

**Welcome!** We welcome everyone here today. Mass is celebrated each week at 8:30am on Sunday.

**Reconciliation:** Fr. Pat is available Sundays at 8:00 a.m., or by appointment. In case of medical emergencies, Father's cell number is 757-620-9187.

### **Prayer Requests**

*God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have abundance for every good work. (2 Cor. 9:8)* Please pray for the terminally ill, the sick, for those who are recovering, as well as the following people:

- All our parishioners who are struggling with chronic illness and pain; For the elderly and infirm, that they may have courage, strength and good cheer in their daily struggle with weakness and infirmity;
- Nancy Foltz, who is in the hospital after recent surgery; Jim Volbrecht; Marcia Peterson's cousin, Tommy Roberts who is undergoing treatment for stage 4 esophageal cancer; Katherine Blackburn's son Anthony Riggs and his family; Phil Haurus & his wife Linda; Tanya Marx, who is being treated for an anaplastic astrocytoma; Andy Maderspach's mother; Jessie Spencer, father of 6 children, treated for brain cancer; Brent Younts, a friend of Tanya & Michael Marx, he has a brain tumor; Ken Walker, who is recovering after receiving a bone marrow transplant; Trisha Young, a friend of Brenda Stephan's;
- For all those struggling with depression or mental illness;
- For everyone affected by COVID-19, directly or indirectly;
- Our Holy Father, Pope Francis I;
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine;
- For all refugees fleeing war or persecution;
- For greater stability of governments;
- Victims of natural & man-made disasters and tragedies;
- For Christians who live in pagan, Muslim, or Communist countries who are unable to practice our holy religion;
- For all law-enforcement personnel;
- For all veterans who have served our country.

**Lenten Schedule** – Stations of the Cross will be held at 3pm on Fridays, followed by a soup supper.

**Lectors for next week, 2/25/24:** Lectors – Chris Sokol & Jessie Rafferty; Alternate – Jim Thompson

**Offertory:** Counter for this week – Cathy Cole. The total offering for Sunday 2/11/2024 was \$545. The E-giving for the week through 2/9/2024 was \$1,120.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal** - Mailings to all who contributed in 2023 will arrive in January. The 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal will occur in February, with in-pew solicitations today and next Sunday.

**Correction to New Sign** - The new sign was fabricated with the wrong colors. SignSpot will be back to retrieve it on Thursday and they will repaint it with the correct colors at no charge.

**Parish Life** – We usually have donuts after Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month and potluck on the last Sunday of the month, however this month we switched those. We will have donuts on the last Sunday this month.

**Parish Council** –The Council usually meets the 2nd Thursday each month. You may send comments, suggestions, etc. for the Parish Council to [holyfamilyva589@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyva589@gmail.com)

**Justice and Peace Committee** – The Justice & Peace Committee was awarded \$6,000 from the Diocese Fuel and Hunger Fund. These funds are available through the generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal by the people of our Diocese.

**Parish Birthdays** – Jim Volbrecht, 2/26. Do you have a birthday in February? Please let Chris Sokol know. We would love to celebrate you!

**Ladies Group** – There is no meeting for the Ladies group in January. The next meeting will be on Sunday 2/18 to discuss plans for Lent, which starts 2/14. Please come and share any ideas you have for this year's activities.

**Food Pantry Sunday** – Please help support the Giles County Christian Service Mission Food Pantry. A basket will be placed in the narthex on the first Sunday of each month and volunteers will deliver it to the pantry. Together we can help others thrive.

**Inclement Weather Info:** If there is a schedule change due to weather, it will be shown on WDBJ7 and listed on their website: <https://www.wdbj7.com/weather/closings/>

**Who To Contact in the Parish:**

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Justice & Peace Committee	Teresa Savage	540- 921-3098
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Religious Education	Suzy Bane	256-430-6910
Parish Life	Katherine Blackburn	540-696-8861
Hostel Committee	Andy Metro	540-588-9102
Liturgy Committee	Brenda Stephan	540-599-2438.

Do you have items for the bulletin? Would you like to receive the bulletin by e-mail? Contact Chris Sokol, at [csokol17@gmail.com](mailto:csokol17@gmail.com) or call 540-818-8442 to leave a voice mail or text message.

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
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**First Sunday in Lent**



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