

## FAMILY ROOM

As a first step in accommodating our overcrowding, the staff presented the following proposal to the Parish Council. This will help alleviate parishioners/visitors from feeling overwhelmed as they enter our parish for worship. Because we are a welcoming community, we want all to feel welcome and to continue to worship with our Holy Family Community.

We have created a space in the Family Room where the following guidelines will apply:

- “Today in the Family Room” signs have been placed on the outside doors of the church showing what will be featured for that weekend.
- Since our parish mission is at the root of everything we do, our Family Room activities will need to support our mission. Parish staff grants final approval.
- All handouts will need to be reviewed and approved by the parish staff.
- As a spirit-filled Catholic parish, we wish to maintain a welcoming entrance for worship. With this in mind, handouts can be distributed *after Mass outside the front doors* to help prevent congestion on exiting. Please refrain from distributions before Mass.
- To reserve your space or request approval for distribution of a handout, please give at least a two week notice (availability is limited). This may require you to plan ahead. Send requests to Patty Whelchel.
- After you have your fundraising activities and/or promotions approved, a space will be assigned to you. When you arrive at Mass to set up, a sign will be located on your reserved table. This is the designated selling/soliciting location.
- Feel free to hang signs on the front of your table. Any other location may very well obstruct a parishioner’s view of the liturgy and is not appropriate.
- If you prefer outdoor signage, please follow the approval process to review content, size and location of posting.
- You are welcome to be at your space before and after Masses.
- Your space will be reserved for up to four consecutive weeks in a row.
- The Family Room area setup is permanent. Please leave tables in their place.
- Catholic Worker House and St. James Place sign-ups will now be located in this area.

We are all aware that as the size of our community has increased and continues to increase, we have been forced to overflow our worship space into the Family Room. This is not an ideal situation, but one we must work through. Our hope is that by centralizing this activity, we reduce the distractions in the Family Room. Be mindful this is a trial run.

If space is an issue when using this area of the Family Room, this area will be done away with and other alternatives will be researched. As we all transition through this, we ask that you are patient with the change. Please take the time to visit this area and support all the wonderful ministries our parish offers. As you observe the change, please let us know what you think. We welcome any ideas or comments.

All items related to this area should be directed to Patty Whelchel. Feel free to call Patty at 436-9200, ext. 25 or e-mail [patty@hollyfamily.com](mailto:patty@hollyfamily.com).