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### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 4:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 8 AND 11 A.M.

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
AT THIS TIME

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY & FRIDAY: NONE

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY &

THURSDAY: NOON

### PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday,  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone....(816) 436-9200

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### RECONCILIATION

Please contact Fr. Philip  
at the parish office to  
schedule.

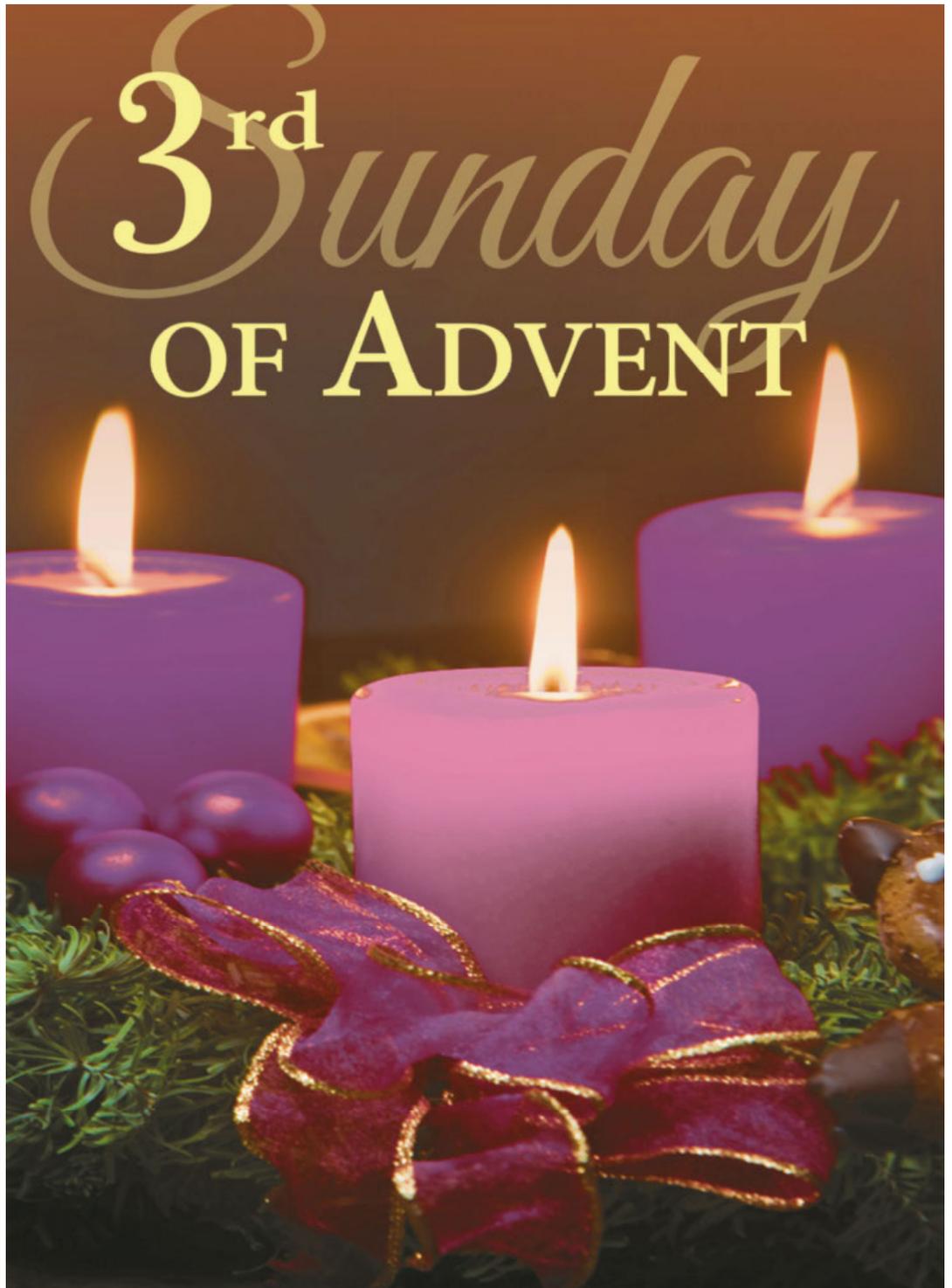
### Rosary Prayer

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. in  
the Chapel before the  
8 a.m. Mass

### Adoration

In the Chapel on  
Thursdays from 9 a.m. to  
5 p.m.

**December 12,  
2021**



# Parish Information

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Bruce, Carol Anne Hoppins, Brian Piel, Dean Prather, Patti Ries, Jason Roberts, Alex Williams, Lisa Wulff and Fr. Philip Egan.

## PARISH REGISTRATION/MEMBERSHIP

Holy Family welcomes all who worship with us. We'd like to invite you to join our parish family, especially if you live in this area. A registration form can be obtained through the parish office or online at holyfamily.com. We currently have **1,053 registered families**

## A Report of our Stewardship

### Offertory

December 5, 2021 \$25,762.30  
Jan. 1–Dec. 5, 2021 \$1,107,057.43

### Capital Improvement Fund

December 5, 2021 \$9,048.67  
Jan. 1–Dec. 5, 2021 \$240,460.22

### Youth

December 5, 2021 \$37.00  
Jan. 1–Dec. 5, 2021 \$707.00

Give online or set up automatic giving at holyfamily.com

## RECONCILIATION

Please contact Fr. Philip at the parish office to schedule (816-436-9200 ext. 307).

## BAPTISM

Because of COVID-19, we are not offering an in-person Jordan Program class. Instead, we are having families complete an online course. For more information about the on-line Jordan Program, please call the parish office.

## MARRIAGE

Couples intending to marry should contact the parish at least nine (9) months before the anticipated wedding. Contact Fr. Phil to schedule the preparation sessions.

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Please notify the parish office when a member of your family is hospitalized or confined to home. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to homes on a regular basis and the hospital as scheduled by the patient.

## HELPING HANDS PROGRAM

Should you or someone you know be in need of assistance with home repairs, a ride to a doctor's appointment, meals while you are recuperating or anything similar, Holy Family wants to help. Please contact Phyllis Font at 816-582-9507 or email at pfont1@yahoo.com to receive the help you need.

Are you a "handy person" and would be willing to help others with repairs? Contact Phyllis or Henry Font with your information and area of expertise.

## Sharing God's Gifts

In today's Gospel, we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well.

We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others? As we grow in our call to stewardship, we pray, **Come On, Holy Spirit!**

## SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org) if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## Assistive Listening System Available

for all Masses and events in the Church. Please visit the Welcome Desk for assistance.



"Blessed are those who **HEAR** the word of God and observe it." ~ Luke 11:28

# Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

## Sunday, December 12

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

## Monday, December 13

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/  
Mt 21:23-27

(No Daily Mass on Mondays)

## Tuesday, December 14

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/  
Mt 21:28-32

12 p.m. Patty Skinner †

## Wednesday, December 15

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is  
45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

12 p.m. Jean Stemmermann †

## Thursday, December 16

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/  
Lk 7:24-30

12 p.m. Phillip Bonacorso †

## Friday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
(No Daily Mass on Fridays)

## Saturday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
4:30 p.m. Agnes Panowicz †

## Sunday, December 19

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
8 a.m. All Parishioners

11 a.m. Josephine "JoJo" Carver †/Virgil Ohmes †

## SHARING THE GOSPEL

### Second Sunday of Advent

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

## Anointing of the Sick Prayer Service

This **Sunday, December 12**, Holy Family invites you to participate in an Anointing of the Sick Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m. Did you know that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just for those who are close to death? Many Catholics mistakenly think that. If you and someone you know is struggling in life, whether it is a physical illness, an emotional struggle, a mental illness, a faith crisis, or something else, then **THIS SACRAMENT IS FOR YOU!**

Our pain and suffering can be a stumbling block to our rejoicing. And in this season of Advent, John the Baptist tells us that the Lord is near and we should rejoice and be ready for the coming of the Lord!

Join us to receive the prayers of this Family we call Holy and to be Anointed. Even if you don't feel a need to be anointed, come and join in solidarity and prayer with those who will be anointed! To learn more about the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, go to: <https://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/Anointing-of-the-Sick-handout.pdf>



Jeannie Archuleta, Paul Bixler, Gail Bloom, Alaina Bonacorso, Rick and Tina Branstetter, Gene Bustamante, Joe Cento, Betty Clinton, Sophia Cooper, Ben Cuda, Carl DiMartino, Jr., Glenn Duncan, Laurie Frawley, Debbie Goins, Doral Goodsell, Jaci Leigh Gwin, Richard Hadel, Scott Henderson, Linda Hernandez, Marge Jeffries, Jerry Jensen, Tracy Jones, Andy Kaminski, Judi Lester, Bev Lindenfelser, Gary Marquardt, Sean Miller, Tanya Mitchell, Irene Moser, Sara Norton, Barb Ogle, Kristen Omecene, Patti Ries, Sam Scivona, Rick Scola, Jacob Sellhorst, Phyllis Stieb, Vincent Taibi, George Wan, Esther Wandersee, Theresa Weekes, Dan and Helen Zager.

Please also continue to pray for the members of our parish families who are serving in the armed forces.

## Monday, December 13

- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting - Off-Site (T-Shotz)

## Tuesday, December 14

- 6:00 a.m. Men of Faith
- 9:30 a.m. Parish Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Daily Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Becoming Catholic
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Scripture Group
- 7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee Meeting

## Wednesday, December 15

- 12:00 p.m. Daily Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

## Thursday, December 16

- 9:00 a.m. Adoration
- 12:00 p.m. Daily Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Art and Environment Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Bridge Group
- 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

## Friday, December 17

No Events Scheduled

## Saturday, December 18

- 3:00 p.m. Individual Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering

## Sunday, December 19

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:15 a.m. Letter to a Suffering Church Study
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 4:30 p.m. Individual Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Art and Environment Committee

## DECEMBER 18 – DECEMBER 19, 2021

### Lectors

- 4:30 pm 1) C. Hall, 2) Elbert
- 8:00 am 1) Prather, 2) Johnson
- 11:00 am 1) Jacobson, 2) Terhune

### Ministers of the Holy Communion

- 4:30 pm Anson, Anson
- 8:00 am Steadman, Brothers
- 11:00 am Weidmann, L. Ray

### Sacristan

- 4:30 pm Graves
- 8:00 am Gill
- 11:00 am Borchelt

### Ushers

- 4:30 pm Roesch, Payne, Moss, Duer
- 8:00 am B. Simpson, R. Simpson, Flakus, Baker
- 11:00 am Cerra, Conard, O'Rourke-Page, Elgin

### Greeters

- 4:30 pm Roesch, Bruning
- 8:00 am Mason, Ringang
- 11:00 am Mistler, Young (Sub requested)

### Money Counters

- 10:45 am Schroder, Jennings

### Coffee and Donuts

- 8:00 am Steadman
- 11:00 am Weidmann

### Welcome Desk

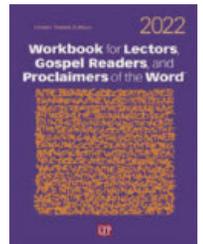
- 4:30 pm Meierhofer
- 8:00 am Prather
- 11:00 am Jacobson

### Cross Bearer

- 4:30 pm Hall
- 8:00 am Cusumano
- 11:00 am Svoboda

## New Lector Workbooks Now Available

Lectors, please be sure to pick up your copy of the new Lector Workbook for Liturgical Year "C" in the sacristy. The new liturgical year began on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28. If you would like to offset the cost of the workbook, it is \$10. There is an envelope under the sign-up sheet on the clipboard.



## COVID Procedures at Holy Family

In accordance with the current Kansas City mask mandate, we are not requiring face masks at this time during Mass or when visiting the parish facilities. However, face masks are required during Parish School of Religion and Senior High Youth Nights.

In our continuing effort to keep people safe and informed, if you experience COVID symptoms within 48 hours of being at Holy Family, please contact the parish office.



The next meeting of the book club will be on **Tuesday, December 21, at 7 p.m.**, in room 202. They will be discussing *A Christmas Return*, by Anne Perry.

For more information, please contact Vicky Draftz at [vhadel2008@gmail.com](mailto:vhadel2008@gmail.com).

### Journeying Forward Together

Feeling alone? Losing a beloved spouse can be a difficult road to face. You are invited to come on **Saturday, January 8, at 3:30 p.m.**, to share thoughts, struggles and challenges as we walk this path together. The group meets in room 202.

We will be using “Bereavement Support Care Kit”, which will be a useful tool for reflection and discussion each month. For additional information, please call Lisa Conaway at 816-832-8957.

### Church Angels Needed

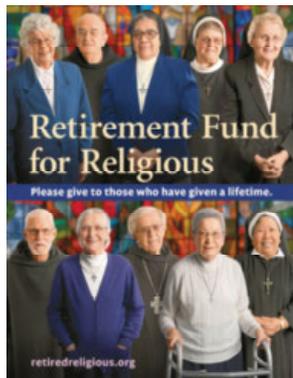


Do you have the desire to help out at Holy Family? There is a dedicated crew who cleans the church every Wednesday morning. Jobs include vacuuming, dusting, washing windows and mopping. The crew needs a few new volunteers to help with this

important ministry to keep our church in tip-top shape. If you think you would be able to dedicate a few hours on Wednesday mornings, please contact Maintenance Supervisor Dee Carver at 816-436-9200, ext. 305.

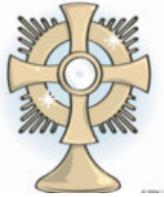
### Retirement Fund for Religious - Help Aging Religious

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today’s second collection. For more information, please visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).



### Commit to One Hour of Prayer in Adoration

Do you desire a better prayer life? Why not commit one hour of your week for quiet, peaceful meditation with Jesus.



Holy Family has Adoration of The Holy Eucharist each Thursday in the chapel. Currently, we have a need for adorers for 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12 to 1 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming involved and would be able to visit with the Eucharist for an hour, please call Madonna Davis at 816-454-1501.

### Can you help operate the cameras during Mass at Holy Family?

As we move from recording Mass to livestreaming Mass on Saturday evenings, we are in need of volunteer camera operators to help out!



If you or someone you know would like to be trained to live stream the Mass on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., please email [Alec@holyfamily.com](mailto:Alec@holyfamily.com) for more information.

### Question of the Week – The Joy of Kindness

**Key Passage:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4:4–5)

**Adult Question:** What might John the Baptist challenge you to do differently in your life?

**Child Question:** Do you have extras that you can share with others this week?

### Holy Family’s Prayer Chain

Do you have a request for prayers for a special intention or for someone who is ill or in need of prayers. You can submit your request on our website [holyfamily.com](http://holyfamily.com) or call the parish office. Your requests will be forwarded to people who have offered to pray for your intention. If you wish to send your request privately, submit praise or share a testimony of answered prayers, we will do so.

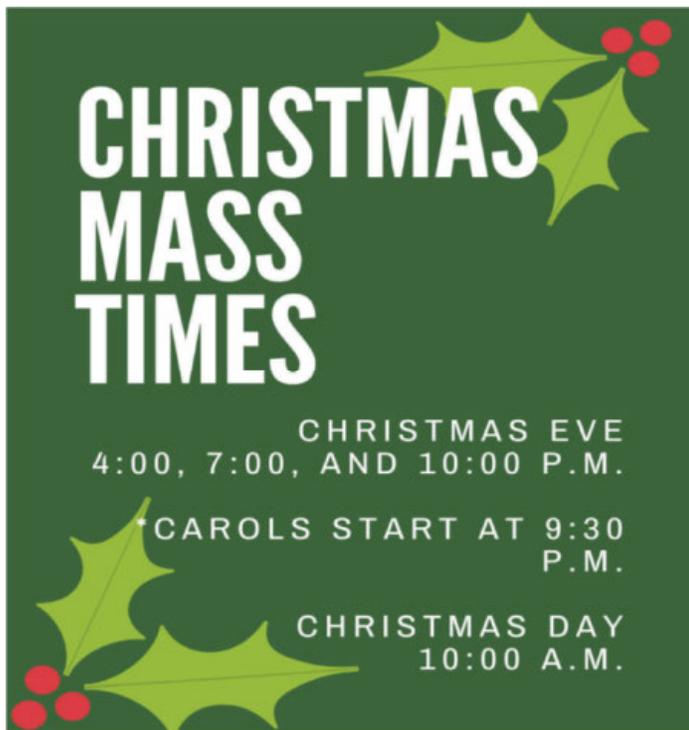
### Parking Ministers Needed for Christmas

Holy Family needs volunteers to help with parking for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on **Friday, Dec. 24**. If you would like to volunteer for this much needed ministry, please contact Dee at 816-769-8107 or [dee@holyfamily.com](mailto:dee@holyfamily.com).

If you belong to one of the many groups or organizations within our parish, such as the Knight’s, Men of Faith, Men’s Club, etc., please feel free to pass this information along to others who might want to help.

Thank you for considering to share your time and talent with our parish.

*John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” — Lk 3:16*



## Resource to Enhance Your Advent Experience

Would you like to have a better understanding of the Advent season during this joyous time of year. Please check out *Around the Advent Circle*, which has small group sessions for you and your family: [tinyurl.com/zmpfeu94](https://tinyurl.com/zmpfeu94)

## Tuesday Evening Prayer Group

Each Tuesday an informal prayer group meets in Room 213 at 6:30 p.m. The next prayer group gathering is **Tuesday, December 14**. The group focuses on prayer, song (praying twice) and scripture, centered around the weekend readings and meditation. Try it and hopefully it will strengthen your spiritual life!

## Men's Club Meeting and Christmas Gathering

The Holy Family Men's Club provides opportunity for fellowship and service for men of all ages. They will meet on **Monday, December 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.** at T-Shotz. The cost is \$30 which includes food and drinks. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [Mike@holyfamily.com](mailto:Mike@holyfamily.com). T-Shotz is located at 660 NW Metro North Drive, Kansas City, Mo.

The Men's Club is open to all men of the parish and is always looking for new members to join in. Their main fundraiser is the Lenten Fish Fry. There will be two in-person fish fries this coming Lent. They always need additional hands to make the events successful. For more information, please contact the parish office.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Phil will be available for confessions on **Saturday, December 18 from 3 to 4 p.m.** and on **Sunday, December 19, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.**

## Knights of Columbus News

### Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus are looking for a few good knights. In the month of October, the Knights will be having their annual membership drive. If you or a loved one are interested in joining this charitable and fraternal organization, you are encouraged to get in touch with Holy Family Grand Knight, Charlie Ray.



### Burrito Fundraiser



The Knights will continue making breakfast burritos on **Sunday, December 12, from 8 to 11 a.m.** It is a drive-up only breakfast in the lower parking lot. You may want to pre-order to ensure you get your breakfast for that day by going to <https://tinyurl.com/yxmftlhv>.

## Family of the Month

The Family of the Month program promotes and supports the development of strong and vibrant families by recognizing the good work being done every day in the homes of our parishioners. Recognized families outwardly exhibit strong ties of love and faith, exemplifying Catholic family values and making meaningful contributions to our parish and the community.

The Holy Family parish staff and the Holy Family Knights of Columbus have selected one family in each of the last three months to receive this recognition:

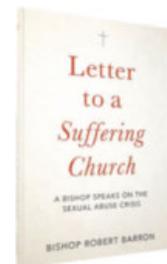
- Vicky Otto was selected as our Family of the Month for October
- The David and Michelle Morris family was selected as Family of the Month for November
- And the Steve and Sheila Van Keirsbilck family was selected as Family of the Month for December

The Knights of Columbus and the entire Holy Family parish community applaud these families on their commitment and the strong example they set for all families in our parish community!

## Letter to a Suffering Church Study

We here at Holy Family stand with those who have been abused. We want you to know that you are not forgotten. The harm caused by abuse is profound and can last a lifetime. We are here to support you.

With the recent release of the film *Procession* on Netflix, the topic of clergy sexual abuse is once again in the spotlight. Holy Family also knows many of us may carry various emotions and scars from this darkness in our Church. So we invite you to join us in reading and discussing Bishop Barron's "*Letter to a Suffering Church*".



The study will run on **Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Library on December 12, 19 and January 9, 16**. Please RSVP to Christin at 816-436-9200, ext. 304 or email [Christen@holyfamily.com](mailto:Christen@holyfamily.com) so that we know how many books to have available.



# PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NEWS

### PSR PROGRAM

Some of our students in PSR are getting ready to receive their Sacrament of Eucharist and they have recently received their sacrament of Reconciliation. They were nervous but excited! After receiving their sacrament they were so happy! We just want to share such amazing news as well as recognize the parents and teachers that help the students to understand the meaning behind this sacrament and guide

them in this important moment of their life! As we ask all of our members of the Holy Family to keep them in your prayers as they continue in their path for their sacrament of Eucharist.

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NEWS

During The next Senior High Youth Nights are **Sunday, December 12, at 5:30 p.m.** All high school aged teens are welcome. It

is required for all those going through Confirmation.

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

The next Confirmation sponsor night is **Thursday, January 6, at 7 p.m.** Confirmandi should have their sponsors attend with them. If a sponsor can't make it to a Sponsor night session, parents are encouraged to attend with their teenager. A great bonding moment!

**Have you stopped by our photo booth?**

**Come by the learning hallway and bring your family for a memorable picture in our Christmas photo booth!!**

**Feel free to take as many pictures with your family with your phone. The photo booth will be available during all month of December. Share the pictures in your social media and don't' forget to tag us on Facebook!!**

**Or send your picture to**

**[luz@holyfamily.com](mailto:luz@holyfamily.com) or [alec@holyfamily.com](mailto:alec@holyfamily.com)**

### St. Pius X High School News

#### Job Opening

St. Pius is in need of a Custodian at the school in the coming weeks as Robin Norman is retiring. Please check out the job description and pass it along to anyone who may be interested: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/774281>



#### Accepting Students for the 2022-2023 School Year

St. Pius X High School, the Northland's Catholic high school is now accepting freshman and transfer students for the 2022-2023 school year! Learn more about upcoming events, shadow days and how to apply online at [spxkc.org/admissions](http://spxkc.org/admissions)

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