

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

DO NOT FORGET THE WORKS OF THE LORD!

SEPTEMBER 14TH

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Holy Family Parish will submit to the Diocese of Gary the 2024/2025 Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025.

Cash Balance

The Cash Balance as of July 1, 2024, which was based upon the 2023/2024 Annual Report, filed with respect to Holy Family Parish, was \$418,922.81. The 2024/2025 Annual Report indicates that Holy Family Parish had Revenue of \$1,480,495.79 and Disbursements of \$1,600,941.98. This results in a net decrease in cash of \$120,446.19 and a Cash Balance, as of June 30, 2025 of \$304,405.37.

This cash balance does not include funds held by the Diocese of Gary for the benefit of Holy Family Parish. These funds total \$ 2,951,814.97, which includes interest earned during the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year of \$63,121.38 and a deposit of \$150,000 to an account maintained by the Diocese of Gary on behalf of Holy Family Parish.

Revenues

Revenues were generated mainly from Ordinary Collections, which totaled \$841,486.13. Rebates from the Catholic Services Appeal totaled \$7,640.00 and Special Collections totaled \$13,251.69.

Disbursements

The most significant disbursement during the fiscal year was for compensation and benefits of Clergy and employees. Non-clergy salaries totaled \$404,874.76. Clergy Compensation, benefits, and coverage totaled \$146,031.52.

Holy Family Parish Quota expense totaled \$245,289.46, payable to the Diocese of Gary. Quota includes diocesan parish tax and insurance costs.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation generated \$8,135.25 in revenues while incurring \$11,963.60 in expenses. These expenses do not include compensation and benefits of employees or other individuals providing services to the program.

If you would like to review the 2024/2025 Annual Report, please request a copy from the Parish Office or check our parish website.

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, September 15th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
 - + Donna Brown by Dan & Kate Kaminski

Tuesday, September 16th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
 - + Kim Karge by Marilyn Werner

Wednesday, September 17th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
 - + Helen Szilagyi by Karen Justice
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph
 - + Abel Guzman Neza by Familia Guzman

Thursday, September 18th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
 - + Ken Lazarek by Garland & Family

Friday, September 19th

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

Saturday, September 20th

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St Joseph
 - + Kay Baumgartner by Kids

Baptisms

Elaina Claire Wells

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Dorothy Mullen

Por favor, recen por el descanso de su alma.

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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 20th, Vigil Mass

- 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Peter
 - + Jackie Hennessy by Chris Moryl & Family

Sunday, September 21st

Reading 1 Amos 8:4-7

Reading 2 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

- 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
 - + Kelly Kubit by Mom
- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
 - + James Minich, Sr. by Mike & Pam Ekovich & Holy Family Parishioners
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
 - + Mary Kulasa by Family
- 12:00 p.m.
 - + Guadalupe Perez y + Susano Perez by Julia Camarillo

CONFESSION & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Confession | *Confessión*

- 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

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.



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.

The Funeral Luncheon Committee is asking for your help so that we can continue to help families that have lost a loved one. Any support is appreciated: setting up, cooking, serving and/or clean up.

Main dishes are provided. We need your assistance by preparing a casserole, vegetable, salad, or dessert. We call volunteers on a rotating basis. May we add your name to the list? Text or call Julie @ 219.363.6878 or Lynn @ 574.876.7833.



- 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.
- 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.

ANY **QUESTIONS?**

CONTACT THE • (219) 362-2815



SHOW YOUR INTEREST!

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE: YOUR INPUT IS INVALUABLE

Last week we launched our Feasibility Study and parish leadership is asking for your input! You should have received a brochure and survey in the mail outlining proposed projects Holy Family Parish is considering. If you haven't received a copy of the survey, please stop by the parish office to pick up a paper survey or use the QR Code and follow the instructions below to complete the electronic survey.



STEP 1: TAKE YOUR CELL PHONE DEVICE AND **OPEN THE CAMERA**

STEP 2: POINT YOUR CAMERA AT THE QR CODE

STEP 3: ONCE YOUR CAMERA SCANS THE QR CODE, CLICK ON THE POP-UP LINK TO BE **INSTANTLY DIRECTED TO OUR ONLINE SURVEY** FORM!





THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYFUL AND HONEST ANSWERS!

A Musical Murder Mystery Comedy

Book: Matt Kresich Music: Scott Peters & Steven Caraher Assisted by: George Jurincie

SHOW DATES:

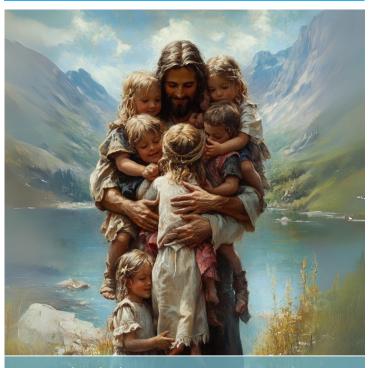
- ☐ SEPT 19-21 ☐ SEPT 26-28
- **Footlight Players Theater** Michigan City, IN



Fr. Steven Caraher Our Lady of Consolation & Holy Martyers Parish - Merrriville



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT FOOTLIGHTPLAYERS.ORG



Children's Ministry

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at Sacred Heart Ministerio infantil



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



JACK SERLETIC

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 jrosenowedcgary.org.





and the Women's Care Center.

Donations heeded!

NEW DECORATIVE ITEMS OR HOMEMADE CRAFTS WANTED

Please bring the items to the St. Peter Ministry Center lower level, on tables that will be identified with signs.

Donation Drop-off Times:

Sat., September 27th: 9 am - 11 am

Sat., October 4th: 9 am - 11 am

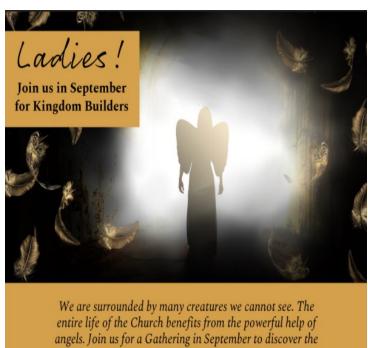
Mon., October 6th:

Last Day of drop-offs; 9 am - Noon

Any Questions or to arrange for a drop off?

Contact: Sue Zolvinski (219) 575-1135 or Donna Wagner (219) 363-1516



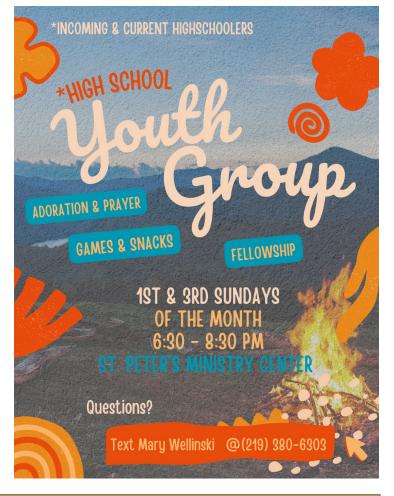


power of God's Angel Armies.

Holy Family Parish Sacred Heart Church 201 Bach St., LaPorte September 23, 2025 at 7-8:30 pm







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

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

SUNDAYS P M

> SEP 7 **OCT 19** SEP 21 OCT 5 **NOV 16**

Queen of All Saints Church College age, 20's, 30's More Info: FrGlick@QAS.org



Right to Life of Northwest Indiana

When: Sunday, Oct 5th

Time: 2 pm -3 pm

Annually, Life Chain invites people in each city and town to stand on a designated local sidewalk to pray for life for 60 minutes. During this one hour of public witness, we pray that hearts and minds might be softened/changed for Life. We pray specifically for the end of abortion and for the legal protection of the unborn. We need you and your family to help be a voice for the voiceless, to help be a light in a darkened world.

Please join us in prayer at one of these locations: CHESTERTON – Porter Bank or Farm Bureau parking lots – Call 219-424-Life (5433) for more information

VALPARAISO – Lincolnway at Roosevelt Rd. Please call 219-246-3763 for more information

MICHIGAN CITY - 1501 Franklin St, corner of W. Ripley and Franklin St. Call 219- 861-9037 for more information

PORTAGE - City Hall Parking lot at 6070 Central Ave. (parking available in the Strack's parking lot) Call 219-561-1534 for more information

¿Te interesa hacerte

¿O nunca has recibido un sacramento?

CONSIDERA UNIRTE A OCIA!

¿QUÉ SIGNIFICA OCIA?

OCIA significa Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos.

¿QUÉ ES OCIA?

OCIA está destinada a avudar a aquellos que desean entrar en la plenitud de la fe católica. OCIA se centra en desarrollar una relación con Jesucristo



Miércoles, 3 de septiembre A las 5:15 PM Escuela de San José



FELICITAS VILLA

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Interested in becoming 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.

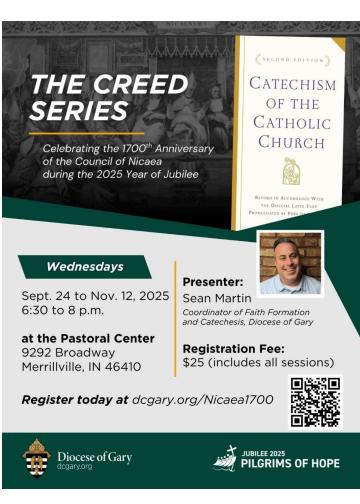


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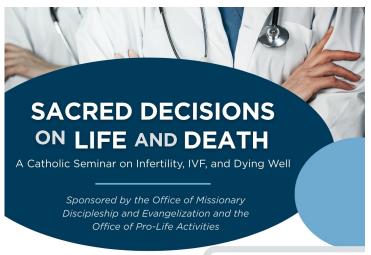
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Saturday, November 8, 2025

at Our Lady of Consolation 8303 Taft Street Merrillville, IN 46410

Presented by:

Fr. Tad Pacholczyk Catholic Priest, Neuroscientist & Ethicist



FREE admission with a free-will offering.

Join for one or both talks!

9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Infertility and IVF

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Gift of Dying Well

Learn more and RSVP:

dcgary.org/ 2025sacred



Join Us for an Evening of Food, Fellowship and Faith

Defending Your Faith

October 1st-Why Tradition & Scripture-Dcn. Frank Gasaway
October 8th-Why Pray to Mary & Saints-Fr. David Kime
October 15th-Why Confess to a Priest- Fr. Jordan Fetcko
October 22th-Why Purgatory & Indulgences-Fr. Zach Glick







For More Information Eileen (219) 861-3825 tappedingueenofallsaints@gmail.com



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Cordially invites you to join us for the
Porter County RTL
Annual Fall BANQUET
Keynote Speaker: Sheila Harper
Founder/President of SaveOne

An international ministry addressing the needs of men, women, and families recovering after an abortion

Come and hear Sheila's story that led her to create this important ministry.

DATE: Saturday, October 4th, 2025 TIME: 5:30 Social Hour / Cash Bar 6:30 Dinner followed by Local & State News Keynote Speaker to follow.

> PLACE: Trinity Banquet Hall St. Patrick's Church 640 N. Calumet Chesterton IN 46304

> To Purchase Tickets, Go to: www.rtlnwi.org or Call: 219 561-1534

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another." (St. Vincent DePaul)

Join Our Volunteers

For many years, Holy Family parishioners have generously supported the St. Joseph St. Vincent De-Paul's mission of charity. Please consider joining our group of dedicated volunteers who help serve in our food pantry, clothing annex, the bi-monthly dinners, and our financial support services.

If interested, please contact one of our members or call our phone number at 219-369-3347 or email us at svdp.sjlp@gmail.com to learn more about our organization.











Ambassadors For Life Training

October 18th, 2025

Join us in building a brighter future, where informed voices can champion the value of life.

We recognize that many individuals either reject or feel indifferent towards the pro-life perspective, often influenced by cultural norms or simply because they haven't been exposed to persuasive pro-life viewpoint. We believe it is crucial for young people to have meaningful opportunities to engage with life issues that go beyond the soundbites and sensationalism prevalent on social media and other platforms.

The Ambassadors for Life Training program is designed to empower high school and college aged students to become passionate advocates for LIFE. This immersive, one-day experience is dedicated to dispelling common myths, offering fact-based education on critical life issues, and fostering a compassionate community of understanding among peers.

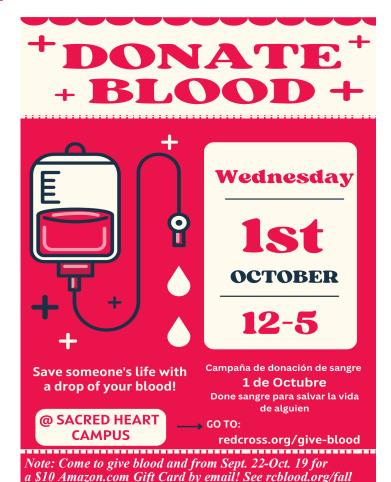
Where: Trinity Hall, at St. Pats Campus in Chesterton, Indiana

When: Oct 18th Time: 9 am-4 pm

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served

Cost is \$20 per student (those who need a scholarship to attend, please ask)

Please give us a call at 219-561-1534 or send us an email here for more information. right2lifenwi@gmail.com



This Week at Holy Family Parish

Meetings and Small Groups

Prayer Shawl Group—Sept. 16th

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-Sept. 17th

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-Sept. 17th

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.

<u>Scripture Discussion</u>—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.

<u>Fit Shepherds</u> 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.

Thank You

The family of Fred Fahrberger would like to thank the Holy Family Parish for your support during our time of sorrow. We appreciate the beautiful Mass from Fr. Alex, Deacon Frank, the Funeral Choir, the Pianist Patrick Watterson, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry. God Bless You All!

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Date:	9/07/2025
Regular Collection	\$23,917.00
Building & Maintenance	\$433.00
Food Pantry	\$1,366.00
Assumption of Mary	\$140.00

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.

August Food Expenses: \$3,295.79 Personal Care: \$423.74 Households assisted: 135 Individuals assisted: 364

A Note of Appreciation

Once again, our talented and hardworking backyard farmers came through!

Thank you to all our wonderful backyard farmers who shared their fresh produce with our food pantry this summer. Your green thumbs provided flavorful and nutritious foods to many in our community. Without your generosity, we would not be able to help the families that frequent our pantry. We will continue to accept produce until the end of harvest between 11:30 – 12:45 every Tuesday.

Blessings to all!

The St. Francis Committee

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.

August	Families	People
Clothing & Household Items	185	537
Food	132	388
Transport	3	8
Gasoline	1	1
Other	1	2
Total People Assisted	323	940



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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Associate Pastor | Asociado pastor

Rev. Alex Kouris

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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:

Godfrey Law Offices Chris Godfrey, Attorney

See full ad on the back of this week's bulletin!