



Holy Family Episcopal Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 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).

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Entrance Hymn

It's Me, It's Me, It's Me O Lord WLP 797

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

G 86

**Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, Sing! Glory to God!
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. (Refrain)

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. (Refrain)

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my

misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends?
cleans me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me WLP 805

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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.**

Prayers of the People Form 3 *BCP 387*
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 bishop Jennifer and all bishops, priests, and
deacons. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for
the clergy and members of St. Michael's, Noblesville;
**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 Harling, Higgins,
and Holley families and those who oversee our church
building and grounds. 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; Lisa, Patty,
Elise, Molly, Giselle, Riley, Carol, Vicki and John, Pam, Ruth,
Monique, Wade, Barb, Cathy, Victoria and Isaiah, Bob, Joe,
Kathy, Karen, Chris, Abby, Larry and Jean, Eden, Betsy,
Honey, Janet, Amanda, Elizabeth, Beth, Sawyer, Katja,
Norma and William have compassion on those who suffer
from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

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.

We pray for those expecting babies soon especially Emma
and Jeff;
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Prayers may be added by the congregation, silently or aloud

For an Election, from the Book of Common Prayer page 822

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom we must account for all
our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United
States (or of this community) in the election of officials and
representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise
laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be
enabled to fulfill your purposes; 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.

Absolution

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 Hymn

Lord, for thy Tender Mercies' Sake *Farrant*

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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

WLP 858

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters,

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

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.

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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* *WLP 800*

Post-communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal Hymn *Ev'ry Time I feel the Spirit* *WLP 751*

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

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

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.

Help Wanted: Holy Family has been a faithful supporter of the Delaware Township Trustee's Office for many years, providing much-needed food, hygiene products, and household items. The church is looking for a few people who would be available Monday-Friday between the hours of 9 AM-3 PM to occasionally deliver items to the food pantry on 131st St in Fishers (on a rotating schedule). Please contact the church office if you are available to serve in this way. admin@hfec.org

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). Topics will include spirituality, Scripture, worship, ethics, history, and more. As part of this series, Fr. Bruce will present Instructed Eucharists at both services on Sunday, October 13th. Please contact Fr. Bruce for more information.

Choir: Calling all Musicians! Choir rehearsals take place Thursdays at 7 PM. No auditions required! Simply come to rehearsal and give it a try. All singers aged 12 and older are welcome. Contact Bethany Paden at musicministry@hfec.org with any questions. Don't sing but play an instrument? Reach out to Bethany for participation opportunities!

Blessing of the Animals: On Sunday, October 6th, Holy Family will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a Blessing of the Animals at both worship services. The 10 AM service will take place at the Outdoor Chapel adjacent to the parking lot. This service will be very informal and is a great opportunity to invite new people to try Holy Family. Pets on leashes and in carriers

are welcome to be blessed in the sanctuary or outdoor chapel, and the clergy will be happy to bless them in their cars or trailers instead if that is preferred by their human. In the event of rain, blessing of the animals and service will be held in the sanctuary. Please feel free to bring camp chairs, blankets, or beach towels to make your time in the outdoor chapel more comfortable. Holy Family welcomes all creatures great and small!

Support for Kairos Ministry: Holy Family member Stephen Canter will be spending time with inmates at the Pendleton Correctional Industrial Facility (medium security) for the 30th Kairos at this facility program on October 24-27, 2024. This program focuses on sharing God's love, listening to the inmates, building up their spirits with love, helping them build and maintain a Christian community inside the walls, then successfully reenter the "outside world" after serving their sentences. Here are some ways that you can support this ministry:

- Sign up to pray at www.prayervigils.net/vigil.php?pvld=1991 for Kairos participants. We will fill 144 30 minute prayer slots so the entire weekend is bathed in prayer. *Be sure to update your time zone before choosing a time to pray.*
- Decorate a placemat or poster at church with messages of love and support. Supplies are available during hospitality time.
- Purchase cookies for the event. The team is again using Famous Amous 42 pack cases (available at Sam's Club, Costco, or BJ's). Approximately \$20 a case. We need at least 90 cases of cookies for the weekend.
- Purchase snacks for the event. *As soon as the link is available it will be update it here. Please use the link to be provided or bring approved snacks to church by October 20th.*
- Make a financial donation. Each weekend costs about \$3,500 to host, and each team member is asked to contribute at least \$250. You can write a check to Kairos of Indiana (and get it to Stephen) Kairos is a 501(c)(3) organization, so all donations are tax deductible. Please email the church office for Stephen's donation information. admin@hfec.org
- Attend the closing ceremony from 12-3 PM on Sunday, October 27th at the Correctional Industrial Facility in Pendleton. *You must be preregistered to attend, so please notify the church office by October 13th. Once the guest list is full no more will be added.*

Trunk or Treat: Holy Family will hold its annual Trunk or Treat event for children on Friday, October 25th from 6-7:30 PM. Kids (and grownups!) may dress up and walk safely through the parish hall to visit themed displays (created by parish members) while collecting candy and other treats. If you would like to host a themed display, please click below. For more

ways that you can support this event, please visit HolyFamilyFishers.org/Halloween or contact Jolene Johnston jjohnston@hfec.org.

Sign up at: tinyurl.com/TrunkorTreatInfo2024

Diocesan Youth Fall Retreat: The theme for the 2024 Diocesan Youth Fall Retreat is RECREATE. As the diocese recreates this beloved retreat after a five-year hiatus, we keep in mind the various creation stories in the Bible where God creates us to be creative people. We will talk about how God created us to be good stewards of the world, take care of one another, use our God-given gifts, and allow faith to transform our lives. Any youth (grades 6-12) across central and southern Indiana are invited to participate in the weekend's activities at Waycross Camp and Retreat Center, November 22-24, 2024. This is the first diocesan fall retreat since 2019, and the excitement couldn't be greater!! At the retreat, youth and leaders will have the opportunity to learn more about their faith while doing activities at our diocesan retreat center. For more information and to register, go to indydio.org/youth/. Contact Heather Kenison, Diocesan Youth Minister heather@indydio.org or Ruth Everett, Holy Family Youth Director, youthministry@hfec.org with any questions.

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-chu 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 October 14th. All are welcome to come and join in prayer. Contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday School Resumes: Please follow this link to register your children and youth for childcare, Sunday school, and other activities this school year. Great news!

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

Holy Family welcomes and encourages parents and other members of the congregation to assist or teach in classrooms for kids. Training and materials are provided. Please reach out to the program directors for more information.

Jolene Johnston, PreK-6th grade jjohnston@hfec.org
Ruth Everett, 7th-12th grade youthministry@hfec.org

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/. Please direct questions to Stephen or Kristine Canter via the church office. admin@hfec.org

OUTREACH

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

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 basket in the Narthex. The following items are requested: Children's books (new and gently used), women's underwear and sleepwear (all sizes, all seasons), toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap bars, and deodorant. Please direct questions to Teresa Conroy-Roth via the church office. admin@hfec.org

Snacks for Fishers Elementary: "Brain Food" **UPDATED LIST!** The school year has begun, and that means that friends at Fishers Elementary will need plenty of classroom snacks to keep kids learning at their best. This year the local school district has asked that snacks provided for the classroom be chosen from a specific list in order to provide the best nutrition and to avoid some common food allergens. All items must be individually wrapped, and please avoid peanuts. Thanks so much! Questions can be directed to the SATS team via the office. admin@hfec.org Here is the approved list - please keep it handy when you shop: 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.

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. 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: From your hands to a teacher's heart! 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. There is always space for new team members, new energy, and new ideas...that might mean there's a place on the team for you! Want to help but don't have time to provide gifts each month? Consider 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 - two favorites that are provided multiple times each year! To offer up your hands, see Cathy Gray, Susie Beard, or any SATS team member, or get in touch through the church office at admin@hfec.org. Thank you!

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 October 14th. Please contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org

Music and Meditation: The next gathering of Music and Meditation will be held on October 6th at 7 PM. Questions should be directed to program coordinator Joel Bruns via the church office. admin@hfec.org

Reading the World: The next meeting date is Wednesday, October 18th at 3 PM. To join the lively discussions on this and other great books, visit the website or talk to Fr. Bruce or any Reading the World participant. bgray@hfec.org

FELLOWSHIP

Game Night: The next gathering of Game Night is on Friday, October 4th 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 Mel Bohlander via the church office. admin@hfec.org

OTHER NEWS

Stewardship Drive Continues: 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 holyfamilyfishers.org/generositypower. bgray@hfec.org

Holy Family Financials Through August 31st

Income \$191,370

Expenses \$223,423

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

Upcoming Events:

Game Night: October 4th 7 PM

Blessing of the Animals: October 6th 8 & 10 AM

Music & Meditation: October 6th 7 PM

Instructed Eucharist: October 13th 8 & 10 AM

Prayer Group: October 14th 6:30-7 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry: October 14th 7 PM

Book Group: October 16th 3 PM via Zoom

Kairos Prison Ministry: October 24th-27th

Trunk or Treat: October 25th 6-7:30 PM

Presiding Bishop Installation Watch Party: November 2nd 11 AM

Diocesan Youth Fall Retreat: November 22nd-24th at Waycross

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

Readers: Wade Nichols, Betty Bogeman, Joel Bruns, Jim Taflinger

Prayers: Sharon Keller, David Diaz

Acolytes: Evelyn Asmus, Isabella Asmus

Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Carol Bruns

LEV: Stephen Canter

Bread: Joel Bruns

Almoners: Chris Beldin, Lee Cahalan

Vestry Member of the Week: Jessica Largent

Altar Guild: Reba Erickson

10 AM Childcare:

Today's alter flowers are given in celebration of Larry & Jackie Pickens anniversary.

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