

Holy Family Church

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MASSES:

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Weekdays:
Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.;
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Register at the Parish Center after the Sunday Masses. Registration forms are also available in the back of Church near the parking lot side entrance or check Holy Family Church's website at
www.holyfamilycincinnati.com

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISMS: Third Weekend of the month. Notify the Parish Center in advance. Baptism workshop on the first Sunday of the month required.

WEDDINGS: See the Pastor eight months before the date. Marriage Preparation course required.



HOLY FAMILY GIVING TREE

If you have chosen an ornament from the Holy Family Giving Tree, please remember to return wrapped packages with the ornaments securely fastened no later than 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 20th. All packages should be placed under the Giving Tree. If you have questions regarding the ornament you've selected, please don't hesitate to contact Vicki Martini at 244-1055.



**HOLY FAMILY
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY**

The Pantry is open Monday and Friday
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Thank you so very much for answering our call for personal care items, food and paper products for our clients at the pantry. These items will be used to fill gift bags for the many people who come to us for help. During the month of November, we served 2,093 neighbors. Until the end of the year, we will continue to collect:

- Bar Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes and
- Shampoo (as these items are always needed.)

Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!

The Pantry



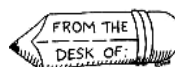
ANIMATED NATIVITY DISPLAY

The Comboni Missionaries Nativity display opens Sunday December 13th and is open daily thereafter from 6-9 PM until December 31st. Admission is free. Donations and canned goods for Cincinnati's poor are greatly accepted. The Comboni Mission Center is located on Nagel Road in Anderson Township. There are brochures in the back of our church.

150 CLUB

The winners for November are Bob Thoss \$100 and Rich & Emily Lemming \$50.00. The next drawing will be **Thursday, December 17th**. Good luck to all who have entered. Remember tickets are still available, you can't win if you don't buy your tickets today. The tickets are good all year.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2009
MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Fr. Jim

Monday	
8:30 AM	Frank Kinmonth, Jr.
Tuesday	
7:00 PM	Gene Maly
Wednesday	
8:30 AM	
Thursday	
8:30 AM	Kate Kleeman
Friday	
8:30 AM	Memorial Fund
Saturday	
4:00 PM	John Corns
Sunday	
9:00 AM	Dan Mahoney (Christmas Remembrance)
11:00 AM	Bleha & Scherra Families

DECEMBER 19TH & 20TH
ALTAR ATTENDANTS

Saturday	
4:00 PM	Duncan & Holden Kelley
Sunday	
9:00 AM	Jerome Balimunkwe & Al Schirmer
11:00 AM	Kristian Focht & Andrew Saxton

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday	
4:00 PM	Don & Emma Raab, Ed Kammer, Cameron Kelley, Chuck Davis, Carol & Eileen Sullivan, Dottie Wynn
Sunday	
9:00 AM	Mary Adams, Tess Lynch, Evelyn Adams, Mary Kayse, Don Hays, Janet Rosenthal
11:00 AM	Doris Focht, Greg Oswald, Paul Lecture, Alberta Bleha, Wayne & Joyce Barrett, Janet Jones, Anne Saxton, Josie Dirr, Mary Nieman

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 20TH
Senior Chateau Sarah Zieverink

HOLY HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 6:30 PM to
7:30 PM (Chapel)

Sunday & Holidays 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER HOUR

Friday at 7:00 PM (Chapel)



REMEMBER OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND

Pauline Hoffman	Janet Renken
Jane Gundrum	Esther Van Fossen
Dottie Bell	Margaret Fritz
Margaret Spurgeon	Tony Christensen
Lois Deerwester	William Schrenk
Charles Cassidy	Pam Jones
Verda Bryant	Evelyn Adams
Jeanene Reed	

Rejoice! The third week of Advent begins with *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete*, meaning "rejoice," is the first word of the opening antiphon from Philippians 4:4-5 for the Mass of today: *Gaudete in Domino semper* (Rejoice in the Lord always). The joy of *Gaudete* Sunday shows in the use of rose as the liturgical color for the candle on the Advent wreath and the vestments. The gospel this Sunday reveals the reason for our joy: the identity of Jesus. He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. He will clear the threshing floor and gather the wheat (all of us) into His barn (His heavenly home.)

Advent is marked by a mounting sense of joy and a heightened sense of prayer. Christmas Novenas, ancient ways of preparation, are prayed throughout the Catholic world. From December 17th to the 23rd, the "O Antiphons" are chanted during Vespers (evening prayer) in the Liturgy of the Hours. The titles of Jesus used in the antiphons are all titles of the Messiah, rooted in the prophecies of Isaiah. These same "O Antiphons" are part of our popular Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

December 17th: O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

December 18th: O Adonai (O Lord of Might)

December 19th: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

December 20th: O Clavis David (O Key of David)

December 21st: O Oriens (O Morning Star)

December 22nd: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)

December 23rd: O Emmanuel (O Emmanuel)

The Latin American tradition of *Las Posadas* dramatizes the hope and expectation of Advent. Over the course of the nine nights from December 16th to the 24th, a man and a woman representing Joseph and Mary travel to neighborhood homes, bringing to life the search for a place for Mary to give birth (*posadas* means "inn"). They, and the crowd following them, sing hymns and carry candles. It is only the third house of the evening that finally lets them in. At that point, a celebration, often including praying the rosary, begins. In the Philippines, *Simbang Gabi* entails nine very-early-morning Masses celebrated on those days, followed by community breakfast feasts. And, in Germany and some eastern European countries, it has been traditional to mark each night of those nine days with a procession carrying the image of either Mary or Joseph from house to house.

Let us pray this week:

"Lord, we rejoice at the Good News of Your coming. Make our hearts ready."

**A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM
FR. JIM KIFFMEYER**

At the request of the people of San Antonio chapel, the transfer of administration and property of San Antonio Chapel at 1950 Queen City Avenue from St. Leo Parish in Fairmount to Holy Family Parish in East Price Hill officially occurs on Monday December 14, 2009. This transfer approved by Archbishop Pilarczyk after consulting the Presbyteral Council, with the consent of the College of Consultors and the Archdiocesan Finance Council makes San Antonio a chapel of Holy Family Parish. All sacramental records and weekly offertory income from San Antonio Chapel will be maintained by Holy Family Parish. Beginning next week there will be a column in the bulletin devoted to San Antonio Chapel and the events that are occurring there so that all may know what is happening at the Chapel. At some future date there will be a more formal welcome. The details of this event are still being formulated. For now, I am most grateful to our Parish Council, the Finance Committee, and the good people of Holy Family Parish who have consented and approved this undertaking. I am grateful also to Archbishop Pilarczyk and the Archdiocesan officials who have entrusted the care of San Antonio to our Parish. I welcome the people of San Antonio to Holy Family Parish as I am sure you do, too. I pray our association will be a long and happy one. I thank God for this opportunity in the life of Holy Family Parish and San Antonio Chapel. May God bless us everyone!

CONFESSIONS

Advent is also a fitting time to approach Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation so as to approach Christmas with a renewed and joy-filled heart. The schedule for Confessions in Church is as follows:

Tuesday December 15th from 6 PM to 6:45 PM

Saturday December 19th from 3 PM to 3:30 PM

Tuesday December 22nd from 6 PM to 6:45 PM and after the 7 PM Mass that evening



2010 CALENDARS

Thanks again to the Parish Society, the 2010 Calendars are now available. You will find them near the Holy Family Statue in the back of Church. Please pick yours up today.

AFGHAN RAFFLE WINNER

The winner of the Afghan and the Sleigh Basket full of Holiday goodies is Lynn Ruede.

DEC. 6, 2009 SUNDAY COLLECTION.....\$8,025.96
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION.....\$1,105.75
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION.....\$28.13

DEC. 8, 2009 HOLYDAY COLLECTION..... \$313.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.....\$1,290.00

Fifth Sunday Collection

Needed to meet operating expenses.....\$5,200.00

Collection to-date (September & November).....**\$3,293.25**

Deficit.....\$1,906.75

Next Fifth Sunday Collection is January 2010.



Needed to meet operating expenses.....\$6,600.00

This week's collection (including Holy Day).....**\$8,338.96**

This week's **Surplus..... \$1,738.96**

Deficit this fiscal year to date \$16,408.84

Your continued support is needed and sincerely appreciated!

ESTATE PLANNING, BEQUESTS AND MEMORIALS

Please consider Holy Family Church when speaking with your attorney about Estate Planning. Bequests and Memorials to Holy Family Church can also be arranged. There are tax advantages and you would be preserving your past for the future. For more information, contact Diana Brettl at 921-7527. Please remember your donation will make a difference. Thank you for remembering Holy Family Church in this way.

LOOKING AHEAD JANUARY 2010

- ◆ Parish Society Meeting—Tues Jan 12
- ◆ Men's Society Meeting—Thurs Jan 14
- ◆ Parish Breakfast—Sun Jan 17
- ◆ Long Range Planning Meeting—Wed Jan 20
- ◆ Parish Council Meeting—Thurs Jan 28

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

- ◆ Parish Society Meeting on Tuesday, December 15th 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria
- ◆ Bingo will be played on Thursday, December 17th at 1:00 PM in the Cafeteria

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SIGN-UP SHEETS

Sign-up sheets are available in the Sacristy for all the Christmas Liturgies. If you are able to help, please sign-up. Thank you

**Pastoral Council Meeting
November 19, 2009**

Present: Fr. Jim Kiffmeyer, John Lauck, Sandy Heitz, Joyce Barrett, Alberta Bleha, Ron Penick, Joyce Meinerding, Sue Strothers, Tom Gamel.

Absent: Tom Louis, Gary and Julie Faller.

- ♦ The meeting was called to order by John Lauck. Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a prayer.

Old Business:

- ♦ A motion to accept the minutes of the October Pastoral Council meeting was made by Tom Gamel and seconded by Sue Strothers. The minutes from the October meeting were approved.
- ♦ Parish Council will host the Parish Breakfast on November 22, 2009. Joyce Meinerding, John Lauck, Ron Penick, and Joyce Barrett will get there about 7:30 am to begin preparations and cooking. John Lauck will get the keys. Everything is ordered.

Long Range Planning: Sandy Heitz

- ♦ The Ministry Fair was a success. There was a good amount of people after each Mass. There were a few that signed up to volunteer at various ministries and many who will make cookies for Christmas gift boxes for shut-ins and the pantry. Marge Duffy took care of the refreshments on Saturday and Sue Meagher and the Parish Society took care of Sunday. There were questions about when the Verdun donated merchandise will be delivered. We will contact Debbie Kayse. Several purses were ordered. The raffle is up to over \$500 and we are still selling them. We will raffle the Afghan and Basket on December 6th at the Santa Breakfast.

Building and Grounds: Tom Gamel

- ♦ There was a meeting and they discussed short and long term projects and how to plan for them. They are recruiting and accepting applications for another full time person to fill the maintenance position left open when Norm resigned.
- ♦ Cleaning will be contracted out temporarily.
- ♦ There is an issue with salt for ice and snow removable. Mark has ordered 200 bags that will need to be unloaded and stored. They will need volunteers to help or may need a forklift to either be rented or loaned for the job. It is not sure when it will be delivered.
- ♦ The fence on Hawthorne has been broken and will be taken care of at least temporarily.

Worship: Sue Strothers

- ♦ December 1st, there will be an Advent Evening of Prayer and Reflection. The service will be facilitated by Sr. Montiel Rosenthal, Sr. Sandy Howe, and Sr. Pat Dittmeier from Holy Family House.

Education: Sandy Heitz

- ♦ Julie Faller sent the news.
- ♦ The 8th grade had a Halloween fundraiser and raised over \$100 for Sr. Sarah Mulligan in Guatemala.
- ♦ The 8th grade is donating time to the Food Pantry each week.
- ♦ The candy sale was a success. Over 60 students earned the top prize of a limo ride by selling 6 boxes of candy.
- ♦ The school is participating in the Price Hill Thanksgiving parade.
- ♦ Parent-Teacher conferences are November 24th.
- ♦ Ms. Dudley is taking 10 students to the CISE major donor event on Dec. 5th.
- ♦ The Turkey Festival was a success.
- ♦ The Christmas Concert is Dec. 17th with performances at 10 AM and 7 PM. Everyone is welcome.
- ♦ Student recognition assemblies will begin Friday, Dec. 4th in Church.

Finance: Tom Gamel

- ♦ A budget has been established. So far this year things are looking good.
- ♦ Tom will give a report at all Masses on the weekend of November 21st-22nd.
- ♦ Church revenues are up and there is a net surplus. School revenues are up but so are expenses. If you put the school and church together there is still a surplus.
- ♦ We still have the capital loan of \$280,000 to the Archdiocese. The past three years we have only been able to pay the interest. The plan is to start paying off some of the principle. Collections have gone up the past two years but so have expenses.
- ♦ Revenues have also been generated from fundraisers like SCRIP etc.
- ♦ If we can pay off the debt we would have a better surplus to deal with problems that may occur.
- ♦ We have a very active and dedicated Finance Committee and they have been very involved in knowing what is happening and finding ways to deal with it.

Development: John Lauck

- ♦ There was a meeting to discuss Parish Breakfasts. They will set up a timeline and the steps that need to be done when planning a breakfast. They will also generate a list of options for the food to be served at breakfasts so they will be more consistent. We hope that will help bring in more people each month. The goal of the breakfasts is to have a place for people to come together and socialize. Some people have come to the breakfast and found ways to be a part of the Parish as a volunteer.
- ♦ There was a suggestion to put a list of upcoming events in the bulletin. Alberta Bleha will write a letter to the Organizations to inform them about when the news needs to be submitted to the Parish Office.
- ♦ They need to have a meeting to get all Organizations together to talk about fundraising. They want to find out what all the different groups are doing and when.

PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN IS TUESDAY DECEMBER 15TH BY NOON


Fr. Jim's Comments:

- ♦ Fr. Jim thanked the Long-Range Planning Committee for putting on the Ministry Fair. It gave an opportunity for people to come down and see what is going on in the Parish.
- ♦ Tuesday December 8th is a Holyday of Obligation. It is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be masses at 4:00 PM on Monday Dec. 7th and at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM on Tuesday Dec. 8th.
- ♦ The plan to have San Antonio Chapel become affiliated with Holy Family has been approved. We are waiting now for the formal transition. Fr. Jim asked the Long-Range Planning Committee to plan a welcome for the people of San Antonio when the transition is completed.
- ♦ The original Holy Family Bell will be moved on Monday, November 23rd and taken to the Verdin Company. It will be cleaned and polished and we hope it will be returned in time to ring for Christmas.
- ♦ Bid and Buy donations for the Festival have started coming in.
- ♦ Groups need to start taking minutes at all meetings and send them to Fr. Jim to be filed in the Ministry Center to create a permanent record of events in the Parish.
- ♦ Fr. Jim plans to have the confessional in the front of church refurbished. They will take down the screen on one side to create a face-to-face section and leave the other screen for private confession. The priest will be in the middle. It will cost about \$1,600 - \$2,000 to complete. We are in need of donations to complete the project.

The "150 Club" raffle winners are: \$100.00 Bob Thoss and \$50.00 Rich and Emily Lemming.

The next Parish Council meeting is January 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM.
 Alberta Bleha made a motion to adjourn and Joyce Barrett seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sandra Heitz
 Recording Secretary



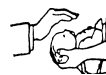
BANNS OF MARRIAGE
1st Call: Susan Nolan of Holy Family and Joseph Grace will be married here on January 2nd

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for our congregation. This book will be the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How of our Church. The book is being provided at no cost to our Church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. What better place to publicize your service or product than to the community in which you worship and are already recognized. To find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church office at 921-7527 ext. 0.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does our church database have **YOUR** family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update **YOUR** record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions or deletions that may have occurred in **YOUR** family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The number is 921-7527 ext. 0 Thank you for your help.



OUR NEWEST CHRISTIANS

Abigail Love Hay and Lara Grace Hay were baptized on Sunday, December 6th.

**HOLY FAMILY'S LIBRARY/MUSEUM ROOM
 A GREAT PLACE TO SHOP!**

Visit the Library/Museum Room after Mass each week and get great deals on Christmas presents! The purchases you make benefit the parish! Help us raise money for Holy Family and simplify your Christmas shopping, too! Here are some of the wonderful items for sale:

- ♦ Gift cards that can be purchased through our SCRIP Program or Courtesy Card Program. See our list of hundreds of vendors!
- ♦ Reloadable Kroger Cards in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, or \$50 denominations. Give groceries or gas for Christmas!
- ♦ Celestial Sounds CDs, made by our Holy Family choir and some HF friends. We also still have some of Susan Nolan's CD!
- ♦ Holy Family Memorabilia, including Christmas cards, mugs, pop can cozies, pens, and more!
- ♦ Verdin products donated by the Verdin Company! Come see the Verdin CDs and bells available for purchase!
- ♦ Be sure to purchase your Humbert's Meats certificates after Mass!

Need a handbag, cell phone holder, or change purse as a Christmas present? Mary Anne Lauck has beautiful handmade selections for sale! Choose your fabric and order one today! Mary Ann will donate ten percent of sales back to Holy Family!

FROM "LESSONS LIFE TAUGHT ME"
BY
REGINA BRETT

Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.