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HOLY FAMILY'S PASTORS

All five Holy Family pastors were present at Marge Gram's funeral on May 16. From left: Fr. Philip Egan, pastor since 2014; Fr. Matthew Brumleve, 2004-2014; Fr. Robert Stewart, 1993-2004; Fr. Lloyd Opoka, 1983-1993; Fr. Pat Rush, founding pastor, 1980-1983. Marge and her husband Bernard are founding members of Holy Family.

Contemplating Mystery of Mercy

Pope Francis Announces Holy Year

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy.”

With those words, Pope Francis opened his Papal Bull proclaiming the upcoming jubilee year of mercy.

The Holy Year of Mercy opens Tuesday, December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the day Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica. He selected that date because it is the 50th anniversary of the closing of Vatican II.

The year will close **Sunday, November 20, 2016**, the feast of Christ the King, when the Holy Door will be resealed.

During this Holy Year, Pope Francis invites us to contemplate mercy. He points to Jesus as the example of God’s mercy in human form. Those who see Jesus, see God’s mercy.

Pope Francis refers to Luke’s gospel, in which Jesus tells those listening to him, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.”

Francis speaks of a loving God who “consoles, pardons and instills hope.”

Holy Family is studying how to observe this jubilee year. Parishioner Tom White is leading the staff in this effort.

Francis tells us what we as pilgrims can expect to learn during this year.

“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back” (*Luke 6:37-38*).

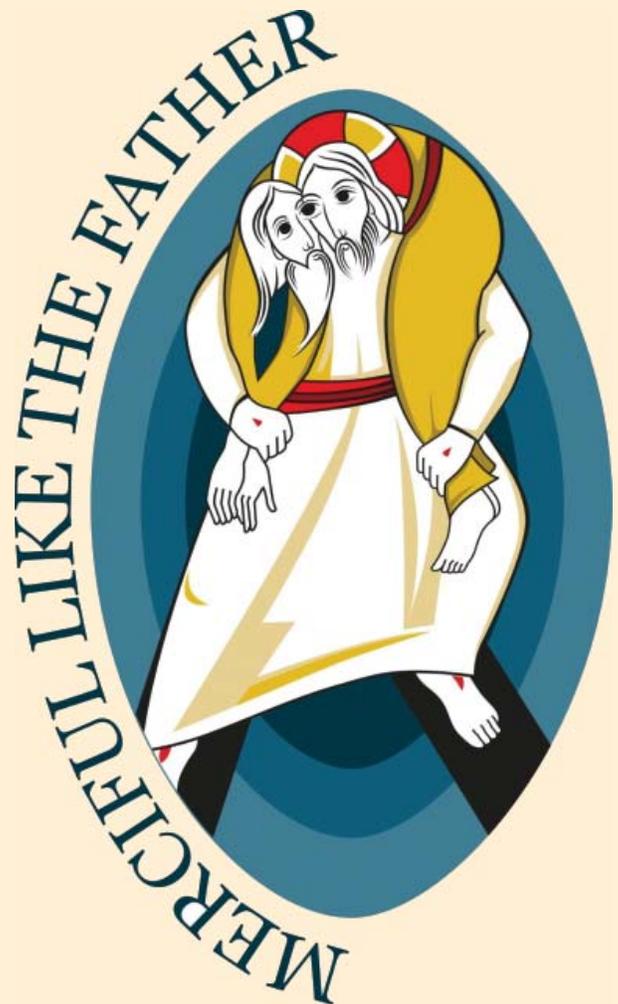
Put simply, he asks us not to judge, not to condemn. He asks us to forgive and to give.

“In this holy year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living in the outmost fringes of society, fringes modern society itself creates,” Tom said.

Are we doing enough now to help these people?

Holy Family offers a number of ways parishioners can show mercy to others:

- **Catholic Worker House**—Prepare and serve food
- **Funeral Dinners** (In conjunction with the St. Joseph’s Women’s Group)—Prepare and serve food for the bereaved



- **Giving Tree**—Serve on committee, buy gifts for families or provide financial support
- **Holy Family Council of Knights of Columbus**—Provide service and charitable opportunities
- **Holy Family Hoofers**—Raise funds for Catholic Charities
- **Holy Family Men’s Club**—Raise funds for parish groups and individuals
- **Homebound Ministry**—Bring Eucharist to homebound
- **Love INC**—Collect infant care items
- **Love INC**—Provide financial support
- **Memorial Garden**—Provide comfort to the grieving
- **Ministry to the Sick**—Bring Eucharist at North Kansas City Hospital

WHAT IS MERCY?

In Hebrew, it is loving kindness. In Greek, it is compassion or pity. It is performed out of a desire to relieve suffering. Mercy transcends justice. It is associated with forgiveness.

- **New Mark Nursing Home Ministry**—Bring Eucharist to residents
- **Parish Garden**—Grow fresh produce for St. James Place Food Pantry
- **Prayer Chain**—Pray for intentions brought to the chain
- **School Supply Drive**—Collect school supplies for the North Kansas City district, pocket folders for St. James Place and personal care items for Love INC hygiene kits for children in Clay County
- **Service Blitz**—Participate in service and donation opportunities in early February
- **Sock it to Poverty**—Collect socks and underwear for Redemptorist Social Services
- **St. Benedict's Pantry**—Collect personal care items
- **St. Brigid Needlework Group**—Combine needlework talents with prayer for the sick
- **St. James Place Food Pantry**—Collect non-perishable food
- **St. James Place Kitchen**—Serve food

Many parishioners are involved in their own personal ministries, as well.

Are there others who need us?

Consider those who feel alienated from the church for any reason, such as:

- **Abortion**
- **Clergy sexual abuse**
- **Cohabitation**
- **Divorce**
- **Disagreement with church teachings**
- **Exclusion based on ethnicity or sexual orientation**
- **Judgmental Catholics and clergy**
- **Lifeless liturgies**
- **Mistreatment by other Catholics and clergy**
- **Misunderstanding of church teachings**
- **Never married parents**
- **Non-Catholic spouses**
- **Remarriage**
- **Women's place in the church**

You may know of more examples.

As the time for the Year of Mercy grows closer, watch the bulletin to learn how Holy Family will observe it.

ABOUT THE MOTTO AND LOGO

The motto “Merciful Like the Father” (from Luke 6:36) invites us to follow the Father’s example in these lines that follow, “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” (Luke 6:37-38)

The logo is the work of Fr. Marko I. Rupnik, SJ, according to the official Jubilee of Mercy website. It portrays Jesus carrying the lost soul over his shoulders. He designed the logo to “express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one’s life.” His eyes are merged with that of man.

SPEAKING FOR OTHER PHYSICIANS

John Stanley President of Missouri State Medical Association

Dr. John Stanley is a “true believer in the mission of organized medicine.”

Why?

“The bottom line is no one else is speaking for you (physicians). It’s the only way anything gets done,” he explained.

Groups, such as the Missouri State Medical Association (MSMA), speak for physicians as a whole, especially legislatively. Working together is more effective, he added.

Dr. Stanley was inaugurated as the 2015 MSMA president on Saturday, April 18.

Since then, he has been traveling around Missouri, speaking at various local medical association meetings. He also attends other states’ medical association meetings for ideas, as well as national meetings.

In addition to the MSMA, Dr. Stanley is also a member and past president of the Metropolitan Medical Society of Greater Kansas City, member and past president of the Kansas City Academy of Family Physicians, member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians and the American Medical Association.

Being a physician appeals to him because “it’s just the idea you are helping people. ... It’s a very rewarding profession.”

He grew up seeing medicine practiced in the family home. His father, the late Dr. Charles Stanley, was medical director at GM’s Fairfax plant during the day, but in the evenings, he was “a true family doctor.”

The Stanley living room was the exam room and the



sofa was the exam table. Sometimes John jumped in the car with his father to make house calls.

“I saw everything first hand,” he said.

He sees his work as connecting with his faith. He believes in being charitable in his care, not treating patients roughly, even if they are late. The golden rule comes to his mind. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Dr. Stanley has been a physician volunteer with MetroCARE KC for ten years, which provides care for uninsured low-income patients in the Kansas City area. Physicians volunteer to serve these patients. He also serves on its board of directors. “It’s a really nice organization,” he said.

He has also been involved with Northland Health Care Access, a similar organization.

Dr. Stanley graduated from Missouri Western State University with a bachelor’s degree in biology. After a year of graduate school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, he enrolled in medical school at the University of Autonoma of Guadalajara in Mexico. After graduation, he completed his internship and residency at Prince George’s General Hospital in Cheverly, Maryland. He worked in the Washington, D.C., area for three years before returning to Kansas City in 1987.

He operated a solo practice in Gladstone for ten years before joining Briarcliff Medical Associates, now Meritas Health Briarcliff.

Dr. Stanley and his wife Kath have five children, John, Suzanne, Ken, Tom and Luke. They have been Holy Family members since 1987. He serves on the facilities committee. In the past he was a PSR teacher, a Men’s Club member and sang in the choir.

The Missouri State Medical Association

Physicians founded the Missouri State Medical Association in 1850. Its mission is to serve its members through the promotion of the science and art of medicine, protection of the public’s health and betterment of the medical profession in Missouri.

The association is the voice of more than 6,500 Missouri physicians who strongly support organized medicine and want to be active within their profession. It serves as medicine’s advocate at the Missouri Capitol, the Department of Health, the Department of Insurance and the Board of Healing Arts. Comprised of 43 local medical societies, it serves physicians, patients and communities on local issues. Its members work to maintain medical standards and ethics, and ensure Missourians’ access to quality health care.

Faith Is Trusting In God

It's Going to Be All Right

“Faith means trusting in God, knowing that no matter what happens, he has a plan for all of us.

“This helps me through life a lot, knowing that even when stuff gets hard, he’s there for me. It’s going to end up being all right in the end. I’m even more grateful when life is going well, because he is to thank for that.”

Lauren Hamre will be a senior at Staley High School. She is the daughter of Shawn and Stacey Hamre.

She has been a Holy Family parishioner since the third grade. Lauren is a peer minister and small group leader with the senior high youth group. She also serves as a peer minister on the Search retreat for confirmation candidates. In addition, she is a PSR aide for fifth graders, serving the last two years. Just recently, she became the youth representative on the pastoral council.

Mindy Lehman, director of religious education, asked Lauren if she would like to help teach PSR. Mindy thought she would enjoy doing it.

“It’s a cool thing to see all of the little kids learning about God, and being able to make it fun for them and see them want to learn more.”

Lauren’s involvement with youth ministry began after attending the Search retreat as a confirmation candidate.

“I had a great time and I just felt so grateful to have amazing team members there who wanted to dedicate their time to helping us on our faith journey. I wanted to pay that forward and help my peers and see them grow in their faith as I had in mine.”

After Patty Whelchel, director of stewardship and development, spoke to the senior high group about opportunities for involvement at Holy Family, Lauren became interested in the pastoral council. When the previous youth representative went to college, she inquired about the opening.

“I enjoy being on the council because if there is something I can do help, I’m more than happy to.”

Holy Family has helped Lauren in her faith journey through “all the amazing people who are there to support you no matter what,” she said.

‘It’s a cool thing to see all of the little kids learning about God, and being able to make it fun for them and see them want to learn more.’

Lauren Hamre

Teens Talk



“Mindy has definitely helped me a lot. She’s gotten me really involved and has always been supportive to not just me, but every kid at Holy Family. Rob (youth and young adult minister) has also been a big help, pushing us to help out with youth group and with the retreat. He is there to keep us in line, but he also makes everything we do really fun, so people really want to come to youth group on Sundays.

“Everything that I do with the church now has turned from ‘My mom is making me do this.’ to ‘I can’t wait to go to youth group tonight.’ or ‘When is our next retreat going to be?’ I definitely have Mindy and Rob to thank for that.”



First Holy Communion was held Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19. Pictured left to right, first row: Caden Rives, Cayden Howard, Ryan Cascio, Isabella Stang, Emily Wills, Hannah Szarwinski, Sophie Mergel, Aly Ward, Ethan Assee, Patrick McWilliams, Tyler Scott.

Middle row: Turner White, Kyle Schroeder, Cory O'Toole, Stephen Kelly, Evan Abbott, Silvio Battaglia, Pablo Armendariz, Ben Hatcher, Preston Benda, Colin Keaveney, Chase Granberg.

Back row: Chloe Young, Ellie Hanchette, Vincie Nelson, Claire Breaux, Gianna Ezekwe, Hailey Herman, Madison Frawley, Lauren Moore, Emily Robertson, Angelus Potter, Jadyn Anderson. **Matt Riley Photo.**



Confirmation was held Thursday, April 16, at Holy Family. All pictured from left to right. In front, Daniel Ludwig. First row: Fr. Philip Egan, Sam Collins, Kelsey Bennett, Cassandra Hoover, Angie O'Toole, Tara Hunt, Riley Straight, Klayton Rukavina, Dillon Swafford, Frank Reinsch.

Second row: Jessica Nguyen, Michael Baker, Donald Lee III, Jackson Elder, Ross Hayworth, Morgan Herman, Madison Benda, Davis Platt, Ben Marlow, Lake Hall.

Third row: John Sosa, Arturo Gonzalez, Alex Beffa, Bishop Robert Finn, Sam Gaudin, Jackson Taphorn, Cole Toczek, Rob Lickteig, youth and young adult minister. Not pictured: Aubree Weik, Liam Schrader. **Gallery Portraiture.**

Milestones

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

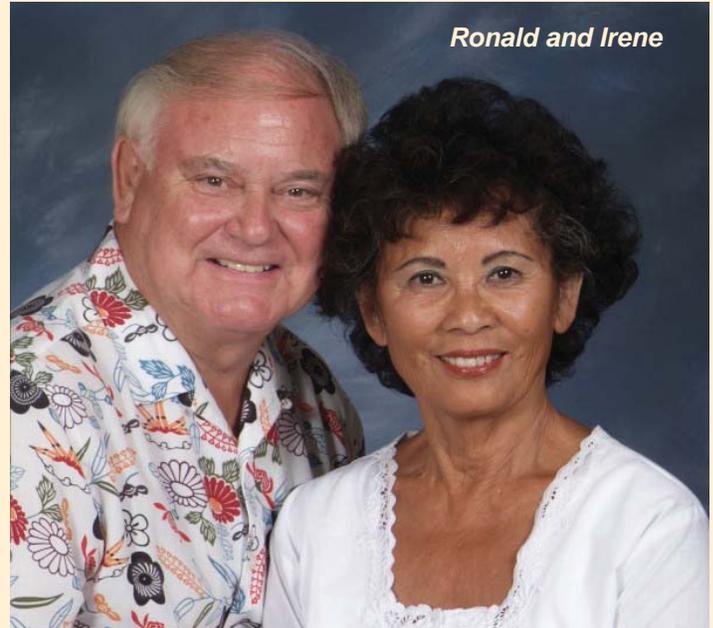
RONALD AND IRENE COE

Ronald and Irene Coe were married December 16, 1965, in Kansas City when he was in the service. Their marriage was blessed at Our Lady of Good Peace Church in Honolulu.

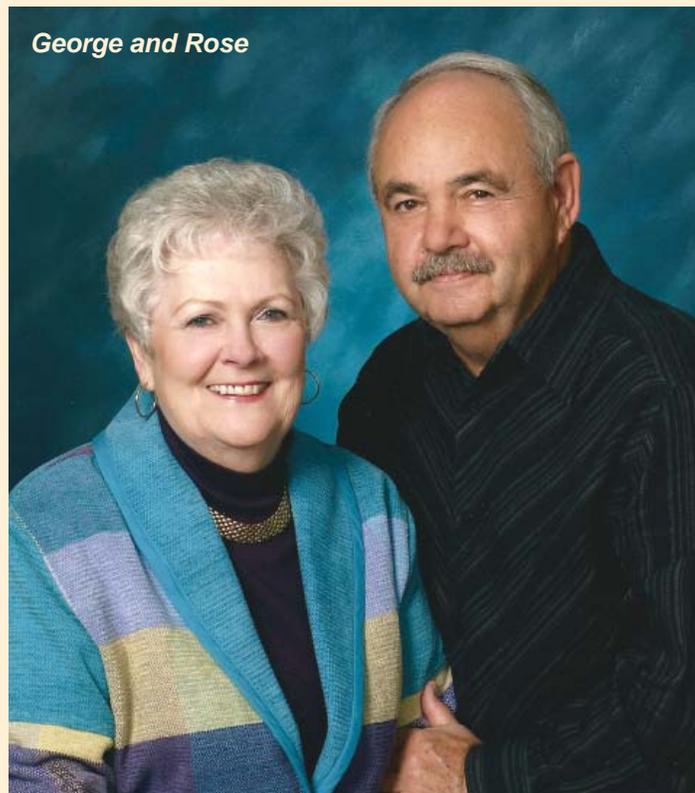
They met at an airline school in Overland Park, Kansas.

He was employed with TWA for many years and retired from American Airlines. She worked for Bank of America and a law firm.

The Coes have two children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Ronald and Irene



George and Rose

GEORGE AND ROSE DELISIO

"We have known each other all our lives," Rose DeLisio said.

She and her husband George can't recall a time that they didn't know each other. His father owned the neighborhood grocery and when she was five, she started going to the store on errands for her mother.

She was in the same grade as his sister and he was in the same grade as her brother.

The DeLisios were married December 11, 1965. Father Jim Lyons blessed their marriage at St. Charles.

They are founding parishioners of Holy Family.

George worked in beer sales for a Budweiser distributor for 25 years. Rose retired from Southwestern Bell.

They have five children, 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Tom and Carol

TOM AND CAROL DEMARTINO

Tom and Carol DeMartino were married September 2, 1965, in St. Aloysius Church in northeast Kansas City.

Carol grew up with a friend who was related to Tom. They met through the friend's family.

Tom was a cook at V's Italiano Ristorante in Independence. He is retired. Carol continues to work as a hairdresser.

They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Knights of Columbus' Works Based on Four Principles



Like all Knights of Columbus, the Holy Family Council's works are based on four principles: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Holy Family Council #14266 participates in a number of fund-raising activities that allow them to support others. They hold second Sunday breakfasts during stewardship weekend (second weekend of month), spaghetti suppers, work the concession stand at NASCAR races, collect aluminum cans and hold an annual car show.

(The next car show is set for Saturday, September 12, in conjunction with a breakfast.)

"Everything that comes in, goes out," grand knight Norm Schmalz said of the funds the council raises.

The council donates money to a number of causes, including Blisters for Sisters, Coats for Kids, Catholic Charities Outpace Poverty through the Holy Family Hoofers, the diocesan Hispanic Youth Conference, March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C., the Global Wheelchair Mission and the Serra Club golf tournament.

The "Tootsie Roll Drive" for people with developmental disabilities is their best-known fundraiser. Half of the money raised goes to the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in St. Louis. The other half goes to support local Special Olympics programs.

The Knights of Columbus supports those seeking a vocation to the priesthood. The council supported Father Joshua Barlett during his seminary years. Now that he is ordained, the council will support another seminarian.

Members assist the parish by cooking at the parish picnic, some welcome events and the National Catholic Youth Conference taco dinner and auction. It has also supported Holy Family's PSR and senior high youth program. The council donates \$100 to the building fund each month.

The Missouri State Council of Knights of Columbus sanctions several sporting tournaments, including the annual state golf tournament. Money raised from the tournaments go to charity. Last year, several Holy Family Knights participated.

The Knights meet the second Thursday of each

month at 7 p.m. for about an hour in the parish hall, followed by a social hour.

To be eligible to become a member, men must be at least 18 years old and a practicing Catholic. Knights are present at stewardship weekends (second weekend of month) to talk to prospective members. If a man is interested in becoming a Knight, he may contact Norm Schmalz, Marvin Norton or Dan Bloom. (Phone numbers are available in the parish Guide Book and Directory.)

To email any officer, go to tinyurl.com/kofcofficers. While there, look around the website using the index at the left.

The Knights of Columbus have four degrees of membership. Each degree ceremony includes lessons on the four principles: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, in that order.

The fourth degree is the "patriotic degree." Fourth degree knights are entitled to use the title "Sir Knight" and may participate in fourth degree assemblies. They may become a member of the Color Corps wearing the tuxedo, chapeau, cape and sword for conferences, first Communion Masses, funerals, the March for Life and other religious and civic occasions. The Holy Family Council has 30+ fourth degree Knights.

Linda Teel and Erin Lynch are working to establish a Ladies Auxiliary at Holy Family. They, along with Norm Schmalz, have met with the state auxiliary chair couple.

Members may be wives, mothers or daughters (age 18 or older) of Knights of Columbus members in good standing. The Knight need not be a member of the Holy Family Council. They may also be Columbus Girls in good standing who transfer their membership within 90 days of their 18th birthday or members of religious orders in good standing.

Objectives of the Ladies Auxiliary are to promote sociability among members, assist in promoting the welfare of the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus and to promote charitable activities.

If a woman is interested in joining, contact Linda Teel at 816-806-2766 or clcnfamily@sbcglobal.net with your name and contact information. A meeting was set for



Members of the Holy Family Council Knights of Columbus gathered prior to their June meeting. Seated from left: David Pecha, deputy grand knight; Larry Boeshart, treasurer; Norman Schmalz, grand knight; Frank Boos, financial secretary; Steve Van Keirsbilck, recorder; Fr. Philip Egan, chaplain. Standing, from left: Ted McVay, Kevin Lynch, Charles Ray, Richard Thieman, Joe Ascensio, Charles Schroder, Richard Ziegler, Mark Wiese, Dan Bloom, third-year trustee; Rodney Simpson, advocate; Don Heiss, Chris Teel, district 5 deputy; Marvin Norton, first-year trustee; Bill Driscoll and Dennis Gerber.

Sunday, July 26, at 9:45 a.m. in the RCIA room.

Looking down the road, the council would like to start a Columbian Squires circle, a service and leadership program for boys, ages 10 through 18. The Squires involve boys in programs to benefit the church and community and provide recreational and social activities.



From left, Dennis Gerber, Matthew Ternus and Bill Wewers prepare bacon for a Sunday breakfast. The Holy Family Council holds a breakfast on the second Sunday of each month in conjunction with the parish's stewardship weekend.

Council History

The Knights of Columbus began recruiting in November 2006 for what would become the Holy Family Council. Previously, men who belonged to the organization affiliated with the Tri-County Council. The Supreme Council prefers that parishes have their own councils.

Holy Family had reached the size where this would be possible. The Knights of Columbus held an informational meeting in January 2007. Holy Family Council 14266 had its first meeting June 10, 2007, with 40 members. The council now has 91 members.

Those men who have served as grand knights are Jim Edwards, Marvin Norton, Jim Graf, Dan Bloom, Norman Schmalz, current grand knight.

Four Principles of the Knights of Columbus

Charity—The Lord taught us to “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Unity—Knights can accomplish more together than as individuals.

Fraternity—The Knights were founded to assist widows and children. They continue to do that through the insurance program and through the efforts to help one another.

Patriotism—Knights are patriotic citizens, proud of their devotion to God and country.



HOLY FAMILY

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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Holy Family

Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 26

Four-person scramble:

Make your own team or we will make one for you

Entry fee: \$85 per person

Registration Information
On Parish Website



Check-in: 7 a.m.,

Shotgun Start: 8 a.m.

Paradise Pointe Golf Complex, Smithville

SEASONAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Stewardship Weekend

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 6-9 P.M.

Parish Picnic

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 12:45-2 P.M.

Decisions, Decisions: Making End of Life Decisions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 8 A.M.-NOON

Knights of Columbus Car Show and Breakfast

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Stewardship Weekend

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6 P.M.

Welcome Event: Open to All Parishioners

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 8 A.M.

Parish Golf Tournament

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11,

Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Stewardship Weekend

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 8-11 A.M.

Clean-Up Day

HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Car Show & Breakfast

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8 a.m. to Noon at Holy Family

Freewill Donations for Full Breakfast



Go 2 Bat 4 Others

Join Christian Colón to help feed the hungry at St. James Place.

(Formerly Hit-it-a-Ton)

Donate under 'Hit-it-a-Ton' via the online giving link (lower left-hand corner) on our homepage or use the envelopes located in the parish hall.



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SPREADING THE WORD

BY SUZANNE HILL, EDITOR

Christian Colón has stepped up to the plate to bring awareness of the work Bishop Sullivan Center does for the hungry via St. James Place.

His effort is called "Go 2 Bat 4 Others." He is working with children to encourage them to collect non-perishable food items for the St. James Place Food Pantry and deliver the food to St. James Place.

As in other years, Holy Family continues to encourage parishioners to give money to St. James Place Food Pantry by providing envelopes and the opportunity to pay online via the link at the lower left-hand corner of our homepage. (The envelopes and the online giving category are labeled "Hit-It-A-Ton.") We also continue to collect non-perishable food items for the food in the barrels in the closets.

As to feeding the hungry, how about taking a cooking class that will help prepare food for Catholic Worker House?

Michelle Jeffries will offer the first class, **Wednesday, August 12, from 6-8 p.m.** She will provide dinner, followed by food preparation for the following Sunday when Holy Family brings food to Catholic Worker House.

In this and the following classes, Michelle will discuss getting back to basics, being prepared and having a plan so that you eat out less.

Email michelle.jeffries@kcpl.com or call her at 816-674-8292 to RSVP or to learn more.

The Holy Family Hoofers once again participated in Outpace Poverty for Catholic Charities. Twenty-six participants—including two in strollers—helped raise \$2,370. We raised the third highest amount of all teams.

And, finally, this is the last edition of Holy Family Matters I will produce. My husband is retiring soon and we will return to Washington, Mo., where we lived for many years before moving here. We do not have a time frame yet for the move.

I have enjoyed being a staff member and a parishioner at Holy Family. It is a unique parish with many friendly people and vibrant liturgies. It's a parish where people can find many ways to become involved. It has been a lifeline to me during my time in Kansas City. Bless you. I will miss you.

STATEMENT OF PARISH FUNDS ON DEPOSIT June 30, 2015

Parish Building	\$276,807.87
Reserve	\$122,524.20
Diocese Building	\$1,123,244.55
Sound	\$36,360.39
Total	\$1,558,937.01
General	\$40,042.47
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Total Cash:	\$1,598,979.48

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Our Mission

Holy Family Catholic Church

is a vibrant, spirit-filled
faith community.

Following the example of the
Holy Family, we seek God by
celebrating, growing
and living our faith.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

YES, IT'S ON SATURDAY!

Parish Picnic

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

6-9 P.M.

PARISH HALL

Please bring a potluck item.

Meat, Tea, Lemonade, Water Provided