

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LORD, COME TO MY AID!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT HOLYFAMILYLAPORTE.ORG



OCIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace and blessings to you all!

We are truly blessed to witness a growing interest in our parish from adults who are eager to explore and embrace the Catholic faith. Many individuals, new to the Church, have come forward expressing a sincere desire to learn, grow, and eventually become full members of our Catholic community.

As we journey together in faith, it is essential that we create a welcoming and supportive environment where these seekers can feel encouraged and nurtured. To that end, we are reaching out to you—our faithful parishioners—to ask for your help as sponsors.

Being a sponsor means walking alongside someone new to the faith, offering guidance, prayer, and companionship as they participate in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). It's a beautiful opportunity to share your own faith journey, help others feel at home in our parish family, and strengthen the bonds that unite us in Christ. If you feel called to support someone on their path to becoming Catholic, please consider becoming a sponsor.

No special training is required—just an open heart and a willingness to be a friend and witness to God's love.

Together, we can build a strong, vibrant Catholic community where each person is valued and supported in their faith journey.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact the parish office at

ocia@holyfamilylaporte.org

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous spirit.

Holy Family Parish

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, August 18th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Helen Szilagyi by Dave & Sandra Surma

Tuesday, August 19th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Annette Lashua by Vickie Parrett

Wednesday, August 20th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Kirt Lawson by wife, Terri
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph
Special Intention for Richard Tuholski by Germain Burns

Thursday, August 21st

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Wanda Macalka by Ron & Judy Hertges

Friday, August 22nd

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Fran Mrozinski by Lois Rejak

Saturday, August 23rd

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+ Valentin Camarillo by Family

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 23rd, Vigil Mass

- 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Peter
+ Mary Jane Szilagyi by Family

Sunday, August 24th

Reading 1 Isaiah 66:18-21

Reading 2 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Luke 13:22-30

- 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
+ Sloan Moryl Watson by Cory & Amy Huber
& Holy Family Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+ David Kramer by Aunt Loretta
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ James Beckman by Mary & Family
- 12:00 p.m.
+ Marta Campos y Cesaria Gallardo by Family

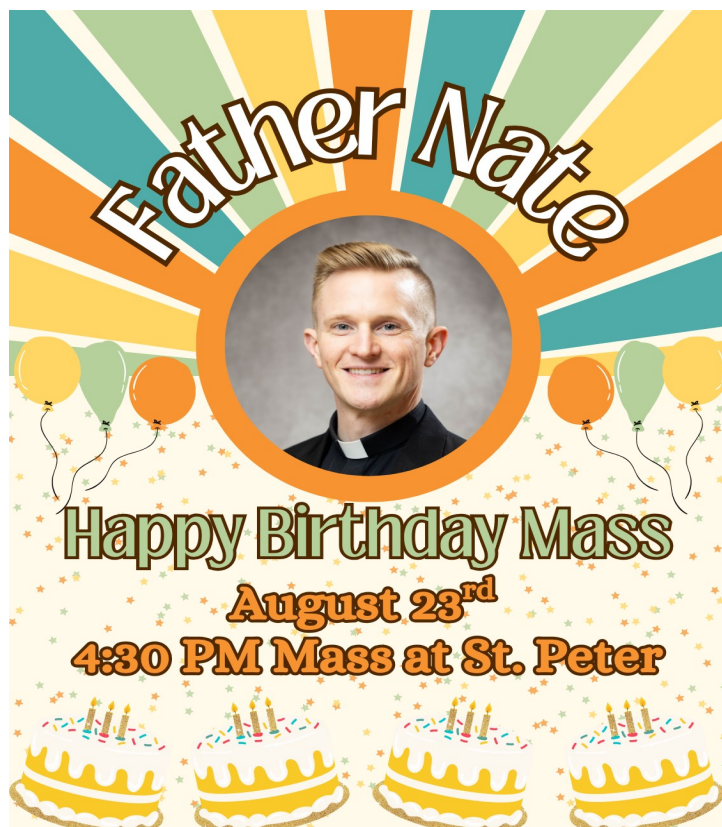
CONFESSION & ADORATION SCHEDULE

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





REGISTER NOW!



TUITION

1 CHILD - \$100

PER ADDITIONAL CHILD +\$50

50% DOWN PAYMENT DUE AT REGISTRATION

50% del pago se debe el momento de la inscripción



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Inscripciones para catecismo

CLASSES BEGIN: SEPT. 3RD
Clases comienzan: 3 de Sept.

REGISTRATION

Open from 4 - 7 PM

St. Joseph School Cafeteria

Inscripciones abiertas de 4 - 7 PM; en la
cafetería de San José

AUGUST 13

AUGUST 20

AUGUST 27

NEW STUDENTS & NON-PARISHIONERS:

You **MUST** bring your child's baptismal
certificate to registration.

Nuevos estudiantes y no-parroquianos:
Usted DEBE traer el certificado de bautismo
de su hijo a la inscripción.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Or have never
received a
Sacrament?

CONSIDER JOINING OCIA!

WHAT DOES OCIA STAND FOR?

- OCIA stands for Order of
Christian Initiation of Adults

WHAT IS OCIA?

- OCIA is meant to assist those
wishing to enter into the
fullness of the Catholic faith.
OCIA is all about developing a
relationship with Jesus Christ.

COME & SEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 20th
@6:30 PM
St. Peter Ministry Center



**CONTACT
US!**

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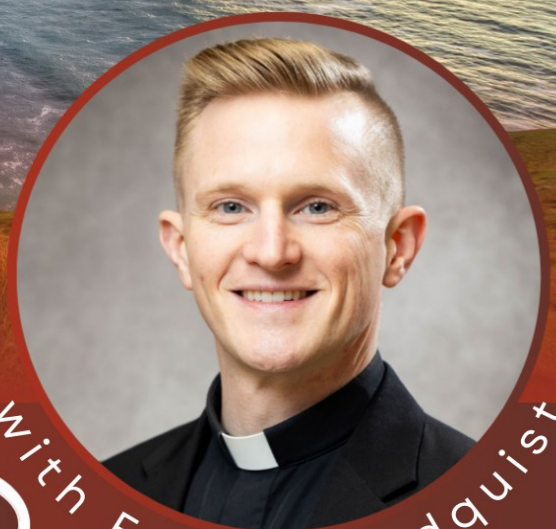
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EXCEPTIONAL JOURNEYS
BY CORPORATE TRAVEL

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 2, 2026



With Fr. Nate Edquist

Galway | Killarney | Waterford | Dublin

- ✓ **PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE** Experience Ireland's most sacred pilgrimage site, where the Virgin Mary appeared in 1879
- ✓ **DISCOVER ASHFORD CASTLE'S TIMELESS ELEGANCE** Indulge in a luxurious afternoon tea at the iconic Ashford Castle, a stunning landmark renowned for its royal heritage and breathtaking views.
- ✓ **EXPLORE COBH'S EMIGRATION LEGACY** Discover the rich heritage of this esteemed organization through a personal encounter.
- ✓ **STEP BACK IN TIME AT WATERFORD'S MEDIEVAL MUSEUM** Journey through centuries of Irish history with an exclusive tour of Waterford's Medieval Museum, featuring Europe's largest collection of Medieval vestments and artifacts.

JOIN THE
INFO
MEETING!

LOCATION
SACRED HEART
ACTIVITY CENTER
201 BACH ST.
LAPORTE, IN

DATE
AUG 19

TIME
5:30
PM

SCAN ME!





Life Line Screening®
The Power of Prevention

**You're invited to a
Life Line Screening event!**

Where: Holy Family Parish-Sacred Heart
Activity Center, 201 Bach St, LaPorte IN

When: September 12th, 2025

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

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Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend:
Anyone over the age of 40

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- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
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- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
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Call 888-814-0466 and use
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Text the word "circle"
to 216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.



**Diocese of Gary
Vocations**

**BLACK TIE |
WHITE COLLAR
gala**

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025
AVALON MANOR BANQUET CENTER | MERRILLVILLE, IN

EVENT PROGRAM DETAILS

- 6:00 PM - OPEN BAR & APPETIZERS
- 7:00 PM - DINNER & PROGRAM
- LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION
- MUSIC AND DANCING UNTIL 10:30 PM




Individual Dinner Cost is **\$100 per person**
Priests and Religious attend free of charge

THIS YEAR'S GUARDIAN ANGELS AWARD RECIPIENT
JACK SERLETIC
SERRA CLUB OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

To Register for the BLACK TIE | WHITE COLLAR GALA

 <https://onecau.se/btwc25> 


For more information, please contact JoAnne Rosenow at **219.769.9292**
or email jrosenow@dcdgary.org.




Ladies!
Join us in August for
Kingdom Builders

We were created for peace and joy, but there is so much suffering in this world. How do we journey through this Valley of Tears with peace and joy? Ladies, come join us as we unveil the wisdom offered to us through the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

**Holy Family Parish
Sacred Heart Church 201 Bach St, LaPorte, IN
August 26, 2025 at 7-8:30 p.m.**

 **Kingdom Builders**
www.BuildingThroughHim.com




***INCOMING & CURRENT HIGH SCHOOLERS**

***HIGH SCHOOL**

Youth Group

ADORATION & PRAYER

GAMES & SNACKS

FELLOWSHIP

**1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS
OF THE MONTH
6:30 - 8:30 PM**

ST. PETER'S MINISTRY CENTER

Questions?

Text Mary Wellinski @ (219) 380-6303

HOLY FAMILY

HOSPITAL MINISTRY



"Bringing the Eucharist to the sick every Wednesday"



Holy Communion will now be brought to Catholic patients at Northwest LaPorte Hospital every Wednesday afternoon by Holy Family Parish's new Hospital Ministry. We will receive a list of patients who have registered on admission as being Catholic, but feel free to contact us also.

La Sagrada Comunión será ahora llevada a los pacientes católicos en el Hospital Northwest LaPorte todos los miércoles por la tarde por el nuevo Ministerio del Hospital de la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia. Recibiremos una lista de los pacientes que se han registrado en la admisión como ser católico, pero siéntase en contacto con nosotros también.

**CALL OR TEXT MAGGIE LEROY AT
219-363-0086
MAGGIELEROYLP@GMAIL.COM**



**Starts on
Sept. 9**

**HOLY
FAMILY
PARISH**



Our fall book study program will begin at Holy Family Parish, Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday, September 9th at 8:45 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The study will read: Pope Leo XIV Inside the Conclave and the Dawn of a New Papacy by renowned journalist Christopher White. The author shares insights into Pope Leo's early life, his thinking and spirituality and Augustinian formation and his rise to the Papacy. The study includes prayer, reflection and discussion. To register contact: Deacon Frank J. Zolvinski at fzolvinski@holyfamilylaporte.org or call 219-575-1090 by September 8th. Cost of the book and materials is \$20.00.

**FALL
BOOK
STUDY**



Two sessions to choose from:
Morning 8:45 - 10:00 a.m. or
Evening 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS: CONTACT
DEACON FRANK ZOLVINSKI
AT 219-575-1090

**Preorder your own copy of the
2025-2026 Directory
TODAY!**



The printed book with updated information on diocesan parishes, clergy, schools, affiliated Catholic organizations and more will be delivered right to your doorstep.
Order by August 22, 2025.

Visit dcgary.org/order-directory to order or call Kelly at (219) 769-9292 ext. 88250

Plus...



Sign up to receive the weekly **"Good News" e-newsletter**. You'll receive news and inspiration from the diocese each Friday. Sign up today at dcgary.flocknote.com.

JOIN FR. DECLAN

**WALKING IN THE
FOOTSTEPS OF
POPE LEO**

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2025

**SPOTS ARE LIMITED!
SCAN TO REGISTER**

CHICAGO DAY TRIP

Join Fr. Declan on an amazing one-day pilgrimage to walk in the footsteps of Pope Leo, our first American Pope! We will visit many sites surrounding his life in the Chicago area: his childhood home, where he was born, his parish and the schools he attended, where he taught and said Mass, where he was head of the Augustinians, and more!

STELLA MARIS TOURS

Register today online or email Marcie for questions:

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🌐 www.stellamaristours.us

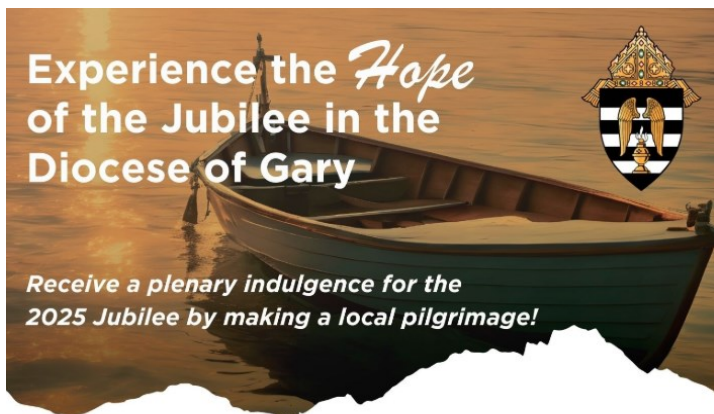


PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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



Bishop Robert McClory has designated the following parishes in each deanery as pilgrimage churches:

Carmelite Monastery,
Munster

Cathedral of the Holy
Angels, Gary

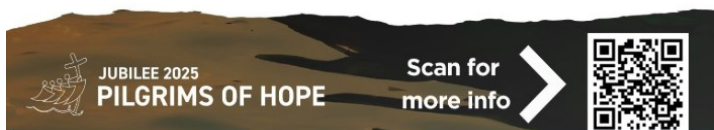
Queen of All Saints,
Michigan City

St. John the Baptist,
Whiting

St. Matthias,
Crown Point

St. Paul,
Valparaiso

Information about the Jubilee, plenary indulgences, and more can be found at: dcgary.org/nwijubilee





MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

2025





HOLY FAMILY PARISH
ST. PETER - ST. JOSEPH - SACRED HEART

HOLY FAMILY PARISH DIRECTORY BOOKLET

IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR

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\$10.00 EACH

AT THE PARISH OFFICE 201 BACH ST



COFFEE & CONVERSATION ON HOSPITALITY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH -
PASTORAL CENTER
9292 BROADWAY, MERRILLVILLE

SPEAKER : VICKY HATHAWAY DIOCESE OF
GARY COORDINATOR FOR YOUTH AND
YOUNG ADULTS
TOPIC: JOYFULLY CREATIVE IN MINISTRY

Join us by 8:45 for light breakfast and coffee.
Enter through the front door.
Vicky will share her love of ministry and bring to you
exciting ideas . Please remember a notepad and pen.

WE WILL BE DONE BY 11 AM

PLEASE RSVP TO [LCURLEY @ DCGARY.ORG](mailto:LCURLEY@DCGARY.ORG)
AND INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU!



Dear Friends for Life,

We would like to extend a heartfelt Thank you to all our volunteers who helped us at the County Fairs this summer. Many of you took on multiple shifts to help in places where no one had volunteered to work. You are our "Rock Stars". Again the work of education for "Life" can't happen without the financial support through donations and your physical presence, through volunteering. So a hundred times over we **Thank You!**

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

- 1) The Popcorn Festival Parade is approaching on Sept. 6th at 10am. We will gather earlier to get things ready and make sure everyone has a Pro Life shirt. It's a fun experience and we would love many families to join us!
- 2) The Fall Fundraising Banquet on Oct. 4th. Please go to the website to register to join us <https://rtlnwi.org/nwi/>
- 2) Life Chain on Oct. 5th. See the website for the location nearest you and the contact person. <https://rtlnwi.org/nwi>
- 4) Ambassadors For Life on Oct. 18th. We will be offering a pro-life education program to the young people in our counties for High school thru college age teens and young adults. Please see the website or give us a call at 219-561-1534.

Paul & Kristine Coronado, Directors of Right to Life, NW IN



Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good.
Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.
Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.
Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.
Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.
Amen.



Single and Catholic? Join 400+ singles coming from all over the US (and beyond) at the **20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado on August 22nd-24th, 2025!** *(Can't travel? Join the virtual option with online socials and small group discussions).* *This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship and more. (Use the promo code **PARISH25** for a discount.)* Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register.

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.

This Week at Holy Family Parish

Meetings and Small Groups



Our Lady of the Snows Circle August 18th

The August meeting will be Monday, August 18th, 11:00 am at the home of Rhea Ferrell. Call with questions at 219.575.1576.

Prayer Shawl Group Aug. 19th

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.

Kingdom Builders Small Group Aug. 20th

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.

Men Growing in Discipleship Aug. 20th

Meetings are at 7:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the St. Peter Resource Center to continue our journey into the discipleship of Jesus. Contact: Victor Stearns at 219-363-4313.

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: **8/10/2025**

Regular Collection	\$18,099.00
Building & Maintenance	\$40.00
Food Pantry	\$914.00
Assumption of Mary	\$45.00

Food Pantry Update

Sacred Heart Food Pantry

(130 Bach St) Open every Tuesday, 1-2pm. They collect and distribute non-perishable food items and personal care items for LaPorte residents needing assistance.

July Food Expenses: \$1,721.04

Personal Care: \$173.73

Households assisted: 107

Individuals assisted: 271

We are so grateful to our generous parishioners who continue to donate food/money to keep us going and allow us to provide for those in need in our community. Thank you to our backyard farmers for your donations. The fresh vegetables are awesome !

St. Vincent DePaul (101 C St):

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is open every Monday from 3:00-5:00 pm. Clothing and small household items Annex is open every Mon. from 3:00-5:00pm and every Wed. from 11am-2pm. We will also open by appointment (call 219-369-3347) to offer assistance or to receive donations.

July	Families	People
Clothing & Household Items	183	476
Food	133	326
Transport	1	1
NIPSCO	1	4
Mis. Household Items	1	3
Total People Assisted	319	810

Shout out to our backyard farmers:

As in the past, if you would like to share your produce with our Sacred Heart Food Pantry patrons, we will take any donations on Tuesdays, between 11:30 and 12:45. Please bring your donations to our food pantry located in the garage of the Francis House (the former rectory). Your continued support of our ministry allows us to provide fresh produce to our neighbors in need. Blessings to all! *The St. Francis Committee*



Prayer Squares

Please feel free to take a prayer squares that are made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry and include an attached prayer card. The Prayer Squares are available in the narthex of all three churches and the office. 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 need of prayer.



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

Equipo parroquial de la Sagrada Familia



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St. Peter | *San Pedro*

1101 Michigan Ave

St. Joseph | *San José*

109 "C" Street



We want to pray for you!

To submit a prayer request, scan the QR code or fill out the request form online:
www.holyfamilylaporte.org/prayer-request
To call in a prayer request, contact Donna Wagner at 219-363-1516 or Jean at 219-716-3414.



Thank you to our bulletin Sponsor(s) of the Week:

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