

HOLY Family Parish

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THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.

**The Baptism of the Lord
January 11th**

Fortify Night

FELLOWSHIP + FOOD + MUSIC + DISCUSSION

JOIN FR. NATE AND FR. ALEX
EACH MONTH REGARDING A DIFFERENT
TOPIC ABOUT OUR FAITH

ST. PETER MINISTRY RESOURCE CENTER

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SESSION 1:

Monday, January 26th

MAJOR SEMINARY VISIT

COME AND YOU WILL SEE. - JOHN 1:39



JANUARY
29TH - 31ST
2026

SACRED HEART
MAJOR SEMINARY

Detroit, Michigan



Diocese of Gary
Vocations

To RSVP:
Contact Jo Anne Rosenow

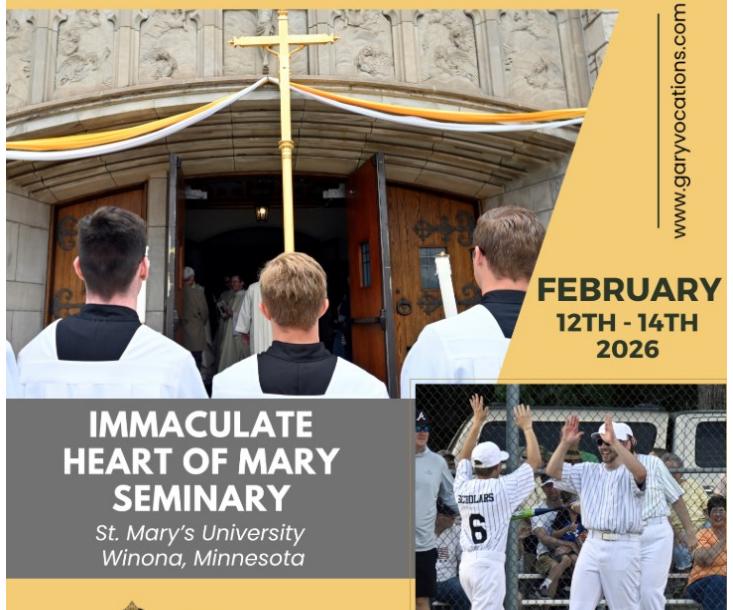
 jrosenow@dcgary.org

Men ages 21 and older
All expenses paid
Transportation provided



COLLEGE SEMINARY VISIT

COME AND YOU WILL SEE. - JOHN 1:39



IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY
SEMINARY

St. Mary's University
Winona, Minnesota



Men ages 16-20
All expenses paid
Transportation provided

A Community that Worships Together

adoración en comunidad

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Homilies are available on our YouTube channel.
www.youtube.com/c/HolyFamilyLaporte

Daily Mass

Monday, January 12th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Mike Wolfe by Surma Family

Tuesday, January 13th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Stephanie & Brian Byrnes by Jim Blake

Wednesday, January 14th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Thomas Houlihan by Judy Stearns
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter
+ Antonio Reyes & Consuelo Perez by Reyes Family

Thursday, January 15th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Ken Moryl by Chris Moryl

Friday, January 16th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Carey Johnson & + Diane Johnson by Johnson Family

Saturday, January 17th

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St Joseph
+ Deacon Bob Buchiet by Audrey Hagenow

Mass Check-ins
Cards are located in the main entrance narthex (one per student).
Place in collection basket when done!
ALL Faith Formation students are expected to participate in Mass Check-ins.



Faith Formation CHECK-IN	
Name (first & last):	
Date: / /	
Child's Class: Please circle one: Communion Prep (Level 1, 2, or 3) Confirmation Life in the Church (Grades 4-6) Prep (Level 1, 2, or 3)	

tarjetas de asistencia a misa

Las tarjetas están disponibles en la entrada (una para cada estudiante).
Pónganlas en la canasta durante el colección.
Se requiere que TODOS los estudiantes participen.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Judy Wentworth

Terry Varga

Por favor, recen por el descanso de su alma.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 17th, Vigil Mass

- 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Peter
+ Michael Boardman by Jan

Sunday, January 18th

Reading 1 Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel John 1:29-34

- 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
Intentions for Keith from Jim Blake
- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+ Jeffery LeRoy by Family
& Holy Family Parishioners
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Frances & Fredric Hill by Carol
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+ Maria Auxilio Rubio by Reyes Family

CONFESION & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Confession | Confesión

- Tuesday, 7:15 a.m. Sacred Heart (before 8 a.m. Mass)
- Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. St. Joseph (before 7 p.m. Mass)
- Thursday, 7:15 a.m. Sacred Heart (before 8 a.m. Mass)
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. St. Joseph
- Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m. St. Peter

Eucharist Adoration | Adoración

- Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. Before 8 a.m. Mass,
Sacred Heart (Livestream)
- St. Joseph Adoration Chapel, 8 am-5 pm



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Each church has a cross that you can take home and pray for vocations. Sign up on the clipboard in the narthex for the week you want. The cross will be at the church on the table designated for you to pick up on Saturday or Sunday. Bring it back the following Saturday evening and leave it for the next person.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VOCATIONS CROSS MINISTRY?

CONTACT JAN EDQUIST 219-575-1597

Special Thanks

Dear friends,

Thank you for the many gifts, cards, and blessings that you sent our way this Christmas. We are beyond blessed to serve you in LaPorte and look forward to a wonderful 2026. Know of our closeness and prayers for you.

God Bless,

Fr. Nate and Fr. Alex

Dearly Beloved members of Holy Family Parish,

Peace and Blessings from Father Ian,

I would like to express my deep gratitude for the prayers and love that continue to be offered by my friends in LaPorte. At this time, my doctor says the tumors are dormant. I believe your and other prayers are a huge reason for this.

Also, please accept my sincere thank you for the Christmas Cards and well wishes I received from you. They stirred up fond memories of my time in LaPorte and the many wonderful people I came to know and love.

Know that you continue to be in my heart and prayers,

Love, Fr. Ian

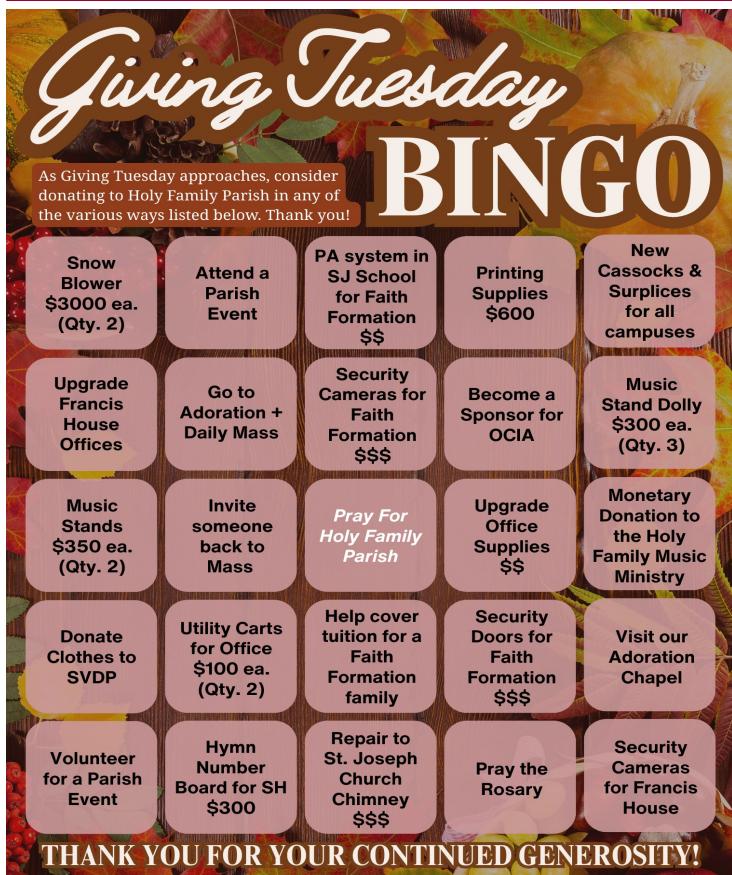
Christmas Thanksgiving

Not long ago, on Thanksgiving, I was thinking how grateful I am to be part of Holy Family Parish. God has graced us with so many faithful, generous parish staff members and parishioners!

As a priest (a long with Fr. Ian) for nearly 30 years, never have I ever experienced such generosity in receiving SO MANY Christmas gifts from the people of a parish! While I am touched and amazed by the quality AND quantity of the gifts, I am not surprised. The people of Holy Family are living faith by giving; one "problem" I hear people talk about how FULL our Sunday Masses are (what a problem to have)!

Know that every gift you gave to me is MOST appreciated. One gift merits special mention: your gift of prayer; Thank You! Know that you are in my prayers also!

Fr. Bill



The Diocese of Gary is launching a new publication that has been arriving in households. The new quarterly magazine, Faith Northwest Indiana, will feature content that encourages readers to live their faith in today's modern world and seek a deeper relationship with Jesus.

The magazine will be mailed free of charge to every registered household. Those who would like to receive the magazine can sign up through the magazine's website (faithNWI). A podcast featuring the magazine's content will be available for listening in both English and Spanish. Faith Northwest Indiana is available on popular audio streaming platforms, such as Spotify, Apple Podcasts and Amazon Music.

Those interested in helping to support the production costs of Faith Northwest Indiana can make a gift at <https://dcgary.org/contribute>, with a comment that they would like their gift to support the magazine. For more information, contact Colleen McGinty-Rabine directly by email (crabine@dcgary.org) or phone (219) 769-9292.



Children's Ministry

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at Sacred Heart
Ministerio infantil
El primer y tercer domingo del mes en Sacred Heart.

Keep children warm this winter!

Caps for Kids

Saint Vincent DePaul/ Holy Family Church is once again collecting caps and gloves or mittens for our neighbors in need. All sizes are needed!

We will collect the caps and gloves starting November 30th through January 30th. Drop off the items in the designated boxes in each church. Thank you for helping us help others!



Christmas Lights repurposed

The Holy Family Peace and Justice Commission is collecting old, broken or useless strands of Christmas lights that are no longer working. These will either be re-furbished or re-cycled and the money used for our parish food pantries. Simply drop your old lights in the food collection boxes located in the church gathering space.

Recycling at Holy Family Parish

From the Peace and Justice Commission

Just a reminder We are continuing to collect some recyclables such as: ink cartridges, cell phones, and tablets. Thank you for helping to save our environment!

Low Gluten Host

To all Parishioners requiring a low gluten host: Before Mass please notify the sacristan of your need. At Sacred Heart and St. Peter's, low gluten hosts will be distributed by the EEM on the choir side of the Church. At St. Joseph, the celebrant distributes them.



Message from Fr. Nate Edquist & the Director of Safety and Security

PARKING INFORMATION INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL ESTACIONAMIENTO

For the safety of everyone, please keep in mind the following conditions when parking in the Holy Family Parish parking lots.

- **DO NOT block the entrance/exits to the church parking lots.**
 - NO bloquee la entrada/salida de los estacionamientos de la iglesia.
- **DO NOT park in posted No Parking areas.**
 - NO se estacione en las zonas prohibidas.
- **DO NOT park in driveway access.**
 - NO se estacione en el acceso al camino de entrada.
- **DO NOT block fire lanes.**
 - NO bloquee los carriles de bomberos.

Your cooperation is essential, as parking in these areas impedes emergency vehicles access to our facilities that may respond to an emergency at our churches.

**VEHICLES ARE SUBJECT TO TOWING
VEHÍCULOS ESTÁN SUJETOS A REMOLQUE**



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*"God always gives more
than we dare to hope for."*

Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel, Foundress

Discernment Retreats

November 7-9, 2025
February 20-22, 2026
May 8-10, 2026
November 13-15, 2026

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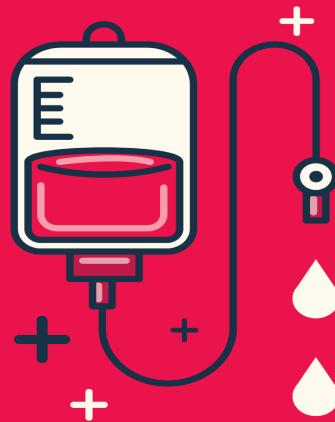
Franciscan Health Michigan City is seeking dependable and friendly volunteers!

Volunteers are an integral part of the success of Franciscan Health as they provide an indispensable service to the patients and staff. Volunteers are located in a number of different areas in the hospital in both medical units and in customer service departments. Some assignments include the Gift Shop, Emergency Department, I.C.U, Cancer Center, and Surgery Center. These opportunities are great for students who are interested in entering the health field, folks who have the gift of time to share, or anyone who is looking to stay active! Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, be medically cleared and drug screened, and have a background check completed.

If this sounds like something you are interested in, or if you are curious about any of our other assignments, please

email Audrey.schram@franciscanalliance.org or call (219) 877-1421.

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Wednesday

**February
4th
12-5**

Campaña de donación de sangre
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Done sangre para salvar
la vida de alguien
GO TO:
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Novena for Life

Novena por la vida

St. Peter Campus

January 14-22

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A PARISHIONER?

¿Está interesado en ser en un feligrés?

Registration forms can be found at our Main Office,
or you can register online |

Los formularios de inscripción se pueden encontrar en nuestra oficina principal, o puede registrarse en nuestro sitio web.

REGISTER NOW >
www.holyfamilylaporte.org/parishioner-registration



Keep in touch with us!



To receive event information,
reflections, and other Holy Family
Parish updates by email or text,
sign-up for Flocknote!



SIGN-UP FOR FLOCKNOTE ONLINE:
holyfamilylaporte.flocknote.com



IT IS GAME TIME

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Knights of Columbus
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
ST. JOSEPH CAMPUS - GYM



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Safe Sleep for La Porte County Babies



Learn, Watch, Connect

Discover safe sleep practices, watch trusted pediatricians share real advice, and find support right here in La Porte County.

Maternal Care Resources

Atención Materna

Mom's Survey: Win a \$50 Gift Card

Infant Safety

Local OB Providers

Partner Toolkit

Hear From Local Pediatricians

Caring for a new baby can feel overwhelming, but you're not alone. Our trusted local pediatricians share practical tips and reassurance to help you create a safe sleep environment and keep your little one healthy. Watch their short videos below to learn simple, evidence-based ways to support safe sleep every day.

All resources are **free** and designed to make sharing easy. At SafeSleepLPC.org

EMBRACE!

Retreat for married and engaged couples

FEATURING:

Chris and Linda Padgett

Cost: \$120 per couple



 **Saturday, Feb. 14**
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

 **St. Paul Catholic Church**
1855 Harrison Blvd,
Valparaiso, IN, 46385

Bring your bible, your journal, and get ready for some fun!



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Retreat includes:

- Interactive talks
- Personal time for couples' reflection and discussion
- Continental breakfast and catered lunch
- Adoration with a special blessing for the couples

Learn more and register:
[dcgary.org/
couples-retreat](http://dcgary.org/couples-retreat)



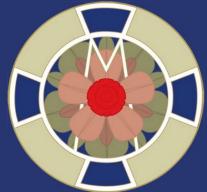
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IN CHOICE SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLY NOW

2025-2026 Academic School Year

- AGE 5 BY AUGUST 1ST
- ENROLLED IN K-8
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Scholarship may cover all or most of your tuition!



Apply Now! notredameparish.net

The window will be opening soon to apply for a period 2 Choice Scholarship. If you missed the 1st application window, it's not too late for the current school year to apply for period 2 scholarships.

Period 2 Scholarship Application Window:

- November 1st, 2025 - January 15th, 2026

WE CURRENTLY HAVE OPENINGS IN:

- KINDERGARTEN
- 1ST GRADE
- 2ND GRADE
- 4TH GRADE
- 5TH GRADE
- 7TH GRADE

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Questions? Email:
info@notredameparish.net

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INDIANA YOUTH RALLY FOR LIFE

JANUARY 22, 2026

9:00 AM EST: YOUTH RALLY—Mother Olga, speaker
Praise & Worship with the Nico Cabrera Band

11:30 AM EST: MASS FOR LIFE—celebrated by the Bishops of IN

1:30 PM EST: RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH—through downtown Indy

OPTION #1

4:30 AM CST Departure
Youth Rally, Mass, March for Life
Students 8th—12th grade & chaperones

OPTION #2

7 AM CST Departure
Mass and March for Life
Open to all ages

Cost: \$40 Adults, \$25 Students

Includes a box lunch for the trip home

Bus departs from Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs
8303 W Taft St, Merrillville, IN 46410



Bus trip sponsored by the Office of Prolife Activities, Diocese of Gary and Lake County Right to Life

March for Life Indianapolis 2026

Be a part of the Pro-Life Generation!

Join youth from across Indiana for a one-day pilgrimage to Indianapolis. Together, we'll pray, rally, and march for life—from conception to natural death. This is more than a field trip. It's a witness of faith, hope, and courage. This shared journey allows us to foster meaningful discussion—helping us to better understand how our faith can inform our civic engagement and return home empowered to live out the Gospel. All ages are welcome.

Choice of 2 trips- 4:30 AM departure from Queen of Martyrs, Merrillville. Includes Youth Rally, Mass, March. Or 7:00AM departure from Queen of Martyrs. Includes Mass and March. Cost: \$40 adults, \$25 students. To register and for more information go to <https://dcgary.org/event/2026-indiana-march-life> or <https://dcgary.org/events>

Questions? Call 219-769-9292 x88259 or email rkouris@dcgary.org

Dear Pro-Life Friends,

This year, we are excited to expand saving lives by training the next generation to become well-versed in life issues through the Ambassadors for Life Program.

This program will empower young individuals to serve as "Life Ambassadors," equipping them with the knowledge and confidence necessary to advocate in a world that often promotes anti-life sentiments. Following the success of our fall training, we are pleased to announce that we will be offering this program twice a year, with additional tracks available. In the upcoming fall session, we will introduce a total of three training tracks.

Please note that these trainings were not included in our original budget for the coming year, and your support would be invaluable in helping us extend this opportunity to our youth more than once annually. We kindly ask you to consider contributing to this cause. Those who contribute \$100 or more will be recognized as "Ambassador Partners" in our Spring Banquet Booklet. To support the program, please follow this link:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLGSCXHDB8NN4/checkout/XRK6SFWHG4TQ6MQARMNITGIA> or by mailing a check to: Right to Life Northwest Indiana, PO Box 9404, Michigan City, IN. 46361

Thank you in advance for your help!

Paul & Kristine Coronado, Co-Directors RTLNWI

WWW.RTLNWI.ORG 219-561-1534



Prayer Vigil for Life

Saturday, January 17th 12-1pm

January is Respect Life Month

Brave the cold, join us in prayer at our Annual Prayer Vigil. Come pray together. Vigils will be held at:

The LaPorte County Courthouse, 809 State St. and Porter County Courthouse 16 Lincoln Way, Valparaiso

Call 219-561-1534 for more information or email at right2lifeNWI@gmail.com



right to life
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August 22, 2026

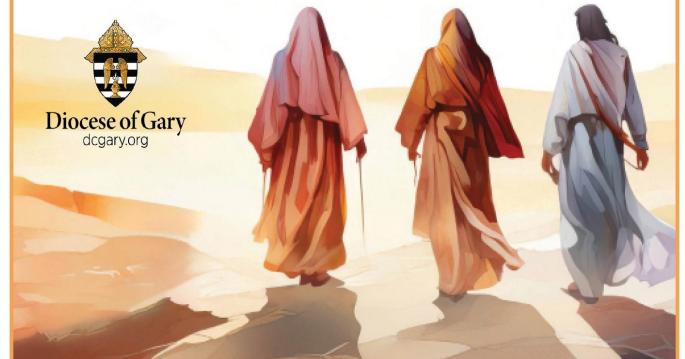
Porter County Expo Center

**Register by April 12
for Early Bird Pricing**

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This Week at Holy Family Parish

Meetings and Small Groups

Men Growing in Discipleship

The Men's Group of Holy Family would like to invite the men of the parish to join us as we begin studying the book "In His Spirit, A Guide to Today's Spirituality" by Father Richard J. Hauser, S.J. on January 6th, 2026. This is a great time to learn how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. The men meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the St. Peter Ministry Center, John Paul II room at 7pm. Contact Victor Stearns at 219-363-4313 for more information. This book is available through Dynamic Catholic website for the cost of the book. See this link: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/in-his-spirit/IHSP.html>

Our Lady of the Snows Circle—Tues. Jan. 13th @ 11:30am

Meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am to pray the Rosary, break bread, and for fellowship. All women of the parish are welcome to join this circle! Please bring a sack lunch. If questions, contact: Maria Pedulla at 219.393.4812.

Kingdom Builders Small Group

Monthly meeting for women to share a reflection and dig deeper in our faith. 3rd Wednesday (10-11:30am) at the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel. Contact: Becky Minich - gandbminich@live.com, 219-851-3474.

Prayer Shawl Group

Meeting is third Tuesday of each month at 10:30am, St. Peter Resource Center to knit shawls for those who need love, hope, and prayers. Contact: Patty Steele 219-575-0466.

Bible Study—Every Wednesday

Explore the Word of God with your friends on Wednesday mornings - immediately after the 8am Mass at Sacred Heart. If you have ever thought of joining a Bible Study, now is a good time to begin.

Scripture Discussion—Every Wednesday—Explore next Sunday's Readings before you hear them at Mass. Participants marvel at how well the Old Testament and New Testament Readings correlate. Join us on Wednesday evenings (6:30-8:00pm) at St. Peter Ministry Center, Mother Theresa Room.

Fit Shepherds Every Saturday, 6:30am - 7:30am, Boston Middle School Track, by the corner of 1st and C street. Fit Shepherds aims to help every man in our community be in the best physical and spiritual shape of his life. Meetings every Saturday morning at 6:30am at the Boston Middle School outdoor track. All men 16 and older are welcome.

Fiat Fitness Every Saturday

Women's exercise group that meets each week for prayer, movement, and fellowship. Women at all levels of fitness are welcome. Every Saturday, 7:15am - 8:15am, St. Peter Ministry Resource Center. Contact: Jan Edquist, 219-575-1597.

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving donación sacrificada

Date:	12/28/25	1/4/26
Regular Collection	\$14,213.93	26,394.72
Building & Maintenance	\$310.00	294.00
Food Pantry	\$391.00	1,090.00
Christmas	\$16,981.00	2,376.00
First Offering	\$70.00	1,700.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$90.00	2,950.00
Holidays & Misc.		58.00

Prayer Shawl

"Just a simple prayer shawl
Made with prayers for you
To cover you with blessings
For times you're going through."

The talented hands of the Prayer Shawl Ministry have made beautiful prayer shawls for anyone in the parish who is ill or suffering in anyway. They may be given to members of our parish for a family member or a loved one who is in need of extra comfort.

The prayer shawls are a loving sign you can give someone to show they are being thought of and prayed for. The shawls are available at the Parish Center.

Food Pantry Hours & Locations

St. Vincent DePaul Society

(101 C St) Food Pantry is open every Monday from 3:00-5:00 pm. Clothing and small household items Annex is open every Monday from 3:00-5:00 pm and every Wednesday from 11am-2pm. We will also open by appointment (call 219-369-3347) to offer assistance or to receive donations. They will be closed Dec. 24, 29 and 31.

Sacred Heart Food Pantry

(130 Bach St) Open every Tuesday, 1-2 pm. They will be closed Dec. 23rd.



Prayer Squares

The prayer squares that are made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry with attached prayer cards are available in the narthex of all three churches. The squares are a reminder to pause and pray and we hope they will provide comfort to those in need of prayer. Please feel free to take one for yourself or someone you feel is in need of prayer.

Looking for opportunities to help others? Find ways to serve in our community on our website: www.holyfamilylaporte.org

Support Holy Family Parish



Do you want to support Holy Family Parish and our Mission to form disciples who serve? Use the QR code to make a contribution. | Utilice el código QR para hacer una contribución.

Holy Family Parish Team

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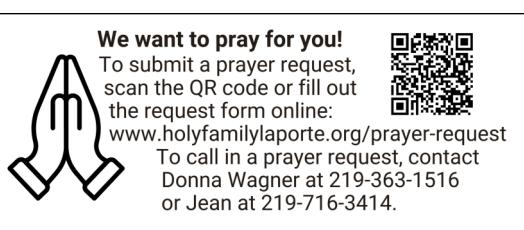
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St. Joseph | *San José*

109 "C" Street



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