

The Good News

Holy Family Catholic Community
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Immigration Conference set for December 14

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.

Change to Feast of the Immaculate Conception schedule

There has been changes to our schedule for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - a Holy Day of Obligation. On December 7, Mass will be offered at 7:00 pm at Holy Family in anticipation of the Feast. On December 8, Mass will be offered at 7:00 am at Holy Family, 12:10 pm at St. Mary, 5:00 pm at Sacred Heart, and 7:00 pm at St. Mary in Spanish.

Holy Family to use Faith in our Future Funds for new phone system

Holy Family Parish would like to use funds that were designated for Faith In Our Future Funds in the past for payment for the upgraded phone system. This use is outside of the initial parameters set up for the spending of these funds. If you had contributed to this campaign and you have concerns, please contact Ellen Kant at ellenk@hffdl.org.

Thanksgiving Cash Drawing winners announced

Holy Family held its Thanksgiving Cash Drawing on November 23. The winners are, in no particular order: John Brugger, James Goebel, David Hanke, Caitlin Henriksen, Duwayne Schneider, and Lori Diederichs. Thank you to all who participated in the drawing and continue to support ministries here in the parish with your donations!

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 kelseyc@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 303.

SMSA Scrip to return to Holy Family December 12

St. Mary's Springs Scrip will once again be at Holy Family after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses on December 12. Purchase from a limited inventory of gas, groceries and local shopping or pick up your previously ordered Scrip. Payment will only be accepted in cash or check. Pre-orders not picked up at Holy Family may be picked up at St. Mary's Springs until December 16. The Springs Office is open Monday/Wednesday 8:00 am to Noon and Tuesday/Thursday noon to 4:00 pm.

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.

Holy Family Advent Talk Series continues

Holy Family's Advent Talk series will continue this week as Fr. Fabián Rodas dives into John the Baptist and how, like he prepared for Jesus, we prepare for his second coming at 6:30 pm on Monday at Sacred Heart Church. On December 13, Fr. Edward will discuss Mother Mary.

Lady of Guadalupe celebration

On December 12, the Feast of our Lady Mary of Guadalupe will start at Holy Family Church with the traditional Mañanitas at 5:00 am. Mass will be at 12:00 pm with Aztec dance and our choir singing to Mary of Guadalupe. Lunch will follow in Holy Family Hall.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Holy Family Catholic Community will offer multiple Masses to celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Mass times are as follows:

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 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

This Sunday, we hear Luke's detailed historical introduction to Jesus' ministry:

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...

when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea...

and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...

and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis...

and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene...

during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas...

The word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert."

This detailed introduction does two things. First, it reminds us that, in telling the story of Jesus' life, the Gospel writers are telling us about historical events. Some people compare Jesus to legends or myths, but Luke here is comparing his account of Jesus to the historical accounts of Roman emperors, governors and high priests. The Gospels are not just nice stories to make us feel good. They are the historical testimony of people who were shocked by the power of God.

This historical introduction offers a second lesson also. It reminds us that God spoke into the world, to people in their very own situation and time and place. "The word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert." Amid a swirling storm of names and power struggles and historical events, a man heard the voice of God.

You and I would like to hear the voice of God. But do we prepare ourselves to hear it? This Advent, we make material preparation for Christmas. It might sometimes feel like a swirling storm of names, gifts, events. But each day, we should also take some time of silence to "enter the desert" with John, to prepare ourselves to hear the word of God. This is our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

We have different options to help with this. Our parish Advent talks on Monday nights provide great material to reflect on during the rest of the week. If you can't attend those, I'd suggest a resource from our FORMED streaming library. The short film "Adventus: a Spiritual Pilgrimage" takes a contemplative walk through the events leading up to Christ's birth, with beautiful footage of the Holy Land itself. You can find it by going to hffdl.formed.org.

May God bless you, and a blessed Advent to you.

- Fr. Edward

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:

Doloris Greuel, Donald Kind, Sylveria Krebsbach, Virginia Meyer, Theresa Sternitzky, Jerome VanVeghel, Verna Walsh, and James Zehren

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.

To view wedding bans, please visit hffdl.org/mass_schedules/wedding-bans.

Contact our Holy Family Staff

Our Holy Family staff has new extensions. Reach them at the Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 at the following extensions:

Clergy

- Fr. Ryan Pruess: ext. 601
- Fr. Fabian Rodas: ext. 602
- Fr. Edward Sanchez: ext. 603
- Fr. Justin Weber: ext. 604

Staff

- Kelsey Carter: ext. 303
- Sabina Carter: ext. 501
- Erin Cobb: ext. 301
- Mary Denzin: ext. 302
- Terry Drake: ext. 101
- Ellen Kant: ext. 105
- Sue Kemp: ext. 504
- Michelle Ludtke: ext. 104
- Al Nicolai: ext. 103
- Sarah Razner: ext. 201
- Andrew Skiff: ext. 502
- Paul Thelen: ext. 401
- Eva Thelen Dunphy: ext. 202
- Carmen Valenzuela: ext. 203
- Trisha Zimmerman: ext. 503