



Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

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 sanctuary or at www.holyfamilyfishers.org/welcome. 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 hardback 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 (teal paper- or hardback book); and those marked WLP refer to hymns in the songbook Wonder Love and Praise (green paperback book).

You are invited to check in on social media.

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Entrance Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People H 67

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

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

People: **And blessed be his 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.**

Advent Wreath Lighting

Two candles are lit by a member of the congregation while the following prayer is read.

Bless to our use, O God, this circle of light. Let it reveal all your hopes and dreams, as we prepare for the great feast of the Incarnation. Let the passage of these days and the prayers of our hearts draw us deeper into the mystery of love so that Christmas finds us awake and ready to love the world in your name. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

H S96

The First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

**1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**

**2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

**8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

**10 Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

**12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**

**13 Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

The Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening

the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry **H 76**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Bruce 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

You make us glad, oh God, in your desire to dwell among us;

**We rejoice that the very air around us stirs and announces
your Advent.**

We pray for your Church.

**Alive and waiting, gazing east and feeling the wind of your
approaching wings.**

We pray for the multitudes of people who, day by day,
become Church; In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for
the clergy and people of Trinity, Anderson. We pray for
Michael, our presiding Bishop; Jennifer our Bishop; we pray
for deacons, for priests, and for bishops. Make us all
beacons of your coming: Your hands where strength is
needed. Your heart where love has grown thin. The emblem
of rejoicing in heaven when there is cause for rejoicing on
earth.

**We ask that you will hear us and attend patiently as we
convey our needs and our thanks, things spoken aloud or
held in the silence of our hearts:**

We pray for those who serve as leaders in this world - local,
national, global: Make them good guides in caring for this
earth and advocates for true peace among all people.

**Give them wisdom and kind hearts. Make them zealous for
the common good and clear-headed in our common woes.**

We pray for all people of this earth: For those who are lost
and for those who have found themselves in you. For those
who sit in fear and for those who stand in hope. For those
at margins of life, and for those who work to draw them
toward the center. For those who suffer illness or tragedy
or loss or sorrow, and for those who have cause for
celebration.

In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Berry,
Bogeman, and Bohlander families, and for those who serve
as our Hospitality Ministry. Let us pray for our own needs
and those of others.

*The People may add their own prayers and thanksgivings,
aloud or silently.*

Tend the sick, O Christ, especially Ed, Anita, Norma and
William, Abby, Megan, Jim, Jacob, Dave and Bev, Paul, Eden,
Leslie, Karen, Ruth, Lisa, Grant, Kathy, Sherrie, Larry and
Jean, Cheryl, Julie, Vicki and John, Beth, Cali, Jodie, and
Katja; soothe the suffering, O Lord, and shield the joyous.

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

We pray for those who have died, that they may know
eternal joy in your presence. And we pray for those who
mourn, who await your joyous coming in the midst of tears.

**Shine upon them, O God of Mercy, that even in death they
may find Life; that even in sadness they may see your
coming and find new hope.**

Keep us mindful that your Kingdom lives within us, and that
we are, in every moment, the pulse and warmth of your
coming among us.

**Rise up, O God, like the dawn; fall on us like the dew of
morning. Keep us looking east, that we should not miss the
brilliant moment of your arrival. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**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**

A Prayer for Holy Family

**Gracious and generous God, creator and giver of
abundance, we thank you for our many blessings. All that
we have and all that we are is from you. We offer you
thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work,
our families, our loved ones, and all the abundant gifts you
have given. You are with us always and everywhere. In
each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are
here. Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by
sharing abundantly what you have given. We seek to be
your faithful stewards. Keep in our hearts that by serving**

our brothers and sisters we serve you, by donating to Holy Family we give back to you, by embracing the outcast we welcome the world. We remain ever grateful for your abundant blessings; your constant love for all, the gift of your Son Jesus Christ for the world, and the presence of your Holy Spirit with everyone. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *English Advent Carol* *Liebergen*

Doxology

H 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

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 him thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Strong and faithful God.

All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise.

In the beginning, your Word summoned light:
night withdrew, and creation dawned.

As ages passed unseen,
waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared.
When the times at last had ripened
and the earth grown full in abundance,
You created in your image man and woman,
the crown of all creation.

You gave us breath and speech,
that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise.
So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth,
we chant the ageless hymn of your glory:

Sanctus

S 124

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.

All holy God,
how wonderful are the works of your hands!
You restored the beauty of your image
when sin had scarred the world.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own
and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and
for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations
your people hungered for the bread of freedom.
From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread,
in whom ancient hungers were satisfied.
He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer;
he offered life to sinners,
though death would hunt him down.
But with a love stronger than death,
he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Holy One, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us
and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine,
that they may become the body and blood of Christ.

On the night before he met with death,
Jesus came to table with those he loved.
He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation;
he broke the bread among his disciples and said:
Take this all of you, and eat it;
This is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine
and gave thanks to you, God of all creation;
he passed the cup among his disciples and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy One, we commemorate Jesus, your Son,
as we offer you this sacrifice.

Death could not bind him,
for you raised him up in the spirit of holiness
and exalted him as Lord of creation.

May his coming in glory find us ever-watchful in prayer,
strong in love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread.

Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit,
Your whole church offers thanks and praise.
We pray for those here present
and all whose lives bring hope to this world.

Lord of the living and the dead,
awaken those fallen asleep in faith
to the undying light of pardon and peace,
especially those who have died
alone, unloved, and unmourned.
Gather them all into communion
with Mary, Joseph, and with all your saints.
Then, at last, will all creation be one
and all divisions healed,
and we shall join in singing your praise
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

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

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.

*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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1,2,3,4,8) **H 56**

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 *Prepare the Way, O Zion* **H 65**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: 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

Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information
about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at
bgray@hfec.org or go to the Holy Family
Website HolyFamilyFishers.org.



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

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Adult Forum - Focus on Advent: On the first three Sundays in
December at 9 AM the Adult Forum will feature information
and conversation about the Biblical themes of Advent. Fr.
Bruce will be using Richard Rohr's book Preparing for
Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent as well as other
sources. A weekly handout will be provided, but Richard Rohr's
book is widely available if one wishes to buy it. Contact Fr.
Bruce at bgray@hfec.org for more information.

"Deck the Halls" Christmas Greenery Fundraiser: It couldn't be
easier to spruce up for the holidays! Choose from several
different drop-in porch pot arrangements featuring seasonal
greenery, ornaments, and other décor. Projects are made
individually, so each item will be unique. There are two sizes
for each style. Select your preferred color choice and then

select the desired size. This fundraiser supports Holy Family's continued outreach work in the community. Orders are due by December 15th or while supplies last. Pickup is at Holy Family as orders are filled. 11445 Fishers Pointe Blvd. Fishers, IN 46038. Custom/upgraded options are available (prices vary). Contact Lorri in the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org
Visit HolyFamilyFishers.org/DecktheHalls to order.

Advent Wreath Volunteers & Christmas Serving Roles: At the beginning of each Advent service, Holy Family invites a household or small group to light the candle(s) for the week and recite a prayer.

Please sign up at tinyurl.com/HFECadvent2023 to help with this tradition at either the 8 AM or 10 AM service on Sundays or to help with any serving roles for Christmas services. If you prefer, you may contact the church office to volunteer for any of these roles. admin@hfec.org

Ugly/Holiday Sweater Sunday: You won't find it on any liturgical calendar, but Ugly/Holiday Sweater Sunday is a fan favorite at Holy Family! You are invited to wear your shiniest, dangliest, most festive Christmas sweater, vest, leggings, tie, scarf, hat, headband, jewelry, or whatever you like on Sunday, December 17th. Let your light shine!

Greening the Church: On Sunday, December 17th at 4 PM, the church will be decorated for Christmas during Holy Family's annual Greening of the Church. Children are welcome to attend and are expected to remain with their parents and help decorate. There is no childcare provided for this event. Following the decorating, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will host its annual spaghetti dinner as a thank you for your hard work. All are welcome!

Angel Tree Ministry: Please visit tinyurl.com/HFECangelTREE2023 to purchase items that will be given to students and their family members at Fishers Elementary School. All unwrapped gift items must be returned to church by Sunday, December 17th. Bless your generosity!

Christian Education Winter Break: The final gathering for Sunday school classes (grades PreK-12), Adult Forum, and Bible Study will be December 17th. Classes will resume on January 14th.

SUNDAY SERVICE CHANGE: On Sunday, December 24th there will be only one Sunday morning service at 10 AM. No 8 AM service will be held that day. You are invited to participate in Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services as well – all are welcome!

Music & Meditation: Music & Meditation will meet on Sunday, January 7th at 7 PM and will feature Gospel: Out of the Church and Into the Streets. The featured albums are The Time for Peace Is Now - Compilation and Be Altitude: Respect Yourself by The Staples Singers. You are encouraged to bring your own

comfy chair, blanket, or bean bag. All are welcome! Questions may be directed to Joel Bruns via the church office.

WORSHIP

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-church each Tuesday in preparation for the following Sunday.

Prayer Group Meeting: Holy Family Prayer Group meets from 6:30 – 7 PM on the second Monday of the month. The next gathering is December 11th. All are welcome to come and join in prayer. Contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org

Cozy Corner: Have a kiddo who needs to wiggle and move? Check out the Cozy Corner in the Narthex. The church nursery is also available during the 10 AM service for families with infants and children. A video feed of the worship service is available in the nursery so that you may still participate while you supervise your children.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Forum: Sundays at 9 AM, Fr. Bruce continues discussions on Frequently Asked Questions about the Episcopal Church. In addition to what Fr. Bruce brings each week, there will be time for questions brought by the participants. Contact him at bgray@hfec.org. All are welcome!

Bible Study: A Bible Study on the book of Matthew is being facilitated by Stephen and Kristine Canter from 9 - 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings in the Conference Room. The material for the bible study will be N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen or Kristine Canter via the church office. admin@hfec.org.

OUTREACH

Snacks for Fishers Elementary: Thank you to all who have donated snacks for children at Fishers Elementary. Learning requires nutrition...and little ones burn through energy at top speed! To help keep the learning going, please consider "feeding the box" in the narthex...the one decorated with bright colors and happy children. Suggested items include individually wrapped fruit snacks, goldfish crackers, popped corn, and granola snacks. Thank you a million times over!

Missionaries of Charity Donations: Holy Family is collecting needed items to support women at the Missionaries of Charity shelter in Indianapolis. Items may be placed in the collection box in the Narthex. The following items are requested: twin bed sheets (any color), white washcloths/hand towels/towels, women's underwear (all sizes), sleepwear (all sizes), shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap bars, and deodorant.

Food Pantry Donations: In support of the Delaware Township Food Pantry, Holy Family parishioners are invited to donate canned goods, household cleaners and personal hygiene items. For a list of items that the food pantry especially needs, visit: tinyurl.com/HFECfoodpantry. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets near the coat racks in the church lobby during Sunday worship hours.

MINISTRY GATHERINGS

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 December 11th. Please contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org

Book Group: Reading the World book group will take a bit of a break for the month of December...but never fear - the book chosen for January is a bit of a long read. It's not a typical novel; it happens to be a slice of American and Indiana history - Timothy Eagan's newest book, *A Fever in the Heartland: The KKK's Plot to Take Over America*, and the *Woman Who Stopped Them*. It happened in the 1920s, and if you live in Indiana, then you live in said "Heartland". It's not entirely a heart-warming story, but at the heart of the story sits a woman who will put her whole heart into saving the nation! (Sorry...too many hearts!) Get your copy, get reading, and join the conversation on Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 at 3 PM. Contact Bruce Gray or Cathy Gray for information on how to join the Zoom call. bgray@hfec.org

FELLOWSHIP

Game Night: The next gathering of Game Night is Friday, January 5th 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 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 the church office. admin@hfec.org

OTHER NEWS

Stewardship Drive Continues The Vestry reminds everyone that Holy Family is asking people to plan their giving to support the parish budget for 2024. Pledge packets and additional Pledge Cards are available in the lobby by the Sunday bulletins. Questions can be directed to Fr. Bruce/any Vestry member or visit the Stewardship webpage. bgray@hfec.org

What's the Vestry Up To?: The Vestry met on November 15. The church has had an eventful month including the chili luncheon, Children and Youth Humane Society trip, and kicking off the 2024 pledge drive. The congregation provided Thanksgiving food baskets for four families and the Angel Tree for Christmas gifts is now out in the Narthex. Lots of Advent and Christmas events are in the works for December. Coming up in January, there will be FIVE openings on the Vestry - two one-year terms and three three-year terms. Questions regarding Vestry qualifications or requirements can be directed to Father Bruce at bgray@hfec.org.

Your Generosity Powers Holy Family: Financial commitments from parishioners like you provide approximately 90 percent of the income that supports Holy Family's mission and ministries. Donations can be placed in the collection plate, sent to the church office or entered online at the church website: holyfamilypower.org/generositypower/.

Holy Family Financials Through October 31st
Income \$170,952
Expenses \$180,112
Shortfall \$9,360

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) 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.

Thanks Be to God

- 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

Serving Sunday:

Celebrant: Rev. Bruce Gray
Homily: Rev. Bruce Gray
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Piano/Organ: Heather and Doug Tannas
Greeter: Judi Taflinger
Ushers: Larry Pickens, Bob French

Readers: Pete Mulhall, Wade Nichols, Jessica Largent,
Sharon Naatz

Prayers: Betty Bogeman, Joel Bruns

Acolytes: Reid Cahalan, Evelyn Asmus, Isabella Asmus

Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Ruth Everett, Barb Spangler

LEV: Kristine Canter

Bread: Kristine Canter

Almoners: Bethany Paden, Tom Clines

Welcome: Katie Hamon

Altar Guild: Jeff & Karen Smith

Upcoming Events:

Prayer Group: December 11th 6:30-7 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry: December 11th 7 PM

Ugly/Holiday Sweater Sunday: December 17th

Angel Tree Items Due: December 17th 10 AM

Greening of the Church: December 17th 4 PM

ONE SERVICE ONLY: December 24th 10 AM

Children's Christmas Service: December 24th 5 PM

Midnight Mass: December 24th 11 PM

Jammie Church: December 25th 10 AM

Music & Meditation: January 7th 7 PM

Book Group: January 17th 3 PM via Zoom

Annual Meeting: January 28th 9 AM

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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