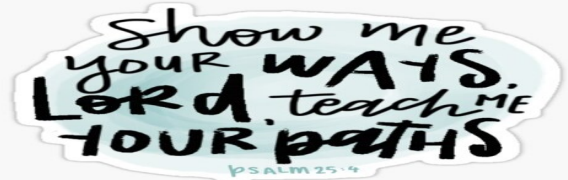




# Holy Family Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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<b>Youth Director:</b>	Allison Kleman..... 325-226-3999
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<b>Cleaning:</b>	Dolores Quintana..... 806-240-8986
<b>Church Grounds:</b>	Doyle Kleman..... 806-943-9812
<b>Religious Articles:</b>	Dorothy Kleman..... 806-945-2396
<b>Parish Council Char:</b>	Garrett Kleman .....806-369-5525
<b>Finance Council Char:</b>	J.C. Pohlmeier..... 806-647-6295
<b>Prayer Chain:</b>	Lenora Braddock..... 806-367-3445
<b>Saturday Choir:</b>	Lisa Schulte..... 806-240-3632
<b>Sunday Choir:</b>	Darlene Schulte..... 806-647-7556

## Mass Changes: For the Month of October

Saturdays - 5:30pm Mass  
Sundays - 9:15am Mass  
Wednesday - Oct 4th - Mass 5:30pm  
**Confession 4:30pm**  
Wednesday - Oct 25th - Mass 5:30pm  
**Confession 4:30pm**  
**No Confession on the weekends**  
**If needed: Contact Dcn Bob Birkenfeld &/or Dcn Joe Hochstein. For Emergencies: Call Father David Contreras 806-433-7881**

## SUNDAY REFLECTION October 1, 2023

Ezekiel 18:25–28; Psalm 25:4–9  
Philippians 2:1–11; Matthew 21:28–32

Echoing the complaint heard in last week’s readings, today’s First Reading again presents protests that God isn’t fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today’s Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus’ day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord’s vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel’s leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance.

Once again, this week’s readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God’s justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today’s Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life’s true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, Humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross. In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel’s leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God’s Word or listen to God’s servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

**Liturgical Ministers****Saturday, Oct 7, 2023 at 5:30pm****Servers:** Bryson, Ethan & Emery Brockman**Lectors:** Mary Verkamp, Ronnie Hoelting**Hospitality:** Rocky & Dianne Wilhelm**Gift Bearer:** BJ, Bertha & Brian Klein**Ushers:** Parish Council**Sunday, Oct 8, 2023 at 9:15am****Servers:** Michael & Samantha Fulkerson,  
Jared Acker**Lectors:** Harley Gerber, Stephanie DeMoss**Hospitality:** Judy Lange & Lisa Braddock**Gift Bearer:** Doyle & Rosie Kleman**Ushers:** Parish Council

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**Saturday, Oct 14, 2023 at 5:30pm****Servers:** Jaxton Schilling, Reagan Schulte,  
Breyson Birkenfeld**Lectors:** Carolyn Wilhelm, Joel Gerber**Hospitality:** Joel Gerber, Judy Lange**Gift Bearer:** Brad & Ashley Kleman**Ushers:** Parish Council**Sunday, Oct 15, 2023 at 9:15am****Servers:** Kamden Osmanski, Barrett Brockman,  
Drew Brockman**Lectors:** Dwight Acker, Felice Acker**Hospitality:** Dwayne Acker & Sandee Hoelting**Gift Bearer:** Mark & Missy Kleman**Ushers:** Parish Council**This Week's Mass Intentions****Monday - Oct 2, 2023**

No Mass

**Tuesday - Oct 3, 2023**

5:30pm - Communion Service

**Wednesday - Oct 4, 2023****4:30pm - Confessions**5:30pm - Deceased members of  
John & Gertrude Bellinghausen Family**Thursday - Oct 5, 2023**

5:30pm - No Mass

**Friday - Oct 6, 2023**

7:00am - Communion Service

**Saturday - Oct 7, 2023**5:30pm - Anita Schilling, RIP  
(Family)**Sunday - Oct 8, 2023**9:15am - Ida Birkenfeld, RIP  
(Family)**STEWARDSHIP****Sept 23 & 24, 2023**

Identifiable Contributors - \$6, 054.00

Children Collection - \$55.00

Votive Collection - \$40.00

**Total Collection - \$6,149.00*****THANKS FOR YOUR SHARING  
OF GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH US!******Please Pray For . . .*****All our sick and elderly**Joshua Moore, Ralph Albracht, Glenn Ehly,  
Madelyn Kern & baby, David Schulte, Carey Acker,  
Sue Frisch, Channing Keeter, Melanie Britten**all those in Ministry, especially**Our Parish Vocations: Father Raj Samala, Father Bala,  
Fr. Nick Gerber and Fr. John Dalton, Father Bhaskar;  
Dcn Bob Birkenfeld, Dcn Joe Hochstein and  
All Religious from Holy Family Parish**And for our deceased loved ones**

## This Week's Calendar

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

9:15am - Mass in Holy Family Church w/  
Father David

10:30am - Catholic Daughters

**Monday October 2, 2023**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

5:30pm - **Communion Service**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

8am-1am - Adoration at the Chapel in the Inn

11:30am Wed Meal - **Sausage**

**4:30pm - Confession**

**5:30pm - Mass w/ Father Grant**

6:10 - Rosary

6:30pm - CCD K-12

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

5:30pm - **No Mass**

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

**7:00am - Communion Service**

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

5:30pm - Mass in Holy Family Church w/  
Father David

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

9:15am - Mass in Holy Family Church w/  
Father David

10:30 - Christian Mothers



## Religious Article Store

Come see what we have!!!

Open after each Weekend Mass  
Call Dorothy Kleman 806-945-2396

**NAZARETH LIBRARY**

Open Monday 10am - 12pm

Thursday - 4pm - 6pm

Contact Bev Schulte 806-647-8217  
Rita Hoelting 806-781-8888



## Announcements

**Please notice Mass changes through October :**

- \* *Masses will be the same on Saturday & Sunday*
- \* *No Confessions on Weekends*
- \* *Communion Service on Tuesdays at 5:30pm & Fridays at 7:00am.*
- \* **Confessions at 4:30–5:30 on Wed Oct 4th & Oct 25th** *Masses on Wednesday Oct 4th and Oct 25th at 5:30p If you need confession before Wednesday (Oct 4th or Oct 25th), check with Tulia or Dimmitt. If you have any spiritual emergency call Rev. David Contreras at 806-433-7881*

**Notice:** CCD Students will lead the rosary every Wednesday in October at 6:10pm.

**American Legion Auxiliary Bingo** Sunday, October 22nd at 2:00pm at the Senior Citizens.

**We will begin Bible Study** on Thursday, Oct 5th on "Mary, a Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother" Call Joel Gerber @ 806-647-7583 if you have any questions.

**Nazareth School Book Fair**, will beheld on October 10-13 in the school library.  
*On Oct 10th* - fair open until 6:00pm  
*On Oct 11th & 12* - fair will be open until 4:30pm  
*On Oct 13th* - fair will be open until 3:00pm.  
Thank you for your support!

**Lost & Found:** We have some items for a little girl, that has been placed in the lost & found box from Labor Day. Please come by or call if your daughter has any lost items.

**Needing Volunteers** for Kolbe Prison Ministers to be team members. At Childress, Texas, November 9th - 11th. Also, donations of cookies would be appreciated for that weekend.

**Flu Shots** - There will be flu shots given on October 13 by the Castro County Hospital at the Senior Citizens Building. Time: 8am—12pm

**87th Annual Fall Convention for DCCW** will be held in Groom, Texas at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. On Friday, Oct 13 - Saturday, Oct 14th. Learn more by calling Monica Musik at 806-382-2191.

**Thank you Note:**

The Boy Scout Troop 265 would like to Thank everyone who donated to or purchased a casserole. Our casserole fund raiser was a success. Once again you have shown what an amazing community we live in.

Pray for needed rain,  
good weather and peace.



## 2023 Labor Day Income &amp; Expense

Events	Income	Minus Expenses	Total
Dinner	\$14,075.00	\$4,193.38	\$9,881.62
Hamburger Supper	\$5,867.00	\$1,397.33	\$4,469.67
Concession CCD	\$158.00		\$158.00
Adult Bingo	\$1,442.00		\$1,442.00
Cow Patty Bingo	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Armbands Child Games	\$816.00	\$3,196.00	-\$2,380.00
Adult Raffle	\$6,910.00		\$6,910.00
Children's Raffle	\$813.00		\$813.00
Bake Shoppe	\$835.00		\$835.00
Concession in Hall	\$200.00		\$200.00
Corn Hole	\$540.00		\$540.00
Donations	\$2,750.00		\$2,750.00
Trailer Auction	\$30,886.00		\$30,886.00
Cattle Auction	\$17,100.00		\$17,100.00
Bank	\$3,960.00	\$110.00	\$3,850.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$87,852.00</b>	<b>\$8,896.71</b>	<b>\$78,955.29</b>

**Notice:** There will be a Steak Supper Fundraiser  
for **BJ and Madeline Kern and Family**  
October 21st at the Nazareth Community Hall  
Happy Hour 5pm + Meal at 6pm.  
And Silent & Live Auction

If you would like to donate items for the auction  
call Mary Verkamp 806-410-6074 or Alisha Womack 806-240-2811

Diapers or Gift cards would be appreciated.  
Monitory Donations may be taken to the Peoples Bank.

Meal donation provided by: Nazareth Catholic Daughters, Christian Mothers,  
Nazareth KCs, Nazareth Volunteer Fire Department, Nazareth Lions Club,  
Nazareth Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts



**NAZARETH  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
FUNDRAISER & STEAK DINNER**

**Saturday October 7**

**COMMUNITY HALL**

Steak Dinner: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**\$150 PER TICKET**

Includes: 2 steak dinners & entry into the  
reverse raffle drawing

**TOP PRIZE \$1,500**

\*\*Reverse drawing\*\*

**RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION**

\*\*Tickets sold at door \$5.00 / ticket or \$20 / 5 tickets\*\*

Steak dinner only: \$30 Adults and \$10 children (12yrs & under)

To purchase a ticket or for more information contact:

Eric & Mandy Schilling 681-2921	Dawn Ramaekers 679-6934
Tyson & Kim Schulte 662-3360	Hugh Wilhelm 292-5396
Justin & Brandy Klemm 787-6472	Taylor & Caitlin Schule 679-0067
Andy & Alyssa Barton 367-3438	Stacey & Tiffany Schulte 678-3569
John & Lynsey Fuller 369-5130	Zane & Karis Farris 316-0321
Bryan & Keegan Charanza 319-3400	Kit & Kira Schulte 363-0139

## Welcome Visitors!!

Please feel right at home.  
We are glad to have you.

### Like to Join Our Church:

Call the Parish Office 806-945-2616  
or Dcn Joe Hochstein 627-7026

**For Baptisms, Marriages,  
Home Blessings  
Sick, Hospital Visits, or Funerals**

Call Father Raj  
806-316-4146 or the  
Office 806-945-2616

**Baptism** - One sponsor must be  
Catholic, confirmed & 14 years old

**Marriage** - contact office  
6 months in advance  
Engaged Encounter &  
Natural Family Planning  
classes needed.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Wed 10:am - 4pm  
Thurs- Fri 9am - 1pm

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wed by noon

**Parish Website:** [hfpn.org](http://hfpn.org)

**Parish Email:**  
[Holyfamilynaz@gmail.com](mailto:Holyfamilynaz@gmail.com)

### ADORATION

Wed 8am - Thurs 1am  
Holy Family Inn

Family Eucharist Adoration will  
be held the 1st Sunday of  
every month from 4 - 5pm.

### To Book Community Hall

Alyssa Barton  
806-367-3438

### Book Home Merc

Kamber Klemm  
806-240-5594

### Book Senior Citizens

David Olvera - 945-2249

### Book Rooms at the INN

Karleen Hoelting  
806-671-1839

### EWTN Local Radio

Nazareth - 105.5 FM  
1010 AM

Hart -102.3 FM (Spanish)

### THE RELIGIOUS ARTICLE STORE

In the foyer of Church  
Open after Mass  
on Weekends.

Call: Dorothy Klemm  
806-945-2396  
Vera Hoelting  
903-450-7742

### RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYERS

during Blessed Sacrament  
Adoration

8:00am Wednesday thru  
1:00am Thursday  
The Chapel of the  
Holy Family Inn

### THE FOOD PANTRY

Open every other Saturday  
at the Boy Scout Building  
Donations and volunteers  
are welcome!

### WEDNESDAY - NOON MEAL

Every Wednesday  
Senior Citizen's Bldg  
\$10.00 a plate - 11:30am -12:30pm  
October 4th Meal:  
Sausage

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and Thursdays 4pm - 6pm  
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### MEALS ON WHEELS

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**

Holy Family Inn 945-2605  
Christine Acker 945-2683