



# Holy Family Parish St. Joseph Church

Together in Faith

Weekly Bulletin

August  
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2023

## Mass Times:

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Saturday Vigil 5 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.

Sunday 12 p.m.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 8 a.m.

Thursday 8 a.m.

Friday 9 a.m.

### Holy Days

12 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

### Adoration

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 4:45 - 5:20 p.m.

First Friday 8 - 8:50 a.m.

First Saturday 8 - 8:50 a.m.

### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Sunday 8 a.m.

### Holy Days

Vigil 5:30 p.m.

### Reconciliation

Sunday 7:30 - 7:45 a.m.



## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's  
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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# Welcome to Mass! We are called to...

## Mass Intentions

### ROSARY RECITATION

Recitation of the Rosary is said before Holy Family Parish Mass each Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Recitation of the Rosary is said before St. Joseph Church Mass each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. Come and join us as we pray to our Blessed Mother.

### HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, August 19 - 5 p.m.

† George Sagatis - Bonnie Frederick

† Joann Weiner - Carol, Char & Celeen

† David Lisnock - Friend

† Sheila Domina, Jennie Stegich Domina, David Domina & Bonnie Domina Maslow - James A. Domina Family

### ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, August 20 - 8 a.m.

† Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

### HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, August 20 - 10 a.m.

† Pro Populo

### HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, August 20 - 12 p.m.

† Matthew Gazak (L) - Patrick & Colleen Rockwell

† Bernie Cohen - David & Patty Pietrusza

### HOLY FAMILY

Tuesday, August 22 - 5:30 p.m.

† John Luciano - Fr. Brian Slezak

### HOLY FAMILY

Wednesday, August 23 - 8 a.m.

† Dominica C. Brant - Jack Brant

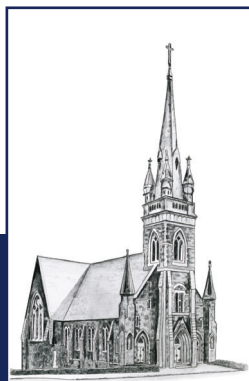
### HOLY FAMILY

Thursday, August 24 - 8 a.m.

† Alfred Ferguson - Ken & Kathy Slezak

***"Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, outside of Mass, should go together with worship in Mass so that our love may be complete!"***

***—Saint John Paul II***



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### HOLY FAMILY

Friday, August 25 - 9 a.m.

† Mary Jo Burns - Tom Jess

### HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, August 26 - 5 p.m.

† Theresa McGinnis - Family

† Christina Plant - Maryanne Terzi

† Deceased Members of the Feane Family - Family

† Shirley Cumm - Madison Family

### ST. JOSEPH

Sunday, August 27 - 8 a.m.

† Elizabeth Marie Murphy Pye - Family

† Rose C. Hall and Ernest C. Hall - Michael A. Hall & Family

### HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, August 27 - 10 a.m.

† Linda Sagatis - Family

† Elsie Baum - Husband, Children & Grandchildren

† Michael Santillo - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Castellano

### HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, August 27 - 12 p.m.

† Pro Populo

### ST. JOSEPH - PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Ann Tucker, Debbie Povec, Mike Barron, Carol Ann Kovic, Jeanette Hogan, Matthew Cadwell, James Doolittle, Sr., Richard Grogan, Helen Johnson, Betty Zerbst, Allison Perry, Tyler David Foster, Margaret Johnson, Neil Cronin, Steven Serow, Lisa Giordano-Hayes, and Joseph Rudi, Mimi Smith, Caleb Hunter, Maggie Rouch, Norman Mastromoro, and Emily Mayhew. All the members of our armed forces and their families.



## Sacrificial Giving

Holy Family - August 13    Collection - \$3,895.00  
St. Joseph - August 13    Collection - N/A

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# *know, love, and serve as Jesus did.*

## Holy Family/St. Joseph Calendar

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24th** / Meeting for Christmas Nativity Play. Holy Family Parish Office Building. 5 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th** / Holy Family/St. Joseph Picnic. Rotary Park. 5-7 p.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th** / Holy Family/St. Joseph Family Mass. Holy Family Parish Gym.. 5-7 p.m.

## News & Events

### Save the Date for the Parish Picnic - Sept. 13th



Come and enjoy good food and community. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the churches.

### Holy Family Food Pantry

Rice, packaged potatoes, canned fruit, and applesauce. Monetary donations appreciated. Write check to the Little Falls Food Pantry.

### Be a Part of a Christmas Play!

We are in the early stages of planning a Christmas play entitled, "The Story of the Nativity." There are no definite plans as yet, but, depending on interest, we hope to perform the play twice, once at the Holy Family gym in Little Falls and once at the Annunciation Parish Center in Ilion. We hope to have two full casts of actors comprised of young Catholics from **Holy Family, St. Joseph, Annunciation, and Our Lady Queen of Apostles** churches.

We are reaching out first to the grownups who are willing to share their time and talent, and their ideas and expertise. We plan to meet on Thursday, August 24th at the Holy Family Parish Office at 5 p.m. If you are interested, please call Mary Joan Korce at 315-823-2299 or come to the meeting on the 24th.

## Rebuild & Renew

### Holy Family Parish Restoration Campaign

### Please support Holy Family's Rebuild & Renew Campaign

Holy Family Parish has begun a Restoration Campaign to fund raise \$300,000 for capital projects at the church and Parish Office Building.

There are many avenues to give and any size donation is greatly appreciated. We cannot achieve our goal without sacrificial gifts from families and the community. For more information, visit [hollyfamilylittlefalls.org](http://hollyfamilylittlefalls.org).

### New Sign-Up System for Thursday Adoration



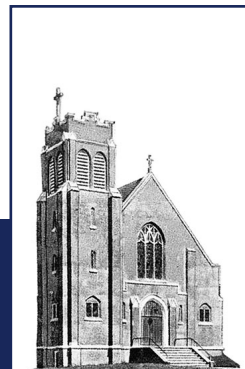
We are currently transitioning to a new Adoration sign-up system replacing the paper sign-up sheet. We are confident this will operate more efficiently and will ease the workload on Fr. Slezak and office staff.

We need parishioners to cover ½ hour slots from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Please call or email Michele (info. below) to participate. She will need your name and email address. SignUp Genius will then send you an email containing a link. Click on the link and follow the instructions.

This timesaving program will allow you to:

- schedule, swap, or cancel your slot 24/7
- chose multiple times/days
- receive an automatic reminder the day before your scheduled time.
- receive confirmation when you signup or change your slot.

You no longer have to call the office or tell Father. The goal is to incorporate this signup system for ALL scheduling going forward at Holy Family Parish. Please make every effort to utilize and support it. If you would like to participate, have questions, or want to be guided through the process, please contact Michele at [michele.hfp@gmail.com](mailto:michele.hfp@gmail.com) or call (518) 779-3049. She would be happy to help you.



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**“The numbers show that the classroom-based model is no longer effective at transmitting the Faith. For this reason, Holy Family and St. Joseph are changing our strategy...”**

The Church is in a time of great transition where people are leaving due at least in part to an outdated implementation of faith formation rooted in programs or modeled after classroom education. No longer can we rely on programs for retention, or use the sacraments as mere ‘gateways.’ The numbers show that the classroom-based model is no longer effective at transmitting the Faith.

For this reason, Holy Family and St. Joseph are changing our strategy. The weekly religious instruction program for children held on Sunday mornings will be no more. Starting in September, families, parishioners—young and old—will be invited to gather in the gym Sunday evenings from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. once a month.

The evening will begin with fellowship over a potluck meal. I, or another qualified speaker will offer a presentation on a relevant topic. The writings of saints will inspire us and there will be time for enrichment activities and small group discussions to help us articulate what we believe. The goal is to (1) form us in the Catholic worldview; (2) give us the skills needed to combat the secular arguments; and (3) have the tools to evangelize. Christ has conquered the world and He will lead us to victory!

More details are coming in next week’s bulletin. Be sure to make your calendars for the first session on September 17th.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Brian Slezak



Holy Family Parish & St. Joseph Church

## **Parish Family Catechesis**

Begins: Sunday, September 17th

Holy Family Parish Gym

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*More details to come!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Long before athletes step out onto the field for the first game, they must spend countless hours on the practice field. They must make sacrifices, listen to the coach, and learn from the all-stars. They must know how to play offense as well as defense. Without proper preparation defeat is inevitable.

When it comes to the Faith, we no longer know how to play the game. Our young people do not know the Faith, nor how to defend it. Our older people are discouraged, confounded—asking why no one comes to church. The rules of the game have changed and we have not adapted.

It is time we change our approach and create a program rooted in the liturgy and aimed, not at a particular age group, but at the entire parish family. Understanding that the Church upholds the dignity and beauty of the family.

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