

The Good News

August 5-6, 2023

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Friday

St. Mary - 7:00-8:00 pm primarily
in Spanish 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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Thank you for your support of our Back to School FDL School Supply Drive

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Back to School FDL School Supply Drive. Our parish alone has contributed thousands of items this year to the program which provides students in need with the supplies required to start the school year. We greatly appreciate your generosity, and we know our community does as well!

Are you an adult looking to become Catholic? Join our RCIA program

Holy Family welcomes anyone who may be interested in becoming Catholic to learn more about the faith. RCIA is for those adults who are not baptized, those from other faith traditions, and those baptized Catholic, but not raised Catholic. Come and learn about the true Catholic Faith. Sessions will start in October. Please visit hffdl.org/become_catholic or call Sabina at the Parish Office for more information. All inquiries are welcome!

Learn more about your faith at our Small Groups and Bible Studies this fall

Do you want to learn more about your faith or the Catholic Church? Do you want to deepen your knowledge as part of a community of your fellow parishioners? Register now for Holy Family's multiple Bible Studies and Small Groups! Topics include: exploring the Mass and Sunday Readings, the Liturgy of the Hours, the prophets of our faith, devotion to the Holy Spirit, the scripture of Advent, women in the New Testament, and more! Programs are offered at a variety of dates and times. To learn more about our fall offerings and sign up for classes, visit hffdl.org/sm.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses

On Tuesday, August 15, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For this Holy Day of Obligation, we will offer several Masses including a Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 14 at Holy Family Church, and on Tuesday, August 15 Masses at 7:00 am at Holy Family, 12:10 pm at St. Mary, 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart, and, in Spanish, at 7:00 pm at Holy Family.

Young families invited to brunch August 13

Holy Family will host a brunch for young families in the Sacred Heart School Gymnasium, 678 Western Ave., following the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, August 13. The main dish and drinks will be provided, and all families are invited to bring a dish to pass!

Back to School Concert set for August 27, dessert donations sought

Bring the whole family to the Holy Family Prayer Garden for our Back-to-School Concert featuring the Catholic family band MJM7 on Sunday, August 27 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. MJM7 is a band comprised of Michael James Mette and his children: Charity (15), Cecilia (14), and MJ (12). The Mette's gifts of music, joy, and family life offer the boldness and innocence of youth with the wisdom and depth of lived experiences. The events fall somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission, with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith sharing, and an invitation to prayer. This concert is free, but goodwill donations will be accepted! Please bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, the concert will take place in Holy Family Church. The family will also lead the music at all Holy Family site Masses the weekend of August 26-27. We are also looking for people to sign up to bring two dozen, ready-to-serve and easy-to-eat, baked items, for the MJM7 music concert on Sunday, August 27. You can sign up at hffdl.org/event/mjm7.

Grief Share support group begins August 21

Are you struggling with grief? Holy Family will host "Grief Share," a 13-week support group and seminar designed to help people rebuild their lives after loss. The group will meet Mondays, August 21-November 20 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in the Holy Family Board Room. Those interested in joining the group must register, but can join the program after the start date. To sign up, please email Mary Denzin at mdenzin@hffdl.org or call the Parish Office.

Youth Group Summer Bonfire this Thursday

All middle and high school students are invited to attend our Youth Group Summer Bonfire from 7:00 to 9:00 pm this Thursday at the Sacred Heart Victory Center, 678 Western Avenue. This is our kickoff event for Youth Group, which will meet every Thursday night. For more information, please contact Eric at the Parish Office at eric@hffdl.org.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 7

St. Mary (SM) 12:10 pm: Rusty Butzen

Tuesday, August 8

Holy Family (HF) 7:00 am: Sandra Massick

Wednesday, August 9

SM 12:10 pm: Dorothy Kearns

Thursday, August 10

HF 7:00 am: Vincent & Monica Haessly

Presentation (P) 7:30 pm: Dale Bach

Friday, August 11

HF 7:00 am: Bob Lang (Anniversary)

Saturday, August 12

P 8:00 am: Dolores Hemauer Birthday Anniversary

SH 4:00 pm: Jerry Van Deraa

- The Robert & Mary Jean Krueger Family
- Bonney Zimmer
- Donald & Rosemary Birschbach
- Daniel Kraemer
- Richard Wettstein
- Jerry, Mary Jean & Jimmy Schiller

Saturday, August 12 continued

Saint Peter (SP) 4:00 pm: Lillian Wagner-Kraus

HF 4:00 pm: Larry Merten

Sunday, August 13

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

SM 7:15 am: Emlita

HF 8:00 am: Rita Dieter & Family

- Thomas Kescenovitz
- John Broennimann (Anniversary)
- Lillian King
- Encarnacion & Jose Medina
- Al Schneider
- Paul Rieder

SP 8:30 am: B.W., E.W., A.K. D.K. & John Halcovich

SH 9:00 am: Roger Gonzalez

P 10:00 am: Edwin Urban

HF 10:00 am: Bill Kleinmann

ORS 10:00 am: Gerald Schumacher, George Preissner, Jean & Dale Norenberg, and Edwin & Willamina Blatz

SH 11:00 am: Debbie Thome-True

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

Save the date for Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 7, 2023
Festivities begin at 4:00 pm
Holy Family Church
271 Fourth Street Way

Bilingual English/German Mass at 4:00 pm

In the Prayer Garden following Mass enjoy German cuisine, beer, inflatable games and obstacle course, face painting, balloon animals, basket and 50/50 drawings, a petting zoo & the renowned German folk band, Dorf Kapelle. The night will end with trivia!

Admission is free. Food, beverages, and drawing tickets will be available for purchase.

*** In the event of rain, Oktoberfest will take place in Holy Family Hall ***



PARISH COLLECTION SUMMARY

July 1, 2022 through June 25, 2023

Budgeted Revenue: \$2,855,000
Actual Revenue: \$3,026,648
Over (Under) Budget: \$171,648

DONATE COOKIES TO BLESSED BITES

We are seeking volunteers to bake or donate cookies for our Blessed Bites meal-to-go program. If you are interested in donating, please visit hffdl.org/blessed to sign up for your date. For more information, please contact Erin at ecobb@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 301.

WEDDING BANS

August 19, 2023

Joshua Jeffrey Zimmerman & Reigina Anne Timm
at St. Mary



BLOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY

Help to save lives by donating blood at the Holy Family Blood Drive this Wednesday from 12:00 to 5:00 pm in Holy Family Hall. Those who donate will have the chance to win \$1,200 in e-gift cards for home entertainment technology. To sign up, please visit bit.ly/holyfamilycommunityaug9 or call 1-877-232-4376.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Holy Family has received a donation in memory of:

Joan Ditter, Ronald Gravelle, Bea Pilkenton, Mary Theisen & Edwin Urban

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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See photos from our ministries, learn about our parish's history, and stay up to date with what is happening at Holy Family by "following" us on Facebook [@HolyFamilyFDL](https://www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyFDL) and Instagram [@hffdl](https://www.instagram.com/hffdl).

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A place of home and hope for refugees: Celebrating one year of progress, friendship, faith, and gratitude at our Holy Family Outreach Center



'The first families of refugees served at Holy Family Outreach Center'

Last summer, Holy Family Catholic Community opened the doors of its Holy Family Outreach Center to two families of refugees fleeing their homelands in pursuit of a better, safer life. Since then, ten families have found hope and welcoming hearts under the center's roof, and within the community, a chance to live the lives for which they have so strived and to give back to those who helped them along the way.

Holy Family's work with refugees began in early June 2022 when Director of Human Concerns Erin Cobb received a call from the St. Vincent de Paul of Fond du Lac County, asking for assistance to serve a growing need.

During the spring, Fond du Lac had begun to receive an influx of immigrants, and in turn, St. Vincent de Paul fielded an increased number of requests for food and housing/shelter, St. Vincent de Paul of Fond du Lac County Conference President and Holy Family parishioner Tim Lanari said.

It all came to a head when two Colombian families—three adults and three children—arrived at the doors of St. Vincent de Paul. They had come to Fond du Lac by chance. Facing deadly and dangerous persecution, the families traveled more than 3,000 miles from Bogota to the United States' border where they sought asylum. As refugees, they have a right to international protection, and to legally seek safety and citizenship in the United States.

After having all their possessions taken from them at the border, including a bottle for their baby and diapers, the families entered Arizona. From there, officials sent them to Chicago, where they were given bus tickets to Fond du Lac.

Shelter in Fond du Lac was—and remains—limited. While the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter had recently opened, due to the prevalence of homelessness in the community, it had already reached capacity with more families on the waiting list. Help was needed—and quickly.

Wanting to assist, Cobb and Holy Family Catholic Community Pastor Fr. Ryan Pruess met with members of St. Vincent de Paul, including the Lanaris. During the discussions, a solution became evident. Just a month prior, the Holy Family Priest Team had moved out of their Sacred Heart and St. Peter rectories to live under one roof in their new rectory near Holy Family Church. With the old rectories vacant, the parish offered them as respite for the refugees.

"It was our privilege to be able to use our rectories in this way and help care for the refugees. The book of Exodus states, 'do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.' As Americans and disciples of Jesus, we descended from immigrants. Just as our ancestors left their native land seeking a new life, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had to flee their homeland to escape persecution. It is only right that we help others who are doing the same," Fr. Ryan Pruess said.

Initially, the two families stayed at the rectory in St. Peter as Holy Family and Solutions Center collaborated to fund renovations at the St. Mary Rectory—located inside the Holy Family Outreach Center—to accommodate the immigrants. Spanish-speaking Holy Family staff, parishioners, and clergy, as well as St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, acted as translators for the families to communicate on everything from food to immigration law. One such person was Holy Family Catholic Community parishioner Barb Piatt, who learned about the refugee family and the need for translators through a friend who was already working with them.

Piatt sought to help the family acclimate to Fond du Lac and the United States through experience. She took them around the city, introducing them to places they needed to know and establishments and events important to the culture: Gilles Frozen Custard, the Buttermilk's Music Under the Stars, and the Fond du Lac County Pool. She helped them find clothing, food, and resources, and at the St. Peter Rectory and later the Outreach Center, helped them to learn the language through personal instruction, as well as by labeling household items in English.

"You're seeing things anew again," she said of the experience. "Like when you have kids, you see the world through different eyes. You're seeing the world through people who have lost everything."

Of utmost importance to the families was to immediately begin working, taking any job they could do so. One of the family members found work with a local business, and after seeing his work ethic, the owner and his family soon employed the other adults. To help them get to work, another community member provided transportation.

"The families we are helping are really just looking to get out of terrible situations and want to work hard to give their families a better life. They are very driven, thankful, and hard working," Cobb said.

This support from the community has been instrumental in helping the families at the Outreach Center to get on their feet in this new culture. Through the center, Holy Family has connected the immigrants with various services, including housing, food, and immigration law assistance with the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter; English classes at Moraine Park Technical College and Fond du Lac Literacy Services, as well as through private English tutors, like Piatt.

Help came from all sides of Fond du Lac, including Care Inc., Fondy Food Pantry, the Fond du Lac School District, Holyland Food Pantry, Solutions Center, SSM Health, and Dr. Timothy Twohig of Twohig Family Dentistry. Within the Holy Family community, parishioners also stepped forward to assist, contributing food, clothing, money, and time. Members of the Holy Family Priest Team—Fr. Pedro Ruiz, Fr. Edward Sanchez, and Fr. Matthew Kirk—helped to attend to the individuals’ spiritual needs as well as to grow in their faith. The parish’s Hispanic community, too, welcomed them, and invited them to Mass, which many attend.

As the families became more settled in their new lives and navigated the difficult United States’ immigration system, the Outreach Center began to welcome new residents, including additional members of the first family.

“They have a very strong sense of family and that they were able to stay together as a family, even though they came at different times, that was crucial to them. They don’t take for granted that they get to be together,” Piatt said.

Throughout their time at the center, the residents formed “a little community” and did what they could to help one another, Cobb said. They treated the Outreach Center like their home, repainting kitchen cabinets, and cleaning the spaces until they were spotless.

The children of the first family, including their cousin, enrolled in the Fond du Lac School District. They are now thriving as they continue to expand their knowledge of the English language. One of the children, a nine-year-old girl, was named “Student of the Month,” at her school this past year, Cobb shared. Another, a 16-year-old boy, has expressed his dream to be a pharmaceutical chemist in this country—a place he has described as “good,” and “not dangerous,” like that in which he was born.

“They will definitely be very productive citizens,” Tim Lanari said.

A common trait among the families at the Outreach Center is their desire to never appear like they are taking advantage of any of the assistance they received, he said. As soon as they were able, the first families began to look for a home to call their own, and with the suggestion of Holy Family staff, considered mobile homes in the area. In February, out of the blue, a couple in the Fond du Lac community who were in the process of moving themselves heard the family was looking for a home, and stepped forward, offering to sell the family theirs at a fair price. Why make such a generous offer? The couple had received “a hand up” in the past, and they wanted to pay it forward, Pat Lanari, Holy Family parishioner and St. Vincent de Paul member said.

“I am most proud of how the community has come together to help, not just the Holy Family community but the greater Fond du Lac community. We have seen the immigrants find work, get transportation, and purchase homes, something that I thought might not happen or at least not as quickly as it did,” Cobb said. “It seemed like everyone helped in little bits and those little bits turned out to be a lot.”

At every turn, those at the Outreach Center expressed their gratitude for the assistance and kindness they’ve received. They are always looking for ways to give back through acts of kindness, like driving with Piatt to fix her daughter’s flat tire up in Green Bay, or offering food to volunteers and staff whenever they came into the Outreach Center. When Cobb was sick on her birthday, they sent her a video of themselves singing “Happy Birthday” to her.

“They are willing to do anything to help anyone else...They want to continue to give back. You don’t always get that,” Cobb said.

Recently, the family invited all those who had helped them over this past year to come to their new home for a celebration. While technically it was a party in honor of the family matriarch’s 30th birthday, the family also used it as an opportunity to thank their newly found friends and family. With the help of one of the translators and much practice, the 30-year-old woman delivered a speech in English, offering her gratitude, and that of her family, for the support of the people around them.

It was a touching moment, topping off a year that had changed those involved in ways they didn’t expect—opening their eyes to reality of the US immigration system, forming strong relationships that transcend language, and realizing that they had received more than they gave.

“It’s one of the best things I have ever been part of,” Cobb said. “A year in, and it’s impossible to not be moved by all they already have achieved, and how they want to help their community members do the same. While they feel blessed to be here, they are a blessing to our community as well.”



Thank you for your support of Holy Family Catholic Community. Your generosity changes lives.