



# Holy Family Episcopal Church

First Sunday after Christmas  
December 29, 2024

## Welcome!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, you can fill out a Guest Information Card and drop it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy: cards may be found on clipboards throughout the building. We'll get information to you as soon as possible. Thank you for being part of the community this morning!

References marked BCP are for pages in The Book of Common Prayer (red book); those marked H or S refer to hymns in The Hymnal 1982 (blue hardback book); those marked G refer to hymns in the songbook Gather (blue paperback book); and those marked WLP refer to hymns in the songbook Wonder Love and Praise (green paperback book).

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## Holy Eucharist – Rite II

### Entrance Hymn

*Once in Royal David's City (v. 1,2,3,6) H 102*

### The Word of God

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Gloria

*Hymnal S280*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 147:13-21**

**1 Hallelujah!**

**How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

**2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;**

**he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

**3 He heals the brokenhearted**

**and binds up their wounds.**

**4 He counts the number of the stars**

**and calls them all by their names.**

**5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;**

**there is no limit to his wisdom.**

**6 The Lord lifts up the lowly,**

**but casts the wicked to the ground.**

**7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;**

**make music to our God upon the harp.**

**8 He covers the heavens with clouds**

**and prepares rain for the earth;**

**9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains**

**and green plants to serve mankind.**

**10 He provides food for flocks and herds**

**and for the young ravens when they cry.**

**11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse;**

**he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**

**12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who await his gracious favor.]**

**13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;**

**praise your God, O Zion;**

**14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;**

**he has blessed your children within you.**

**15 He has established peace on your borders;**

**he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**

**16 He sends out his command to the earth,**

**and his word runs very swiftly.**

**17 He gives snow like wool;**

**he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**

**18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;**

**who can stand against his cold?**

**19 He sends forth his word and melts them;**

**he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**

**20 He declares his word to Jacob,**

**his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

**21 He has not done so to any other nation;**

**to them he has not revealed his judgments.**

**Hallelujah!**

**The Second Reading**

*Galatians 3:23-25, 4::4-7*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the

fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*Love Came Down at Christmas H 84*

**The Holy Gospel**

*John 1:1-8*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily**

*The Rev. Cathy Gray*

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped  
and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Jennifer  
and all bishops, priests, and deacons. In our Diocesan Cycle  
of Prayer we pray for the clergy and people of Church of  
the Nativity, Indianapolis.

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Sharp, Smith,  
and Smith families, and for those who serve as our  
Stewardship Committee. Give us grace to do your will in all  
that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Especially remembering those on our prayer list; Sawyer,  
Ed, Beth, Joanie, Julie, Tyra and Adam, Susan, William,  
Norma, and Katja; have compassion on those who suffer  
from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Especially remembering those expecting babies, Robbie &  
Mary, Taylor & Thomas soothe them, O Lord, and shield the  
joyous.

**Hold their lives in the warmth of your hand, that they may  
look upon you and rejoice.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so  
move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may  
crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our  
divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess sins against God and our neighbor.

### **Confession of Sin**

*BCP 360*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned  
against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have  
done, and by what we have left undone. We have not  
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly  
repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy  
on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and  
walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. **Amen**

## The Peace

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

*Shout for Joy! arr. Kern*

### Doxology

*Hymnal 380 (v. 3)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

*S 125*

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*The congregation prays the Lord's Prayer together.*

### The Lord's Prayer

*BCP 364*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Fraction Anthem

*S164*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:**

**Give us your peace, Give us your peace.**

### The Invitation

*All persons are welcome to receive communion. If you wish only a blessing, please so indicate to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. A gluten free option is available for those who need it, simply let the priest know at the time you are to receive the bread.*

### Communion Hymn

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* *H 81*

### Post Communion Prayer during Stewardship Season

**God of Abundance and Grace,  
By the provision of this feast,  
the Sacrament of our Savior, Jesus Christ  
You have united us together in purpose and place.  
May we who have gathered and broken bread  
Now share the living Word, being rooted in Abundance;  
Serving you with joy and steadfast faith,  
Through Jesus Christ, our head. Amen.**

### The Blessing

### Dismissal Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High* *H 96*

### The Dismissal

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*All are welcome to enjoy hospitality and fellowship in the Parish Hall.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org) or go to the Holy Family Website [HolyFamilyFishers.org](http://HolyFamilyFishers.org).



You can use your smartphone to scan this code which opens the Holy Family website.

### NEW & NOTEWORTHY

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Christmas Greens Donations: You are invited to make a monetary contribution toward the cost of greenery used to decorate the church during the Christmas season. Envelopes are on the welcome desk, or you may make a donation online.

Diocesan Reunification Parish Reflection Sessions: On Sunday, January 5th at 9 AM in the parish hall, Father Bruce will lead discussion questions provided by the Diocese about the upcoming reunification of the Diocese of Northern Indiana and the Diocese of Indianapolis. This is duplicate information that was presented at the session on December 22 and the results will be shared with the Diocese. More information can be found at [www.episcopalindiana.org](http://www.episcopalindiana.org) Questions can be directed to Father Bruce. [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org)

Update from Holy Family's Vestry: At the last meeting, the Vestry discussed how to handle the church's outdoor property as well as the 2025 budget. The specific decisions on each outdoor item can be found in the December minutes [HERE](#). The Vestry continues to be in conversation with the Transition Officer for the Diocese about plans for Holy Family after Father Bruce retires. Updates will be provided as they are available. Be sure to turn in your pledge cards so that the Finance Committee and Vestry can finish putting together the 2025 budget for parish review at the Annual Meeting in January. Volunteers are needed to fill three Vestry seats to be elected at the Annual Meeting as well. Please complete the Vestry application found [HERE](#). Holy Family is also looking for a Charter Organization Representative to work with Troop 199. Please contact any Vestry member or Father Bruce if you're interested in either opportunity! [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org)

Music & Meditation - Special Guest: You are warmly invited to a special offering of Music & Meditation on Sunday, January 5th at 7 PM. Jeff McLaughlin, a local musician, teacher, and mindfulness meditation practitioner, will lead an evening of guided meditation with musical accompaniment. Jeff will guide a 20-30 minute meditation with an ambient music soundtrack. Don't miss this opportunity to slow down and refresh after the busy holiday season! Questions may be directed to Joel Bruns via the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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**REGISTER NOW!** Gospel at Hogwarts: Holy Family invites you to the 2025 Gospel at Hogwarts! This year's FREE children's ministry event for kids ages 4-14 will be held on Saturday, January 18th from 6-8 PM. The theme for this event is discipleship, also known as working together as a team to spread the Kingdom of God on earth. Students will visit Hogwarts classrooms as teammates and discover how the disciples of Jesus also worked together to share His message of love and compassion. Come ready to visit with/take photos of your favorite Hogwarts characters. While there is no formal fee to register, donations to offset supplies are gratefully accepted. Familiarity with the Harry Potter books or movies is desirable. Please bring your wand if you have one. Please register to attend to ensure that enough supplies are prepared. Questions may be directed to Jolene Johnston at [jjohnston@hfec.org](mailto:jjohnston@hfec.org). Come be part of the magic of discipleship. All are welcome! [tinyurl.com/GospelatHogwarts2025](https://tinyurl.com/GospelatHogwarts2025)

Annual Meeting: Holy Family will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, January 26th at 9 AM in the sanctuary. Delegates for Diocesan convention will be elected as well as three new vestry members. Vestry information and the application can be found at [www.HolyFamilyFishers.org/Vestry](http://www.HolyFamilyFishers.org/Vestry). The church treasurer will present the budget for the calendar year, and Father Bruce will also give his final rector's address. Ideas and concerns can be submitted to the church office in advance of the meeting. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)  
If you are interested in supervising children in the playroom during the Annual Meeting, please contact Jolene Johnston. [jjohnston@hfec.org](mailto:jjohnston@hfec.org)

Father Bruce's retirement: After nearly forty years of ministry as an Episcopal priest and seven as rector of Holy Family, Father Bruce is retiring on Sunday, February 2nd. For more information about celebrating the ministries of Bruce and Cathy as well as the transition towards Holy Family's next priest, keep an eye on the newsletter, bulletin, and Sunday worship announcements.

## WORSHIP

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Prayer Group Meeting: Holy Family Prayer Group meets from 6:30 – 7 PM on the second Monday of the month. The next gathering is January 13th. All are welcome to come and join in prayer. Contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

Shortcut to Sunday Podcasts: Holy Family has a weekly podcast that focuses on the Bible readings for each week. New podcasts will be released at: [podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/holy-family-episcopal-chu](https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/holy-family-episcopal-chu) each Tuesday in preparation for the following Sunday.

Sunday School Winter Break: The final gathering for Sunday school classes (grades PreK-12) will be December 22nd. Classes will resume on January 12th.

Sunday School Registration: Please follow this link to register your children and youth for childcare, Sunday school, and other activities this school year. Great news! There is a "shortcut" version that skips having to fill out your address, emergency contacts, etc. for multiple children in one household. Please complete the form fully once for the first child, then select the shortcut version for additional children. [tinyurl.com/CMYG2024](https://tinyurl.com/CMYG2024)

Adult Forum: On Sunday's at 9 AM this fall, Fr. Bruce will offer sessions about various aspects of the Episcopal Church. Questions are very much encouraged, both on Sundays and via email ([bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org)). Topics will include spirituality, Scripture, worship, ethics, history, and more.. Please contact Fr. Bruce for more information.

Bible Study: Holy Family's Bible Study group meets in the conference room on 9 AM each Sunday morning. The topic for this study is the Gospel of Luke. View the lesson schedule at [holyfamilyfishers.org/biblestudy/](http://holyfamilyfishers.org/biblestudy/). Please direct questions to Stephen or Kristine Canter via the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

## OUTREACH

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Support Holy Family's College Care Package Ministry! Holy Family is excited to announce an opportunity to support its College Care Package Ministry, which sends a variety of holiday cards, birthday cards, and small monetary gifts to students from the congregation. Your financial contributions will help cover the costs of purchasing these items. Donations can be made through the offering plate (memo: Care Package Ministry), through the church website, in-person at the church office, or by mail. For more information, please contact Ruth Everett, [youthministry@hfec.org](mailto:youthministry@hfec.org). The next gift will be given at finals, just before students return home for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Childcare Volunteers Needed: The children in 10 AM Childcare need a few more volunteers to supervise playtime for the first thirty minutes of the 10 AM worship service. Volunteers must have participated regularly at Holy Family for a minimum of six months and completed abuse prevention training mandated by the Diocese. High school volunteers may assist once per month when a trained adult is present. It's a fun time to get to know the kiddos of the #holyvillage so much better. Please sign up [HERE](#) or reach out to Childcare Coordinator Emily Becraft through the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

Missionaries of Charity Collection: Holy Family is actively collecting donations of new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, sleeping bags, and blankets for the guests at Missionaries of Charity shelter in Indianapolis. Please drop off donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your support and keeping our neighbors in need warm this winter! Please direct questions to the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

Fisher Elementary Snacks: Students at Fishers Elementary need individually wrapped, nut-free snacks: Pretzels (Rolled Gold, Pepperidge Farm, Herr's), Popcorn (Skinny Pop, Smartfood, Utz), Cheez-Its, Teddy Grahams, Veggie Straws, Pepperidge Goldfish Crackers (Plain, cheddar, pretzel), Animal Crackers (Barnum, Austin Zoo), Pirate's Booty, Nilla Wafers, Raisins and other dried fruits. A collection box is located in the Narthex. Questions can be directed to the SATS team via the office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

Food Pantry Donations: In support of the Delaware Township Food Pantry, Holy Family parishioners are invited to donate canned goods, oats, snacks, tomato sauce, Jello mix, canned fruit, sugar, oil, flour, crackers, dried beans, crunchy peanut butter, beef stew, minute rice, canned pasta, and corn bread mix. For a list of items that the food pantry especially needs, visit: [tinyurl.com/HFECfoodpantry](http://tinyurl.com/HFECfoodpantry). Donations can be dropped off in the baskets near the coat racks in the church lobby during Sunday worship hours.

Support a Teacher & Staff Ministry: Since Autumn 2021, the team at Support a Teacher and Staff (SATS) has been treating all teachers and staff members at Fishers Elementary by providing personal notes and small gifts each month of the school year. Consider making a financial donation to help the team purchase those little gifts, as well as a few larger gifts as requested by teachers and staff members. Or, consider providing bundles of \$5 Starbucks Gift-cards or individually wrapped chocolates. See Cathy Gray, Susie Beard, or any SATS team member, or get in touch through the church office at [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org). Thank you!

## **MINISTRY GATHERINGS**

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Book Group: Reading the World book group will not meet in December, but the book for January is chosen and just waiting to be read! The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot, written by Marianne Cronin, is the story of 17 year old Lenni, who is living in the terminally-ill ward of a Scotland hospital, who meets 83 year old Margot (who loves fruitcake!). An unusual friendship forms, and the two women (whose combined ages equal a full century) undertake a century-defining painting project. Both tears and deep-hearted smiles are guaranteed! Join the conversation on Wednesday, January 15th at 3 PM. Contact Fr Bruce for Zoom information for this meeting. [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org)

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to anyone who has the skills or desire to knit or crochet. Additional hands are always needed, and teachers are available! Prayer Shawls begin with the shawl maker saying prayers for the recipient. Prayers are continued during the creation of the shawl and shawls are blessed by the priest before they are given as gifts. Meetings are held in the Narthex of Holy Family at 7 PM on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be January 13th. Please contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

Book Group: There is no December gathering. Contact Fr Bruce to get the information to join the next Zoom meeting. [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org)

## **FELLOWSHIP**

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Game Night: The next gathering of Game Night is on Friday, January 3rd at 7 PM. Feel free to bring games you are interested in playing. Please contact Fred Naatz through the church office for more information. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org) See you then!

Hospitality Hosts Wanted: Following the 10 AM service each week, you are invited to gather in the parish hall for refreshments and fellowship. Hospitality hosts are needed to lead this important ministry! Holy Family provides paper goods and coffee. Hospitality hosts are responsible for providing/serving snacks and cold drinks, making and serving coffee, and cleaning up. Questions about hospitality hosts may be directed to Mel Bohlander via the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

## **OTHER NEWS**

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Share Your Thoughts! Holy Family has created [this survey](#) to collect parishioner feedback regarding the current and future congregation needs as the church grounds are redeveloped. The Stewardship Committee identified seven outdoor venues that will need to be relocated/changed because of the land sale. Your feedback and thoughts on the priorities are important. Please rate each venue and provide any comments, ideas, or insights you may have. The last question is open-ended for you to insert other suggestions you would like the committee to consider. Questions can be directed to Ben Paden at [treasurer@hfec.org](mailto:treasurer@hfec.org).

Fr. Bruce Continues to be Available for Visitations: Whether there is a particular crisis, another need, or if you would simply like a one-on-one conversation with Fr. Bruce, please contact him on his cell (317-363-6412) or email ([bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org)) and he will respond ASAP. He visits people in their hospital rooms, homes, coffee houses, Holy Family, and miscellaneous other locations. One of a priest's greatest joys is getting to better

know each parishioner. Father Bruce is also in the church office most Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 AM - Noon.

Holy Family Financials Through November 30th:

Income - \$248,405.25

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Serving Sunday:

Celebrant: Rev. Bruce Gray

Homily: Rev. Cathy Gray

Music Director: Bethany Paden

Piano/Organ: Heather and Doug Tannas

Greeter: Judi Taflinger

Ushers: Scott Higgins, Joel Asmus

Readers: Bety Bogeman, Pete Mulhall, Jim Taflinger,

Joel Bruns

Prayers: Kay Mulhall, Sophia Paden

Acolytes: Ellie Tannas

Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Joel Bruns, Carol Bruns

LEV: Stephen Canter

Bread: Chris Beldin

Almoners: Matt Okerson, Chris Beldin

Vestry Member of the Week: Bethany Paden

Altar Guild: Cathy French

10 AM Childcare:

Upcoming Events:

Sunday School Winter Break: December 29th & January 5th

Game Night: January 3rd 7 PM

Diocesan Reunification Parish Reflection Session: January 5th  
9 AM

Music & Meditation: January 5th 7 PM

Sunday School Resumes: January 12th 9 AM

Prayer Group: January 13th 6:30-7 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry: January 13th 7 PM

Book Group: January 15th 3 PM via Zoom

Gospel at Hogwarts: January 18th 6-8 PM

Annual Meeting: January 26th 9 AM, childcare will be provided

Thanks Be to God:

- All those who participated in Greening of the Church; members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for preparing the spaghetti supper
- Chris Beldin for facilitating the repair and return of the Holy Family sign
- Ben Paden, Sharon and Fred Naatz for their continued work with livestreaming Holy Family's worship services
- Those who contribute financially to support the ministry and worship offerings of Holy Family