

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 18, 2026



WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Served by the Mercedarian Friars USA (www.orderofmercy.org)



PARISH OFFICE, 588 W. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Open Monday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Main No.....614-221-4323 Fax No: 614-221-9818

Web:.....www.holyfamilycolumbus.org

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PERSONNEL STAFF

Father Michael J. Donovan, O. de M...Pastor

Father Daniel Bowen, O. de M.....Vocation Director

Brother Kevin Cush, O. de M.....Seminarian

Secretary.....Mary Gamble

Maintenance.....Tim Kearns

Music Director / Organist.....Shawn Kenney

OCIA (RCIA) Coordinator.....Linda Hamilton

Religious Education.....Sr. Bozena Tyborowska LSIC

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers – *Br. Kevin Cush, O. de M., Director*

Confraternity of Christian Mothers – *Rita Martinez, President*

Diocesan Center for the Guard of Honor

of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – *Rebecca Rector, Zelatrix*

Eucharistic Adoration – *Sarah Hill, Coordinator*

Holy Family Young Adults – *Bear Bates, Coordinator*

Hospitality – *Kathy McKinniss & Linda Hamilton, Coordinators*

Knights of Columbus – *Br. Kevin Cush, O. de M., Grand Knight*

Liturgical Ministry – *Linda Hamilton, Coordinator*

Mercedarian Lay Third Order – *Fr. Michael J. Donovan, O. de M., Spiritual Director*

Respect Life – *Aurelio & Rosalinda Morales, Coordinators*

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary – *Sr. Bozena Tyborowska, Dir.*

SOUP KITCHEN – (backyard of Parish Center building)

Donations...Monday – Friday

8:00am – 12noon, preferred (back of building)

12noon – 3:00pm, optional (please call in advance)

Main No.....614-221-4323

Web.....www.hfsk.org

Email.....Dennis Shope, Director

soupkitchen@holyfamilycolumbus.org

maintenance@holyfamilycolumbus.org

BAPTISM

Call the Parish office to schedule a Baptism. Children over the age of 6 will require some special instruction.

MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding.

Diocesan Pre-Cana and Natural Family Planning classes are required and six meetings with the priest.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office during general office hours. Otherwise, call Parish Office and select "Sacramental Emergency" option.

RECEPTION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Those who desire Holy Communion at home should call the Parish Office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 12:15pm

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Convent of St. Birgitta – 40 N. Grubb St., Columbus

Weekly: 7:00 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs. Friday

4:00 p.m. Wednesday

(Each day is open to the public)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Holy Family Church

Weekly: 1:00 p.m. Thursday – 12 Noon Friday

First Friday Adoration in Reparation to the Sacred Heart – 8:00 p.m. – 8:45 a.m. First Saturday

Please contact Sarah Hill at **740-418-0517** or thehills1936@gmail.com if you have interest in being scheduled weekly or monthly in either location

Convent of St. Birgitta (CSB)

40 N. Grubb St., Columbus

Weekly: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tuesday

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mass Wednesday

4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. following 4pm Mass

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Friday

MOST HOLY ROSARY

Weekdays: 11:30 am (*Tuesday is Respect Life Rosary*)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy follows Rosary

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. before 9:00 a.m. Marian Mass

8:15 a.m. before 9:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. (before Mass)

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to be scheduled to lead before 9am Saturday or 9am; 5pm Sunday Mass.

REGULAR DEVOTIONS



Each Tuesday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass there are Devotions to **St. Anthony of Padua**.



Each Saturday Novena Prayers to **Our Lady of Mercy** following 9:00 a.m. Mass.



On First Wednesday of each month a 7:00 p.m. Mass is offered in honor of **Good Saint Joseph**.



On First Friday of each month following the 12:15 & 7:00 p.m. Masses there is **Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

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MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 18– 25, 2026

Sun Jan 18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

9:00 AM * Christian Unity
11:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Michael A. Haney
by Kathy McKinniss
5:00 PM People of the Parish
8:00 PM Intentions of The Mercedarian Friars
by Christian Mothers

Mon Jan 19

7:00 AM CSB – Christian Unity
12:15 PM Susan Morris and Living Family Members
by Eric & Christy Conklin

Tues Jan 20 Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr
Saint Sebastian, Martyr

7:00 AM CSB – Christian Unity
12:15 PM Patrick John Shea, by Patricia Ruda

Wed Jan 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

12:15 PM Repose of the Souls
of Rex and Mary Elizabeth Simmons
by The Bucher Family
4:00 PM CSB – Christian Unity

Thurs Jan 22 Day of Prayer For Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

7:00 AM CSB – Christian Unity
12:15 PM Emily Dixon, by Avery Hays

Fri Jan 23 St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

7:00 AM CSB – Christian Unity
12:15 PM The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sat Jan 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor
9:00 AM Christian Unity

Sun Jan 25 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM * Christian Unity
11:00 AM Needed Graces and Blessings for Family,
Friends and Benefactors
5:00 PM People of the Parish
8:00 PM Repose of the Soul
of Brother Nelson Morena
by Br. Kevin Cush, O. de M.

* Incense will be used at this Mass.

The 2026 Mass Intention Schedule is filling quickly!
Only 11 open Masses remaining in March. Mass
Intention envelopes are stacked next to bulletins.

HOMEBOUND AND/OR ILL IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Melody Christ	P	Debbie Newell
Sarah Conway	S	Theresa Piatt
JoAnn Cormack	A	Maura Renouf
Mary Jo Fetch	L	Michelle Stewart
Jack Gookin	M	Josh Stroud
John Keller	1	Celeste Trautman
Larry Lorms	4	Bill Warren
Charles McKinniss	6	
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"For You O Lord are my Hope...my trust is in You."

HFYA (18–35) meets weekly, with a rotation of activities including prayer/spirituality, talk, adoration, and social nights. **Use this QR Code to connect with this group.**



Holy Family Parish Office will be **CLOSED** **Monday, January 19, 2026** to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular schedule will begin Tuesday, January 20.

The **Holy Family Soup Kitchen** will be in full **swing** until 12 Noon. Please drop donations off behind the Holy Family Parish Center 8:30am—12 Noon. Thank you!



LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 18	9:00 am	Susan Lau
	11:00 am	Kendy Troiano
	5:00 pm	Brian Bishop
January 25	9:00 am	Brandan Litman
	11:00 am	Elaine Browning
	5:00 pm	Dan Hueckel



SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

Giving for January 5–January 11, 2026

Offertory

<i>Collection</i>	\$ 3,752
<i>On-Line</i>	3,369
<i>Mail</i>	+ 1,740
<i>Total</i>	\$ 8,861
<i>Less: Assessment (10%)</i>	- 886
<i>Net</i>	\$ 7,975
<i>Soup Kitchen</i>	\$ 2,414

Total Capital Campaign Donations \$330,655

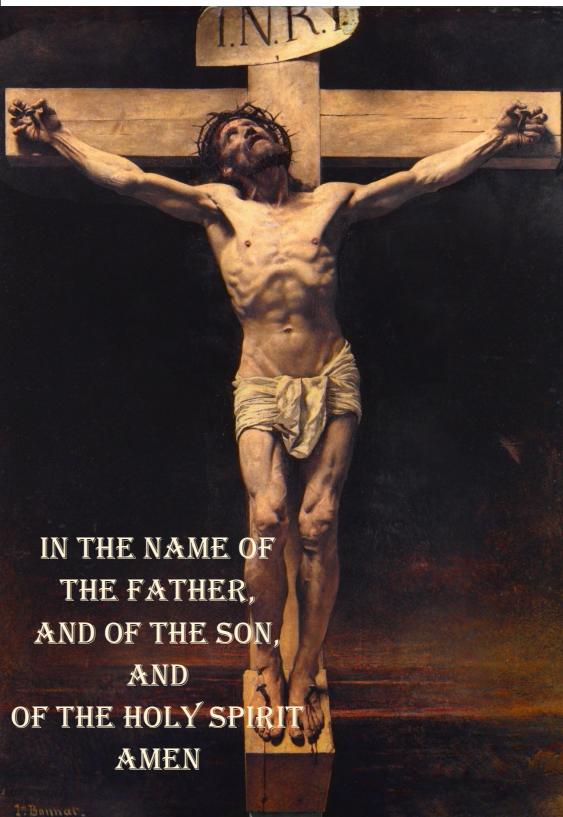
<i>The Appeal Pledges</i>	\$62,670
<i>The Appeal Goal</i>	\$82,347

God Reward your Generosity



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THE CATHOLIC GESTURE THAT IS MORE ANCIENT THAN THE BIBLE YOU HOLD, BUT EVERYONE RUSHES THROUGH IT

Every Sunday, Catholics do something so ancient that it existed before the New Testament was written ...

before the Gospels were compiled ...

before Saint Paul wrote a single letter.

A gesture older than most of the Bible itself. Yet we rush through it without thinking. It's the **Sign of the Cross**.

Before Scripture, there was the Sign

The early Christians didn't have bound Bibles. They didn't have printed missals. Many couldn't read. But they had one thing they never forgot: The Sign of the Cross was their identity. Tertullian wrote in the year 200 A.D.:

"At every step, when we enter or leave, when we eat or drink ... we trace the Sign of the Cross."

This was decades, even centuries, before the New Testament existed in the form we know today.

When soldiers arrested Christians, the sign betrayed them. When martyrs died, it marked their bodies. When parents blessed their children at night, it was the sign they traced. Long before Christians carried the Bible, they carried the Cross on their bodies. What you did in two seconds meant everything to the early Church.

The Sign of the Cross is not a Catholic greeting.

It is a declaration of war. It proclaims:

- The Trinity
- The Incarnation
- The Crucifixion
- The Resurrection
- The victory of Christ over hell
- And your belonging to Him.

You cannot make this gesture casually.

- Heaven recognizes it.
- Hell fears it.
- Angels honor it.
- Demons flee from it.

The problem is not that we don't know it, the problem is that we don't think it.

We rush: In the name of the Father and the Son ... as if we're late for a bus.

But the early Christians made it slowly, deliberately, reverently, because to them, it was a shield.

A priest once said: "If you understood the Sign of the Cross, you would never rush it again."

Think of this next time

When your hand rises to your forehead, you touch the Mind of Christ.

When it comes to your heart, you touch the Sacred Heart.

When it crosses your shoulders, you carry the Cross with Him.

This is not a routine. It is a relic of the first Christians, a tradition older than the bound Bible you hold. Make it with intention. Make it with faith. Make it as the early Church did. Because the sign of the Cross is not just a gesture, it is a proclamation of who you belong to.

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HOLY FAMILY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #13428

We continue to collect aluminum cans for the Seminarians. All proceeds will go to these young men of Christ. Please drop the cans off at the entrance of the Church and/or Parish Center.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 18, 2026—Knights of Columbus Exemplification after the 11am Mass.

Sunday, February 1, 2026—Knights of Columbus monthly Corporate Mass at the 11am Mass.

If you are interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus, please contact **Jack Gookin at (614) 309-2519**.

HIS INCREDIBLE SENIORS EXERCISE PROGRAM

Our upcoming class is scheduled 1:30—2:30pm

Tuesday, January 20 in the Parish Center. The next class is same time and location on **Wednesday, January 21**. Join us and have fun!



HOLY FAMILY RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Our Rosary for Life meets every Tuesday at 8:45am to 10:45am in front of Planned Parenthood Surgical Clinic. There is an opportunity to carpool by meeting in the Holy Family parking lot by 8:15.

If you are not able to go to the clinic, you can join us to pray the Rosary For Life every Tuesday, before Mass at 11:25am.

Our February 2nd meeting is canceled. The next meeting will be posted.

ADORATION at the Ohio Statehouse

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday, January 22nd
10 am - 2 pm

ohiocathconf.org/adoration

Numerous items have been left in the church from attendees. The Lost & Found boxes are overflowing! Please contact the Parish Office if you left something behind. Items will now only be kept for one week.



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

& LADIES GUILD

Serving the Women of Holy Family Since 1887

Heavenly Father, Author of all time and eternity, we come before You at the threshold of this new year with grateful and hopeful hearts. We thank You for the blessings of the year now passing and place ourselves entirely in Your providential care.

Pour out Your abundant blessings upon our families and friends. May our homes be sanctuaries of Your peace, where love grows deeper and wounds are healed through the grace of forgiveness.

We pray for Your Holy Church—for our Holy Father, Pope Leo, for our bishops and priests, and for all the faithful throughout the world. Strengthen those who proclaim Your Gospel, and renew the hearts of all who serve You.

Grant wisdom to the leaders of nations, that justice may flourish and true peace take root in every land. Extend Your merciful hand to those burdened by poverty or suffering, that they may find relief and know they are not forgotten.

And Father, welcome into Your eternal rest all who have died this past year, and prepare the souls of those whom You will call home in this new year.

As we step forward into the unknown days before us, be our constant guide—and may this be a year in which we grow ever closer to You and to one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thanks to all who attended our Christmas celebration yesterday. We enjoyed a wonderful pot luck, and fun gift exchange, fellowship and humor as the seminarians, husbands and Fr. Michael and Fr. Daniel entertained us during a do-not-laugh game.

Our 2026 calendar will be sent out via email this week. We will have another busy year.

We want to thank all of the Confraternity members and the parishioners for your support in 2025.

Our Christian Mothers Mass is February 22nd at 11:00. Please join us in front of Our Lady's Altar. Please bring husbands and family to join us and wear your sash and pin.

Sashes are available if you haven't yet bought one for \$5. Saint Gerard blessing is following the Mass for expectant mothers and those praying to conceive.

Our February meeting will be the 21st, after the 9:00am Mass in the Undercroft. We will also be cooking for the Chicken Noodle Dinner and could use some potato peelers and help setting up for dinner.

Wishing all a productive, healthy and faith-filled year.

Holy Family Confraternity of Christian Mothers Officers

Rita Martinez, President / Sondra Wright, Vice-President
Anita Van Order, Treasurer / Kendy Troiano, Secretary
Father Michael J. Donovan, O. de M. Director

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THE
CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION

With sincere gratitude, we joyfully acknowledge the generous **grant of \$3,000.00** awarded to our CCD Program by the **Catholic Foundation**.

This grant is a true blessing to our parish and will greatly assist us in continuing the faith formation of our children, helping them grow in knowledge, love, and service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are deeply thankful for this generous support and keep the Catholic Foundation and all its benefactors in our prayers. May God bless them abundantly for their kindness and commitment to Catholic education.

With prayerful thanks,

Sr. Bozena Tyborowska
CCD Director

**“The more you love Jesus,
the more you will love others.”**

- Caller named Chris, from St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, January 14, 2026



Columbus Young Catholic Professionals is having their Fourth Annual Gala on **Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 6:00pm – 10:30pm** at St. Catherine Church, located at: 500 S. Gould Rd Columbus, Ohio 43209. All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited. Come enjoy a fun night out, cocktails, dinner, dancing, poker, blackjack and more! This year's theme is "Casino Royale" with formal attire requested. You can purchase your ticket at: https://ycp.glueup.com/event/ycp-2026-gala-casino-royal-night-162276/?pk_campaign=widget=event-list. YCP is America's largest young professional network.



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YOU'RE INVITED



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Ohio Expo Center - Kasich Hall

February 21, 2026

for more information and to register, visit:
www.columbuscatholicwomen.com

FEATURED SPEAKERS:



MOTHER NATALIA



MEG HUNTER KILMER



FR. JOHN LOCOCO



S.R. MARY GRACE



RACHEL MUHA



MESS CELEBRANT:
BISHOP FERNANDES



EMCEE: JEN RICE



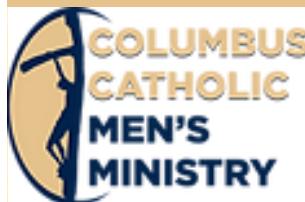
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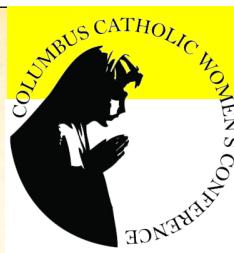
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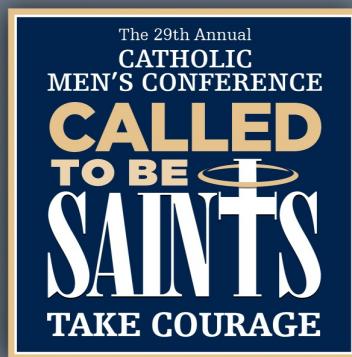


With discipleship focused on Christ at our core, we strive to build stronger men. Stronger men build stronger families. Stronger parishes mean stronger communities. Our resources are here to help you AND your parish grow in faith and fellowship. Our annual Men's Conference is one of the largest gatherings of men of faith in the country and features international speakers for a day of faith and fellowship. Our Conference helps men answer God's call for us to become Saints.



Give Yourself the Gift of Time with Jesus and Your Sisters in Christ at the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 21, 2026

Inviting All Women! Please mark your calendar now for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center. Our theme is "Look To Him and Be radiant" Psalm 34:6. Register now at columbuscatholicwomen.com. Come ready to rest, refresh, and renew with the Lord. You'll be joined by sisters in Christ from around the diocese and beyond. Don't miss this uplifting, annual event for women to grow in faith, hope, and love.



Saturday + February 28, 2026
Kasich Hall + Ohio Expo Center



Matt Birk



Father Robert Spitzer



Justin Fatica

www.CatholicMensMinistry.com

