



# Holy Family Episcopal Church

First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 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).

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## Holy Eucharist – Rite II

### Entrance Hymn

*Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us (v.1,3)* H 61

### 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.**

### Kyrie

H S96

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

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Advent Wreath Lighting

*One candle is 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.**

### The First Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 25:1-9

**1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

**3 Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.**

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my  
transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**The Second Reading** *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

*Creator of the Stars of Night (v.1,2,3) H 60*

**The Holy Gospel** *Luke 21:25-36*

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and

earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*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

BCP 387

*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 St. Timothy's, Indianapolis. We pray for Sean 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 we pray for the Okerson, Paden, and Perez families, and for those who serve as our Children's Ministries. 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 Luke, Julie and Kenny, Tyra and Adam, Joanie, Kathie, Lisa, Patty, Elise, Molly, Giselle, Riley, Carol, Vicki and John, Pam, Ruth, Monique, 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; 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 expecting babies soon; especially Thomas and Taylor.

**We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.**

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.**

*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.**

*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**

## The Peace

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

## Announcements

### The Holy Communion

#### Offertory Anthem

*In the Bleak Midwinter* Rosetti, Holst, Bennet

#### 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.**

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.**

*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.

**Fraction Anthem** *H 5164*  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

**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 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** *Hark! The Glad Sound H 72*

**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

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Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org) or go to the Holy Family Website [HolyFamilyFishers.org](http://HolyFamilyFishers.org).



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

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

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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 online at [tinyurl.com/HFECadvent2024](http://tinyurl.com/HFECadvent2024) 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](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

Support Holy Family's College Care Package Ministry! Holy Family is excited to announce an opportunity to support its College Care Package Ministry, which sends a variety of holiday cards, birthday cards, and small monetary gifts to students

from the congregation. Your financial contributions will help cover the costs of purchasing these items. Donations can be made through the offering plate (memo: Care Package Ministry), through the church website, in-person at the church office, or by mail. For more information, please contact Ruth Everett, [youthministry@hfec.org](mailto:youthministry@hfec.org). The next gift will be given at finals, just before students return home for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and support!

**Music & Meditation:** Only Light Can Do That: Dr. King famously said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." In December, Music & Meditation will listen to music of light and love. Selections will include songs from Marvin Gaye, Zero 7, Nina Simone, Curtis Mayfield and more. Join the conversation on Sunday, December 1st at 7 PM. Questions can be directed to Joel Bruns via the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

**Missionaries of Charity Collection:** Holy Family is actively collecting donations of new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, sleeping bags, and blankets for the guests at Missionaries of Charity shelter in Indianapolis. Please drop off donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your support and keeping our neighbors in need warm this winter! Please direct questions to the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

**Greening of the Church:** On Sunday, December 22nd 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! **This year, Holy Family is looking for someone to coordinate the decorating at the greening. Many of the traditions are in place and ready to go - there just needs to be someone to hold the clipboard and check tasks off as they are completed (no stress!) Please contact Father Bruce if you are interested in filling this role or signing up with a friend.** [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org)

**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.

## WORSHIP

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**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 9th. All are welcome to come and join

in prayer. Contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

**Choir: Calling all Musicians!** Choir rehearsals take place on Thursdays at 7 PM. No auditions are 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](mailto:musicministry@hfec.org) with any questions. Don't sing but play an instrument? Reach out to Bethany for participation opportunities!

**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](https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/holy-family-episcopal-church) each Tuesday in preparation for the following Sunday.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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**Sunday School Registration:** Please follow this link to register your children and youth for childcare, Sunday school, and other activities this school year. Great news! There 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](https://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](mailto:jjohnston@hfec.org)  
Ruth Everett, 7th-12th grade [youthministry@hfec.org](mailto:youthministry@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](mailto:bgray@hfec.org)). Topics will include spirituality, Scripture, worship, ethics, history, and more.. Please contact Fr. Bruce for more information.

**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/](https://holyfamilyfishers.org/biblestudy/). Please direct questions to Stephen or Kristine Canter via the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

## OUTREACH

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**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](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

Fisher Elementary Snacks: 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. 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. Thanks so much! Questions can be directed to the SATS team via the office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

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](https://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! Consider making 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. See Cathy Gray, Susie Beard, or any SATS team member, or get in touch through the church office at [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org). Thank you!

## **MINISTRY GATHERINGS**

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Book Group: Book Group will meet on Wednesday, December 18th, at 3 PM. Contact Fr Bruce to get the information to join the Zoom meeting. [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org)

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 9th. Please contact Kristine Canter or the church office for more information. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

## **FELLOWSHIP**

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Game Night: The next gathering of Game Night is on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@hfec.org)

## **OTHER NEWS**

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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](mailto: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.

Holy Family Financials Through October 31st  
Income \$231,269.52  
Expenses \$279,561.27

### Upcoming Events:

Music & Meditation: December 1st 7 PM  
Game Night: December 6th 7 PM  
Prayer Group: December 9th 6:30-7 PM  
Prayer Shawl Ministry: December 9th 7 PM  
Book Group: December 18th 3 PM *via Zoom*  
Greening of the Church: December 22<sup>nd</sup> 4 PM

Serving Sunday:

Celebrant: Rev. Bruce Gray  
Homily: Rev. Bruce Gray  
Music Director: Bethany Paden  
Piano/Organ: Heather and Doug Tannas  
Greeter: Judi Taflinger  
Ushers: Gary Snyder, Scott Higgins  
Readers: Kay Mulhall, Betty Bogeman, Katie Hamon, Jim Taflinger  
Prayers: David Emerson, David Diaz  
Acolytes: Nina Hamon  
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Ruth Everett, Jim Taflinger  
LEV: Stephen Canter  
Bread: Chris Beldin  
Almoners: Chris Beldin, Lee Cahalan  
Vestry Member of the Week: Jessica Largent  
Altar Guild: Jeff & Karen Smith  
10 AM Childcare: *TBD*

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