



Holy Family Parish

216 Wooster St. NE ~ Navarre, Ohio 44662 Brewster ~ Navarre

Office of the Pastor

Very Rev. Kevin Peters V.F. - Pastor Rev. Frederick Schlueter - Associate Pastor
Deacon Alfredo Aguirre - Parish Pastoral Associate ~ Pattie Condello - Parish Pastoral Associate

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00-4:00pm

Monday & Wednesday - Closed

Parish Email: office@holyfamilyparishnavarre.org

Parish Website: holyfamilyparishnavarre.org

Pre-Need Cemetery Sales ~ Call Office For Appointment

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office.....330-879-5900

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Fridays at Noon for the following weeks bulletin.

Information may only be included in upcoming bulletins
when space permits. Information may be faxed to
330-879-5138

or emailed to parish526@youngstowndiocese.org

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

Weekday Mass & all times of Eucharistic Adoration

will be cancelled when Fairless Schools are closed or delayed.
Visit our Website for any additional event cancellations or
closings.

BINGO

Bingo is played every Friday evening (unless otherwise stated)
at St. Clement Hall in Navarre - 7:00 PM.

OUR STAFF

Sarah KobilarcsikCommunications Coordinator

Stefanie Coletti.....Bookkeeper

Carolyn Collins-Soehnen.....Minister of Music

Maggie Connor-Spitale...Coordinator of Religious Education

Judi Smith.....Church & Hall Custodian, Navarre

Shawn Roush.....Facilities Manager

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Virginia Heckathorn.....Sacristan, Brewster

Rev. Michael D. Seifert.....Pastor, Emeritus

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

Please stop in the office to say hello!

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Holy Family Parish, a Roman Catholic Church, comes
together as one to accept as our mission:

To live our faith centered in the Eucharist;

To share the Gospel by Word and example;

To gain knowledge by serving others with mercy and justice;
and To Love by opening our hearts to the world around us.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 8:30am ~ St. Benedict

Wednesday: 8:30am ~ St. Clement

Thursday : 8:30am ~ St. Therese

Friday: 8:30am ~ St. Anthony

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30pm ~ St. Therese

Sunday: 9:00am ~ St. Clement

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, 9:30am thru 8:30pm ~ Navarre

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Celebrated EVERY WEEKEND OF THE MONTH

Saturday, 3:45 to 4:15 pm, Brewster

Sunday, 8:15 to 8:45 am, Navarre

Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements are made with

the Coordinator of Religious Education

to schedule a date for baptism and for a sacramental
preparation class for parents and godparents.

Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation

Families requesting First Communion and Confirmation
for their children must have them enrolled in our CCD
program

or Catholic School at least 2 years prior to receiving
Sacrament.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements made with either Fr. Kevin or Fr. Fritz
six months prior to the Wedding.

Marriage preparation classes are required.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the church office for arrangements.

If you are hospitalized, home bound or in a nursing facility,
please let us know. Because of the HIPAA laws,
we are unable to inquire.

Masses, Services & Intentions

- December 20 Saturday (Brewster)
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm Mass
Joe Musacchua (Kroah & Caveslia Families)
- December 21 Sunday (Navarre)
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
Isabelle Reicosky (Nancy Bucci and Competty Family)
- December 24 Wednesday (Navarre)
8:30 am Mass
Living and Deceased Members of Holy Family Parish
- December 25 Thursday (Brewster)
8:30 am Mass
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- 9:30 am~8:30pm Adoration (Navarre)
- December 27 Saturday (Brewster)
4:30 pm Mass
Mary Rohr (Family)
- December 28 Sunday (Navarre)
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
Joe & Shirley Bumgartner (Family)

Liturgical Ministers

- Wednesday December 24- 4:00 pm (Navarre)
Lector: Barb Genetin & Diane Stropki
EMs: Paul Stropki, Vicki Rodriguez, Millie Smail & Ethan Marquart
Servers: Tommy Genetin & Greg Genetin
Greeter: need
- Wednesday December 24 - 6:30 pm (Brewster)
Lector: Tim Barber
EMs: Mary Randles, Virginia Heckathorn, Jill Rohr
Servers: Bonners
Greeter: Becky Soehnlen
- Thursday December 25- 9:00 am (Navarre)
Lectors: Carol Soehnlen
EMs: Margie Kracker, Tim Cotton, Need, Need
Servers: Leo Soehnlen & Chrissy Shaver
Greeters: Need

HOLY FAMILY PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection, December 7 \$8,390.00

Weekly Parish Expense \$11,051.00

Thank you for your Financial Support of our Parish!



On-Line Giving To access our online donation portal:

Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, and tab the

link that appears. Select where your donation is to go: Sunday weekly, Church Maintenance, Building Fund, or Fairless Food Cupboard.



4th Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

ALTAR ROSARY MEETING

Holy Family Parish, Meeting Room
Monday, March 2nd 1:00 pm.



VOCATIONS

ARE YOU CALLED TO HOLY MATRIMONY?

MARCO LOPEZ & VERONICA SALGADO

Our reflections on the married life

We met when we were 12 years old, when we started secondary school in 1983. In our third year, we started dating, and from then on, we began writing a story that we wanted to be different from the ones we were used to living in our families. We dated for 2.5 years, and that's when we believed we could build a different life. Respect, care, becoming good friends, and our enormous differences were what attracted us to start our story together.

We both grew up Catholic, out of tradition, custom, and popular religiosity. As the years went by, we had our daughters; when our eldest was six years old, she was diagnosed with leukemia. That was a turning point in our relationship and a huge shock that made us realize our faith was very weak. It was because of this situation that our daughter taught us that we need something we didn't even know we were missing at that time, she was the one who desired to receive her First Communion. During that process, we realized that God was already working in our lives as a family; He kept us united, granted her healing, and continued transforming our lives.

Over time, there was a job offer in the USA, and we arrived in this country in 2001. It wasn't until five years later, through some parishioners, that Jesus invited us to have the encounter we were missing. It was at a kerygmatic evangelization retreat that we experienced God's great love. From then on, we were touched and invited by the Holy Spirit to become missionaries, bringing the Good News wherever we went. We did so by serving as coordinators of Small Evangelization Communities in the Archdiocese of Kansas City and by getting involved in the ministries of our parish, always with the help and guidance of our priests. We were greatly blessed to be able to collaborate on the local Catholic radio station, "Levántate Católico." When we moved to Tupelo, MS in 2011, we continued this service.

In time, we were blessed to continue serving, now for the Archdiocese of Guadalajara at the Parish of San Andrés Apóstol in Ajijic, and we saw the richness of always placing Christ first. He opened the way for us to serve in the ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, visiting the sick and the most in need, and being part of Caritas Guadalajara A.C. This has been one of the ministries that has most strengthened our marriage (Mk 6:7). We saw the great need, and by invitation of the parish priest, we participated as catechists, in the youth group, in pre-baptismal and pre-marital talks, and we continued doing all this when we returned to the USA in the Diocese of Jackson, MS. There, we also joined the RCIA ministry (catechumenate) and the preparation for First Communion. In 2020, with the onset of the pandemic and our desire to continue actively collaborating in our community, we dedicated ourselves to the Devotion of the Lord of Mercy. Through social media, we have continued praying and contributing our small part up until today (2025).

Having already been evangelized, one of the many fruits our family has borne has been providing proper religious education to our daughters and grandchildren. Seeing them at retreats, gatherings, and actively participating in parish activities has been a great blessing. In fact, one of them completed her Master's degree in Theology and Ministry at Boston University, working directly with the Diocese in youth ministry. She is currently the Director of Religious Education at St. James Parish in Tupelo, MS.

On our journey as a married couple, we realized that, even though there was love, it would have been even better to know God from the beginning in order to have the formation to properly prepare us to find the richness in the Sacrament of Marriage, and to put aside the superficial things—the party and a pretty dress. By knowing and having God as the Center of our Marriage, we realized that marriage is a daily decision, the desire for holiness for one another, and it is through the most valuable details (gifts and charisms) that one falls in love each day.

God's Perfect Plan for Marriage is to form families that can imitate the Holy Family. We are about to celebrate 38 years together and we wish for all young couples to fall even more in love, having good pre-marital formation to invite Jesus to be their Center and Core. Because with Him, one has everything to face challenges and difficulties and to grow and mature in love.

The Season of *Christmas* The True Light Has Come

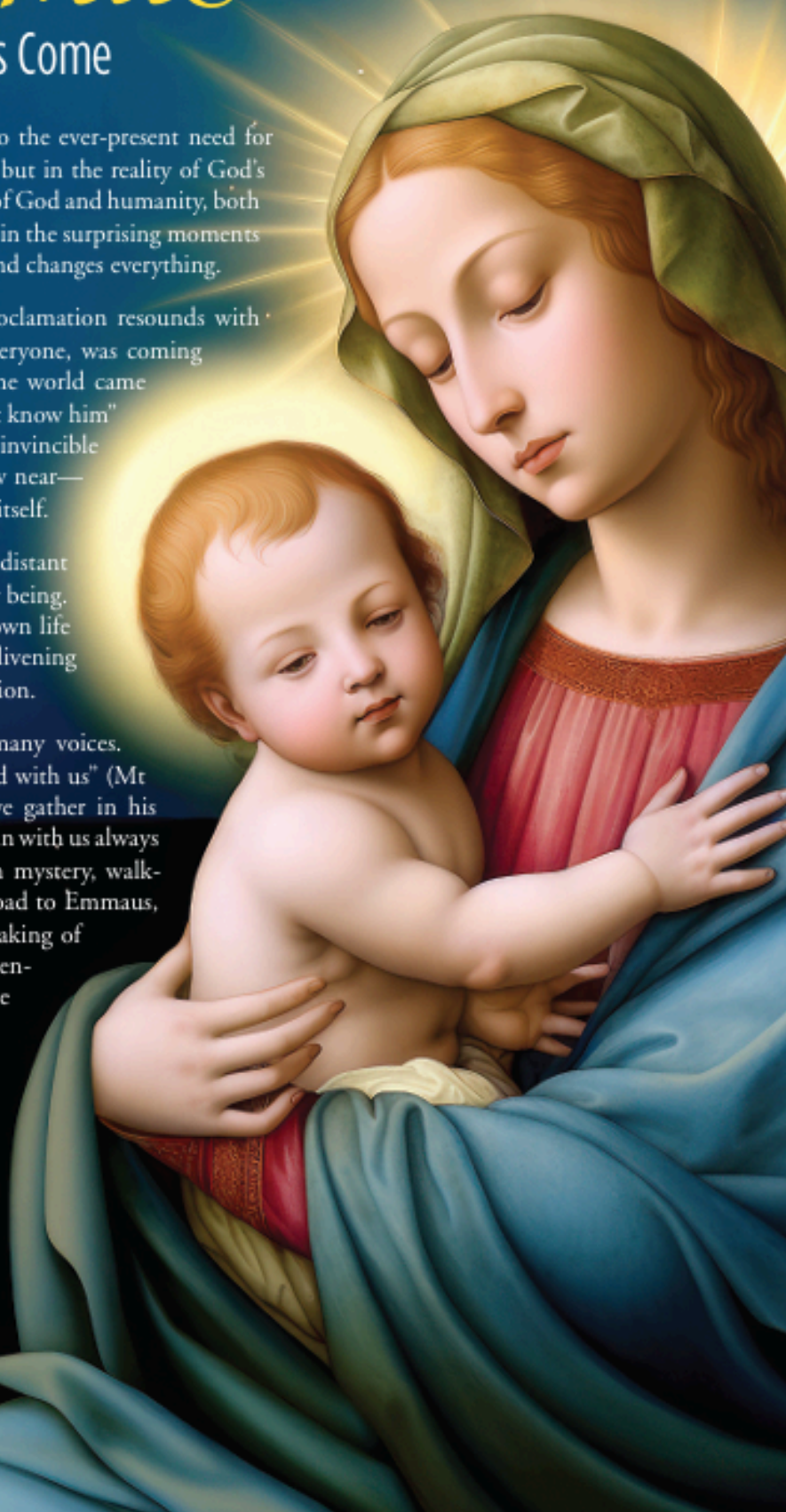
The Christmas season draws our attention to the ever-present need for hope—hope rooted not in wishful thinking, but in the reality of God's transformative presence among us. The story of God and humanity, both in the Bible and in our everyday lives, unfolds in the surprising moments when divine holiness breaks into our world and changes everything.

Into the world's darkness, the Christmas proclamation resounds with power: "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him" (Jn 1:9-10). In this Light, we encounter the invincible power of God's love and his decision to draw near—not from a distance, but from within history itself.

God chooses to be with us—not merely as a distant companion, but as one who indwells our very being. This is the heart of sanctifying grace: God's own life pulsing within us through the Holy Spirit, enlivening us now and preparing us for eternal communion.

The New Testament echoes this truth in many voices. Matthew proclaims Jesus as "Emmanuel, God with us" (Mt 1:23), and affirms his presence whenever we gather in his name (Mt 18:20) or recall his promise to remain with us always (Mt 28:20). Luke reveals the risen Christ in mystery, walking unrecognized with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, revealing himself in Scripture and in the breaking of bread (Lk 24:13-36). John speaks of Christ's enduring presence through the Advocate—the Holy Spirit—who continues Jesus' presence within us (Lk 14:26). Paul describes the Church as the Body of Christ (Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 10:17, 12:12-27), a living community called to carry forward Christ's mission: to transform the world from disorder and evil into a realm marked by God's justice, peace, and love.

This is the enduring hope of Christmas—that God is not only with us, but within us, inviting us to become light in a darkened world.



The Christmas Story in the Gospels

After centuries of preparation, at God's appointed time (around 4 BC), the drama of Christ's incarnation began to unfold in the tiny, out of the way village of Nazareth in the hilly northern part of the Holy Land called Galilee.

The accounts of Jesus' birth are found in chapters 1–2 of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Although they relate the story in different ways, Matthew concentrating on Joseph and his dilemma about accepting Jesus as his son and Luke concentrating on Mary and her willing participation in God's plan for salvation, both Gospel writers stress that Jesus was not just another human child born to human parents but the unique son of God born through the agency of God's active power, the Holy Spirit.

Both Gospel writers stress that the infancy story of Jesus is really a miniature version of the rest of the Gospel: Jesus comes into our world—and into each person's life—and each one must then decide to respond either positively with acceptance or negatively with hostility. So Joseph and Mary, their relatives Elizabeth and Zechariah, the shepherds and the magi recognize Jesus as God's son sent for salvation. But threatened by this new-born king, King Herod and the Judean Jewish leaders respond with hatred and try to murder him. Similarly, each of us must also decide how we will respond to Christ's presence in our lives today.

A Prayer for Enlightenment

Look upon us, O Lord,
hear and enlighten us.
Show us your very self.
Take pity on our efforts
and strivings toward you,
for we have no strength without you.
Teach us to seek you,
and when we seek you
show yourself to us,
for we cannot seek you
unless you teach us,
nor can we find you
unless you show yourself to us.
Let us seek you in desiring you
and desire you in seeking you,
let us find you by loving you,
and love you in finding you.
—St. Anselm of Canterbury

Mass Readings for Christmastide 2025-2026

Christmas Day (Dec 25)

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Holy Family (Dec 28)

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1)

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Epiphany (Jan 4)

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Baptism of Jesus (Jan 11)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

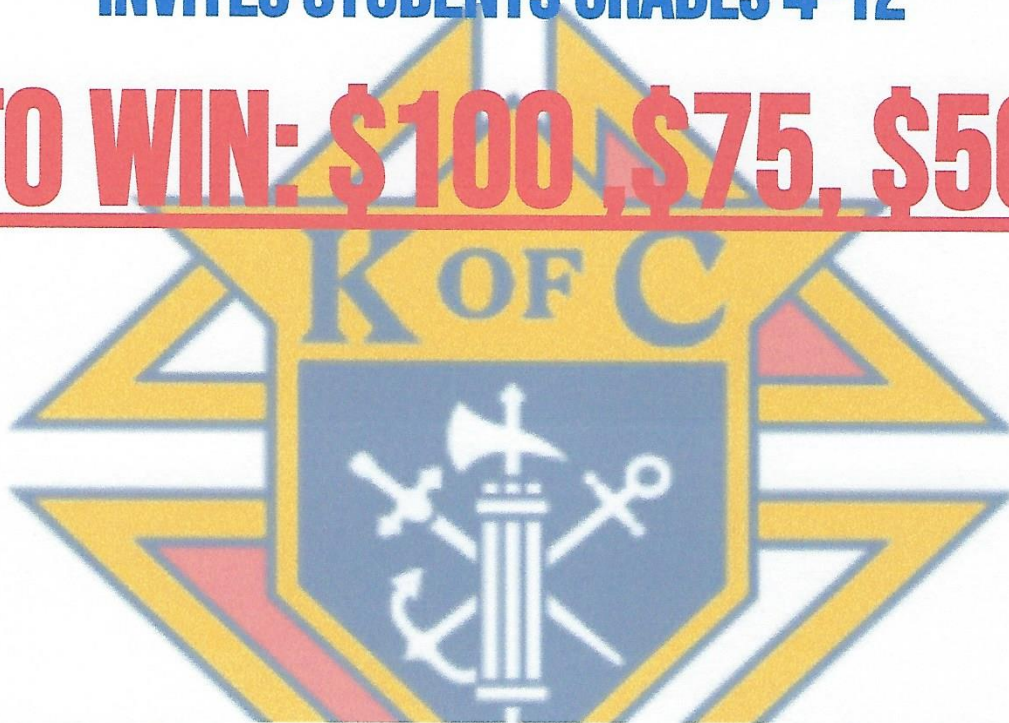
The Christmas Season

As the familiar 18th century English Christmas carol reminds us, the Christmas Season, also known as *Christmastide*, is not just one day but a 12 day celebration. In the Church's liturgical year, Christmas day was the first of the 12 days. The last night, twelfth night, is January 5, the eve of the feast of the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6. Today, the final Sunday of the Christmas Season celebrates the Baptism of Jesus. Clearly, Christmas is meant to be not just a celebration of the baby Jesus or Jesus' birthday but a summary of our lives in relation to God's intimate, incarnate presence with us today.

In the early Eastern Church, the Epiphany was the primary celebration of both Jesus' birth and his manifestation to the world. It was associated with the winter solstice when the sun's light began to be renewed for another year. In the Roman West in the 3rd century, the celebration of Jesus' birth was shifted to December 25 to compete with the pagan festival of the "unconquered sun" (*natalis solis invicti*) and the time until Epiphany became the Christmas Season. From the 4th century on, Christmas, with its focus on Christ's incarnation as a truly human person like ourselves, grew in popularity until today it often surpasses Easter in the popular imagination.



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St. Nicholas

Born in the third century in Patara (modern-day Turkey), St. Nicholas became famous for his generosity and secret gift-giving. His most well-known story tells of a poor man with three daughters who lacked dowries; on three separate nights, Nicholas secretly provided bags of gold, saving the daughters from being sold into slavery.

He died on December 6, AD 343, in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a healing liquid called “manna” was said to form in his tomb. The anniversary of his death became St. Nicholas Day, celebrated on December 6 (December 19 on the Julian calendar).

Parish Contributions

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish! As we move forward, please note that we can no longer accept checks written to St. Clement or St. Therese.

All checks must now be made payable to Holy Family Parish. If a check is submitted under the former parish names, the office will contact you to let you know.

Thank you for your understanding and your faithful support!

BINGO NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

We are short on helpers for BINGO on December 26th. If you are available to assist, we would truly appreciate your support. Please call the Parish Office at 330-879-5900 or Bridget Gilligan 570-578-3783 if you are able to volunteer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri. Dec 26BINGO (St. C Hall)
Thurs. Jan 22Food Pantry (St. T. Hall)

Upcoming Knights of Columbus Events:

January- Super Bowl Pizzas. Throughout the month we will be selling delicious homemade pizzas!! Proceeds support our Charity & Scholarship initiatives.

To order call or text Vic Flinner 330-546-2786 or Greg Frank 330-510-0924 By February 1st.

Feb 12– May 11– Super Cash Bonanz Charity Raffle Ticket Sales/ Become a Partner and Join us as a “Partner” and Proceeds will be split with YOUR favorite charity!

Contact now to make arrangements:
Aaron Shiplett 330.353.1471
Tom Kleinhenz 330.413. 0692

Saturday, March 21- Annual Bear Creek Steak House Dinner Funds for WATER for poor nations & families in need, reserve your Table of 8 today! Contact Leo Soehnlén for tickets.

Saturday, March 28 – Men’s Retreat & Day of Reflection. Mass, Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation. Great talks, spiritual reflection. Paul Stropki, priests, deacons, Jesus & the Holy Spirit will ALL be there that day. To join us contact Paul Stropki 330.685.0450 to reserve your spot(s). Bring your friends & family!

New Years BINGO!!!

Start the New Year with some BINGO fun! Join us on January 2nd at 7:00 PM (doors open at 4:00 PM). The first 100 guests will receive a free sauerkraut and pork meal. Bring your family and friends and celebrate the start of the year together. We hope to see you there!



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