

The Good News

January 7-8, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord

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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Sign up for Small Groups and Bible Studies this weekend

You will have the opportunity to sign up for our winter Small Groups and Bible Studies following Masses at Sacred Heart and Holy Family this weekend (January 7-8). To learn more about our offerings this season, please visit hffdl.org/sm.

Widow to Widows Group to meet

The Widow to Widows Group will meet at 3:00 pm in Holy Family Hall on Tuesday, January 10. The theme for the meeting will be Joyful January. Please note: the group is open only to women.

Come to Women's Ministry: Sharing our Journey on January 21

Women's Ministry invites all women of the parish to attend its "Sharing Our Journey" event from 7:00 to 10:15 am on Saturday, January 21 at Holy Family Church and Hall. The morning will include Adoration, Confession, Mass, a speaker from New Beginnings, and an opportunity to learn about the HOPE Box, as well as to sign up for Small Groups and Bible Studies. Meant to be a hopeful resource for mothers and fathers of our community to encourage them to choose of life, the HOPE Box will include such items as pregnancy help resources, an invitation to host a baby shower at our church and, poignantly, an "Esther letter" from a member of our community who has faced a similar decision and yet chose life for their child and family. Those who attend this morning retreat are asked to bring the following items for the HOPE Box to the event or to the Parish Office: candle - tea light size in a holder of some sort; lotion- 2-5 oz. container; hand soap or hand sanitizer - 2-5 oz. container; and journal - 4x6 or smaller.

Congratulations to children receiving Sacrament of Reconciliation

We would like to congratulate all children of the parish who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend and taking this next step in their faith journey! Please join us in praying for them as they continue to grow in their faith.

Altar Server Formation February 6

Save the Date! The next group formation for Altar Servers will be at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 6 at Holy Family Church. All youth altar servers from all of our church sites are asked to attend this session, so please mark it on your calendars!

Parents invited to Building Your Domestic Church Session

All parents are invited to learn about the differences and similarities between Catholic and Christian resources when educating their family in the faith at our Building Your Domestic Church Parent session from 6:20 to 7:20 pm at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, January 11. The purpose of this program is to help you take your Catholic faith beyond the Church doors and into your home.

Are you struggling with grief? Our GriefShare program may be able to help

Holy Family Catholic Community will host "GriefShare," a 13-week support group and seminar designed to help people rebuild their lives after loss. The group will meet Tuesdays, January 24 through April 18 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Holy Family Board Room. Those interested in joining the group must register before the first session and must attend the first session to take part in the rest of the program. People will not be allowed to join after the first session. Space is limited, so register early. To sign up, please call (920) 921-0580 ext. 303 or email gabbym@hffdl.org.

The Light of Men - That Man is You! is back

Men of the parish are invited to join our Men's Group for the *That Man is You!* Program. Meeting from 5:30 to 7:00 am at the Holy Family North Hall Wednesdays, January 11 through March 29, the *That Man is You!* program honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. You can join the group at any time, no registration is required. As part of the morning, men will also enjoy discussion and breakfast!

Parishioners helping Parishioners

Holy Family's Neighbors in Faith Program connects parishioners who may need help on a volunteer basis with various tasks such as yard work, transportation, housekeeping, or running errands, with parishioners who would like to assist. If you are interested in assisting or need assistance, please contact Gabby at gabbym@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 303.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9

St. Mary (SM) 12:10 pm: Cody & Morgan Krohn

Tuesday, January 10

Holy Family (HF) 7:00 am: Bob Tallent
(Anniversary)

Wednesday, January 11

SM 12:10 pm: Sharon Lynn Fogel

Thursday, January 12

HF 7:00 am: Donna Ludwig
Presentation (P) 7:30 pm: Leo Stephany

Friday, January 13

HF 7:00 am: Bonney Zimmer

Saturday, January 14

P 8:00 am: The Living & Deceased of the Leo & Audrey Kelley Family
St. Peter 4:00 pm: Richard Davies

- Sarah C. Gannon
- B.W., E.W., A.K. D.K. & John Halcovich
- Lillian Wagner-Kraus

HF 4:00 pm: Rev. Edward Raymond Eschweiler

Saturday, January 14 continued

SH 4:00 pm: Jerry Van Deraa

Sunday, January 15

SH 7:00 am (Spanish): For the Parishioners

SM 7:15 am: Rev. Thomas Aquin LeMieux

HF 8:00 am: Millie Schmitz

St. Peter 8:30 am: William Nett

SH 9:00 am: Roger Gonzalez

- Kathleen Miller
- Mary Jean Krueger
- The Living & Deceased of the William & Delia Lauby Family, and the Harold & Catherine Schneider Family
- Roberta Schob

P 10:00 am: Jack Webb

HF 10:00 am: Sharon Christ

ORS 10:00 am: Leo Schneider and the Living & Deceased Members of the Victor & Francis Schneider and Edwin & Pauline Knaus Families

SH 11:00 am: Salome Commo

HF (Spanish) 12:00 pm: For the Parishioners

A letter from your Holy Family priest | "Lord, I love you."

This past Thursday, Pope Benedict XVI was laid to rest. These past couple of weeks have provided an opportunity to hear again his many incisive words. In his first Encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), Benedict XVI reminded us that “being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” In his last testament, released upon his passing, he encouraged all of us to, “stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused!” He continued, writing that despite the supposed “progress” of rationalism, political ideologies, and progressive though heterodox theology, that in his long life, “I have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse [...] and see, how, out of the tangle of hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life - and the Church, in all Her shortcomings, is truly His Body.” But aside from his theological acumen, what struck me most were his final words.

According to nurses, Benedict XVI’s last words were, “Lord, I love you.” Friends, we cannot take these words for granted. We should not suppose that when death is near, these words will be easy to call to mind and speak aloud. When all else is stripped away by failing health, frailty, and sickness, what shores up our innermost self is exposed (c.f. Mt 7:24-29). I once anointed a person whom I (still) consider incredibly faithful. When I asked them about their prayer during a difficult stay in the hospital, this individual lifted their eyes to me and said, “Father, it is so difficult to pray when you are sick.” I was shaken. I had assumed that for this person, when “times were tough,” prayer would come easily. That when one was closest to suffering, it would be easy to unite that suffering to the Suffering One of Jesus Christ. But I was wrong. It is precisely in those difficult moments that the consolation of prayer can be distant. We need not be surprised, for our Lord Himself, on the cross cried out, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me” (c.f. Ps 22)? It is not easy to pray when the most foundational things we cling to—including independence, comfort, language, life, etc.—escape our grasp.

This is why Pope Benedict XVI’s last words are so inspiring. To say, “Lord, I love you” at the final moments of one’s life reveals an inner core of faith built up and set upon a sturdy foundation. Friends, death is something that we must prepare for. It is imperative to prepare while we are well, while we are healthy, while we have control. Numerous times when I visit someone close to death, an otherwise unresponsive patient will “light up” when we recite the Our Father, the Hail Mary, or simply the Sign of the Cross. These prayers “get in our bones” and build up an inner core of faith that will last to the end. But they also shape our minds and hearts to keep God in focus throughout our day—reminding us that all will come to pass whether it be blessings or trials. Far from despair, preparing for our own death helps us to meditate constantly on the Triune God who loves us, calls us to relationship, gifts us with our blessings, and sustains us in our trials.

I highly encourage you to watch the series, “Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well” on Formed.org. As Christians we have a very different attitude towards death. As we hear at so many funerals before the Eucharistic Prayer, for the Christian “life is changed and not ended.” Keeping our death in mind helps us to live better, treasure each and every moment and person in our lives, and strive for eternal life.

-Fr. Justin

<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH COLLECTION SUMMARY July 1, 2022 through December 4, 2022</p> <p>Budgeted Revenue: \$1,100,000 Actual Revenue: \$1,135,158 Over (Under) Budget: \$35,158</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR DEARLY DEPARTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David Feiereisen, Dennis Hodoff, Elva Lemons & Raymond Serwe</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OUR RISEN SAVIOR FELLOWSHIP</p> <p>Our Risen Savior will host a fellowship following the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 15. Please join us for treats and tweets (real conversation with your neighbor)!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPOTS LIMITED FOR 6-WEEK BALANCE AND MOBILITY CLASS</p> <p>Registration is now open for Mary Jo Neumann's 6-Week Balance and Mobility Class. Taking place Mondays from 10:00-10:30 am beginning January 9 in the Sacred Heart Gym, the class will help you feel safe when moving from place to place. Participants must be able to walk without an assistive device. Call the Parish Office to register.</p>
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