

# 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

**Baptism of the Lord | January 8-9, 2022**

### Come to wellness, safety sessions with Mary Jo Neumann

There's still time to register for Holy Family's "Make Your Resolutions a Reality" program with Mary Jo Neumann from 10:00 to 11:00 am on Monday, January 10 in Holy Family Hall. Attendees will learn how to make and keep practical resolutions this year. Can't make it to the session or looking for more health, wellness, and safety sessions? From 10:00 to 11:00 am on February 14, guest speaker retired police officer David Raddatz will join Mary Jo Neumann as he shares "Safety Tips to Prevent Fraudulent Activities." A month later, at 10:00 am on Monday, March 14, Mary Jo will discuss "A Healthy Diet on a Budget." To register for any of the sessions calling the Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 ext. 301.

### Parents invited to Building the Domestic Church session

All parents are invited to attend our next "Building the Domestic Church" Parent Session: "Leading your Family" from 6:20 to 7:20 pm on Wednesday, January 12 at Sacred Heart Church. The session will feature Fr. Justin Weber and Jeff and Barb Fellers discussing how to lead your family in religion. As a parent you are the primary witness to your children. Learn how to model the behavior you want to see in your children, how your spousal relationship can be a witness to what you hope for your children, how to build virtue and reject sin to be holy, and how to stay committed to the Truth of the Church despite the draw of the culture.

### Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service set for January 16

Save the date for 2:00 to 3:00 pm on January 16 for the Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service sponsored by the Fond du Lac Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life. The service will be hosted by Grace Lutheran Church, 1596 Fourth Street, Fond du Lac.

### Attend Galilee U to learn about Catholic Faith

Join Galilee U on Thursday, January 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm online for an opportunity to learn about your Catholic faith with others across the Archdiocese. The program is free, however, registration is required to obtain the Zoom link at <https://archmil.regfox.com/galilee-u-jan-2022>. During registration, you will select one of the following options:

- **SHARE:** Sharing the Great Story: The great story of God's plan for His people has been told through the centuries and we, as missionary disciples, need to be able to share the Kerygma.
- **LIVE:** Praying Together as Spouses: In this session, learn simple, practical tools for beginning and deepening a life of prayer together.
- **KNOW:** Salvation History in Scripture: Catholicism is a Scriptural faith - there is nothing we believe that is not grounded in the Sacred Scriptures. Being Catholic is about living the great story of redemption found in the Bible.

### Grief Share to begin in February

Beginning February 2, Holy Family Catholic Community will host "Grief Share," a weekly support group and seminar designed to help people rebuild their lives after loss. As each of the 13 sessions are self-contained, participants can attend Grief Share at any point and do not have to attend in sequence. The group will meet Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 pm February 2 to April 27 at Holy Family Church. To sign up, please call (920) 921-0580 ext. 302 or email [mdenzin@hffdl.org](mailto:mdenzin@hffdl.org).

### Catch Children's Liturgy of the Word each week online!

While Children's Liturgy of the Word is returning Holy Family churches on a site-by-site basis, each Friday you can join Fr. Edward Sanchez for our online Children's Liturgy of the Word series available on our Facebook page, [@HolyFamilyFdL](#); YouTube channel, [HolyFamilyFdL](#); and [website](#), [hffdl.org](http://hffdl.org). Children can also participate in a craft project through watching parishioner Linda Uselmann's "Catholic Crafty Kids" which is posted to our Facebook page each weekend. If you are interested in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word in person at a Holy Family Mass, please contact Trisha Zimmerman at [trishaz@hffdl.org](mailto:trishaz@hffdl.org) or (920) 921-0580 ext. 503.

### Come to Women's Ministry's Morning Retreat next weekend

Next week from 7:00 to 10:30 am on Saturday, January 15 Holy Family Catholic Community's Women's Ministry will host "Draw Close to Jesus" - A Morning Retreat. The day will include: Confession, Adoration, Rosary, Mass, breakfast, a talk on Merridith Frediani's book "Draw Close to Jesus: A Woman's Guide to Eucharistic Adoration," a small group testimonial speaker, introduction of small groups, small group sign-up, and prayer.

Today, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, is a great time to examine one of the constant features of every Catholic church and of many Catholic homes: Holy Water.

Holy water has a great depth of meaning. It recalls the **Flood** (death to sin), it recalls the **Red Sea** (freedom from all forms of slavery), and it recalls Moses giving **water in the desert** (new strength for the journey of life). But most of all it recalls the Person who promised his followers "living water," that is to say, Jesus Christ. It reminds us of Christ who in his baptism was not sanctified by water, but rather sanctified water itself.<sup>1</sup>

Holy water is primarily a **reminder of baptism**. It reminds us of Jesus' baptism, when the Father spoke to him and said "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased." It reminds us of our own baptism, and a reminder that we are incorporated into Christ's death and resurrection and that God has claimed us also as His beloved sons and daughters. Baptism is the "gateway to the spiritual life," and so we often put our baptismal font or our holy water fonts at the entryway to our churches as a reminder of how our life in Christ began.

But holy water is not just a reminder; it is also a sacramental. It has been blessed by a deacon or priest and so, by the Church's intercessory prayer, prepares us to receive grace and to cooperate with grace.<sup>2</sup> St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that the sprinkling of holy water actually leads to the remission of venial sins.<sup>3</sup> This is because holy water is an occasion of God's grace by the Church's intercessory prayer, and taking holy water on our part is an action by which we express a rejection of sin and a reverence for God.

I don't want to flood you with too many details. But this weekend, when you dip your finger in the holy water font, remember the meaning of this water. And ask the Lord to renew your baptism, so that you can live this week with him, as a beloved child of God, "with whom He is well-pleased."

-Fr. Edward

1: Gregory of Nazianzen, Oration 29, On the Son. From *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture*.  
2: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1670

3: *Summa Theologiae*, Third Part, question 87, article 3. This applies to other sacramentals and movements of grace

## PARISH COLLECTION SUMMARY

**July 1, 2021 through December 19, 2021**

Budgeted Revenue:	\$1,203,000
Actual Revenue:	\$1,320,759
Variance or (shortfall):	\$117,759

## OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

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

**Jacqueline Fife, Vergene Hintz, Joseph Marcello,  
Eugene McEvoy & Kristina Rude**

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Holy Family has received a donation in honor of:

**James Pollard, Adrian Kaull, Tom Scannell,  
Don Huck & Jerome VanVagehl**

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

## *Save the Date*

*Joe Heschmeyer – The Prodigal Son*

6:30 to 8:00 pm February 27 and 28 and March 1, 2022

Holy Family Church, 271 Fourth Street Way

Join Joe Heschmeyer as he looks at the parable of the Prodigal Son through the lenses of what it means to be a son or daughter of God, what it means to be brothers and sisters with our fellow Christians, and how to lead according to the model laid out by God, the Father.

*Confessions will be offered following the Mission talk. Childcare available upon request by contacting Sabina (920) 921-0580 ext. 501*

