

# Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

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Catholic Church Founded in Northeast St. Louis County 1908 - 2005 Holy Name of Jesus Parish Established

December 31, 2023

Feast Of The Holy Family



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We Are A MISSION PARISH With A Mission

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COME SERVE WITH US & COME PRAY WITH US

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Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Stlouis. Mo.

## CELEBRATING MASS & SACRAMENTS

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

(Weekend & Weekday Masses)

Saturday 4:00 pm (CST) / 5:00 pm (DST)

Sunday 9:30 am

Monday – Thursday 8:00am 1st Friday of the month 8:00am

**Holy Days of Obligation** 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

**Civil Holidays** See Bulletin Mass Intentions for Time

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

3:30-4:30 pm (Daylight Savings Time)

Day & Evening Times during Advent & Lent Weekdays

Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Samuel at Home / Church

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Samuel in Church

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 9:00 am – 10:00pm

### Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 am—After Tuesday Morning Weekday Mass

### Parish Rosary

8:30 am—After Weekday Mass

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THE ONGOING PRIORITIES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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MEMBERSHIP \* PARTNERSHIP \* STEWARDSHIP

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EVANGELIZATION \* SOCIAL CONCERN

Dear brothers and sisters, Laudetur Jesus Christus! As we gather on this **Sacred Celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family**, let us contemplate not only our own families, but also the broader human family and the family of the Church. Before we delve into the essence of holiness within a family, let us take a moment to explore the themes of today's readings: The First Reading (Gen 15:16; 21:1-3) reveals God's promise to Abraham and the fulfillment of an heir. The Second Reading (Heb.11:8,11-12,17-19) highlights the unwavering faith of Abraham and Sarah, and how God's promise was ultimately realized. Lastly, the Gospel (Lk 2:22-40) unveils the presentation of Jesus in the temple, offering us a glimpse into his life in Nazareth.

Now, let us return to the question at hand: What truly makes a family "holy"? It is not about attaining perfection, for no family can claim to be flawless. We all stumble in our actions, engage in arguments, and sometimes neglect our responsibilities. If we define "holiness" as synonymous with "perfection," then every family would fall short. So, what then is the essence of holiness within a family?

As we honor the relationships between Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we recognize that the Holy Family is unique. Jesus is God, Mary was sinless, and Joseph was a faithful and upright man. Our families do not possess these same characteristics. However, the holiness of the Holy Family lies in their response to God's will. They came together because God wanted them to, and they embraced their roles in faith.

Joseph had a dream, a deep conviction that God wanted him to marry Mary and be the father of a miraculous child. Mary, visited by an angel, knew she was receiving an authentic invitation from God, despite the confusion it may have caused. Jesus, growing in wisdom, gradually understood and embraced the Father's plan for him. The Holy Family came together because they responded to God's call, and God was at the center of their lives.

In the same way, our families can be holy. We may not be God, sinless like Mary, or as faithful as Joseph, but we can believe that God brought our families together with a purpose. We can trust that God has a plan for our families and that He is the glue holding us together. Our challenge is to be the best versions of ourselves as husbands, wives, sons, and daughters.

Perhaps we need the eyes of Simeon and Anna, who recognized the presence of God in the Holy Family. What would happen if we could see God in each other, not only in times of joy but also in the midst of challenges, sorrows, and difficulties? If we can truly see God in one another, we can build the holy families that God desires for us.

Let us ask God to heal the wounds and divisions in our families and the human family. May we embrace God's invitation, respond in faith, and strive to be the holy families that God calls us to be.

Prayer: Divine Creator, on this sacred occasion of the Holy Family Feast, we approach you with reverence, contemplating the essence of a "holy" family. Aware of our imperfections and occasional shortcomings in our interactions and obligations, we seek enlightenment. Guide us to comprehend that holiness transcends perfection, as it lies in our willingness to align with Your divine purpose. As we pay tribute to the extraordinary bond shared by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we acknowledge their exceptional qualities. Grant our family peace, through the intercession of the Holy Family. Amen! Have a refreshing and blessed New Year!

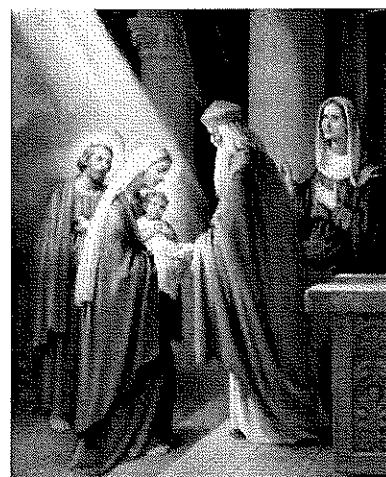
In Christ, through Mary,

Fr. Samuel Inameti

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Dear brothers and sisters, Praise be Jesus Christ! As we approach the new year, I wanted to inform you that I will be visiting my family in Nigeria from tomorrow, January 1st, through the 30th. During my absence, Weekend and weekday Masses will be celebrated as usual. If you have any sacramental needs, please reach out to Deacon George or Sandy, our parish secretary, and they will assist you.

I kindly ask that you keep my family in your prayers during my time away. Rest assured that I will keep you all in my prayers as well. Although I will not be physically present, I encourage you to stay connected with our parish community by following us on Facebook and reading our Sunday reflections in the bulletin even while I am away.

Remember that Jesus loves you, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon. Have a refreshing and blessed New Year!

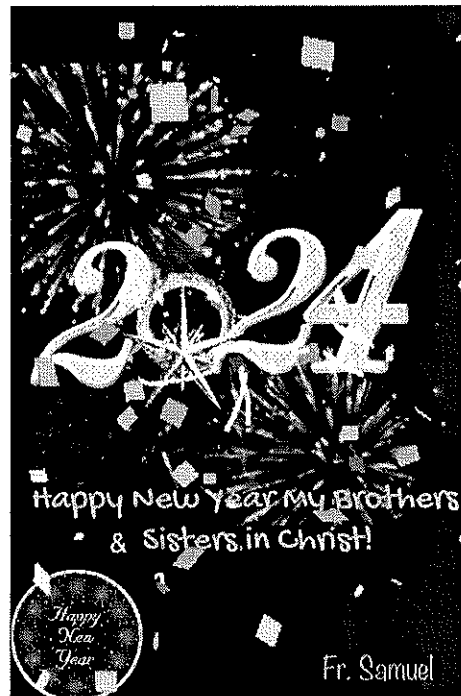
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*"Where there is no love, put love...and you will find love." - St. John of the Cross*

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

During Fr. Samuel's absence, daily Mass schedule will be as follows:

8:00am Mass Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

8:00am Communion Service on Tuesdays

We will return to 8:00am Mass Monday—

Thursday beginning the first week of February.

Let us pray for unity and for each other as we continue with the All Things New process.

God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ and through our brothers and sisters. Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences and live in forgiveness. Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person comes to light. May all of us together be a reflection of the living Christ.

Amen

**PLEASE PRAY *for*:**

Bob Seidel Jr, Bernette Goymerac, Mary Masterson,  
 Maureen Williams, Mary Williams, Mary Lou  
 Sammelman, George Lawler, Phyllis Lawler,  
 Marjorie Dubray, Akakpo-Lado, Donna Cahr, Rhonda  
 Finney, Michael Mulvihill, Sr., Michael Swoboda,  
 Marty Bligh, Sharon Klein, Sr. Mary, Shirley Swoboda,  
 Jacklean Thomas Dudley, Megan Peters, Alana Murillo  
 Ken & Dorothy Anderson, Katy Moran, Linda Schneider

**MASS INTENTION**

**Monday January 1**  
**9:00am** People of the Parish

**Tuesday January 2**  
**8:00am** Communion Service

**Wednesday January 3**  
**8:00am** Marguerite Colombo

**Thursday January 4**  
**8:00am** Irene Brown

**Saturday January 6**  
**4:00pm** Therese Adotevi

**Sunday January 7**  
**9:30am** Elsie Fickter

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**January 1**  
**9:00AM** Anne Schwanz

**January 6**  
**4:00pm** Marilyn Gittemeier

**January 7**  
**9:30am** Bess Arends

**Lectors**

**January 1**  
**9:00am** Bess Arends

**January 6**  
**4:00pm** Judy Mantych

**January 7**  
**9:30am** Lucia Tranel

**Stewardship of Treasure****Your Gifts of Support for  
Our Parish Mission**

<b>December 17, 2023</b>	<b>\$6,631.06</b>
Online Giving (included above)	\$1,448.00
<b>Budgeted weekly offertory</b>	<b>\$8,028.00</b>
This week's <loss>	\$1,396.94
<b>Budgeted weekly expenses</b>	<b>\$12,843.00</b>
<b>This Weeks &lt;loss&gt;</b>	<b>\$6,211.94</b>

<b>December 24, 2023</b>	<b>\$7,587.65</b>
Online Giving (included above)	\$2,600.00
<b>Budgeted weekly offertory</b>	<b>\$8,028.00</b>
This week's <loss>	\$440.35
<b>Budgeted weekly expenses</b>	<b>\$12,843.00</b>
<b>This Weeks &lt;loss&gt;</b>	<b>\$5,255.35</b>

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lu 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40
<b>Monday:</b>	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn3:7-10/Km 1:35-42
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38

**GREETERS**

**January 7**  
**9:30am** Pat Behle, Larry Colombo, Jeff Kelly

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Daniel Ulett and all who have died this week. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

## Holy Name of Jesus Monthly Candlelight Vigil Date Change Due to Holiday

Please join us for our monthly candlelight vigil to pray for an end to gun violence and for peace in our communities on **January 28 from 7:00-7:30 p.m.** We are gathering two weeks early this month because the last Sunday falls on New Year's Eve. The purpose of these monthly vigils is to pray for unity in our community, to raise awareness of social justice issues in our greater metropolitan community, and to pray for an end to violence – especially gun violence. These vigils consist of music, a time of silent reflection, and group prayer. Next month's vigil will be held on January 28 at 7 p.m. We hope you can be with us!



## PRAYER CHAIN

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call Betty Kondracki @ 868-0176

Happy  
New Year

## Holy Name's Spiritual Reading Library

Did you know that we started a spiritual Reading Library in the back of church? The bookcase is located inside the gates to the Adoration Chapel. As you walk through the gates look to your left. Please sign out the book you would like to read and keep it as long as you wish. Place the sign-out card in the basket on the shelf in the bookcase. When you return the book, just replace the card in the pocket and put the book back on the shelf.

Spiritual reading is **a practice of reading books and articles about spirituality with the purpose of growing in faith and your relationship with God.** Studies have shown that reading books on spirituality improves your mental and physical health and helps you feel less stressed. It is a way to hear God speaking to you.

## HELP NEEDED

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in church on Sunday, January 7th, following the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome, many hands make less work!!

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

May the peace of Christ be in your hearts and family. We are pleased to offer communion or anointing visits to our Homebound parishioners. If you know someone who would appreciate this service, please contact Sandy at parishoffice10235@sbcglobal.net or call 314-868-2310. God bless you all!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr Samuel

HNJ

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, ST. ANGELA  
MERICI WILL BE CELEBRATING THE FEAST  
DAY OF OUR PATRON SAINT WITH SOME  
ITALIAN FOOD PREPARED BY KRAUSE  
KATERING**

**Place:** St. Angela Merici Lunchroom

**Time:** following 5:00pm Mass until 7:30pm

**Cost:** \$18.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple

**Kids:** 5 & under free, 6 –11 \$9.00, 12 & up \$18.00

**Menu:** Italian Salad, Toasted Ravioli w/Marinara  
Sauce, Mostaccioli w/Homemade Meatballs, Bow Tie  
Pasta Alfredo w/Broccoli & Sun Dried Tomatoes,  
Rigatoni Carbonara and Amaretto Carrots &  
Parmesan Cheese Rolls

**Dessert:** Cannoli, Variety of Gelato, Homemade  
Italian Cookies

**Beverage:** Italian Punch, Ice Tea & Water

**NOTE:** Beer, Wine and Soda will be available for  
purchase. This is due no later than Thursday 25th

**Check one:** Dine In \_\_\_\_\_ Carry out \_\_\_\_\_

**How many dinners?** Adults \_\_\_\_\_ kids 6 & under \_\_\_\_\_

**Kids 12 & under** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Order on line at [www.saintangelamerici.org](http://www.saintangelamerici.org)**





Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

2/2/2024 - 2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO

## Talk to "Hope"

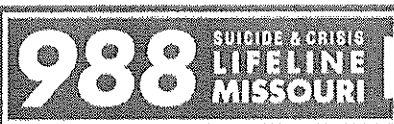
Our Free Chat Service

"Hope" is a **FREE** chat service providing encouragement and strategies on how to manage everyday stress or feelings and provide resources when you need them, using Chatbot technology.

- Text "Hi" to Hope at 202-949-7249 to get instant support.
- Hope is anonymous, private, and available 24/7
- Researched and scientifically provided emotional support service

Hope offers proven technology to offer custom mental health help when and where you need it.

*If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts, please dial 988*



### ATTENTION

The parish office will be closed

Monday, January 1st



St. Angela Merici Ladies' Club is hosting their annual Christmas party on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, which is the feast day of the Epiphany of the Lord. We

would like to invite members from St. Norbert and Holy Name of Jesus to join us. It will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome to come and share their favorite dish -with everyone. Lunch will begin at 12:30pm in the lunchroom at St. Angela Merici Parish. Call or email Robin at [Drsgalanos@att.net](mailto:Drsgalanos@att.net), 314-315-6858 with any questions. Thanks Robin Galanos, Chairperson



## BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

### Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

Wednesday, January 3 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Community Center/Tuesday 10235 Ashbrook Drive

To schedule appointment, scan QR code  
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401

or go to [www.bloodcenter.org/group\\_grp\\_#10035](http://www.bloodcenter.org/group_grp_#10035)

Masks optional. Appointments required.



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points to shop our  
store for our new gray  
blanket & more!

