

The Good News

Annual Report
Christmas
December 24-25, 2022
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)	
St Peter: 8:30 am	
Sacred Heart: 7:00 am (Spanish)	
9:00 am 11:00 am	
Our Risen Savior: 10:00 am	
Presentation: 10:00 am	
Weekday	
Monday, Wednesday St. Mary: 12:10 pm	
Tuesday, Thurs., Friday	
Holy Family: 7:00 am	
Thursday Presentation 7:30 pm	
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	
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	
Sunday	
9:00 to 9:45 am at Our Risen Savior	

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It seems one of humanity’s most persevering traits is that we continue to look forward. In the face of war, famine, prejudice, and near-cataclysmic disaster, humans as a whole have chosen progression instead of regression. We look difficulty straight in the eye and say despite the hardship we’ve endured, we will continue on. How? Or maybe the better question is why? Interestingly enough, both have the same answer: because God is on our side.

As we well know, God empowers us to do all things, because in Him, there is hope and also the promise of redemption, of new life. He inspires us to grow, not only in our relationships and our careers, but also with Him. As His children, we are always seeking. As our parishioners, you guide us to choose the path God has carved for us forward.

Now, reaching the end of another year, I look back and see these sentiments reflected in all that we do at Holy Family: striving to grow in communion with God and to look for ways to be better stewards of the gifts He has given us—our Church, our faith, our world, and each other.

This year, I am proud of how Holy Family has continued to progress in the ways we serve our parish and our greater community. An ever-present goal of ours is to spread the Good News of Christ, and in turn, welcome more people into the Catholic faith. In the past year, we have celebrated the baptisms of **134 children**. Through our Rites of Christian Initiation Program, we welcomed **ten** more adults into our faith, both those who had never been baptized and those who converted from another religion. They were far from the only members with Sacramental celebrations this year. This past spring, **nearly 150** of our youngsters received their First Communion, and **nearly 140** of our youth were Confirmed. It is a joy to see so many of our parishioners receive their Sacraments and enter further into their faith, and we consider it a privilege to walk along with them as they do.

So much of our faith is rooted in connection—to God, to the Church, to each other—and it is also at the heart of so much that we do in our parish. Our Neighbors in Faith program, which brings together parishioners to help their fellow parishioners with everyday tasks, had its best year yet! Through their giving hearts, our volunteers have been able to help dozens of our parishioners, and form meaningful friendships with them, sharing coffee, conversation, and gratitude for the opportunity to offer and receive help.

We also connected with those in need of our community. In 2022, the number of people seeking meals at our Blessed Bites meal-to-go program increased, making us feel all the more blessed to be able to offer this service to them. This year through the program, we provided an average of 60 meals per week, about **3,100 in total**—all donated by parishioners like you. This does not account for the meals we made for the Brown Bag Lunch Program this summer, which offers children and families a free lunch twice a week from June to August. Our volunteers packed upwards of **350 lunches every Tuesday**. In November, they did it again for our Takeout Thanksgiving, providing **400 delicious meals** to area residents.

Your generosity was paramount in creating two opportunities this past year: for our priests to move under one roof, and for our former rectories to find new lives of service. In May, myself and our Priest Team moved into our new Rectory, where we are further able to support and learn from one another. This helps us to strengthen our faith and in turn, help our parish to thrive as well.

The greatest gift to come out of the new rectory is the ability it offered us to help others. This summer, we had the chance to help refugees fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries start anew in the United States through renovating our former St. Mary’s Rectory in conjunction with The Solutions Center. Thus far, we have been able to serve three refugee families at the rectory and support an additional three. Our ability to serve grew as we continued our work with The Solutions Center and leased to them for free the Sacred Heart Rectory to turn into a shelter for individuals and families escaping domestic violence. This month offered us one more reason for joy: the conversion of the Our Risen Savior Rectory into the St. Louis House—a home for young men who are pursuing a life of holiness. Beginning in January, we plan for three young men to move in and deepen their faith through participation in the Mass, Adoration, and acts of service.

In what other ways are we making an impact? Here are just a few statistics that help to tell the story.

- Our volunteers bring Communion to **more than 200** individuals and couples who are homebound in our community, offering another way to remain connected to their faith.
- Every weekend, our team of Holy Family musicians lead the music at 12 Masses—not including feast days! This means they use their talents to make the Mass more vibrant and reverent **nearly 630 times** a year.
- As of this writing, we have raised **\$2,903,262** for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s Love One Another Campaign, which will not only help us to plan for the future of our parish, but also support the future of important ministries in Southeastern Wisconsin.

As I reflect on 2022, I cannot overstate how incredibly proud I am of our parish and all we have accomplished in community, and I have no doubt that we will do even more in 2023. Thank you for the blessing of serving you and your family in our parish, and may you have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

In Christ,
Fr. Ryan J Pruess
Pastor | Holy Family Catholic Community – Fond du Lac

Our Favorite Moments of the Year



Women's Ministry Winter Kick-Off

Saturday, January 21
Holy Family Church

Join us for a morning of worship
and community with our
Women's Ministry!

Save the Date: 2023 Events

2023 Parish Mission: Bart Schuchts

February 19-21, 2023
6:30 to 8:00 pm
Holy Family Church

This three-night event will feature
Church on Fire Founder and renown
speaker Bart Schuchts.

Celebrate Holy Family Gala

Wednesday, April 19
5:30 to 8:30 pm
Holy Family Church

Celebrate your parish with your
fellow members at this wonderful
night! More information to come!

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