PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Led by the spirit and example of the Holy Family, our parish community embraces as its mission the salvation of all people.
Rooted in the celebration of the Eucharist, we go forth to serve, to educate, and to live daily the message of Jesus Christ.
HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS:

Happy Feast Day! This weekend is the Feast of the Holy Family, whose name we proudly bear as a parish. This is the time to remember who we are, where we have been, & what we want to be.

Remember 8 years ago? It was our 50th Anniversary as a parish. Now, we close in on 60 years as a faith community in the South Shores area.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, let us pledge ourselves to a renewed & energized faith. May each one of us see where the Lord is calling us to go & to be as individuals, & as a parish family.

One of the greatest places to go as a parish & as an individual is to Mass each weekend. Nothing is more important to a parish than the celebration of the Eucharist each weekend. This is what defines us as Catholics!

At Mass---that is where the Holy Family would find themselves if they were alive today. Jesus, Mary, & Joseph would be in the pew worshiping God. Nothing would or could keep them from this important celebration of their faith in God.

We are named for the Holy Family. We have been called to be formed in their image. We are to carry out our baptismal call to share with others the faith that Jesus taught, the humility shown by the Blessed Virgin Mary, & the obedience displayed by Joseph.

YOUR PASTOR, FATHER JOE

P.S. Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, gifts, food, & well-wishes for me & my mom. We appreciate your generous remembrance. May the Holy Family fill you with the joy of this season!

THANK YOU to Deacon Rob for being with us several times during Advent & on Christmas morning; to our parish musicians, Choir, Contemporary Group, cantors; to all those who volunteered for the other liturgical ministries. We are so grateful for your service to our parish. Your presence enhanced the worship during this most glorious season of our faith!

BRAVO to Tyler Phillips from St. Teresa on being named to the 1st Team Offense in the Herald & Review’s All-County Football Awards, & to St. Teresa’s Jack Hogan for his Honorable Mention Award. Great job, boys!

THANKS to Sue & Larry Jeisy for donating a piano for the Music Office in church for practice before Masses. We are grateful for their generosity. AND, thanks to those who helped to move it from the Jeisy home to church. Way to go, guys!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Judy Albert, Ron Altherr, Penny Barry, Tricia Bleavins, Gene Bloomfield, Alice Bowman, Susie Christopher, Janet Couter, Kenny Crawford, John & Marie Davis, Mary Davis, Mike Delahunty, Ed Donath, Paul Fleckenstein, Kevin Fogarty, Craig Gadberry, Evelyn Genenbacher, Pat Hamilton, Rick Harmon, Brody Heinz, Warner Hirstein, Mary Hubbard, Eleanor Jackson, Dave Kelm, Sarah Lidy, Sondra Massey, Peter Miller, Eileen Milligan, Gayle Moffett, James Moore, Jim Murray, Kaye Moser Norlin, Gretchen Peters Hantel, Shirley Phillips, Charlie Pohlman, Steve Reeter, Mae Rehfelt, Greg Saloka, Jr., Dill Sampson, Cathy Schaffnner, Paul Scherer, Jack Schram, Margaret Schram, Terri Schram, Annette Schroeder, Jamie Schroeder, McKinley Turner, Dick Warrick, James Waymack, Jill White, Garnet Woolard, Lorene Zachman, Krista Zindel

SICK LIST POLICY: Names submitted will be removed after 4 weeks unless resubmitted. The new names added each week will be in BOLD for 1 week.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: This weekend is our Feast Day as a parish. We celebrate the Holy Family---Jesus, Mary, & Joseph. They show us to the way to live as a family. They gave to one another & to God. Well, we can do the same. By donating to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal, we can give back to God in thanksgiving & help our parish at the same time by meeting our assessed goal of $80,088. If you have not yet given to the ACSA Campaign, please do so on our parish’s Feast Day. Let us show one another & God that we at Holy Family are holy & a family!

EVER THOUGHT OF BEING A PRIEST?

God may be calling you at this very moment to serve Him by being a priest for the Diocese of Springfield. Our Catholic Church needs more priests. If you may be interested, call Fr. Joe or Deacon Rob at 423-6223.

ANNUAL SCHOOL FUND DRIVE has begun! You should have received a brochure about this most important Drive. Due to your generosity, our Catholic Grade School continues to provide quality, Catholic education for our young people. PLEASE help us now & into the future by contributing. If you did not get the brochure, there are some on the shelf in the church vestibule. Holy Family Parish has a gem in our School---may all of us help it to shine brightly due to our generous giving!

ST. TERESA PLACEMENT TEST for incoming freshmen of the class of 2022 will be given on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 9:00 am. The purpose of taking the placement exam is to give St. Teresa information on properly placing students and in developing a successful 4 year academic plan. Please call St. Teresa 217-875-2431 for more information, or to register for the test.
MONDAY, Jan. 1---NOTE MASS TIME
9:00 am. Shirley Blakeman & Rose Marie Durbin
(Leroy Blakeman & Loretta Umfleet)

TUESDAY, Jan. 2
7:30 a.m. Thomas Ward (Evelyn Ward)

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3
7:30 a.m. Dennis Ray (Bob & Connie Elam)

THURSDAY, Jan. 4
2:00 p.m. Fred Mifflin Family (Holeman Family)
FRIDAY, Jan. 5
7:30 a.m. Keith Boaz (Gary & Kim Genenbacher)

SATURDAY, Jan. 6
4:30 p.m. Theresa & Clarence Flemming (Family)

SUNDAY, Jan. 7
8:00 a.m. Holy Family Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Virginia Koenen (H.F. Ladies Group)

PRAY for the repose of the soul of Elisabeth Barnhart, mother of Maggie Howley. May she rest in peace and her family be comforted.

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to John & Pat Merli! May they have many more years of married love together. God bless you, John & Pat!

HOLY FAMILY WEBSITE: decaturholyfamily.com

BAPTISMAL CLASS, Jan. 21st, at 11:30 a.m. Email Sr. Janet at janet.pfile@comcast.net, or call 423-0240.

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU! The Sisters are very grateful for your cards, prayers, and gifts during this season of giving. May the infant Jesus be reborn in each of your hearts and may your New Year be filled with the gifts of peace and joy!

Gratefully, Sr. Janet and Sr. Mary Jerome

INVITE SOMEONE BACK TO MASS!!!

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PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN CLASSES

Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

All parents of children who are attending Holy Family School & anyone who will be volunteering at the school or parish will need the class.

If you are thinking of volunteering, we encourage you to take this class. You only have to take it once, and after your background check, you are ready to volunteer! Please call the rectory at 423-6223 to sign up.

HOLY FAMILY LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Jan. 6 & 7, 2018

SATURDAY, 4:30 p.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Denny & Marilyn Noonan, Barb McNutt, Chuck Stone, Jennifer Douglass, Amy Jedlicka, Debbie Alexander
GIFT BEARERS: Dennis & Barb Whitsel
GREETERS: Adam Buxton Family
READERS: Mark Barthelemy & Bill McNutt
SERVERS: Riley Donath, Danielle Pettus, Emma Norton
USHERS: Gary Durbin, Lori Stone, Ethan Spain, Tony Douglass

SUNDAY, 8:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Franz Grossman, Deena Warrick, Marvin Hughes, Carol Holthaus, Aaron Ross, Judy Ankrom, Sue Schneider
GIFT BEARERS: David Fitzgerald Family
GREETERS: Mary Vemmer Family
READERS: Sean Hayes & Shannon Striglos
SERVERS: Nathaniel Smith & Gus Striglos
USHERS: John Bennyhoff, Terry Schneider, John Fitzgerald, John Merli

SUNDAY 10:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Sharon Bowman, Rita Hogan, Jeff Smith, Mackenzie Snow, Maddie Snow, Howard Stone, Grace Pugh
GIFT BEARERS: Paul Lidy Family
GREETERS: Sheryl Murray & Jonnie Taylor
READERS: Leslie Meyer & Lauryn Pugh
SERVERS: Gabriella Chapple, Grover Chapple, Brooklynn Syrele
USHERS: Jack Hogan, Lynn Brinkman, Charlie Graham, Paul Christensen

CONTEMPORARY GROUP will sing on Sat., Jan. 6, 4:30 p.m. Mass.
PARISH CHOIR will sing on Sat., Jan. 13, 4:30 p.m. Mass.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our parish secretary, Joanne Kater, on Jan. 5th! We are so blessed at HF to have her in the office. She is very efficient, friendly, giving, kind, & hard-working. And she keeps an eye on Fr. Joe---a full-time job! Enjoy your special day, Joanne. You deserve only the best because you give the best and are the best!

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to John & Pat Merli! May they have many more years of married love together. God bless you, John & Pat!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
**ROSARY** is prayed 20 minutes before each daily Mass. Come & pray & stay for Mass.

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

**PRAYER LINE REQUESTS:** Rosanna Frey, 429-6657, or Barb Lesyna, 428-0058.

**HOLY FAMILY DECATURE**

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**

**ADORATION** is on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please sign up for a 30-minute slot on the sheet in the vestibule. Any questions, call Sandy Yelovich, 855-1196. **Please note:** Anyone may come for Adoration, even if you aren’t signed up for a particular time slot. We want at least one person there officially for each 30-minute slot so that the Blessed Sacrament is never unattended.

**HEARING AIDS** are available for use during Mass.

**DECATUR CATHOLIC RADIO-WDCR 88.9 FM:** If you would like to support the station financially, call Jim Comerford at 877-6716. Tune in!

**OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** will host “The Shroud of Turin Exhibit” featuring a lighted full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin on Jan. 8th-22. Saturdays 10 a.m. -6 p.m. & Sundays 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Daytime by appointment. Call 864-3467 for more info.

**OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** PSR/Youth Group will host a Nelson’s Chicken Dinner Fundraiser. Tickets are $10 & can be purchased at the church. Meals will be available for drive thru pick up on Wed., Jan. 24th from 4-6 p.m. For more information call 864-3467.

**FORMED.ORG** is an opportunity we have to be formed about our Catholic Faith. This website gives you access to programs, movies, audio & books. To get started, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) & click on “Register”. Our case sensitive parish code JMN63Q.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Weekly Offering**

**Weekend of Dec. 23 & 24, 2017**

- Envelopes $ 26,936.50
- Children $ 18.00
- Sister Parish $ 573.00
- Building Fund $ 97.00
Mass Schedule

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

Weekday Liturgies
Monday      7:30 a.m.
Tuesday      7:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.
Thursday     7:30 a.m., and during school year 2:00 p.m.
Friday          7:30 a.m.

Holy Day Liturgies
Masses 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and during school year
7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday at 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Communion Calls
Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism
Arrangements for Baptisms are made by calling the parish
office. Participation at the Baptismal Preparation Class for
parents is a requirement for the celebration of the sacrament.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Classes for those interested in joining the Catholic faith begin
in the fall of each year and continue through the Easter season.
Please call Sr. Janet to inquire about the sessions.

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