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 www.holyfamilymiddletown.com (513) 422-0602

ST. JOHN CHURCH 1405 FIRST AVENUE SATURDAY 4:30 PM SUNDAY 10:30 AM

WEEKEND MASSES 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

December 25 and December 26, 2021

Combined Bulletin

Nativity of the Lord Feast of the Holy Family

Wishes for a Blessed Christmas to all from Fr. John Cívílle, pastor, and the staff of Holy Family Parish. We thank all who give so generously of their time, talents, and treasures to make this a very special parish. We appreciate you! Welcome and thank you to Fr. Pat McCloskey, OFM, celebrating Christmas Eve Mass with us.

2010 Joseph & Mary





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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

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

3:00 PM Mass SJ Roger & Barbara and David South This Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

4:30 PM Mass HT Rick Sleesman

5:00 PM Mass SJ Gino DiCristoforo

12:00 AM Mass HT Vera Mangus

10:00 AM Mass SJ George Jeffery

Sunday, December 26 - Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 AM Mass HT David & Julia Dillon Family

10:30 AM Mass SJ John Stugmyer

Tuesday, December 28

No 8:15 AM Mass SJ23 - Christmas Break

12:10 PM Mass HT Rita Gough - Wedding Anniversary Rem.

Wednesday, December 29

12:10 PM Mass HT Bill Soppanish

Thursday, December 30

12:10 PM Mass HT Ron Loop - Wedding Anniversary Rem.

Friday, December 31

No 8:00 AM Mass HT

4:30 PM Mass SJ Julia Scearce

Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

4:30 PM Mass SJ Matt Clemens

Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord

- 9:00 AM Mass HT Mary Lou Long
- 10:30 AM Mass SJ Salvatore & Giulia Misenti

Weekly Collections Stewardship Sunday, December 19th \$23,452

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Jan 1/2	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic	Pat Montgomery 1B	John Lyons 1B	Rosetta DiCristoforo 1B
Ministers	Mary Bukosky 2B	Karen Dillon 2B	Beth McGuire 2B
	Carolyn Kraft 3B	Don Accurso 3B	Sue Mulligan 3B
Lector	Cathie Mulligan	Amy Bray	Henrietta Nye
Greeters	David Schul D1	Jinnie Raney D1	Rosetta DiCristoforo D1
	Ray Barger D2	Don Accurso D2	Ken Allen D2

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a,2-8 Tues: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18 Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35 Thurs: 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40 Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18 Sat: Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21 Sun: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Our Prayers & Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Nancy Bruggeman, who died December 17th.

In Your Prayers Please Remember

Anthony Huber and Mike Bender at Atrium Medical Center this week.

Health Ministry: Christmas 41

Think back to Christmas 41. Not 1941 but Christmas in the year 41, 1,980 years ago.



Mary would have been about in her late 50's. Surely she celebrated her son's birth even when he wasn't with her in person, as we do today. It must have been a lonely day for Mary. She must have missed her son. She must have missed her husband who was long since dead. No matter how many of her relatives may have been there in that little village of Nazareth, it was probably lonelier for her than some other days... just as Christmas today is often lonelier than some other days for people who have lost their wife or husband, who have lost their mom or dad, people who are divorced, people who don't have any family to speak of. For whatever reason — Christmas can be a really lonely time. Think about Mary, back in Christmas 41. She must have thought of those words spoken to her at the Visitation, "Blessed are you who believed that what the Lord spoke to you would be fulfilled." When Mary heard those words for the first time, or course she believed. But is was a springtime kind of faith, filled with expectation. Now, years later when she was alone, she still believed, but it was a wintery faith. Mary still believed, but it was just harder. No matter what I am feeling this Christmas, I can remember Mary and Christmas 41 and be with her, and let her be with me too. Excerpted Little Blue Book December 19, 2021



Welcome Vísítors!

Merry Christmas and welcome to Holy Family Parish!

If you're from out of town and just visiting, we're glad you joined us!

If you're local and chose to celebrate Christmas Mass with us, we welcome you as well and hope you'll join us again soon!

We request that in kind consideration of everyone in attendance you wear a facemask and maintain social distancing. Thank you!

Check out <u>www.holyfamilymiddletown.com</u> to find out more about Holy Family Parish. We encourage you to find us on Facebook -Holy Family Parish - Middletown and to call 513-422-0602 if we can be of assistance.

Baptismal Preparation Class Wednesday, December 29th 7:00 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 in March, June, September and December. Please call 422-0602 to register.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith? If so, RCIA is for you! RCIA meets in the St. John's Rectory at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays leading up to Easter.



If you'd like more information or are interested in the RCIA classes, please call the parish office 422-0602 or email Kathi at kathi@holyfamilymiddletown.com.

Please Note: Early Bulletin Deadline! The deadline for the Sunday, January 2nd bulletin is noon Monday, December 27th.



Introductions to Christmas Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor



First Reading - Isaiah 9:1-6

The prophet Isaiah lived 750 years before Christ. In his time, the northern Jewish kingdom of Israel was laid waste by the armies of Assyria. Today's passage offers the conquered people hope for a glorious future under a wonderful king. Christians have seen Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy.

Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14

The letter to Titus was written about 30 years after Paul's death, and was written in Paul's name, a practice common in the ancient world. Titus was a traveling companion of Paul, and later was in charge of a Christian community on the island of Crete.

Introductions to Holy Family Sunday Readings First Reading - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he advises his students on the proper way to honor their parents.

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

The letter to the Colossians was written around the year 80 A.D. A major concern in this letter is how the Christian community appears to outsiders. The author offers guidelines so that Christian families will live in such a way that others will notice the difference.





Pope Francis Wants to Hear from You!

The Holy Father, in seeking to hear from all the People of God on how to better bring the Mission of the Church to the world, is calling for a synod. To start, he is asking for all dioceses throughout the world to conduct local meetings to discuss this very topic. Who are the People of God? It is all the baptized. That means not only the lay faithful,

those in religious orders, and the clergy. It also means those who are marginalized, poor, disabled migrants and immigrants all ages young and old, and those who no longer pract

Synod 2021 2023

For a synodal Church

disabled, migrants and immigrants, all ages young and old, and those who no longer practice the faith to name a few. Did you know that when you were baptized you were called to a priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission to bring the good news of salvation and discipleship to all. So, coming together to discuss how to better further the mission of the Church is where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully. **Please go to <u>www.catholicaoc.org</u> and click on the SyNOD tab to learn more. Want to participate? Please go that same SyNOD tab.** There you will find an opportunity to participate in one of our local meetings near you. We hope to see you there! And, if you know someone who has left the faith, ask them to participate too! God Bless!

How Much Do YOU Know About the Catholic Faith?

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS QUIZ!

Find the answers on the last page!



1. Incarnation means

- (a) all nations will bow to Jesus
- (b) carnations will be used to celebrate Christmas
- (c) God took on human flesh
- (d) the Virgin Mary is among us
- 2. The Christmas Season ends with the feast of
 - (a) the Lord's Supper
 - (b) Thanksgiving
 - (c) the Archangels
 - (d) the Baptism of the Lord
- 3. Jesus' first visitors were
 - (a) the shepherds
 - (b) the little drummer boy and his guitarist
 - (c) the innkeeper
 - (d) Herod's soldiers
- 4. This solemnity celebrates the magi from the east giving homage to the infant Jesus.
 - (a) Holy Trinity
 - (b) Tres Leches
 - (c) Immaculate Conception
 - (d) Epiphany
- 5. How did the magi find the baby Jesus?
 - (a) followed the GPS on their camels
 - (b) found Bethlehem on Google Maps
 - (c) followed the star
 - (d) asked the locals for directions to the Church of the Nativity
- 6. A "crèche" is a
 - (a) holy vessel used at Mass
 - (b) priest's vestment
 - (c) container for consecrated hosts
 - (d) Nativity scene
- 7. Traditionally, the 12 Days of Christmas refers to
 - (a) the time between Christmas and Epiphany
 - (b) the last twelve days of Advent
 - (c) an Advent calendar
 - (d) the O Antiphons



by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

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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 16^{th} - 31^{st}** 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!

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 Break

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

Open House and Registration

Our annual Open House will take place on Sunday, January 30th from noon until 3:00 p.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about what St. John XXIII has to offer, I encourage you to register for a tour. This can be done through our website <u>www.stjohn23school.org</u>.

Merry Christmas from the students and staff of St. John XXIII Catholic School!



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

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If you or someone you know could use a mobility scooter with a car carrier /



docking station, please call the office 422-0602.

St. John XXI Catholic School

Pre-K to Grade 8

OPEN HOUSE

January 30, 2022 12:00-3:00 P.M. Register Online www.stjohn23school.org



Answers to the Special Christmas Faith Quiz

1. (c) Christmas celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation - when God took on human flesh. "The Word became flesh to be our model of Holiness" and "The Son of God became man so that we might become God" (CCC 459 and 460).

2. (d) The Christmas Season lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when we celebrate Jesus being baptized by his cousin, John, in the Jordan River.

3. (a) In terms of their social status, shepherds then were similar to today's homeless population.

4. (d) The visit by the three kings (the wise men or the magi), traditionally celebrated on January 6th, revealed even more deeply that the child born to Mary was the Son of God.

5. (c) Matthew 2:1-2 describes how the magi came to Jerusalem after seeing a star in the east that indicated the birth of a great king.

6. (d) Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) began the custom of having a Nativity scene at Christmas. The word derives from the place where he arranged it: Greccio in Italy.

7. (a) Epiphany used to be fixed on January 6th, and Christmas was celebrated for the whole 12 days.

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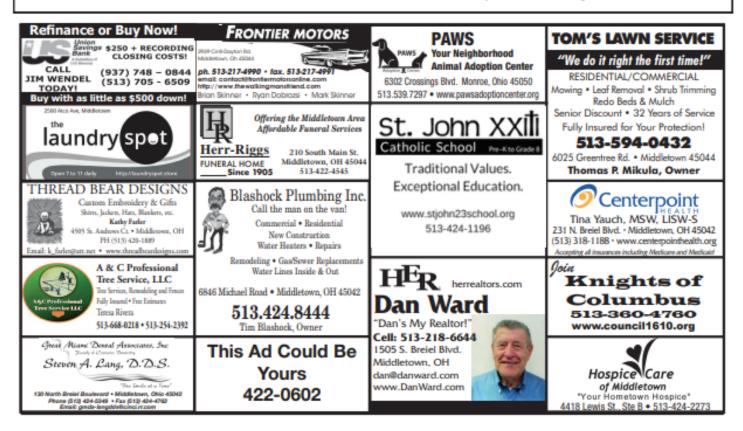
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Becoming a Member of Holy Family Parish - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download it under FORMS at <u>www.holyfamilymiddletown.com</u>. Drop your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. **Becoming Catholic -** 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 <u>www.holyfamilymiddletown.com</u> and contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions. **St. John XXIII Catholic School** - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - <u>www.stjohn23school.org</u>.





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