

*Joy*



*Advent*

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December 17, 2023

Holy Family Catholic Church | Shorewood, IL



# Holy Family, Pray for us!

Nourished by God's Word & Sacrament, as one family, we are called upon to share our faith in Jesus Christ & reach out to those in need.



## The Advent Wreath



**Week Three:** \* light the first and second purple candles and the pink candle

**Name:** The Shepherd's Candle

The Third Week of Advent Represents: **Joy**

Candle Color: **Pink**

This third candle is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherds felt at the birth of Jesus.

**Scripture Reflection:** "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." Luke 2:20

\*pause for reflection

**Advent Wreath Prayer:** Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 18 —Dec 23.

MON 7:30AM	TUES 7:30AM	WED 7:30AM	THURS 7:30AM	FRI 7:30AM	SAT 8:00AM
Helen Felsenthal	Thomas & Maureen Howe & Family	John & Mary Shea & Family	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Helen Felsenthal	Larry Corcoran

## WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 23 & Dec. 24

4:00PM	7:00AM	8:30AM	10:15AM
Philomena Reenan Erwin McCatrthy Anthony Frangella	Brian Monaghan	Michael T. Walker	Hieu & Kim Nguyen Anna Antonacci Don & Yolanda Wein



## Mass Schedule

**Saturday** .....4:00pm (Vigil)  
**Sunday** ..... 7:00am, 8:30am,  
 10:15am & Noon  
**Holy Day Vigil**.....7:00pm  
**Holy Day** ..... 7:30am & 7:00pm  
**Daily Mass**.....Monday–Friday 7:30am  
 Saturday 8:00am  
**Confessions**.....Saturdays 8:30 –9:00am  
 6-7pm during Adoration  
**Adoration** 1st & 3rd Thursdays 5:00-7:30pm

## Sacramental Celebrations

### Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office. Parents are required to attend a baptism preparation class. No baptism date can be reserved until the parents attend the class. *Please do not choose Godparents until you receive the established Guidelines for the Godparents at the class.*

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangement must be made through the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the date requested. Please do not reserve a hall or make other preparations before confirming the date with the Pastor. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of Holy Family. Weddings are not scheduled on Saturday evenings or Sundays.

### Parish Registration

New families are welcome. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

### R.C.I.A.

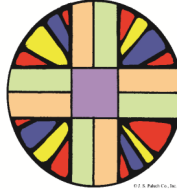
#### (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Anyone seeking information about joining the Catholic faith should contact the Parish Office at 815-725-6880



## Baptism

Madison Grace Dehlinger



## Eternal Life

Charles Fortunato

*Glory*  
 TO THE  
**NEWBORN**  
*King*

Holy Family Parish  
 Office will be  
 closed December  
 22nd until January 4th

Save the date!

Feb. 24 -25

A Dynamic WELCOME weekend for women,  
 Re-Energize the purpose of Christ in your life.



### Reflection on Stewardship

For the period of: Nov 30-Dec 6

Sunday Offertory	\$ 34,814
Budgeted Need	\$ 20,978
YTD Sunday Offertory	\$ 477,530
YTD Budget Need	\$ 482,494
Beloved Traditions	\$ 100
Samaritan Fund	\$ 1,051
	\$
YTD Average Weekly	\$ 20,762

*Thank you for  
 your support of  
 the Diocesan  
 Catholic  
 Ministries  
 Annual  
 Appeal  
 God Bless~*

*God Bless Our  
 Children and  
 Elderly*

# Bishop Hicks' Column

December 2023

## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL AND SYNODALITY, TOGETHER



ARE YOU A CUBS FAN? OR ARE YOU A WHITE SOX FAN? If you have any roots in Chicagoland, you instinctively understand that you must declare one or the other. It is common practice to choose one team — one is never a fan of both!

During these past two years, throughout our country and within the Catholic Church, that same principle seems to have been applied to the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. As you know, the Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative of the Church to enkindle a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist. The Synod on Synodality is an international, multiyear undertaking during which Catholics give feedback and deeply listen to each other — so, as a Church, we can all discern together where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Curiously, many people seem to be taking sides; they are in favor of one, but not the other.

The week before Thanksgiving, I joined over 250 bishops in Baltimore for a week of meetings hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We began the meetings with prayer, adoration, benediction, and Mass. The first address to the assembly was given by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Papal Nuncio. When it comes to the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod, he encouraged us to move away from an “either/or” approach, and to instead embrace and promote both. The special connections between the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod prevailed through our week of meetings.

At one point, Cardinal Pierre beautifully reflected on the road to Emmaus story from the Gospel of Luke (24: 13–35). Along their journey, the disciples debated their theological points of view while Jesus listened to them. “Listening, corresponds to the humble style of God,” said the cardinal, quoting Pope Francis. “God loves humanity: that is why he addresses his word to them, and why he ‘inclines his ear’ to listen to them.”

You see, *listening* is essential for a synodal Church because it is a dimension of love. Through this Emmaus moment, Jesus accompanies, listens, and discerns with His disciples. Then, their hearts were set on fire because they recognized His true presence in the Eucharist. After this Eucharistic encounter, they go

back to the other disciples and proclaim that Jesus is alive and — with missionary zeal — are committed to sharing the risen Christ with the world.

Cardinal Pierre concluded his presentation with these moving insights: “Our people need us to be adventurers for the Lord. They need us to be united with one another. They need to see how our diversity, harmonized, displays the beauty of the Church and of the Catholic faith. They need to be reminded that salvation comes not from one idea or another, but through a shared encounter with the living person of Jesus, who is love.”

Most of us can agree we are a stronger Church when we both listen *and* keep the Eucharist as our source and summit. Let’s look for ways to stay united with each other and with Christ.

From the onset, I announced that the Diocese of Joliet was going to participate in both the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Walking in numerous Eucharistic processions and attending many talks about the Eucharist, I am proud of how robustly our clergy and parishioners have promoted and embraced this Eucharistic Revival. I look forward to participating in our continued celebrations of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Joliet, and will joyfully attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July 2024. That event will launch us into the next phase of the revival by enthusiastically taking the Eucharistic Lord into the world and putting our faith into action as missionary disciples.

At the same time, I am also proud of how we have participated in the Synod on Synodality. For over six months, groups gathered throughout every deanery of our diocese to listen intently to each other. The themes from these listening sessions were gathered and compiled into a report sent to Rome. The first half of the synod concluded in the Vatican this October. With faithful hope, we await the next steps for the second half next October.

As a baseball fan, I am fiercely loyal to my team, while politely ignoring the other. Gratefully, that’s not what our Church does when it comes to the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Like you, I love Jesus so much — especially in the Eucharist — *and* at the same time — through Him, with Him, and in Him — I desire a *listening* Church that calls us to be on mission! With faith and trust in God, I look forward to walking on this all-connected journey with you ahead.

## DIOCESE OF JOLIET





Congratulations to the following children who were awarded the Holy Family Eagle Award for the month of November. These students are chosen by their teachers for demonstrating great Christian values, supporting and assisting others in and out of the classroom, is a team player, tries his/her hardest, and exemplifies what it means to be a Holy Family Eagle.



Pre-Kindergarten 3 year olds – Everett Mullane

Pre-Kindergarten 4 year olds – Lucas Sing

Kindergarten – Natalie Russ

First Grade – Blake Moran

Second Grade – Grace Smith

Third Grade – Vivian Kirksey

Fourth Grade – Connor Laverty

Fifth Grade – Dublin Powers

Sixth Grade – Kaitlyn Kranz

Seventh Grade – Jocelyn Oetter

Eighth Grade – Faith Filipiak



Holy Family School Honor Roll: 1st Trimester

Honor Roll is given to our Junior High students. The following students were recognized for their academic achievements in the first grading period. Congratulations on your hard work!!

Sixth Grade

Honor Roll: Reagan Boll, Laura Gabrus, Carmen Gonzalez, Josie Gregurich, Brenna Leaman, Emilio Prado, Grayson Quinn, Braiden Shea, Hannah Townsend, Stella Tortorello, Sophia Tortorello, Isaiah Ydnekew, and Alyssa Yanule

High Honor Roll: Elaina Chrabot and Kaitlyn Kranz

Seventh Grade

Honor Roll: Anastasia Budin, Morgan Callan, Mya Carmona, Sophia Ciemney, Emma Collett, Aubrey Curry, Max Hrechko, Luke Juricic, Jack Henry Kirksey, Isabella Lindeman, Gregory Mispagel, Sebastian Nunez, Grace Pullman, Nolan Rodriguez, Lilly Ruth, Bryna Snow, Jakob Sporar, Charlotte Struck, and Howard Walsh

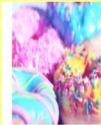
High Honor Roll: Leah Bandy and Kaitlyn Groebe

8th Grade

Honor Roll: Jonah Bradley, Faith Filipiak, Bridget Fischer, Aiden Gomez, John Kinney, Madeline Kinsella, Andrew Kranz, Logan Moore, Gavin Tunkel, and Alexis Yanule

High Honor Roll: Joey O'Gorman, Quinn Melendez, and Isabella Papandria

FEAST OF THE  
HOLY FAMILY  
DECEMBER 31, 2023



Fellowship Sunday

December 31st

After the 7:00, 8:30, & 10:15 am masses

Coffee, Donuts, Juice and Milk

No Sunday Fellowship on  
January 7, 2024

**Oplatki wafers** are available in the narthex. The tradition of



the Oplatki originated in Poland during Early Christian times. This Christmas Custom began with a simple white wafer, baked from flour and water.

### HOW TO CELEBRATE THE OPLATKI TRADITION

Typically right before the Christmas Eve meal, the entire family will gather around the table with the Oplatek. Generally the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. The purpose of this act is primarily to express one's unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of his or her family.

### THE SYMBOLISM

The significance of the Oplatki Christmas wafer is in that it shadows the Eucharistic meal. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ and receive Christ's love through the Eucharist, the Oplatki allows for one's immediate family to come together and share the love they have for one another. This symbolism is deepened by the fact that the name of the town where Jesus Christ was born, Bethlehem, means "House of Bread."

## 2023 Christmas Schedule

### Christmas Eve Vigil Masses Sunday, December 24

3:00 pm Mass in Church  
3:00 pm Mass in the Gym  
5:00 pm Mass in Church  
9:30 pm Christmas Choir Concert  
10:00 pm Mass in Church



### Christmas Day Masses Monday, December 25

8:30 am Mass in Church  
10:15 am Mass in Church  
12:00 pm Mass in Church

Please note on Sunday, December 24th there will not be a 12:00pm Mass

### CHRISTMAS EVE INTENTIONS

3:00PM Church	3:00PM Gym	5:00PM	10:00PM
Reenan & Omeara Families Norman Hall Lloyd Christensen	Matt & Jim Uremovic Edmund & Marie Baumgarten Donna Craig	Harold Carroll Stephanie Mastrogiovanni Steve Prehn	The People of Holy Family



### CHRISTMAS DAY INTENTIONS

8:30AM	10:15AM	12:00PM
John & Katharina Kuchel John & Anna Schwarz	John & Dennis Zaletel Joseph A. Cartolano	The People of Holy Family

*blessed is the fruit  
of your womb*

LUKE 1:42

#### Christmas Gift for you

Once again we will be giving out books for a parish Christmas Present at all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses until they are gone. This year there are two to choose from. "This Is My Body," by Bishop Robert Barron, and Beautiful Eucharist, which is a collection of stories from several Catholic Authors. Take whichever you feel called to read, and feel free to share with others as you read through the wonderful stories on the Eucharist.

Merry Christmas

Matthew Toohill & Jen Legreid

#### TODAY IS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DECEMBER 17TH

The Knights of Columbus welcome our fellow parishioners to our Annual Breakfast with Santa.

Breakfast will be served after the Sunday morning Masses 7AM, 8:30AM and 10:15AM  
December 17 in the Gym.

Come take a picture a picture with Santa as we celebrate the coming of Jesus this Advent season.

Free admission to all. Donations will be accepted.  
Everyone is Invited!





## Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 17, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
<b>Monday</b>	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
<b>Friday</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
<b>Saturday</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Holy Family Adult Choir presents...

## Love Came Down at Christmas



*Celebrating God's Hope,  
Peace, Joy, and Love*

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

Concert begins at 9:30 p.m.

Midnight mass follows at 10 p.m.

*He will baptize you with  
the Holy Spirit*

MATTHEW 3:II



Solemnity of  
Mary, the  
Mother of God  
New Year's Day  
Mass  
9:00 am

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

### Statement of Activities Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2023

	Actual				Budget
	Church	Rel Ed *	School	Total	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>					
Sunday Collections	\$ 1,004,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,004,999	\$ 1,014,000
Other Collections	89,880	-	-	89,880	87,000
Fundraisers	-	-	206,274	206,274	208,450
Tuition and Fees	-	124,410	1,401,992	1,526,402	1,605,298
Other Unrestricted Revenue	55,015	206.63	192,056	247,278	140,179
Restricted Revenue	19,356	-	6,050	25,406	27,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,169,250</b>	<b>\$ 124,617</b>	<b>1,806,372</b>	<b>\$ 3,100,238</b>	<b>\$ 3,081,927</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Salaries	\$ 355,410	\$ 162,282	\$ 1,102,530	\$ 1,620,223	\$ 1,662,046
Fringe Benefits	155,004	50,518	325,202	530,724	543,225
Repairs & Maintenance	8,383	6,071	21,827	36,282	8,000
Services	58,986	47,848	85,125	191,960	198,234
Materials & Supplies	51,689	24,976	122,641	199,305	202,861
Insurance	7,489	7,489	21,803	36,781	44,000
Utilities	22,567	14,721	46,818	84,106	104,950
Diocesan Assessment	50,961	-	-	50,961	50,961
Other Operating Expense	25,289	30,874	230,963	287,126	237,650
Capital Expenditures	7,087	7,369	29,502	43,957	30,000
Loan Interest	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 742,866</b>	<b>\$ 352,147</b>	<b>\$ 1,986,411</b>	<b>\$ 3,081,425</b>	<b>\$ 3,081,927</b>
<b>Revenue - Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 426,384</b>	<b>\$ (227,530)</b>	<b>\$ (180,040)</b>	<b>18,814</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Parish Subsidies	\$ (407,570)	\$ 227,530	\$ 180,040	-	\$ -
ERC Income (1)	115,782	-	-	115,782	
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 134,595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 134,595</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Capital Campaign	121,032			121,032	

\* Rel Ed reflects Religious Education Elementary, Youth Ministry, and Adult Faith Formation

(1)- Employee Retention Credit- Part of Government COVID Relief Funds

### Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2023

<b>Assets</b>		<b>Liabilities</b>	
Cash & AR	\$ 640,430	Deferred Revenue-CARES Act	\$ -
Diocesan Accounts		Deferred Revenue-Prepays	498,974
Beloved Traditions	\$ 54,331	<b>Net Assets</b>	
Capital Campaign	205,986	Fund Balances	\$ 4,243,403
Savings	532,062	Temporarily Restricted	194,036
School Endowment	135,059	Restricted	517,729
Building	\$ 3,886,273	<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,955,167</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,454,141</b>	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,454,141</b>





## Military Moments

Please take a moment of your day to keep our active duty military in your prayers. Some are serving across the United States and some are currently or will soon be deployed around the world. They have taken an oath to uphold our Constitution and protect our freedoms.

CAPT Sarah Antolik, USAF  
 PO1 Emily C Behrel, US Navy  
 CAPT Edward Budimier, USMC  
 PFC Ryan Boyle, USMC  
 PFC Anh-Khoa Bui, USMC  
 1st LT Adam Burt, USMC  
 COL David Conner, US Army  
 PFC Nicole Corn, USMC  
 SrA Sicily Cutarelli, USAF  
 LTC Mark Davis, US Army  
 LTC Matthew Davis, US Army  
 CPL Angel DelTorro USMC  
 PO1 Zachary Duffy, US Navy  
 LTC Donald Erickson, US Army  
 SSGT Nino Ferreira, USMC  
 LCPL John P Givens, USMC  
 LTJG Joseph Guenther, USCG  
 SrA Marcus Guerrero, USAF  
 PVT Kyle Hanlon, US Army  
 PO2 Nathan Haupt, U.S. Navy  
 SPC4 Dustin Hayes, US Army  
 SGT Brandon Hochevar US Army  
 MAJOR Jeffrey Ivas, US Army  
 PFC Ryan Jackson, US Army  
 SrA Tyler Jass, USAF  
 PFC Nathan Johnson, USMC  
 SSGT Nathan Kijowski, USMC  
 2nd LT Jessy Marasco, US Army  
 PVT Yesenia Martinez USMC  
 MAJOR Sean Morrow, US Army  
 LCPL Timothy O'Brien, USMC  
 CAPT Daniel Sean Peet, US Army  
 2nd Lt. John Pettas, USMC  
 PO2 Steven Silder, US Navy  
 PO1 James Stockhausen, US Navy  
 AR Jack Sutherland US Navy  
 PFC Brandon Vasquez, US Army  
 LT Sara Wooten, US Navy  
 SSGT Thomas Wooten, USMC  
 SGT Ethan Zielinski, USMC

*Please contact the parish office  
 to have your family member included.*

## Eucharistic Adoration

**1st & 3rd Thursday**

of each month

**5:00 to 7:30pm**

**Confessions  
 will be heard  
 from 6-7pm**



Next date:

**December 21st**

## Prayers Needed

Laila Myers Ormond  
 Michelle Graves  
 Anita Bottomley  
 Robert Riley  
 William Holmes

Diane Zehner  
 Olivia Givens  
 Carmen Rizza  
 Geri Budimier  
 Rita Uremovich

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please email or call the parish office at 815-725-6880 [ccapecci@holyfamilyshorewood.org](mailto:ccapecci@holyfamilyshorewood.org). The name of the loved one will be included weekly for 60 days.



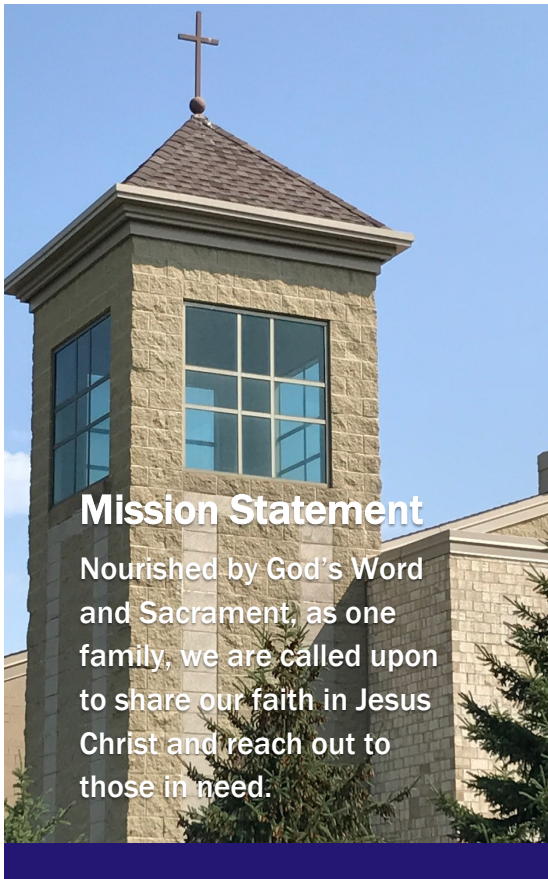
**Register online [Kofc.org/joinus](http://Kofc.org/joinus)**

**Holy Family Knights of Columbus  
 Council 15732**

**Ray Esparza, Grand Knight**  
[alkieresparzanoah@att.net](mailto:alkieresparzanoah@att.net)

### *Help Wanted*

For available jobs in the diocese please visit:  
<https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>



## Mission Statement

Nourished by God's Word and Sacrament, as one family, we are called upon to share our faith in Jesus Christ and reach out to those in need.

### Parish Office

(815) 725-6880 Fax:(815) 725-2311

### School Office

(815) 725-8149 Fax:(815) 725-8649

### Religious Education Office

(815) 730-8691

## Holy Family Catholic Church

600 Brook Forest Avenue Shorewood, IL 60404  
(Rt. 59 between Rt. 52 & Black Rd.)

[www.holyfamilyshorewood.org](http://www.holyfamilyshorewood.org)

### Staff Directory

**Pastor** ..... Rev. Brad Baker  
**Parochial Vicar** ..... Rev. Brian Geary  
**Deacon** ..... Deacon Steve Gerding  
**Deacon** ..... Deacon Steve Petrouske  
**Deacon** ..... Deacon Manuel Guerrero (retired)  
**Parish Administrative Assistant** ..... Carrie Capecci  
**Director of Evangelization** ..... Matthew Toohill  
**Evangelization Assistant** ..... Jen Legreid  
**Youth Minister** .....  
**Director of Music** ..... Tamara Malebranche  
**Music Assistant** ..... Jacqueline Nawojski  
**Business Manager** ..... Tom Vertin  
**Billing Clerk** ..... Maria Velazquez  
**IT Network Administrator** ..... Aaron Souza  
**Director of Facilities** ..... Rob Kurns

### School Office

**Principal** ..... Anthony Wilkinson  
**School Office Manager** ..... Jill Gillespie  
**School Administrative Assistant** ..... Tawny Quinn

### Religious Education Office

**Director of Religious Education** ..... Leslie Krauledis  
**Administrative Assistant** ..... Susan Stachovic  
**Night Coordinator** ..... Therese Maringer  
**Office Assistant** ..... Maureen Schuchart  
**Office Assistant** ..... Judy Guthrie



### CMAA Report By Parish

2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 12/3/2023

Parish # 103

Parish Name Holy Family Parish - Shorewood

	2023	2022	Inc/Dec	2022 (Final)
Goal	\$91,100	\$88,500	\$2,600	\$88,500
Amount Pledged	\$113,084	\$119,850	(\$6,766)	\$121,910
Amount Paid	\$110,225	\$114,019	(\$3,794)	\$118,070
Balance Due	\$2,860	\$5,831	(\$2,972)	\$3,840
Donor Count	475	481	-6	486
2023 Rebate	\$13,387			

