

#### **Merry Christmas**

From all of us at Holy Family – we pray you are celebrating a joyous Christmas season with family and friends. Wishing you and your loved ones countless blessings this Christmas and in the New Year!

# Celebrating Our Namesake: The Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 28, is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - an occasion especially close to our hearts at Holy Family Catholic Schools. More than a name, "Holy Family" reflects our identity as a unified system of schools and parishes, joined together in faith and mission.

This feast reminds us that the Holy Family of Nazareth is a living model of love, sacrifice and unwavering trust in God—an example that continues to shape and inspire our community.

As we look ahead to the 25th anniversary of our school system in 2026, we recall that choosing the name "Holy Family" was a prayerful decision, meant to symbolize the coming together of our local faith communities as one spiritual family. It's a name that calls us to create homes and classrooms rooted in prayer, compassion and mutual respect.

In honoring the Holy Family, we also celebrate the enduring partnership between our schools and parishes - working side by side to form disciples of Jesus Christ through Catholic educational excellence. Like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we are called to navigate life with courage, unity and deep trust in God's plan.

May this feast renew our commitment to strengthening family bonds and building communities of love and prayer.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you, we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer.

## Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School 5th **Grade Activity Night**

Area fifth-grade families are invited to Mazzuchelli's Activity Night and Parent Information Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School. Fifth-grade students will participate in community-building activities while parents attend an information and Q&A session with Principal DanielThole and Assistant Principal Dain Leytem.

Contact Admissions and Tuition Services Manager Rebecca Mueller at rmueller@holyfamilydbq.org to learn more.

## Submit Your Nominations for the 2026 Holy Family Hall of Honor

The Hall of Honor recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions in their work, community and to the Holy Family Catholic Schools community. Each year, we are proud to highlight the accomplishments and service of those who strive to make an impact professionally and personally. There are four award categories including:

- Professional Achievement Award
- Holy Family Catholic Schools Service Award
- Outstanding Service Award
- Rising Young Alumni Award



Nominate someone you know and respect by Sunday, Jan. 11, at holyfamilydbq.org/hallofhonor.

#### **Save These Dates:**

- Now Holy Family Early Childhood 26-27 enrollment open to parish members
- Jan. I Holy Family scholarships and financial assistance application opens
- Jan. II Hall of Honor nominations due
- Jan. 15 MCMS 5th Grade Activity Night
- Jan. 26 New family enrollment opens
- Jan. 25–31 National Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 26 HFCS new family enrollment opens