



OCTOBER 8, 2023  
27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Holy Family Parish

2400 S. Franklin St. Rd.  
Decatur, IL 62521  
217-423-6223

## ***WEEKEND MASS TIMES***

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8 am and 10 a.m.

## ***PARISH MISSION STATEMENT***

Following the model of the Holy Family,  
we seek through the grace of the Holy Spirit  
to form intentional disciples of Jesus Christ in His Church.



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“The stone that the  
builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone.”  
- Mt 21:42ab

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**Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Liturgies**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.



**Weekday Liturgies**

Monday 7:00 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.  
Thursday 2:00 p.m. on school days  
Friday 7:00 a.m. There will only be Friday  
Masses on the first Friday of each month.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday at 3:15—4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**Communion Calls**

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Arrangements for Baptisms are made by calling the parish office. Participation at the Baptismal Preparation Class for parents is a requirement for the celebration of the sacrament. **If you need to take a class, please contact the parish office at 217-423-6223.**

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Arrangements for all weddings must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Please call the parish office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Classes for those interested in joining the Catholic faith begin in the fall of each year and continue through the Easter season. Please call the parish office to inquire about the sessions.

**Parish Staff**

**Reverend Mark Tracy**..... Pastor  
**Mrs. Joanne Kater**.....Administrative Assistant  
Email: [holyfamilychurch1@comcast.net](mailto:holyfamilychurch1@comcast.net)  
**Mrs. Ann Carr**.....Business Manager  
**Mrs. Diane Keller**..Director of Religious Formation  
**Mr. Peter Miller**..... Director of Music Ministries  
**Mrs. Megan Breheny-Bennett**.....  
Parish Engagement Coordinator  
**Mrs. Melissa Downs**.....  
Parish Engagement Coordinator

**School Staff**

**Mr. Bryan Kenney**.....Principal  
**Mr. Nicholas Blackburn**.....Assistant Principal  
**Mrs. Colleen Richardson**.....Director of  
Development  
**Ms. Lisa Roddis**.....School Secretary

**Contact Information**

Rectory.....217-423-6223  
School.....217-423-7049  
School Fax.....217-423-0137

**HOLY FAMILY WEBSITE:** [decaturhollyfamily.com](http://decaturhollyfamily.com)



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**ROSARY** will be prayed at 7:30 a.m. following the 7:00 a.m. Mass. Come to Mass and stay for the rosary.



**PRAYER LINE REQUESTS:** Barb Lesyna, 217-428-0058.

**ADORATION** is on Wednesdays from 9 am. to 1 p.m. Any questions, call Sandy Yelovich, 217-855-1196.



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time! Silent Retreat was a peaceful and restful time with the Lord. Sometimes folks ask what one does on a silent retreat? A typically day consists in some restful sleep with no alarm clock followed by morning prayer and a holy hour in prayer. After breakfast, one can go for a walk and read followed by another holy hour and Mass. After lunch, there is time to exercise, nap, and read followed by another holy hour. After dinner, people typically pray or read until bed. You also meet with your spiritual director everyday either in the morning or afternoon for about 30 minutes.

Reminder, In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress, we will be having a Parish Corpus Christi Procession on **Oct. 15 after 10am Mass**. There will be an open house after the procession with snacks and refreshments at the Parish Office and New Rectory. This will be an opportunity for all parishioners to see the new updates.

As I mentioned last week in my homily, I encourage you to participate in the Eucharistic Procession. We are blessed to be able to participate in our Faith publicly, while in other countries they can be arrested or stoned for doing an Eucharist Procession.

A couple of details on the Procession, it will be one loop around our Church along the sidewalks starting at Holy Family Statue in Parking lot. We then will process down the sidewalk to the front digital sign by Franklin Street. We will then process up the sidewalk towards the school and then conclude in the Church. The procession will last around 30 minutes.

You do not need to attend 10am Mass to participate in the Procession. The Procession will begin roughly at 10:50am in the parking lot by the Holy Family Statue. I am humbly asking, if you attend 10am Mass that week, to participate in the procession. It is only once a year, so I humbly ask you to adjust your Mass plans that weekend for the Procession. I don't want people exiting in cars from the parking lot during the procession for safety reasons and out of respect to our Eucharistic Lord in the Monstrance.

In Christ's Mercy,  
Fr. Mark Tracy



**Candlelight Adoration**

November 12th at 7pm





**Get your free tickets now for historic Eucharistic Congress Oct. 28 in Springfield** – To celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This dynamic and once in a lifetime experience will include nationally recognized Catholic speakers, a Catholic Marketplace, motivating videos, never before seen photos, adoration of our Lord, Confession, and a historic Mass. The arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. To attend, go to [dio.org](http://dio.org) for free tickets and more information



**If you still would like to sign up, go to [dio.org](http://dio.org) to register.**

**There will be no Masses at parishes on Saturday, Oct. 28.**

**From Fr. Joe:** Thank you so much for the cards, Memorials, Masses, gifts, prayers and support at the death of my mother. They all mean a great deal to me. She truly loved coming to Holy Family for Mass many Saturday evenings, and she felt the parish's love and kindness. I am grateful for all you did for her and for all the wonderful memories I have from the 19 years I was privileged to be your pastor. Continue to pray, please, for her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed.

## ADULT EDUCATION

This fall we will offer an Adult Education class on Unity in Christ's Church: Colossians, Philemon, and Ephesians. The class will meet on four Tuesdays, the afternoon session will be from 1 to 2:30 October 10 through the 31<sup>st</sup>. The Tuesday evening session will be from 6 to 7:30 October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup> (no class Halloween night). The cost is \$20. There will be a sign up paper in the room for the elderly or you may email [dkeller@hfcschool.org](mailto:dkeller@hfcschool.org) or text/call 217.433.1042.

**DIOCESAN CHILD ABUSE REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION NUMBER IS (217) 321-1155.**

### FORMED

Formed is a great place to look. Check this out to find books, audios, movies, & bible study & faith formation programs for both children and adults. Try Formed by going to [deaturholylfamily.formed.org](http://deaturholylfamily.formed.org). This does not cost you anything to sign up as the parish pays for the subscription. Questions? Contact the parish office at 217-423-6223.

**HOMEBOUND?** If you are homebound and are not currently receiving Communion at home and would like to, please call Diane Keller at 217-433-1042. Also Father Mark is available for visits the first Thursday or the First Friday, please schedule by calling the office at 217-423-6223.



## ROSARY RALLY

A Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 at noon on the front stairs of St. James Church. Come and help us pray for our nation and the conversion of sinners. All are welcome. Please feel free to bring a chair with you.

### JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT



**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Holy Family Parish Center**

**Faith**

**Fun**

**Food**

**Discipleship**

Any questions or to RSVP by October 15<sup>th</sup>, contact Deena Warrick at 217-855-9845 or [deena.warrick74@gmail.com](mailto:deena.warrick74@gmail.com).



**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN  
AND WOMEN. MAY THE LORD  
GRANT THEM SAFETY AND  
GOOD HEALTH!**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwwme.org](http://wwwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**12/1/2023 - 12/3/2023, St. Peters, MO**

**2/2/2024 - 2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO**

**4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO**



September 27 - November 5  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

### HELP SAVE LIVES IN DECATUR!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

**Vigil location:** Across the street from the abortion clinic - Planned Parenthood at 3021 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, IL

**Vigil hours:** Monday - Saturday, 7 am to 7 pm daily

**Local contact:** Cecilia, 217-412-0063, [Prayersforyou8384@gmail.com](mailto:Prayersforyou8384@gmail.com)

**Learn more ...** get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

[www.40daysforlife.com/en/decaturn](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/decaturn)



**Dealing with Loss** Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one often find healing and support through sharing with others with similar experiences. Ss. James & Patrick parish is hosting a grief session on Tuesday, October 10, at 5:30 pm in the parish house at St. James. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Donna at 217 422-4534.

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Donna Benting, Rita Briggs, Warren Brinegar, Gary Brown, Jamie Brown, Mark Brumleve, Michelle Carmichael, Linda Harmon, Rick Harmon, Phyllis Heckman, Dan Hogan, Karen Jordan, Jennifer Kunz, Tom Little, Mary Jane Madix, Perry Marchisello, Judy Marucco, Larry Moffett, Jeane Moser, Marilyn Noonan, Joyce Rakers, Carolyn Rau, Jim Raupp, Bill Sheppard, Brent Shoemaker, Alison Hagenbach Stevens, Howard Stone, Mary Gay Stone, Chris Wilson



**PRAY** for the repose of the soul of **Dan Hogan**, father of Cindy Fitzgerald and Stan Hogan; **Msgr. David Lantz**. May they rest in the eternal peace of heaven, & may God comfort their families.



**WELCOME** to **Lainey Cecilia Weaver**, daughter of Cody & Andrea (Couri) Weaver, who was baptized this weekend. May she have a faith-filled life in the Catholic Church!



**St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Chat-ham** will hold an Art & Craft Fair on Sat., Oct. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 700 E. Spruce St. Contact [nlkuchar@gmail.com](mailto:nlkuchar@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Paper copies are available in the Elderly Room for anyone who needs one.**

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer for this ministry. If you are not currently a Mass minister and would like to be, call the parish office to get set up.

If you receive a message through MSP or a letter from Joanne that your background check needs to be updated, please take care of this right away. If you have problems logging into the CMG website to do this, please contact Joanne in the parish office and she will be happy to set up an appointment to work with you. If you do not wish to do the background check, please let the office know to take you off the volunteer list.

## October 14 - October 15

	Saturday, 4:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Extraordinary Minister	Brenda Duncan Kari Ferguson Holly Layton Ann Marie Morgan Teresa Steil	Carol Holthaus Mary Kate Kenney Pat Merli Sue Schneider Deena Warrick (sub req.)	Ilene Berger Kathy Green Jan Hogan John Hogan Diane Keller
Reader	Steve Rathnow (1) Mark Barthelemy (2)	Shannon Striglos (1) Nancy Bullock (2)	Matt Beck (1) Ryle Frey (2)
Gift Bearer	Zach Layton Holly Layton	Lisa Hollis Pat O'Donnell	Matt Bennett Megan Bennett
Server	Hannah Layton Lauren Pena Cole Pena	Nick McVey Nate McVey Naomi Summers	Remy Corley Chase Powell Jonah Powell
Greeter	Carol Whitsel Dennis Whitsel	Bill Heitz Family	Erica Wagner Family
Usher	Gary Durbin Tom Madsen Michael Peters Dennis Whitsel	John Bennyhoff Dale Boulter John Merli Terry Schneider	Leo Berger Brenda Brown Paul Christensen Kent Wittig

**COLLECTIONS:** Thank you to all who are now sending in donations through bill pay with their financial institutions. This is an easy way to may your donations. If you do use this method, please use your envelope number as your "account number". This makes it easy to post for your year end Contribution Statement. Please let us know to stop your monthly envelopes being mailed to you as this saves the parish even more money. Several people have requested a way to know if there are any "extra" collections going on since they do not receive envelopes any longer. We will list these in the bulletin each month now. **The October envelope packet includes the Regular Collection, Building Fund, Sister Parish & World Mission Sunday envelopes.** If you'd like information on setting up your bill pay or to start or stop envelopes, please call Joanne at 217-423-6223. ONLINE GIVING is now available at [decaturhollyfamily.com](http://decaturhollyfamily.com).



**MONDAY, October 9**

7:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, October 10**

7:00 a.m. Sue Christy & Mona Christy  
(Claudia Madding)

**WEDNESDAY, October 11**

7:00 a.m. Joy Madsen (Bill & Barb McNutt)

**THURSDAY, October 12**

2:00 p.m. Diane Gebben (Chris Gebben)

**FRIDAY, October 13**

7:00 a.m. No Mass

**SATURDAY, October 14**

4:30 p.m. Debbie Peters (Cary & Keely Peters)

**SUNDAY, October 15**

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Brusca (Family)

10:00 a.m. Holy Family Parishioners

If you would like to have a Mass said, please call the parish office to schedule.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28  
 Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/  
 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/

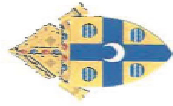


***Thank you for your Generosity***

**September 30 & October 1, 2023**

Regular Collection.....	\$ 12,804
Building Fund.....	\$ 100
Sister Parish.....	\$ 140
Season of Stewardship.....	\$ 1,135
Mission Sunday.....	\$ 60
All Souls Day.....	\$ 50





## DIocese of Springfield in Illinois Office of the Bishop

September, 2023

Dear Friends in the Lord,

I am aware that many worthy charities outside our diocese contact you annually for financial support. In the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, along with parish and diocesan giving, I am reminding parishes and schools of our policy on Fundraising for Missions (\$9000 Fundraising for Missions) and ask for support of the Pontifical Mission Societies (TPMS), which includes: the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Missionary Childhood Association (MCA), Society of St. Peter the Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious.

In addition to our diocesan policy, Church documents direct that the Pontifical Mission Societies should be given "*first place*" [Ad Genes no. 38] and "*the leading role*" [Redemptoris Missio no. 84] in the Church's work of missionary formation through their material support, benefiting the poorest in the world. Each of us need to support that work as best we can.

Parishes, schools, and religious education programs may elect to support other worthy charities, but this should be *in addition* to their works of prayer and sacrifice through the Pontifical Mission Societies. I also ask that you carefully research any additional groups you choose to support to ensure that their work follows Catholic teaching. The Pontifical Mission Societies, given their standing in the Church internationally, are in the position to vet credentials of other Catholic mission relief groups. If you require assistance, contact our diocesan Office for the Missions at (217) 698-8500.

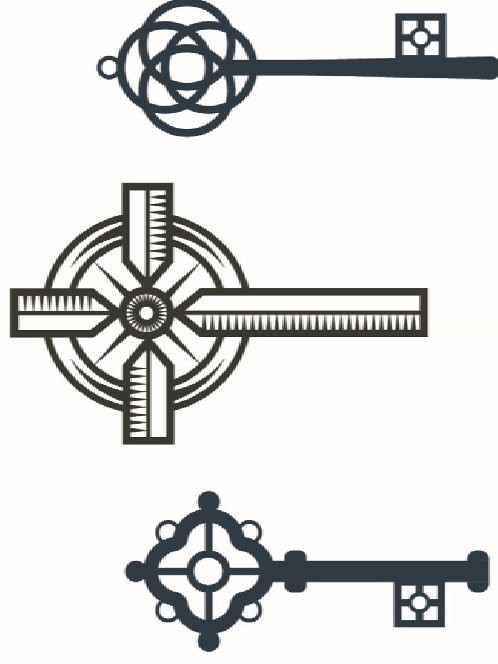
Following these guidelines should help better support the universal evangelization efforts of the Church through the Pontifical Mission Societies.

I extend my thanks to those parishes, schools and religious education programs that already actively participate in the works of these societies. I am ever grateful for your efforts in forming those you serve in the Catholic Faith.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

*Hosted by*

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Sunday | Oct. 15 | After 10AM Mass

Followed by Open House with Snacks and Refreshments  
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