

# 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: 8:00 am

## 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

### **Immigration Conference set for Tuesday**

Have questions about your immigration status, or other immigration legal issues? There will be a panel of attorneys answering immigration-related questions December 14, from 6-8pm at Holy Family Hall. This event will be primarily in Spanish. Please submit your questions in advance to Carmen Valenzuela at [carmenv@hffdl.org](mailto:carmenv@hffdl.org).

### **12 Hours of Reconciliation offered in Fond du Lac and Sheboygan**

As we prepare for Christmas, priests from throughout the Fond du Lac and Sheboygan area will offer 12 Hours of Reconciliation on Thursday, December 16 at Holy Family Church from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Those who are unable to make the December 16th date are welcome to come to Sheboygan on Tuesday, December 14 and have their confessions heard from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at St. Peter Claver Church, 1439 S. 12th St. Other opportunities for Reconciliation at Holy Family Catholic Community are listed to the left.

### **Two weeks left in Holy Family Advent series**

Join Fr. Edward on Monday as he discusses Mother Mary, her obedience, and how she is the perfect image to inspire us to wait and desire to see the Lord's face in our next session of our Holy Family Advent Talk series at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church. In our final session on December 20, Fr. Justin will journey with Joseph as we recall his silence and his courage.

### **Sign up now to be Liturgical Minister at Christmas, New Year's Masses**

Holy Family is in need of Liturgical Ministers to serve this Christmas season. Signup sheets are now available in the gathering space for liturgical ministers to sign up for select Masses for Christmas and New Year's. Please prayerfully consider assisting at the Masses you plan to attend.

### **Thanks to Advent Giving Tree participants**

Holy Family Catholic Community would like to extend our gratitude to all who participated in our Advent Giving Tree. Thanks to your generosity, our parish community was able to provide gifts to more than 400 children in the Fond du Lac area. Thank you.

### **Small group leaders requested**

Holy Family is looking for small group leaders for the New Year. Please contact Sabina Carter at [scarter@hffdl.org](mailto:scarter@hffdl.org) or ext. 501 to receive more information.

### **Teens invited to attend Steubenville Conference Informational Meeting**

Holy Family Catholic Community invites high school students to learn more about the upcoming trip to the Steubenville Rochester Conference at the informational meeting following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 9 in the Sacred Heart School Basement. We will discuss details for the trip taking place July 15-17, 2021. For more information, contact Kelsey at [kelsey@hffdl.org](mailto:kelsey@hffdl.org) or (920) 921-0580 ext. 303.

### **Holy Family grateful for Living Nativity success**

With the help of our volunteers, choir members, and Holy Family Catholic Community staff, our Living Nativity was again successful this year! Thank you to all who assisted in the production and who attended. We are blessed to be able to offer such an event and celebrate Christmas with our parishioners in this way.

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters seeks mentors**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fond du Lac County is guided by a vision of all youth achieving their full potential. With the challenges faced by today's kids, there's never been a more critical time to join the mentoring movement and apply to become a Big. No special skills required—spending a few hours each month one-on-one with a child, being yourself and being a friend is all it takes! Learn more today at [bbbsfdl.org/become-a-mentor/](http://bbbsfdl.org/become-a-mentor/) or call 920-922-8200.

### **Holy Family seeking volunteers to help parishioners with shoveling, other tasks**

The parish is seeking volunteers for its Neighbors in Faith program to provide assistance to parishioners who may need help on a volunteer basis with various tasks such as shoveling, transportation, housekeeping, or running errands. Those interested in volunteering can submit the following JotForm at [bit.ly/HFneighbors](https://bit.ly/HFneighbors). Parishioners in need of assistance with various tasks can fill out the following JotForm at [bit.ly/helpHF](https://bit.ly/helpHF). Contact Kelsey Carter at (920) 921-0580 ext. 303 or [kelsey@hffdl.org](mailto:kelsey@hffdl.org).

This Third Sunday of Advent we celebrate **Gaudete** Sunday. **Gaudete**—the Latin for “Rejoice, all of you!”—reminds us of the joyful expectation we experience during this Advent Season. This Sunday, the priest trades the violet color, evocative of penance and mourning, with the rose chasuble. The color rose is used only twice a year, once during Advent and once during Lent. They remind us that during our preparation, which look forward in time, we presently live in the light of our Lord’s nativity, passion, death, and resurrection. The rose color evokes an intensity to our preparation, spilling over into joy, knowing full well that God has kept His promise to **dwell among us** and He will keep His promise to come again in glory.

In our Gospel today, we are greeted again by Saint John the Baptist. The people, **filled with expectation**, asked Saint John the Baptist what needed to be done in order to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist gives them some very concrete advice such as sharing with the poor, acting justly, and not grasping at material things. Saint John the Baptist is leading the crowd through an examination of conscience, an examination of their hearts. It was then that they were **filled with expectation** such that they even wondered if Saint John the Baptist was the Messiah! The Gospel today reveals to us the joy that results from an examination of conscience and seeking reconciliation.

A precept of the Church, that is, a responsibility of all Catholics, is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year (**Catechism of the Catholic Church**, 1457). This Thursday, December 16th, Holy Family will be hosting “12 Hours of Reconciliation” from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm with numerous priests hearing confessions. Do not hesitate, but embrace the joy that this sacrament brings! To learn more about this beautiful sacrament, check out “Penance & Anointing of the Sick” on Formed.org.

- Fr. Justin

## PARISH COLLECTION SUMMARY

**July 1, 2021 through November 21, 2021**

Budgeted Revenue: \$968,000  
Actual Revenue: \$1,012,993  
Variance or (shortfall): \$44,993

## OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

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

**Wilbert Cluppert, David DeMarco, Shirley Gurath,  
Donald Huck, Evonna Kiester, and Gail Welter**

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Holy Family has received a donation in honor of:

**James Pollard and Adrian Kaull**

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

## MASS INTENTIONS & WEDDING BANS

To view Mass Intentions for the coming week, please visit [hffdl.org/mass\\_schedules/mass-intentions](http://hffdl.org/mass_schedules/mass-intentions).

To view wedding banns, please visit [hffdl.org/mass\\_schedules/wedding-bans](http://hffdl.org/mass_schedules/wedding-bans).

### Christmas Eve

Sacred Heart: 4:00 pm; Midnight

St. Mary: 4:00 pm

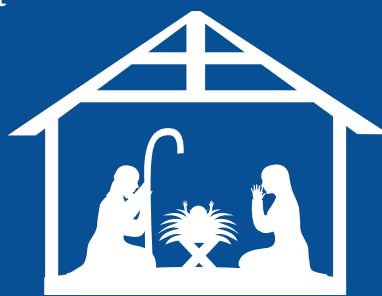
Holy Family: 4:00 pm;

7:00 pm (Spanish); 10:30 pm

St. Peter: 4:00 pm

Presentation: 6:00 pm

### *Christmas Mass schedule*



### Christmas Day

St. Peter: 8:00 am

Presentation: 8:00 am

Holy Family: 8:00 am; 10:00 am;

12:00 pm (Spanish)

Sacred Heart: 9:00 am

Our Risen Savior: 10:00 am

St. Mary: 10:00 am