



HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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VOICES IN THE PARISH



Welcome

Whether you're visiting or a long-time member of the parish, we're glad you're here this Christmas season to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the miracle of the first Christmas fill all our hearts with joy.

Merry Christmas!

*Fr. Larry, Fr. Gary,
Fr. Maury & the
Holy Name Parish Staff*



Welcome and Merry Christmas...

Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Church. We are happy that you made us a part of your Christmas celebration. For many of us Christmas holds many wonderful memories. For me I always knew Christmas was truly upon us when the choir sang "Go Tell It On the Mountain" at the end of Midnight Mass. Now we could go home, in my memory with snow falling and Christmas music playing, to put in the final few hours before the wonder and excitement of Christmas morning. In many, many households this moment of wonder and excitement is replayed each year, if not in reality then in memory of long ago Christmases.



Unfortunately for some Christmas may not have good memories just another day with an abusive alcoholic father or a child that is lost to drugs or any of the countless other stories of who we are. For some Christmas memories are tarnished by an empty chair of a loved one who has died. The season seems all the harder because there is almost a mania for people insisting that everyone be happy during this season.

But at the center of the Christmas season is memories of Christmas past. Whether good or bad we tend to be fascinated by the story at the heart of the celebration. A child is born, in a manger for there is no room in the Inn, poor parents in an out of the way place, yet angels sing to shepherds and Wise Men travel a great distance bringing gifts. The innocence and humility of such a monumental moment, a Savior is born and wrapped in swaddling clothes and the first guests are a little sketchy with tales of angels singing. Maybe the fascination with the Christmas story is just that, something so amazing and earth shattering is accomplished in such a humble way.

Jesus, the Emmanuel, God with us, comes not in a palace surrounded by gold and glory, but in a stable open to all surrounded by animals and those who care for them. This amazing story begins with a child being born not a powerful warrior coming onto the scene. The King of Kings is not the head of armies with wealth untold but the child of Mary and Joseph who believed that what God promised them would come to be. This Christmas season let us remember that Jesus is still present in our lives. That he comes to us where we are, he does not insist that we find him or come to him but simply open our hearts and he will be there. It does not matter if we live in a palatial home or a small apartment, if we have riches or nothing at all, if we have a deep faith or simply many questions he desires to be one with us. This Christmas season let the love of Jesus come to you and grow in your heart by simply inviting him in and celebrating his presence.

If there is anything that I or the staff at Holy Name of Jesus can do to help you in your journey with Christ, please let us know. We are here for you.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Larry McBride,
Pastor

Help Spread the Word

Holy Name parish offers the following **assistance/services** to the parish and the Henderson community. Through the generosity of our parishioners, these services are provided free of charge. Please contact the parish office 270-826-2096 for more information.

- **Medical Equipment** is available for loan (walkers, shower benches, bedside toilet chairs, wheel chairs)
- Holy Name Outreach provides **financial assistance for rent or utilities in emergency situations as well as providing food assistance** as needed. The program is available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00—11:00am
- Through our Social Action Committee programs are offered throughout the year: **local community service days, Lenten Community Tree of Hope, Community Giving Garden**
- **Strong Women/Men Exercise Group**—low impact exercise open to seniors meeting Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30—11:30am
- **Bereavement support** after the death of a loved one
- **Community Celebrations/ Meals:** Holy Name of Jesus Feast Day Celebration in early January, Thanksgiving meal provided by the Barry and Maureen Schneider Family
- **Rachel's Monument** at the St. Louis cemetery provides an opportunity to memorialize a baby lost through miscarriage or abortion

Did you know?

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him.



New Year Resolution? CONSIDER THIS.....

As the Christmas season continues, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on New Year's day, **Mass times: Vigil, December 31 @ 6:00pm and January 1 @ 7:00am, noon and 6:00pm.**

What New Year resolutions might we make to extend this season of peace and goodwill throughout 2020?

- Volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul or the Salvation Army
- Join the Tuesday Night Rosary Devotion Group
- Make the Women's Retreat (January 24-26, 2020)
- Join the Adult Education/Prayer Group on Saturday mornings
- Attend First Friday Adoration/Benediction
- Become a Liturgical Minister or join a new ministry

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Bienvenidos & Feliz Navidad

Bienvenidos a la Iglesia del Santo Nombre de Jesús. Nos da mucha alegría el que nos hayan dejado formar parte de su celebración navideña. Para muchos de nosotros, la Navidad tiene muchos recuerdos maravillosos. Para mí, siempre supe que la Navidad estaba aquí cuando el coro canta "Vayan y anuncien en las Montañas" al final de la misa de medianoche. En ese momento podríamos ir a casa, en mi memoria con nieve y música de Navidad a unas pocas horas antes de la maravilla y emoción de la mañana de navidad. En muchos, muchos hogares, este momento de asombro y lleno de emoción que se repite año con año, y hasta en las memorias de las Navidades de antaño.

Desafortunadamente, para algunas personas, La Navidad puede no tener buenos recuerdos solo otro día con un padre alcohólico abusivo o un niño perdido por las drogas o cualquiera de las innumerables historias de quienes somos. Durante algunos recuerdos navideños, una silla vacía de un ser querido que ha muerto, ha empañado esta celebración. La temporada parece aún más difícil porque hay casi una manía para las personas que insisten en que todos sean felices durante esta temporada.

Pero en el centro de la temporada navideña están los recuerdos del pasado navideño. Ya sea bueno o malo, tendemos a estar fascinados por la historia en el corazón de la celebración. Un niño nace, en un pesebre, porque no hay lugar en la posada, los padres pobres están en un lugar apartado, pero los ángeles le cantan a los pastores y los Reyes Magos viajan una gran distancia trayendo regalos. La inocencia y la humildad de un momento tan monumental, un Salvador nace y se envuelve en pañales y los primeros huéspedes son un recibidos con cantos de ángeles. Tal vez la fascinación por la historia de Navidad sea solo eso, algo tan sorprendente y conmovedor se logra de una manera tan humilde.

Jesús, el Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros, no viene en un palacio rodeado de oro y gloria, sino en un establo abierto para todos, rodeado de animales y de quienes los cuidan. Esta increíble historia comienza cuando nace un niño, no un poderoso guerrero que aparece en escena. El Rey de reyes no es el jefe de ejércitos con riquezas sin contar, sino el hijo de María y José, que creían que lo que Dios les prometió vendría a ser. Esta temporada de Navidad recordemos que Jesús todavía está presente en nuestras vidas. Que venga a nosotros donde estamos, no insiste en que lo encontremos o que vengamos a él, sino que simplemente abrimos nuestros corazones y él estará allí. No importa si vivimos en una casa, o en un apartamento pequeño, si tenemos riquezas o nada en absoluto, si tenemos una fe profunda o simplemente muchas preguntas, él desea ser uno con nosotros. Esta temporada navideña deja que el amor de Jesús venga a ti y crezca en tu corazón simplemente invitándolo y celebrando su presencia.

Si hay algo que yo o el personal de Santo Nombre de Jesús podamos hacer para ayudarlo en su viaje con Cristo, háganoslo saber. Estamos aquí para tí.

Feliz Navidad,

Fr. Larry McBride,
Pastor

Blessing for a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

*Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.*



Picture from Christmas 2018: Here you see Troop 50 Boy Scouts helping with one of their favorite service projects, decorating Holy Name Church for Christmas. Thanks to the Boy Scouts and all who help decorate each year.

Did you know?

The word 'Christmas' comes from old English, the Mass of Christ or Christ's Mass. Even the word 'holiday' is derived from the phrase 'Holy Day'.

**Holiday Social 2019
ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Interested in joining the
Altar Society?
Next Meeting will be
March, 2020
Watch the bulletin!**

Music Ministry News

By Jenny Mills

Welcome from Holy Name's Music Ministry! Thank you for making Holy Name part of your Christmas celebration this year.

News and upcoming events from us:

- 1) Youth Music: Our "A New Song" program runs every other Wednesday evening. This is a youth music training night where students get to break into jam groups and learn how to work together with different combinations of instruments and voices to give a unique spin to church songs. Follow us on Instagram @anewsonghenderson to get all the time details and dates.
- 2) There will be a special retreat for all High School musicians on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Follow us on Instagram @anewsonghenderson for all the time details, or email Jenny Mills jmills@holynameparish.net
- 3) Did you know our parish has a music ministry that includes over 80 people and over 5 different groups? We have multiple choirs, a folk group, and multiple youth music groups. If you have a heart to serve people through music, we'd love for you to find a home here. We're always happy to have newcomers. Check out our page on the Holy Name Website for more details: holynameparish.net/liturg-and-music

Extra Special Events Coming up this Summer:

- 1) We plan to take a group of adults to the NPM (National Pastoral Musicians) Conference in July. The conference is in a different location each year and will be in our own backyard in Louisville this summer. Stay tuned to the parish website and bulletin for more details on this.
- 2) Music Camps! We will run a middle school and a high school music camp again this summer. Again stay tuned to the parish website, bulletin, and our youth music Instagram for all the details @anewsonghenderson.



NEW YEAR: MANY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN OUR YOUTH GROUP

As this New Year begins we have a full schedule of fellowship and religious opportunities available for the seventh grade, eighth grade and High School youth in Holy Name Parish. Our High School youth meet almost every Sunday night. Our High School youth will have a short break throughout the Christmas season to enjoy Sunday nights with their families. We will pick back up in January with our new Director of Youth Ministry, Beth Probus. High school will kick off on January 12th, with Nerf war, volleyball, and board games. There are also many opportunities for them to attend retreats, camps, and mission trips. Our JR. High students do not meet on an every week basis, but when we do meet it is usually big, exciting, and full of fellowship. These are words that I would use to describe the JR. High lock-in that will take place.

As we charge full speed ahead please remember to check the bulletin for a list of all of the events happening with the youth here at Holy Name of Jesus. On behalf of the youth, we would like to extend great thanks for being such a supportive Parish family. Without your support and prayers, our youth ministry wouldn't be where it is today. For information regarding our Youth Ministries, please contact Beth at 826-2096 or bprobus@holynameparish.net.

Celebration of Holy Baptism— Welcome from your Parish Family



Above: **Jase Thomas Murphy**, child of Nathan and Autumn Murphy, was baptized September 7, 2019.



Above: **Rylan & Jace Meuth**, child of Rick & Jeannie Meuth, was baptized September 8, 2019.



Above: **Jackson Henry George Vowels**, child of Austin and Sarah Vowels, was baptized July 20, 2019.



Above: **Mila and Jordan Thompson** children of Mal-lori Vowels & Nathan Thompson, were baptized October 26, 2019.



Above: **Luca Andres Shelman**, child of John & Susy Shelman and **Rebecca Rose Wirey**, child of Josh & Estefania Wirey were baptized December 7, 2019.



Above: **Adleigh Grace Smith**, child of Kylee Fritz & Devin Smith, was baptized November 30, 2019.



Above: **Charlotte Eden Anderson** child of Travis & Elizabeth Anderson, was baptized September 15, 2019.

Alpha...The Beginning...

by Rose Wheeler

Christ comes into the world today. Do I know what that means for me? What can this newborn teach me? Have you been invited to explore or develop your relationship with Christ? Do you have one? Not sure?

Bible studies are great IF you also explore *How & Where* God is present in your life today in relation to the stories of the Bible you are studying. Book studies, scripture challenges, service projects, etc. are great things to DO, but if you are not discerning where/how these works strengthen your faith...are they empty, simply time fillers?

In RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the scheduling format was revised to incorporate Alpha as the Inquiry stage. What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. This process of journeying with others in a small group setting to explore a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church is pressure-free. It allows one to challenge self as much or as little as desired.

Alpha is a perfect fit for RCIA, but it is a perfect fit for any small group that would like to explore basic questions of faith: Is there more to life than this? How can I have faith? How can I resist Evil?...

Are you unchurched, unbaptized, a baptized Christian, a Catholic who has stopped attending church on a regular basis, or a Catholic attending mass weekly? If so then Alpha is for you!

Interested? Have questions? Call the parish office and join an Alpha group today!



Upcoming Events/Mark Your Calendar

Catholic Schools Week- January 27- 31, 2020

Used Book Sale- March 27- 28, 2020

Night at the Races- April 24, 2020

Watch the bulletin and check our website at holynameschool.org for more details.

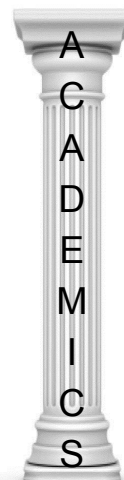
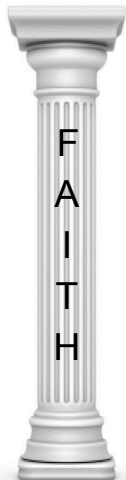
Holy Name School is open to everyone who wishes to join in an educational experience focused on three pillars- faith, service, and academics.

Faith is our most valued pillar and the cornerstone of our historic existence. Throughout the year, our students experience spiritual retreats, weekly masses, prayer services, special masses, and daily prayer.

While faith is our cornerstone, service is our specialty. Students at all grade levels experience a large variety of service opportunities, ranging from serving lunch at the Salvation Army soup kitchen to letters to shut-ins. By serving others, our students get to experience the characteristics embodied by Christ.

While faith and service are vital to our mission, we take great pride in our high academic standard and performance. In addition to rigorous core content classes, students experience Computer Aided Design, public speaking, Latin American culture, drama, and many challenging STREAM (Science Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) activities.

Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year begins March 2, 2020



Merry Christmas from the Faculty and Staff of Holy Name Catholic School



You and Your Family Are Invited! **Feast Day Celebration 2020**

January 4, 2020, 5:30PM

Holy Name School Cafeteria

FRIENDS, FUN, FAMILY, FOOD,
DOOR PRIZES & ENTERTAINMENT

Mass Times

**Come nourish, grow and share our faith
together with us at Holy Name of Jesus**

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm

Sunday: *7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

1:00pm Misa en Español & 5:30pm

*7:30am mass is broadcast on the radio WSON
860 AM OR 96.5 FM

Daily Liturgies

Monday - Friday 7:00am

Wednesday - Friday 12:05pm

Saturday 7:00am

Holy Day

Vigil 6:00pm

7:00am, 12:05pm, 6:00pm

Visit www.holynameparish.net or contact the parish of-
fice, 270-860-3126 for more information.

MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Name of Jesus, a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky, is dedicated to living the Gospel message. We strive to build community by celebrating God's presence in Word and Sacrament. Through our gift of diversity, guided by the spirit, we witness Christ's love for God's people by our compassion for all.



GO AND.....

Spread Christmas cheer! Remember our celebration of Mass continues as we live out our mission as the body of Christ in our homes, communities and workplaces.

**Annual
Holy Name
Mardi Gras
Party**



Holy Name
School Cafeteria

February 22, 2020

Doors Open at 6:00pm

\$10.00 per person

(Must be at least 21 years old to attend)