

The Good News

Holy Family Catholic Community
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Holy Family: 4:00 pm
St. Peter: 4:00 pm
Sacred Heart: 4:00 pm

Sunday

St. Mary: 7:15 am
Holy Family: 8:00 am | 10:00 am
12:00 pm (Spanish)
Presentation: 8:00 am
St Peter: 8:30 am
Sacred Heart: 9:00 am | 11:00 am
Our Risen Savior: 10:00 am

Weekday

Monday, Wednesday | St. Mary: 12:10 pm
Tuesday, Thurs., Friday |
Holy Family: 7:00 am
Saturday | Presentation: 8:00am

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Following 7:00 am Mass at Holy Family

Monday, Wednesday

11:30 am to 12:00 pm at St. Mary

Wednesday

Our Risen Savior - 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
with Adoration

Thursday

Presentation - 6:30 - 7:15 pm with
Adoration

Saturday

After 8:00 am Mass at Presentation
3:00 to 3:45 pm at Sacred Heart
3:00 to 3:45 pm at Holy Family
3:00 to 3:45 pm at St. Peter

Will you make a meal for Blessed Bites?

Holy Family Catholic Community's Blessed Bites program is in need of a main dish to serve to those who are in need on October 5 & 26 and November 2, 23, & 30. Those who bring or prepare a meal do not need to serve it, but just drop it off at the Holy Family Parish Office, 271 Fourth Street Way, by noon that Tuesday. Please call Erin Cobb at (920) 921-0580 ext. 301 to request a date.

Men's Group set to return

The Holy Family Men's Group, also known as the Brotherhood of St. Ambrose, invites men to join them each week for breakfast, a video program, and small group discussion as part of the "That Man is You " program Wednesday mornings from 5:30 to 7:00 am from September 15 to December 15. The program blends the Church's teachings with medical and social science to address the pressures facing men as fathers and husbands in today's society.

Farmer's Blessing

Farmers who wish to have themselves and their equipment blessed for the harvest season can contact Fr. Justin at justinw@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 604 to set up a time for a blessing on Sunday afternoons in September or October.

Gift basket donors sought for Oktoberfest basket raffle

Holy Family is asking for donations of gift baskets for its Oktoberfest basket raffle taking place at the festival on October 9. Parishioners and businesses are invited to contribute a basket of items worth \$50 or more to be raffled off with proceeds benefitting the parish. Basket donations are limited to 15 so if you are interested in contributing, please contact the Parish Office at 920-921-0580. Baskets can be dropped off at the Parish Office the week of September 27 and must be there no later than noon on Friday, October 1.

Sign up for Women's and Men's Ministry Small Groups

Women's and Men's Ministry Small Groups are starting up for the fall. To see available small groups and sign up, please visit bit.ly/3loZ1zh.

Listening session on future plans for Our Risen Savior Rectory

Holy Family Pastor Fr. Ryan J Pruess will host a brief listening session on the future and possible sale of the Our Risen Savior Rectory immediately following the 10:00 am Mass at Our Risen Savior on September 19. All are welcome to attend.

Join the Holy Family Children's Choir

The Holy Family Children's Choir will resume this month, and is open to all students reading age through 8th grade. Children's Choir sings for one Mass per month, as well as for special events like the Living Nativity and Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals are held at Holy Family Church every Thursday at 3:30 pm, and will begin on September 16. Visit hffdl.org or contact Choir Director Eva Thelen-Dunphy for more information.

Healthy Living program to begin this week

Join Mary Jo Neumann, MS, as she teaches "home safety tips" during Holy Family's Healthy Living program in Holy Family Church Hall on September 13. The session will include a Q&A period. Programs will take place in October and November as well. Registration is required by contacting Erin Cobb at (920) 921-0580 ext. 301.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Mass

All those experiencing illness are invited to attend Holy Family Catholic Community's Anointing Mass at 10:30 am on Thursday, September 16 at Sacred Heart Church. The sacrament, which confers God's grace through the Holy Spirit on those who are ill, can be offered more than once if a person's condition has worsened or became ill once again. It is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death.

Holy Family Christian Women to meet on September 13

Holy Family Christian Women will meet on Monday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Holy Family Hall. The group's speaker will be Theresa Anne Menting from the Women's Empowerment Program. Supper will be provided. Please call Paula at (920) 923-2709 if you plan to attend. Masks are optional.

Today, the Gospel reminds us of Jesus' question: "Who do YOU say that I am?" Not "who does the world say that I am?" Not "who do your friends, parents, priests say that I am?" But rather, "who do YOU say that I am?"

In order to answer this question for ourselves, we need to learn to recognize Christ Jesus speaking today. Imagine if you could hear someone else speaking and recognize right away "Yes, this is Christ speaking through them!" Imagine if you could sift through your thoughts and feelings and recognize immediately which are from God and which are not. Imagine, in other words, if you were able to recognize the voice of Jesus today. Then you could really say, for yourself, who Jesus is.

But how do we recognize the voice of Jesus speaking today? Last Sunday the Gospel reminded us of Jesus taking the deaf man "off by himself, away from the crowds." This is an image for personal prayer.

Personal prayer each day is critical for us. St. Teresa of Avila, the Spanish Carmelite sister and reformer, said that souls which do not practice prayer are "like people whose limbs are paralyzed." We don't want paralyzed souls! But how do we begin to pray? Or how do we go deeper into prayer?

There are many different methods – Lectio Divina, the Rosary, the Ignatian Examen, centering prayer, and others. You can find all of these easily online. But Matthew Kelly offers a "Prayer Process" which is a good summary of Catholic wisdom about prayer. There are 7 steps:

1. Gratitude: Begin by personally thanking God for some goodness of the day
2. Awareness: Review the past 24 hours. When were you "the best version of yourself" and when were you not? Tell God about these situations.
3. Significant Moments: Reflect on an experience that affected you and ask the Lord what he is saying to you through that experience.
4. Peace: Ask God for forgiveness for something you have done wrong and ask for His peace.
5. Freedom: Ask God for guidance in making a resolution for the rest of today.
6. Others: Ask for God's love and goodness for someone else.
7. Close by praying the Our Father.

The goal of this "prayer process" is always conversation with God, not just thinking to ourselves. It can be done in 1 minute or over the course of a whole day retreat. It can be done at work or in the Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel now open daily 4:00 am-10:00 pm.

Christ asks each of us "Who do you say that I am?" If you do this prayer every day, you will be able to answer truthfully and from the heart, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

- Fr. Edward

PARISH COLLECTION SUMMARY

July 1, 2021 through August 29, 2021

Budgeted Revenue: \$389,000
Actual Revenue: \$397,866
Variance or (shortfall): \$8,866

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:

Jean Norenberg

HOLY FAMILY RECTORY CAMPAIGN

We are making great progress towards reaching our fundraising goal for our Holy Family Rectory, but we still are in need of your support. We ask you to prayerfully consider donating to our campaign if you have not done so already.

For more information, please visit hffdl.org/Rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

To view Mass Intentions for the coming week, please visit hffdl.org/mass_schedules/mass-intentions. They are updated every Friday.

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