MISSION: Holy Family Faith Community is called to live out the mission of Jesus. Empowered by God through Baptism and centered in the Eucharist, we strive to proclaim the good news of salvation, build community, serve the needs of others, celebrate our faith, and welcome all in one spirit of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Religious Education Classes are on Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Call Sr. Mary Essner at 573-221-1078 for more information, or the parish office to register.

RCIA CLASSES are on Thursday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION/CELEBRATION
+Baptism Prep - Call Deacon Troy Egbert at 573-221-4542.
Please register by calling the parish office prior to date of baptism.
+ Marriage - Contact the Church office at least 6 months prior to wedding date.
+ Anointing of the Sick - can be done privately at home, at Church or in the hospital.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK - Please notify the Church office if you are aware of someone who is homebound. If someone is in the hospital and would like to see Fr. Mike, call the rectory or the office.

NEW PARISHIONERS - Newcomers are always welcome! Please stop by the Church office to obtain a registration form. Or register by online form at www.myholyfamily.com

CHURCH/SCHOOL FACILITIES - If the event is to be held in the gym, please call the school office. If the event is to be held in St. Michael’s Hall or the Parish Center Hall, please call the parish office.
Today’s readings urge us to prepare for and be open to God’s presence in our lives. We have been taught that this presence is ongoing, yet it doesn’t always seem so. We need to work to overcome fear and doubt, especially in challenging times, but the task need not be a frantic effort. These readings carry warnings and longings, but the operative words are comfort, tenderness and hope. We wait and prepare because of the promise.

Altar Ministers - December, 2017
5:30 p.m. Ministers of Eucharist:
Marty Clark, Angel Cox, Heather Crane, Tammy Cutsinger, Kathy DiTillo, Denise Fogle, Rich Fogle - alt.
Minister of the Word: Hal Benedict
8:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:
Marisa & Rick Ellison, Harley & Evelyn Hirner, Mary Pipkin, Sharon Welch, Randy Wheeler, Sr. - alt
Minister of the Word: Nancy Hays
10:00 a.m. Ministers of Eucharist:
Becky Frier, Marilyn Kerkemeyer, Mark Novak, Dawn Likes, Nancy McWilliams, Dan Whelan, Elaine Meyer - alt.
Minister of the Word: Rick Baumann

Greeters - December, 2017
5:30 p.m. Chuck & Judy Spratt
8:00 a.m. Roseann Steinman & Gail Terrill
10:00 a.m. Bud & Linda Purvis

 Servers - Dec. 16-17
5:30 p.m. Jack Myers, Alex Rose, Samuel Rose
8:00 a.m. Jared Locke, Irelan Lomax, Rachel Phillips
10:00 a.m. Rachel Deloney, Nolan Ehrhardt, Ben Schwartz

WE ASK ETERNAL REST O LORD FOR THE SOUL OF: Betty Loftus, mother of DeAnne Wickens, of our parish Estel Griggsby, former custodian for our Catholic Schools

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. - Mark 1:3

NEWS OF COMFORT
In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE
We will have two Christmas Choir practices, one on Monday, December 18th and one on Thursday, December 21st, both at 7 pm in church. All are welcome to join the choir for Christmas. Our Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve are at 5 pm, 7:30 pm and 11 pm. If you would like to participate in the choir at one of these masses, please come and practice on at least one of these dates!

ALTAR MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS
We need the following Ministers:
Christmas Eve:
5 pm - 7 Eucharistic Ministers, 3 Servers, 4 Greeters
7:30 pm - 3 Eucharistic Ministers, 2 Greeters
11 pm - 5 Eucharistic Ministers, 1 Server 1 Lector, 4 Greeters
Christmas Day - 9 am
4 Eucharistic Ministers, 3 Servers, 4 Greeters

Call the parish office to volunteer or email: miller@myholyfamily.com
Sun., 12/10  8 & 10 am Masses - all welcome!
Coffee, donuts, bagels, fruit - after 8 & 10
Masses along with Religious Articles sale
5 pm Life Teen Mass - church
6 pm HS Youth Christmas Party - Murphy’s home
6-8 pm MS Youth Group Christmas Party
in the Parish Center, $5 gift exchange
7 pm Advent Penance Service - St. Joseph Church, Palmyra, MO

Mon., 12/11  5:30 pm Bible Study - Conf. Rm
6 pm Rosary - Parish Ctr
6:30 pm Council of Catholic Women (CCW)
Christmas Party & Installation of Officers
in the Parish Ctr - all ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

Tues., 12/12  8:15 am Mass in church
7 pm Rosary & devotion - choir area in church

Wed., 12/13  10:30 am 55+ Club Mass,
Christmas Party Social - K of C Hall
6:30 pm Men/Women’s Bible Study - St. E’s Rm
6:30-7:45 pm Religious Ed. - school
7 pm Advent Penance Service - Queen of Peace, Ewing, MO

Thurs., 12/14
10:30 am Prayer Group - St. E’s rm
6:30 pm HF School First Reconciliation - Church & St. Michael’s Hall in use
7-9 pm RCIA - Parish Ctr
7 pm Advent Penance Service - St. Clement, St. Clement

Fri., 12/8  7 am Mass in the chapel

Sat., 12/16  Return Snowman Tree Gifts
5:30 pm Mass - all welcome!
Parish Center in use
7 pm Misa - church

Sun., 12/17 Return Snowman Tree Gifts
8 & 10 am Masses - all welcome!
Parish Center in use
11am -1 pm Confirmation Class - St. Michael’s Hall

Dec. 2-3
Offertory Budget    52 Weeks $1,291,380.48
Needed to Date       23 Weeks $571,187.52
Received to Date     498,872.50
Over (Under) for Year  $(72,315.02)

The Total for Dec. 2-3 is comprised of:
Regular Envelopes, Loose & Online $17,935.50
School Support              $260.00
Youth Envelopes              $58.70
Masses                          $20.00
Votive/Religious Articles     $10.00
A & E - Christmas Flowers     $335.00

GNP Cookie/Candy Sale  $1,669.00
Human Development       $10.00
Building Fund            $916.50

CAN YOU HELP?
We found out through Head Start that there are a few things needed by some families. If you could donate an item listed below, please bring it by the parish office by Monday, December 18th.
3 silverware sets (6 piece setting)
2 microwaves needed, 3 pot & pan sets
2 large kitchen trash cans
3 vacuum cleaners, 10 laundry baskets
Sheet sets: 3 queen size
4 twin size
Bedding sets: 2 queen size, 3 twin size
Blankets: 3 queen, 4 twin
Towels & Wash Cloths: 3 for a family of 4
3 for a family of 6

Dear Parish Family,
In the Collection Summary you will notice that our receipts are $72,315.02 below what is needed so far this year. If this trend continues, we will be forced to make drastic cuts in our expenditures. This may mean putting off needed projects, conserving utilities even more than we already do, and perhaps foregoing some of our hired services.

We are grateful for all of you who give sacrificially to our church and school. December is a typical time for charitable giving, so as the end of the year approaches, please consider the needs of your parish family.  

God bless, Fr. Mike

This Week...
SIGN UP FOR BEST ADVENT EVER - A Spiritual Experience for Advent
It is a FREE email program that will help you SLOW DOWN and focus on what really matters most during this busy season. Starting DEC. 3, the 1st Sunday of Advent, you will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt. You will receive practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life and personal stories from Dynamic Catholic team members. You will have a once-in-a-lifetime experience of Christmas because you have prepared for it in a unique way. Sign up TODAY by going to www.dynamiccatholic.com - Click on BEST ADVENT EVER.

COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS, BAGELS, FRUIT... Coffee and doughnuts this weekend after the 8&10 am Masses Hosts for Coffee & Doughnuts will be:
8:00 am Mass - Mary Pipkin - Damian & Michelle Watts - Deborah Johnson
10:00 am Mass - Becky Frier - Marilyn Kerkemeyer

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY... Forms are at the entrances to church for Christmas Flowers in Memory. Please return the form and your $10 donation to the parish office by Monday, December 11th in order to have the name in our bulletin for Christmas. Forms can be returned through the Sunday collection or mailed to the parish office at 218 S. Maple Ave. Be sure to write or print legibly on your form. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE!! 7th Annual Holy Family Dinner Auction - Saturday, February 24, 2018

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED! Forms are located at the back of church to give you some ideas on how you can help make our school auction a success. Donation forms are included with the information. This is our school's biggest fundraiser by far and we everyone's help!

High School Youth Group dates and info....
Dec 10th- Lifeteen mass 5-6 pm and Christmas Party to follow @ Murphy's house!!
Any questions about these events or please contact Terra and Kevin Murphy @ 795-0571. God bless

MS YOUTH GROUP NOTES... MS Youth Group meeting schedule: *Time & location Subject to Change*
Sun., December 10th - 6-8 pm MS Youth Christmas gathering, $5 gift exchange - Parish Center
*Blessings in Christ! Joe and Becky Thomas, 573-397-1305; jrcjqn@gmail.com*

FOR YOUR CALENDARS...
Sat., 12/9 & Sun., 12/10 - Senior Snowman Tree - Take a snowman and get a gift for a homebound or nursing home resident
Sat., 12/16 & Sun., 12/17 - Return Snowman Gifts to the tree at church
Tues., 12/19 - Advent Penance Service - church
Sat., 12/23 - 5:30 pm Mass - 4th Sunday of Advent
Sun., 12/24 - 8 & 10 a.m. Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent
Sun., 12/24 - 5 pm, 7:30 pm & 11 pm - Masses for Christmas
Mon., 12/25 - 9 am Christmas Day Mass
Sun., 12/31 - 8 & 10 am Masses - Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family
Sun., 12/31 - 5:30 pm and Mon., January 1, 2018 at 9 am - Masses for Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Pastoral Council Pres.,
Marisa Ellison, 573-248-6844
Email: mlbandkids@yahoo.com
School Board Pres.,
Scott Friedersdorf, 573-221-2127
Stewardship Council,
DeAnne Wickens, 573-248-8246
Home & School Pres.,
Becky Thomas, 573-221-7755
Council of Catholic Women Pres.,
Roseann Steinman, 573-985-3405
K of C Grand Knight,
Brent Massie, 573-406-5245
K of C Auxiliary Pres.,
Annie Massie, 573-406-9200
Welcoming - Debbie Morawitz, 573-231-0889
55+ Club - Bob & Barbara Brummer, 573-795-6609
Weddings - Cheryl Buckman, Coordinator 573-221-7152
Good Neighbor Project,
Claire Robinson, 573-221-1825
Diane Rash, 573-795-2302
Gail Hedges, 573-795-1202
Heavenly Dusters, Ronnie Bolletta - 221-9287
Prayer Circle, Pat Murphy, 573-221-9920
Email: praywithholyfamily@att.net
Birthright, Adele Paschal, 573-221-6445
Religious Articles Rita Stevenson, 573-221-3459

Mass Intentions -
Week of Dec. 10-17
Sun. 8:00 am Mary Hammock
People of the Parish
10:00 am Al Nason
Danny Sawyer
Tues. 8:15 am Martha Ann Kendrick
Wed. 10:30 am Nancy Becker (55+ Club
Mass - K of C Hall)
Thurs. 8:15 am Betty Riedel
Fri. 7:00 am Fred Schwartz
Sat. 5:30 pm Ron & Amelia McKenzie
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lawless
Sun. 8:00 am Fr. Ed Schmidt, Ann.
Jean Chapman
10:00 am Bill, Rosemary & Brent Beard
People of the Parish

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES
Fr. Mike is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes next April 24-May 4, 2018. We will journey to some of the most sacred shrines in Europe. We will visit the famous pilgrimage center of Santiago de Compostela as well as the holy city of Avila, made famous by St. Teresa. We will have the opportunity to celebrate daily Mass.
Brochures for the pilgrimage are available at the entrances to church.

ONLINE GIVING...
Holy Family now accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently through our website! Click on Stewardship and Online Donation.
Need additional information? Call Renee at the parish office at 573-221-1078.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK - Dec. 10-17
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Chalice for Vocations... The following families will be taking the Chalice home to pray for Vocations:
12/17 Geri Graves - 8:00 am
12/24 Dan and Shari Whelan - 10:00 am
12/30 Pat Yount - 5:30 pm

Horario de Misas — Diciembre 2017 - Holy Family — Hannibal

Dic. 16th
Sabado - 7:00 p.m. Misa

Dic. 25th
Lunes Navidad 9:00 a.m. - Bilingual

Dic. 30th
Dom 8:00 a.m. - Misa

Catholic Stewardship Appeal... Thanks to all who have given to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We are at 74% of our $29,000 goal. 87 donors have given $21,622 toward our goal. It is not too late to send your donation to the Diocese to help us reach our goal! We still need $7,378 to make our goal. Thanks for your generosity!

2017 Advent Penance Services...
Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 pm - St. Joseph Church, Palmyra
Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm - Queen of Peace Church, Ewing
Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 pm - St. Clement Church, St. Clement
Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm - Holy Family, Hannibal
Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm - Holy Rosary, Monroe City

Christmas/Seminary Assessment... Our Christmas/Seminary Collection funds retirement needs of our older priests who gave decades of service to our parishes throughout the Diocese of Jefferson City. It also helps funds the expenses incurred with formation of priestly candidates currently in the seminary. Our 2017 assessment is $9,752.00. We will pay this amount as it is an assessment, so please help us meet or exceed this amount - Thank you!

Christmas & Year End Giving... Christmas and year’s end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of his many blessings by giving extra support to your parish. Please make sure your donations reach the parish office by December 31st in order to appear on your statement.
There are many ways to give - cash, gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are some of the best gifts to make. Naming Holy Family Church as a beneficiary of life insurance proceeds can be a wonderful means of making a future major gift to your parish. Please call the parish office with any questions. Know that our prayers and thoughts will be with you at Christmas and all year round. Remember God is never outdone in His generosity. Thank you and God bless you!