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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25, 2026

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Parish Hall: Ext. 110

Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.

Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.

Confessions are scheduled for Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM and by appointment.

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

Sat.	Jan.	24	4:00	pm	+Craig Hershel req. by Len & Marge Koval
Sun.	Jan.	25	8:00	am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30	am	+Sonny & Rita Swires req. by Sara & Josie
Mon.	Jan.	26	8:00	am	+Ken Sossong req. by Kordish Family
Tues.	Jan.	27	8:00	am	+Franceska Norwich req. by Gerri Ciesielka
Weds.	Jan.	28	8:00	am	+Mrs. Jean Plow req. by Fr. Tom
Thurs.	Jan.	29	8:00	am	+David Gentile req. by People Helping People
Fri.	Jan.	30	8:00	am	+Karolyn Conrad req. by Marie Pollock
Sat.	Jan.	31	4:00	pm	+Hilda Sossong req. by Kordish Family
Sun.	Feb..	1	8:00	am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30	am	+Regis Schall req. by Rosemas Family

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Ken Sossong** requested by Kordish Family...

The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Special Intention** req. by Anonymous.

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE OFTEN FOR THE LATEST UPDATES: www.holyfamilyportage.org

January 25, 2025 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do – rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ. Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we who were once in the darkness and gloom of original sin have been born again into the great light that is God's grace in us.

We have become cherished members of God's family. What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His good News to all those we meet at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life – to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do – it's who we are.

SYMPATHY – Our Parish family wishes to extend their sincerest sympathy to Clarence Kalinoski on the death of his wife, **Helen**. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES IMPACT REPORT
Holy Family Parish attained 50.75% of our Goal!

Goal \$37,600.00 Receipts \$19,083.00 Gifts/Pledges \$19,108.00

PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 01/18/2026

Sunday/Monthly	\$4,786.40
Children	23.85
Loose	84.00
Holy Day	40.00
Christmas	20.00
Energy	50.00
Church Improvement	300.00
Initial	195.00
Missalettes/Bulletins	<u>20 .00</u>

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026

Jan. 31 & Feb. 1 – Blessing of the Throats
Feb. 1 – SHUC Rosary 2:30 PM Meeting 3:00 PM
Feb. 9 – K of C Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday/ Day of Fast & Abstinence
Feb. 25 – Lenten Luncheon Noon at Hammers Street Church of God
Feb. 27 – Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM – Fridays in Lent

Total \$ 5,519.25

**DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
DONUT SOCIAL IS CANCELLED!**

Religious Education

- **The Respect Life Presentation:** Respect life Commission Presentation here in our parish on Sunday, **February 8** at 3:00pm. Our Confirmation Grade students (grades 9-11) are encouraged to participate in the presentation. The presentation would be their Re. Ed. Class for that Sunday, February 8. Consent forms will be sent via email during the week.
- **February 14: Post-Confirmation Youth Ministry Workshop.** Do you have a passion for youth? Would you be willing to coordinate youth ministry activities with our parish youth beginning Fall 2026? If you feel called to this ministry, kindly call the Rectory or Sr. Vivian at 814-736-4279, Ext. 104, to register for the workshop.

Child & Youth Protection: All Parish volunteers & personnel are required to have themselves fully cleared. Clearances are to be **renewed every FIVE years**. Stop by the **rectory office or Call Sr. Vivian @ 814-736-4279 ext. 104 to check what clearance you need to update**. *Sr. Vivian will walk you through the process in case you need assistance.*

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PLAN. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN A BROCHURE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND ON
THE PARISH WEBSITE.**

Our Flooring Project began on Monday, January 5th. We are better than on schedule with the work. All the asbestos tiles we can remove at this time from the Church building are gone. The dumpster was removed from the property on Thursday! The next step is to prepare the concrete floor for the new tile and carpeting. That work will start on Monday. Thank you for your patience and flexibility thus far. Please keep working with us through the mess and adjustment we have had to make. There are photos on the website and Facebook pages of our parish. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns and please keep the project in your prayers! Fr. Tom

COMFORT AND CONNECTION POTLUCK BINGO – We will be hosting a Potluck Dinner, along with Bingo & Prizes, for all those who have experienced a loss or need connection on Sunday, February 15th from 2 to 4 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Parish Hall. The main entrée will be provided and those attending may sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

Our Lady Queen of Angels Monthly Bingo - Sunday, February 1, 2026 - Please join us at the Activities Center (738 Sunshine Ave., Central City) for Bingo on Sunday, February 1, 2026. Doors open at 11:30am and games start at 1:00pm. Entrance is \$25. Games of chance and food/snacks will be available for purchase. **Wear something Red/Pink to be eligible to win a Bingo gift certificate.**

Young Adult Group (18-39): In December we had over 40 young adults join us for faith, food, and fellowship. March will be our 3-year anniversary, and we still have at least 1 new member join every month, so we are always seeking new members. Please help spread the word! All young adults (18-39) are invited! There is no cost to attend. Our next Theology on Tap is Wednesday January 28th at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Fr. Canice McMullen OSB speaking on: The Four Temperaments and our Path to Holiness. You won't want to miss this one! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.