pm Intentions of George Padavil by Philomena Padavil

### SUNDAY, November 21

8:00am Living and Deceased of Our Parish Community

10:30am †Jim Murphy by Joanne Murphy

The Sanctuary Lamp intention for the week of

November 13-19, 2021:

We remember in our daily prayers

†Mary Frances McShane

by Bob & Karen Metzinger.



## PRAY FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

Sr. Lenore will have the Franciscan vocation picture and say the prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province.

**Please sign up for this important ministry opportunity in the vestibule.**

**Questions, please call: the parish office 688-3720.**



## HOLY LAND FAMILY

Next weekend, a representative of the *Holy Land Family* will be selling beautiful hand carved religious art work made from olive wood. This sale helps the Christian families in the Holy Land. These families rely on the selling of their religious work to make a living. Their livelihood has been largely affected due to the political conflict in the region. Come and browse after Mass to see the beautiful art-work.

*Readings:*

*Week of November 15-21*

- Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday:** 2Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1,20-31/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

**FINANCE CORNER**

If you would like to make contributions electronically, please contact our business office at (309) 688-3427 x 201.

Anyone interest in a convenient method to make their regular Sunday contributions can use the link below. Here at Holy Family, we have implemented a secure website to accept your donations. The website for online donations is:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/peoriahollyfamily>

Thank you and God Bless you.

**Nov-21**

First Sunday	\$23,294.51
Second Sunday	
Third Sunday	
Fourth Sunday	
Fifth Sunday	

Monthly Total	\$23,294.51
Monthly Budget	\$49,700.00
Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(26,405.49)

Fiscal Year Total	\$201,989.80
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$268,500.00
Fiscal Year Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(66,510.20)

**HOLY FAMILY GIVING TREE**

Our annual Giving Tree is up and ready for you to pick your tags. You'll notice that the tree is up earlier than usual due to the anticipated shortage of items due to the pandemic. This will allow you to shop early before items are sold out.

This tree provides gifts and necessities for your brothers and sisters in need. This is a great opportunity for children to get involved and learn the joy of giving. It is easy to participate:

- Take a tag from the tree in back of church
- Put an ornament on the tree in place of that tag
- Place the gift you purchased under the tree

(Gifts need to be unwrapped and returned to Holy Family no later than Sunday, December 12 the 10:30am Mass)

If you have any questions call Ana Lippert at: 309-922-0813.

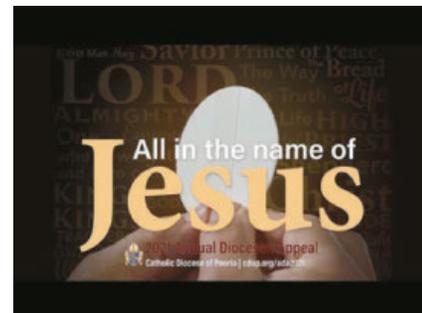


**ADA UPDATE**

We are well on the way with the 2021 ADA. Thus far, 192 parishioners have returned their pledge cards, and pledged a total of \$78,470 toward parish goal of \$81,855. If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so. Most years we have over 250 families donate to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Thank you!

Mike Simmons



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
**Thanksgiving Day Collection**

In keeping with our Holy Family Parish tradition of sharing our many blessings with our needy friends and neighbors, the Thanksgiving Day collection will be for those served by our Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you are able, please bring a gift of nonperishable food, personal care, or household cleaning supplies. Especially needed food items include canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat / fish, spaghetti sauces, Mac & Cheese, and soups. Always needed items are hand and bath soaps, dish and laundry detergents, tooth paste and toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper and paper towels.

Envelopes for cash, check, or gift card donations will be included in the bulletin for the weekend of Nov. 20 - 21, and will be collected at the Thanksgiving Day Mass, or you can leave it in the collection basket on any Sunday.

Thank you for your continued generous support of those in need. If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please call our Help-line at #309-677-7696, or simply contact any Society of St. Vincent de Paul member. All calls are always confidential.



*Mary and Martha*

*Christmas Luncheon*

*Thursday, December 9, 2021*

*All women of the parish are welcome!*

*Mass at Holy Family Church at 10 AM, followed by a short meeting with Luncheon, Quilt Raffle Drawing and games at Trailside (above Trefzger's Bakery)*

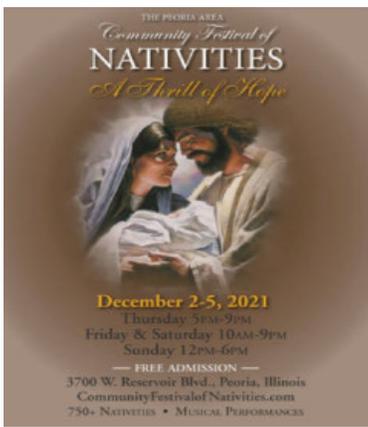
*Enjoy Roasted Turkey, Sweet Corn Casserole, Whipped Potatoes and Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Hot Vegetable Medley, Rolls, Dessert and Beverages*

*Cost \$20*

*(Please make checks payable to Holy Family with M&M Christmas luncheon in the memo)*

***DEADLINE for reservations is December 1<sup>st</sup>***

*(Reservations must be paid for in advance; turn into Mary and Martha mailbox in a marked envelope in the church office or in the collection basket)*



The Community Festival of Nativities is a non-profit interfaith collaboration of churches in Peoria with a mission to share the message and joy of Christ's birth each holiday season through the beauty and artistry of nativities from all over the world. Holy Family has been a community sponsor of this event

since 2019 and our parishioners have provided great support as volunteers setting up displays, greeting visitors to the exhibits, and sponsoring the purchase of poinsettias which add to the overall beauty of the festival. Since the time of Saint Francis of Assisi who was inspired to use living people and animals to stage Jesus Christ's humble beginnings, the nativity (also called a creche) has gained tremendous popularity and has spread across cultural and political boundaries to become a traditional Christian symbol of Christ's birth.

**THANK YOU, HOLY FAMILY,** for over 70 poinsettia orders, and the many people who have offered to volunteer their time to help with the Community Festival of Nativities to be held on Dec. 2-5 at

**3700 W. Reservoir Blvd., Peoria, IL.**

What a generous parish! There is still time to volunteer to help with set-up, take-down or hosting. Just go to the website

[communityfestivalofnativities.com](http://communityfestivalofnativities.com)

and click on "Get Involved" to sign up.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to this year's Light of the World winners **Sophia's Kitchen** (whose director is our parishioner, Claire Crone!), and **Doctors Jeff and Suzanne White Ruskusky** for their work in bringing to Peoria Almost Home Kids (a transitional facility for vulnerable children after a hospitalization to prepare them and their families for returning home). A special Award Presentation will be held on the opening night of the festival, Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. Join us in congratulating them for all their good work!

**NATIVITY REGISTRATION** is still available on the website. Please consider loaning your favorite Nativity or several to be beautifully displayed at the event.

**OTHER ITEMS NEEDED:** Please consider loaning any of the following...garland, other greenery, and wagons (for moving boxed Nativities safely to display areas)-can be dropped off on Monday morning, Nov. 29th.

Help us get the word out! Mark your calendars! Invite family and friends! Please "like" and "share" on Facebook (the page name is "The Peoria Area Community Festival of Nativities")!



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# PRESENTATIONS: "The Eucharist"

**WHERE:**  
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

**SESSION 1**  
Catholic  
Understanding of  
Eucharist based on  
Sacred Scripture

**SESSION 2**  
The Eucharist as the  
Center of our Daily Life



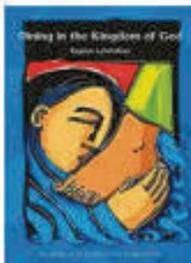
SUPPER AT EMMAUS CARAVAGGIO

**WHEN:**  
**SESSION 1:**  
**Thursday, Dec. 9**  
1:00 – 2:30 pm  
- or -  
6:00 – 7:30 pm  
**SESSION 2:**  
**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
1:00 – 2:30 pm  
- or -  
6:00 – 7:30 pm

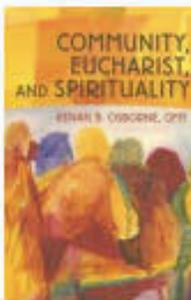
*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day."*

JOHN 6:54

## REFERENCES



*Dining in the Kingdom*



*Community, Eucharist and Spirituality*

## Program Description

The 2019 PEW Research Center found that just 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of US Catholics agree with their church that Eucharist is **the body and blood** of Christ. Why is this?

This Advent, presenters will discuss:

- Why we use the word Eucharist, meaning "thanksgiving", to describe the Mass as we know it today.
- The origin of Eucharist in the Old Testament (Jewish Scripture), the Gospels, and St. Paul's Letters.
- What is the meaning of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass?
- What does the Eucharist have to do with my daily life?
- How am I called to live a Eucharistic life?
- How are we a Eucharist people—The Body of Christ in the world today?

Please join in the presentations and discussions on **"The Eucharist"** in a two-session format to strengthen your knowledge and beliefs in the true presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in **"The Eucharist."**

## PRESENTERS



*Dr. Ted Wolgamot*



*Sr. Rachel Bergschneider*

**Reservations not required but appreciated**

Call Holy Family office: (309) 688-3427

## THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“In those days, after that tribulation – the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.” Mk. 13:24*

In the year 64 A.D. – just some 30 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus – a spectacular fire destroyed 1/5 of the magnificent city of Rome.

Called the Great Fire of Rome, it burned relentlessly for 6 days before it was finally brought under control.

Nero, the Emperor at that time, was the initial target to blame for the horrifying devastation that resulted from this monumental tragedy. So, to quell the universal rage against him by the Roman citizens, and out of fear of being tortured and killed by the populace, Nero desperately looked around for someone else to blame for all the destruction.

And, from his point of view, he found just the right group – one generally seen to be notable, according to one historian of the time, for their “abominations, and for following evil superstitions.”

The people chosen as the accused were called “Christians.”

Nero then proceeded to inflict upon these followers of Jesus of Nazareth “the most exquisite tortures.”

This is just one of many examples of the horrors that the earliest Christians had to endure from powerful rulers of that time period.

This above Gospel passage from Mark was written, then, during a time in which the Roman Empire, in all its power and terrifying grandeur, reigned supreme. It was also a time in which Christians were living in constant fear – even terror.

Consequently, the world they lived in was seen as dark and brutal and violent.

The ultimate purpose of Mark’s Gospel, then, was to demonstrate how victory can come even through the worst kind of suffering, and how the demonic forces – powerful and terrifying as they are – can create a new sense of hope even in the midst of so much pain and sorrow and fear.

Sadly, we as a country are presently faced with a multitude of serious “*tribulations*,” as today’s Gospel puts it. The “*sun*” of hope for an America that is free of racial hatred, has been significantly dimmed. The “*moon*” of the well-being of our planet earth is being allowed to be darkened. The “*stars that will be falling from the sky*” are our convictions about the primacy of a true democracy, and the Statue of Liberty’s invitation to all those who are “*tired ... poor ... huddled masses yearning to breathe free ... the wretched refuse of your teeming shore.*”

The goal of Mark’s Gospel was to remind believers of the central message of Jesus’ life and death and resurrection:

Be transformed.

Develop a new kind of mind – the “mind of Christ,” as St. Paul puts it.

Create and live out a radically different way of being in the world.

So, as dark and negative and foreboding as today’s Gospel reading is, it nonetheless holds out a great promise. That promise is this:

If we follow the “way” that Jesus calls us to, if we become, as the early Christians did, the “people of the Way,” we will find everything that we are looking for as human beings – most particularly:

Freedom – freedom from the demonic in our lives.

Freedom to experience the reality of being transformed by receiving a whole new set of eyes with which to see the world, and a whole new set of values by which we can then live in this world.

If we do this, if we choose to follow the “way” that Christ invites us to embrace, then, after all the “*tribulations*” we are presently undergoing as a nation, we will be able to keep the sun and the moon and the stars from “*falling from the sky*,” by fully embracing the promise that Mark gives us in his powerful Gospel message:

Become a people of “*the Way*,” a people who develop and fully embrace the “*mind of Christ.*”

Ted Wolgamot, Psy.D.



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