HOLY FAMILY PARISH

A Catholic faith community called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values.

PARISH OFFICE: 201 CLARK STREET, MIDDLETOWN, OH 45042 (513) 422-0602 www.holyfamilymiddletown.com

WEEKEND MASSES

ST. JOHN CHURCH 1405 FIRST AVENUE SATURDAY 4:30 PM SUNDAY 10:30 AM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 201 CLARK STREET SUNDAY 9:00 AM This Mass Live Streamed

ADORATION POSTPONED

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

Christmas Flower Fund

If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones by

donating to the Christmas Flower Fund, please use the envelope in the December packet and drop it in the collection basket or through the parish office front door mail slot. The list of names will be posted at the front and back of the churches for Christmas. Want to be sure your loved one's name is correctly spelled and included in the list this year? Please print the name and make your donation by tomorrow - Monday, December 20th! Thank you!

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

December 19th January 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

December 19th - The Liturgical Year

11:30 AM St. John Rectory

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24th

3:00 PM AND 5:00 PM --- St. John Church 4:30 PM AND Midnight --- Holy Trinity Church



Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25th

10 AM --- St. John Church

* Note - no Saturday 4:30 PM Mass Christmas Day

Regular 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses Sunday Dec 26

The Parish Office is closed Friday and Monday, December 24th and 27th.

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Our Doors Are Open: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - December 18 & 19

4:30 PM Mass SJ William Pence - Anniversary Rem.

9:00 AM Mass HT Richard Clark

<u>9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.</u>

10:30 AM Mass SJ Deceased Members of the Beiser Family

Tuesday, December 21

No 8:15 AM Mass SJ23 - Christmas Break

12:10 PM Mass HT Beverly Forsythe

Wednesday, December 22

12:10 PM Mass HT Terry Sullivan

Thursday, December 23

12:10 PM Mass HT Carl Wiese - Anniversary Remembrance

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Mass SJ Roger & Barbara and David South

- 4:30 PM Mass HT Rick Sleesman
- 5:00 PM Mass SJ Gino DiCristoforo
- 12:00 AM Mass HT Vera Mangus

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 AM Mass SJ George Jeffery

No 4:30 PM Mass at SJ

Sunday, December 26 Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 AM Mass HT David & Julia Dillon Family

10:30 AM Mass SJ John Stugmyer

Weekly Collections Stewardship Sunday, December 12th \$26,508

Retired Religious Collection \$ 2,787

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Dec 25/26	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic		Ginger Bruggeman 1B	Bridget Clark 1B
Ministers	No 4:30 PM Mass Christmas Day	Mary Anne Kelley 2B	Barb Luksic 2B
	enneennae Day	Don Accurso 3B	Christine Whittington 3B
Lector		John Herr	Dan Mabry
Greeters		Don Accurso D1	Jennifer Puthoff D1
		Donna Kramer D2	Joe Puthoff D2

Daily Scripture Readings Mon: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38



Tues: Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45 Wed: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56 Thurs: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 / Lk 1:57-66 Fri: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Lk 1:67-79 Sat: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14 Sun: 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28 / 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 Lk 2:41-52

Our Prayers & Sympathy are Extended

to John Willenbrink in the death of his mother, Barbara Willenbrink, who died December 10th and to the family and friends of Mary Suzanne Bishop, who died December 14th.

In Your Prayers Please Remember

Kara Jackson at home making progress in her recovery from Covid pneumonia and Nancy Bruggeman and Ralph Abney in Hospice.

Health Ministry: Tough Times Never Last -But Tough People Do



No matter what problems you have to face today, there is a solution, because you have nothing to deal with but your own thoughts! Within every adversity in life, there is always a seed of an equivalent or greater benefit. We have to look for it - find it - and act on it. We learn courage when we face danger. We learn patience when we endure suffering. We learn tenderness when we taste pain. We treasure health when illness strikes. We learn to prize freedom when we are in danger of losing it. The tougher it is, the tougher you have a chance to become - if you choose to fight back. We don't just get the sweet out of life without the bitter - we'd like to, but we don't. The sun doesn't always shine; sometimes there are storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, car accidents, fires and death. No one escapes the problems of life. If it doesn't happen sooner in life, it will happen later. We can overcome just about any problem, obstacle, or adversity that life deals us - if we have a strong enough will. Where there is a will, there is a way. *Excerpts* from Rick Gettle's 'The Science Of Success Achievement Course'

Please Note: Early Bulletin Deadline! The deadline for the Christmas/Sunday, Dec 26th bulletin is noon tomorrow, Monday, Dec 20th.

Help Wanted Decorating the Churches We welcome anyone who's willing to help with decorating St. John and Holy Trinity Churches for Christmas. Please join us! ST JOHN WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22ND 9 AM HOLY TRINITY THURSDAY DECEMBER 23RD 12:40 PM

May be rescheduled if a funeral makes it necessary.

Baptismal Preparation Class Wednesday, December 29th 7 PM St. John Rectory

If you are expecting your first baby or want your first child baptized we request that you attend a baptismal preparation class,

which is held quarterly throughout the year. Please call the parish office 422-0602 to register.

Brand New, Cold-Weather, Waterproof, Winter Sleeping Bags A Special Collection for December



SHALOM is again shut down this year due to the Covid pandemic so we're collecting these special sleeping bags. Please drop your donation at the blue donation bins in the churches or at the parish office. Thank you!

Pope Francis Wants to Hear from You!

The Holy Father is asking for as many of the baptized as possible to participate in archdiocese-wide meetings taking place this January and February, 2022, to discuss how we can collectively better advance the



synodal Church communion | participation | mission

message of salvation. Please consider participating in one of these meetings. To learn more and to sign up, please visit www.catholicaoc.org/synod.

Pray the Rosary inside the St. John Center Wednesday Nights at 7:00 PM

During the colder months you're invited to pray the Rosary INSIDE the St. John Center with other parishioners and friends!



Introductions to Sunday Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor First Reading - Micah 5:1-4



The prophet Micah, writing some 700 years before Christ, attacked the social injustices of Israel. He looked ahead to a day when the tiny city of Bethlehem, where David had been born, would bring forth a new shepherd — a good shepherd who would unify the people and bring peace. Second Reading - Hebrews 10:5-10

The Letter to the Hebrews constantly looks to the Old Testament and shows how Jesus surpassed its laws and sacrifices. In Old Testament times, the people offered animal sacrifices over and over in atonement for their sins. But this could not compare to the Godmade-flesh who gave his life once for the sins of all.

Children's Worship Bulletins - New Weekly!

Bulletins are available in two age groups: 3 - 6 and 7 - 12. Pick up your free copy and find crayons at the doors of the churches! The bulletins feature the Sunday Gospel

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with fun, educational, age-appropriate puzzles and lessons. Help your youngster get more out of Mass!

Stay In Touch With Your Catholic Faith! Sacred Heart Radio – 910 AM / 89.5 FM

Start your day with The Son Rise Morning Show

from 6-9 AM and make the best of your commute with Driving Home the Faith with Fr. Rob Jack from 4-6 p.m.

See all the programing at www.sacredheartradio.com! Stay in touch!



Inclement Weather Cancelations One Call Now

SonRise

In the event of severe winter weather cancelations. we'll use the One Call Now robocall system to send out alerts. Please be sure we have you're current phone number on file. Also, if you wish to be included in the group that receives calls regarding weekday Masses, please be sure to call the parish office 422-0602 and add your name to the list.

See the Bulletin in COLOR!

Go to www.holyfamilymiddletown.com!



TEXT MESSAGE SCAM Alert!!

We're getting reports from parishioners regarding TEXT MESSAGE scams again. These scams may be convincing, but be vigilant!

How can you tell it's a scam?

If the text says it's from Fr. Civille and he's asking for a favor, for money or for gift cards. Simply delete the message and go on with your day!

Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet!

The Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet is an interfaith group of local organizations and churches coming together to give families in need access to gently used, clean clothes and footwear.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

114 South Broad Street DROP OFF CLEAN CLOTHES TUESDAYS BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 1:00 PM. If you have any questions please call 513-422-4519.



The Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet is on Facebook! Find out more there including a link for those interested in **volunteering**. Social distancing protocols are enforced and facemasks required.

List of 365 Lotto Winners

November 1st - December 12th \$500 - Susan Pierman and

James M. Lacy

 "365 LOTTO"

 365 Daily Prizes Will Be Atuanded

 3
 \$1,000.00 prizes on Easter, 4th of July & Christmas

 12
 \$ 500.00 prizes on all first Mondays

 52
 \$ 100.00 prizes on all sundays

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\$100 - Kathleen Brossart, Sue Wilson, Abby & Drew Thieken, Frank Pfirman, Pat Dillon, and Paul Mize
\$40 - Myra Barrie, Luis Fuentes, Schmale Family, Linda Kennard, Lynne Hamilton, John Harding Sr, Lauren Shepherd, Bev Oakley, James Warmen, Margaret Dunn, Nick Sora, Holly Gundrum, Vicki Estridge, Rod Fox, JoAnn Pratt, Pat Stewart, John Stewart, Susan Selzer, Carol Sebranek, Jennifer Stoehr, Sherrie Hundemer, Kyle Philpot, Jamie Schirmer, Jeanie Hawkins, Evelyn Dreyer, Jim O'Connell, Brian Santiago, Maggie Bower, Mike Meyer, Katie Spiller, Nesi Family, Aimee Kraemer, and Matt Hull Congratulations!

Annual 365 Lotto

** The FINAL turn in date is January 31, 2022. No tickets will be accepted after that date! ** St. John XXIII Catholic Elementary School is selling

tickets for the Annual 365 Lotto. It's called *365 Lotto* because a winning ticket is drawn every day of the year. It's possible to win more than once in a year

"365 LOTTO"

365 Daily Prizes Will Be Awarded

- 3 \$1,000.00 prizes on Easter, 4th of July & Christmas
- 12 \$ 500.00 prizes on all first Mondays
- 52 \$ 100.00 prizes on all Sundays
- **299** \$ 40.00 prizes on remaining days of the year

because winning tickets are returned to the hopper and only 5000 tickets are sold. Prize money will be mailed to the winners. To participate in the lotto, complete the form below and send it along with \$20 per ticket to: **St. John XXIII Catholic School 3806 Manchester Road, Middletown, OH 45042 ATTN: Peg Fairbanks** Ticket orders may also be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "365 Lotto." The official ticket will be filled out and the stub will be mailed back to you. Any questions regarding the 365 Lotto can be directed to Peg Fairbanks 424-1196. *Makes a GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!*

Name		
Address		
City	_State	_Zip
Phone		



Advent invites us to prepare ourselves for Christmas, welcoming Jesus without fear. Pope Francis 🧺 If we open wide the December 14, 2021 doors of our life, everything takes on a new light and our family, work, suffering, health, friendships, become opportunities to discover His consoling presence.

2022 Calendars Available

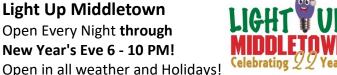
You'll find 2022 calendars at the doors of both churches for the rest of the year.



A Drive-Through Fantasy Light Display!

Light Up Middletown Open Every Night through

New Year's Eve 6 - 10 PM!



Admission by cash donation - you set the price!

Middletown Holiday Whopla

Ice Skating - Lights - Food - Fun Skate Rental \$10 / Rink Hours



Sun-Thur 12-9 PM Fri & Sat 12-10 PM Christmas Eve 12-10 PM Christmas Day 5-10 PM New Year's Eve 12-7 PM New Year's Day 12-10 PM Swallen's Lot - Downtown Middletown!



TO REGISTER CLICK THE CAMPS TAB ON FENWICKSPORTS.ORG

St. John XX **Catholic School** Pre-K to Grade 8

by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

Traditional Values. Exceptional Education.

St. John XXIII Catholic School represents 150 years of Catholic Education dedicated to encouraging and developing well-rounded, self-confident and compassionate children and young adults who lead successful, mindful, service-driven lives. Our school community is the foundation on which our core principles of faith and hard work bind us together as a family.

If you are interested in a Catholic education that provides a challenging, structured and thoughtful learning environment led by highly qualified and experienced teachers, contact Principal Dawn Pickerill 424-1196.

Light Up Middletown

St. John XXIII Catholic School is partnering with Light Up Middletown. From **Dec 16th – 31st** representatives from our school will be working at the entrance booth counting cars and handing out the brochures. Please come out to see us and support our school and our Middletown community!

Annual Day of Giving Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported our goal to raise \$225,000. To date we have raised \$93,026 which is 41% of our goal.

Employment Opportunity

Our preschool program is going to have an opening starting in mid-January. If you or anyone you know is interested in working in preschool, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. The position can be part or full time depending on the needs of the new hire.

Christmas Pageant

Our Kindergarten - 3rd grade students performed "Our Annual Christmas Pageant" for family and friends on Wednesday, December 15th. Led by music and band teacher, Joy Friday, they did a beautiful job and really got everyone into the Christmas spirit!

Christmas Break

School is closed for two weeks for the Christmas holiday. We will resume on January 4, 2022.

Retrouvaille... A Lifeline for Married Couples Friday - Sunday, January 7 - 9, 2022 Cincinnati location provided at registration. Thinking about separation or divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information or to register for the program weekend of January 7th - 9th, please call 513-922-6045 or email mikemac1949@gmail.

Cincinnati Men's Conference Great Christmas Gift Idea! Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's

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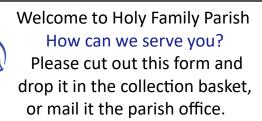
The Passion of the Christ) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022 to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. Ladies, there is no better or more meaningful Christmas gift this year than to buy tickets to this conference for the men in your life! Don't know what to get your Dad, husband, or significant other for Christmas? We just solved it! Just go to www.CincinnatiMensConference.com to get tickets. Give the gift of spiritual uplift this Christmas — your men will thank you!

Permanent Deacon Application Cycle to Begin in September 2022



Men of the archdiocese who are interested in applying for the Permanent Deacon Formation class which will begin in September 2022, should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org. The application cycle for the next class has begun. Pre-requisites, qualifications and procedures will be discussed with each man considering the Diaconate.

Deacon John Lyons is happy to share his experiences as Deacon here at Holy Family for 8+ years and will discuss your questions about the process with any men considering this ministry.



Name / Address

Phone # _____

- I would like to join Holy Family Parish.
 - Change of address / phone # / email.
 - I am interested in volunteering with

I would like Communion at home.



Just 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati!

Holy Family Parish

Pastor	Parish Office Staff422-0602	Parish Council Members	
John Civille	Dee Golembiewski	Don Accurso	Lois Allen
Deacon	dee@holyfamilymiddletown.com	Dr. Steph Burk	Evan Dobrozsi
John Lyons	Theresa Hurlburt	Jeff Gephart	Dee Golembiewski
	theresa@holyfamilymiddletown.com	Rick Gregosky	Adam Lewis
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Mike Kramer513-435-0873	monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com	Matt Mulligan	Ryan Mulligan
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Facilities Manager	St. John XXIII Catholic School	Prayer Chain	
Beverly Mabry	Dawn Pickerill, Principal424-1196	Beth Kast	
FAX	Bishop Fenwick High School	Carole Orth423-7262 Knights of Columbus513-360-4760	
	Blane Collison, Principal423-0723		

Baptism Preparation Class - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.
 The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.
 Baptisms - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Becoming a Member of Holy Family Parish - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download it under FORMS at <u>www.holyfamilymiddletown.com</u>. Drop your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. **Becoming Catholic -** Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

Bulletin Deadline - Submit announcements in hard copy or to <u>monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com</u> by noon Tuesday. **Hospitalization or Death in the Family** - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office. **Marriages** - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Nursery - Due to the coronavirus, the 10:30 AM Mass Nursery is temporarily closed.

 Parish Religious Education Program - Kindergarten through 8th Grade - Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the St. John Center.

 Find this year's schedule at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com and contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions.

 St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - www.stjohn23school.org.





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