

Holy Family Announcements (*updated 12/7/25*)

Journey Through Advent Adult Forum: Join me for the next series in our Adult Forum program, Journey through Advent. Advent is the first season of the Church Year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for “coming.” The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of Jesus’ nativity, and for the final coming of Christ “in power and glory.” The dates for Adult Forum are: Sunday, December 7th, Wednesday, December 10th, Tuesday, December 16th, and Sunday, December 21st. The weekday online forums will conclude with a brief Compline (Night) prayer. To connect to the online offerings, please visit the Adult Forum webpage. www.HolyFamilyFishers.org/AdultForum – Father Frank

Advent Compline Online: Compline, also known as Night Prayer, is a brief service in the Book of Common Prayer that takes place at the end of the day. It is a time of reflection and preparation for sleep. Compline is the final prayer of the canonical hours. The word “Compline” comes from the Latin, meaning “completion.” If you don’t have your own Book of Common Prayer at home, use the [online version](https://www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/compline.html). (<https://www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/compline.html>) Join this brief online gathering led by Father Frank each week during Advent at 8 PM (days vary). All are welcome! www.HolyFamilyFishers.org/AdultForum

12/14 A Parish-wide Intergenerational Event: Becoming an intentionally intergenerational faith community invites us to pray and talk about opportunities for growth. Intergenerational worship and events are important because they strengthen the church community by fostering meaningful relationships between all ages, enabling faith to be passed down, promoting mutual learning and respect, and creating a deeper sense of belonging. When we bring different generations together through shared activities, we can better fulfill our mission of discipleship and live out our identity as the “body of Christ” in a more complete way.

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent (December 14th), traditionally called Gaudete (or “Rejoice”) Sunday, Holy Family will host an intergenerational event in place of the regularly scheduled Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Bible Study. Together, beginning at 9 AM in the Parish Hall and facilitated by “Shepherds” at each table, we will write intercessions (Prayers of the People) that will be used throughout the Christmas season. We look forward to seeing you there! - Fr Frank, Mrs. Everett, and Mrs. Johnston

12/14 Angel Tree Collection: Please visit the link below 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 14th. Please mark each item or bag with a Post-It note or other way to identify the child for each gift. If possible, please provide a gift receipt for each item as well. Please contact Kay Mulhall via the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org HolyFamilyFishers.org/angeltree

12/17 Book Club: Join the conversation on Wednesday, December 17th at 3 PM. Visit the Book Club webpage for Zoom information for this gathering. HolyFamilyFishers.org/BookClub admin@hfec.org

12/21 Music & Meditation: Join the fun on Sunday, December 21st at 7 PM in the sanctuary for a special Winter Solstice celebration. Questions can be directed to ministry lead Joel Bruns. admin@hfec.org

12/21 Last Day of Sunday School: Sunday school for children and youth will finish on December 21st and resume on January 11th.

Winter Prayers of the People: At certain times during the year, Holy Family refreshes the Prayers of the People list. While prayers continue for those who have been read aloud in the past, this gives an opportunity to add new names for those in need. Please add the names of those you wish to be read aloud during the Advent and Christmas liturgical seasons at tinyurl.com/HFECwinterprayers

1/2 Game Night: The next gathering of Game Night will be on Friday, January 2nd at 7 PM. Bring any games you like or try something new! Please contact Fred Naatz through the church office for more information. admin@hfec.org See you then!

Hospitality Hosts Wanted: In an effort to increase participation in this wonderful ministry, each family is being asked to sign up to host hospitality once per program year. Hosts are responsible for making and serving coffee and lemonade as well as cleaning up. They may provide snacks, but this is not required. Please sign up for the 10 AM Hospitality Host schedule, or sign up at the coffee counter in the Narthex for the 8 AM service. Tinyurl.com/HFEChospitality

Sunday School & Childcare Registration: If you have a child in PreK-12th grade who will soon participate in Children's Ministry or Youth Group offerings, it's time to register for the new program year! Tinyurl.com/CMYG2025 Young children who spend time in 10 AM Sunday Childcare should be registered, too. Each household is asked to complete the full form once, then take the "shortcut" option to register additional children.

Snacks for FES: You are invited to donate snacks to Fishers Elementary, Holy Family's partner school, for the SATS (Support a Teacher/Staff) donation drive. Some examples include individually wrapped Cheez-it crackers, Teddy Grahams, Pirate Booty, and Goldfish crackers. Please avoid peanut based snacks, and gluten free snacks are always welcome, too! Please look for the donations basket in the narthex and contact Susie Beard or Jessica Largent through the church office with specific questions. admin@hfec.org

