

The Good News

September 2-3, 2023

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Holy Family Catholic Community

271 Fourth Street Way

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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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Labor Day Mass, Parish Office closed

Start off your Labor Day by giving thanks to the Lord at our outdoor Labor Day Mass at St. Peter Church on Monday, September 4 at 8:00 am. Those who attend are asked to bring their own chair. As a reminder, the Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day.

Help us make Oktoberfest even better this year!

As we prepare for Oktoberfest to return to Holy Family on Saturday, October 7, we are asking for your help to make this year's event the best one yet! We have multiple opportunities for people to volunteer, as well as a new opportunity for our local craftsmen and artists to showcase their wares!

- **Baked good donations:** We are seeking donations of baked goods to sell at the event. We ask that bakers make 15-20 cut desserts (pies, bars, tortes, brownies) or cookies, and bring them for drop off in the Holy Family Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Saturday, October 7. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 ext. 201 by Monday, September 25.
- **Makers Market:** This year, we will host our first Makers Market at Oktoberfest! We have 8-10 spots available for our artisan parishioners to sell their creations. Vendors will be stationed in the parking area east of the Prayer Garden and begin selling at 5:00 pm. Each vendor will pay \$25 and will bring their own chair and tent that can be set up on cement. We will provide a table for the booth.
- **Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to help in various roles at our Oktoberfest festival. If you are interested, please contact Eva at (920) 921-0580 ext. 202 or ethelen@hffdl.org.
- **Sponsors/Basket Raffle donations:** We invite businesses, organizations, and families to donate baskets to our Basket Raffle. We ask that baskets are worth at least \$50 and are brought to the Parish Office by September 25. If you would like to further support the event and our ministries here at the parish, we have multiple sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact Sarah at the Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 ext. 201 or sarahr@hffdl.org.

Knights of Columbus Flag Appreciation Days

The Knights of Columbus Assembly #1211 will host its Flag Appreciation Days outside all of our Masses the weekend of September 9-10. Members will distribute flag pins and all donations received from the pins will benefit churches, schools, and local organizations. Past organizations to receive donations include Salute the Troops and the Warrior House of Lomira.

Holy Family Christian Women to meet September 11

Holy Family Christian Women will meet on Monday, September 11 at 6:00 pm in the North Hall of Holy Family. The meeting will follow a potluck supper. Wear your Packer gear!

Trivia returns to Holy Family September 22

Put your brain power on display at our Holy Family Trivia Night at 6:00 pm on Friday, September 22 in the Holy Family Hall. Trivia is free and the theme for the night will be general knowledge trivia. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. No pre-registration required.

Holy Family Choir season to begin this month, changes to previously announced time

Holy Family adult choirs will return to rehearsals this month. The Sacred Heart/Holy Family Choir will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm at Holy Family Church. Holy Family Children's Choir will meet on Thursdays from 4:00 to 4:45 pm at Holy Family starting September 14. If you are interested in joining a choir, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Cor Jesu set for September 7.

Enter into the heart of Jesus at Cor Jesu on Thursday, September 7. Held at Presentation, Cor Jesu begins at 6:30 pm with Adoration and Confession, followed by Mass with music at 7:30 pm.

Celebrate St. Francis Day with Fr. Michael at the Catholic Ecology Center

Join Fr. Michael at the Catholic Ecology Center, W1468 County Road NN, Neosho, to celebrate the patron saint of ecology, St. Francis of Assisi, at the center's St. Francis Day event on Sunday, October 1! This fun-filled event will run from 1:30 to 3:40 pm and include a petting zoo, games, the decoration of a shrine to St. Francis of Assisi, guided tomahawk throwing, and pumpkin carving/painting. At 2:00 pm, Fr. Michael will bless pets. The event is free for members of the center, and \$3 for non-members. Please visit <https://catholicecologycenter.org/events> for more information.

Fall Balance and Mobility Class to begin September 15 on new day.

Mary Jo Neumann will once again lead her Balance and Mobility Class this fall, beginning on September 15. The eight-week class, which will help participants to feel safe when moving from place to place, will take place on Fridays in the Sacred Heart School Gym from 9:00 to 9:40 am. Those who participate must be able to walk without an assistive device (cane, walker, and wheelchair). Interested new parishioners should call the Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 to register. Space is limited. No fee is charged for parish members.

St. Ambrose Men's Group "That Man is You!" program to return September 6

Every Wednesday morning from 5:30 to 6:45 am in the Holy Family Hall, men are invited to join the St. Ambrose Men's Group for the "That Man is You!" program beginning September 6. "That Man is You!" honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The morning includes a full breakfast, a video at 6:00 am, and small group discussion. This year's theme is "Worthy of the Call" and will focus on discovering and embracing the call to live a life worthy of the call you have received! Cost is \$10. For more information, please visit hffdl.org/men.

Widows Welcoming Widows to meet September 12

On Tuesday, September 12 at 2:00 pm in the Holy Family Church Hall, widows are invited to come and share/learn about the first year of the Widows Welcoming Widows group, and plan for the coming year. There will also be an ice cream social. Ice cream will be provided and all who attend are invited to bring a favorite ice cream sundae topping to share. For more information, please call Kathy at (920) 904-1065 or Joanne at (920) 904-5521. Hope to see you there!

Dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As the Lord gathers us to worship this Sunday, we hear from Saint Paul his powerful proclamation to the Romans, words which, in part, include this clarifying invitation:

“Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed...” (Romans 12:1-2).

On the first day of morality class during sophomore year at Marquette High, our teacher, Mr. Dan Holahan, began the semester by challenging us to commit these verses to memory.

Without them, without lives patterned after Christ, without our spiritual worship and living sacrifice, not only would the Church’s great moral tradition seem to be without any foundation, but also our life with Christ would seem to be a burden or imposition rather than an adventure.

The Lord calls us back this weekend to what is *good* and *pleasing* and *perfect*, crosses and all. *That* invitation alone endures and can enkindle once again our faith, families, hearts, and parish.

Before summer ends, allow me to name several graces and observations from these last months.

1. Thank you for your prayerful support of our young adult pilgrims during our pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Portugal earlier this August. While at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, I had the gift to offer my Mass intention for Holy Family. There, I prayed for a more authentic conversion unto the Lord, beginning with my own, and including us all.
2. Recently, I have joined several of our parish families not only for joyful celebrations of wedding anniversaries, but also sorrowful funeral Masses. At each of them, I was struck by their trust in the Lord and the Grace of the Sacraments, as well as their profound love for the living tradition of their family. That’s not unique to them, but rather is shared by so many in our parish. *Thank you* for inviting us as your parish priests into your families.
3. To that end, really ever since Easter, as priests we seemingly continue to have a similar conversation, together humbled by the way in which the Lord *is* at work, in our parish, in our community, in our lives and on the Ledge. With that grace has also come many more crosses, be they permitted, produced or promoted. To see not only conversion lived but also suffering received and endured has been a source of consolation and strength to me.
4. If you haven’t yet seen the *Sound of Freedom*, I would strongly encourage you to watch this film, which so many have recommended to me. My thanks to Community Church for their recent screening and conversation. We beg the Lord for the freedom of those imprisoned, for the ones who rescue them, and for greater purity and chastity of us all.
5. *Finally*, although I serve as the Chaplain at St. Mary’s Springs, and thus am very much a Ledgers’ fan, as our parish community includes North Fond du Lac, congratulations are due to the Orioles, whose football team beat Ripon last Thursday, August 24, 20-14. Truly, an impressive victory by their team that brings both an end to a very long streak and the beginning of a new era in North Fond du Lac. “A rising tide lifts all ships!”

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael J. Malucha

**PARISH COLLECTION SUMMARY
July 1, 2023 through July 30, 2023**

Budgeted Revenue: \$214,000
Actual Revenue: \$231,737
Over (Under) Budget: \$17,737

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

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

Natali Cabrera, Stephen Freund & Audrey Parman

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Serving Those Most in Need in our Community

Dear Holy Family Catholic Community Parishioner(s),

Throughout the Bible, one of the most prevalent of Lord's commands is that we care for the poor. As Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

In our ministry here at Holy Family, we seek to answer this call in whatever way we can. Whether it be through our Blessed Bites program, assisting those who are hungry, or our Holy Family Outreach Center, in which we offer shelter to the refugees. We felt the Lord's call to further expand this ministry to the homeless by opening the Holy Family Warming Shelter this November.

When we learned two months ago that Fond du Lac would not have a warming shelter to care for the homeless this winter, we began working to see how our parish could help address this issue. After many conversations within our parish and with organizations in our community, we decided to heed our Lord's call and pursue opening a new warming shelter. Since then, we have looked at multiple locations, and received approval from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to put an offer on a location. We are now awaiting approval from the City of Fond du Lac to move forward.

The Holy Family Warming Shelter will operate on the Catholic values of compassion, dignity, and care for people of all backgrounds and beliefs. We will offer up to 30 individuals a warm, clean place to sleep; hot, nutritious meals; showers; and access to community resources every night from November through April this year, and once the space is renovated, all year round.

While our parish will run the shelter, it will thrive through the collaboration of the greater Fond du Lac community. The need to provide shelter for the city's homeless population has been an ongoing issue in Fond du Lac, one which many have worked to address. The Salvation Army of Fond du Lac County most recently led this effort, and we thank them for their important service to our community. The St. Katharine Drexel Shelter also serves those without a home throughout the year, but this shelter will serve as a low-barrier shelter for those in immediate need of a warm place to stay.

We are committed to working with government agencies, community organizations, and volunteers to provide the best care to those at the shelter, and to tackle the issue of homelessness from many angles. We have already seen great support from community organizations and businesses, as well as from the City of Fond du Lac, who has been a great help through this process.

With the Warming Shelter's planned central location, the clients will have access to public transportation, as well as many organizations located near downtown. It is our hope that through the shelter, those who are struggling will be able to move forward and take steps towards stability.

Numerous sources will fund the Holy Family Warming Shelter, including government grants, private donations, and corporate sponsorships. We are grateful for the support of the local churches and benefactors who have already generously contributed to this project.

We of course welcome your involvement in this new mission. If you are interested in making a monetary donation to the shelter, please make your donation to Holy Family Catholic Community with "Warming Shelter" in the memo line. We are also hiring for the shelter, and those interested in learning more can visit hffdl.org/warming-shelter. In addition, we are looking to fill many volunteer slots and/or have volunteers provide a nightly meal. Please watch for future announcements of how you can get involved.

It is a blessing to care for those in need in our community and it is through your generosity and the grace of God that this is possible. I thank you for your support of our parish, and I look forward to sharing with you the progress and good work taking place at the Holy Family Warming Shelter.

In Christ,



Very Rev. Ryan J Pruess

Pastor | Holy Family Catholic Community

Monday, September 4

St. Peter (SP) 8:00 am: Dorothy Kearns

Tuesday, September 5

HF 7:00 am: Gabriel Buncsack

Wednesday, September 6

St. Mary (SM) 12:10 pm: Patricia Wilkum

Thursday, September 7

HF 7:00 am: Thomas Kescenovitz

Presentation (P) 7:30 pm: Dale Bach

Friday, September 8

HF 7:00 am: Clem & Agnes Hermanns

Saturday, September 9

P 8:00 am: John & Clare Fontecchio and Clement & Marie Benzie

SH 4:00 pm: Herman Theisen (Anniversary)

- Curt Decker (Anniversary)
- James & Patricia Sippel and the Living & Deceased of the Anthony & Shirley Andrew Family
- Rock Matera
- David Sabel
- Richard Wettstein
- Jerry, Mary Jean & Jimmy Schiller

Saturday, September 9 continued

Saint Peter (SP) 4:00 pm: B.W., E.W., A.K. D.K. & John Halcovich

HF 4:00 pm: George & Gladys Polakowski

Sunday, September 10

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

SM 7:15 am: Stan Birschbach

HF 8:00 am: Pat & Fran Brux

SP 8:30 am: Lydia Schneider

SH 9:00 am: Ray & Genevieve Hoepfner

P 10:00 am: Paul Jasman

HF 10:00 am: Andrew Glaeser

- Elizabeth (Betty) Kehrmeier for her 90th Birthday
- Rhiannon Owens & Alieyah Buck
- Rusty Butzen
- Tony Reese
- Helen Nett
- Encarnacion Medina (Anniversary) & Jose Medina

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

SH 11:00 am: The Living & Deceased Members of the Edward Dana Family

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

Holy Family Youth Group events for this September!

Holy Family's Youth Group has multiple events this September for middle- and high-school students to meet friends, explore their faith, and become more involved in the parish. Youth Group meets every Thursday, and this month will offer the following events:

- **September 7:** Cor Jesu – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 705 Michigan Ave, North Fond du Lac, 6:30–8:30 pm
- **September 14:** Capture the Flag – Sacred Heart School, 678 Western Ave., Fond du Lac, 6:30–8:00 pm
- **September 21:** Highway Clean-Up (for high school students only) – Holy Family Church, 271 Fourth Street Way, Fond du Lac, 6:30–8:00 pm
- **September 28:** Outdoor Movie Night – Sacred Heart School, 678 Western Ave., Fond du Lac, 6:30–8:00 pm

For more information, please contact Eric at the Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 ext. 502 or ericr@hffdl.org.

Help us provide opportunities for our members with special needs

We are looking to provide opportunities for our parishioners with special needs to further engage in our church community. To help us do so, we are asking our parishioners with special needs, or those who care for those with special needs, to participate in our survey to help us explore possible events. To do so, please visit hffdl.org/needs-survey.

Women's Ministry Kick-Off less than two weeks away

Our Women's Ministry Kick-Off is almost here! Join us on Thursday, September 14, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Holy Family Church for Mass, snacks, a social, and a talk from Women of Christ President Elizabeth Meier on the topic of "Search & Rescue – God's Love Revealed Through the Cross." Those who attend are asked to bring donations of diapers in sizes 4, 5, or 6 for donation to New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center. Childcare will be available by contacting Sabina at (920) 921-0580 ext. 501.

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! 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.

Join the Holy Family Quilters

Holy Family Quilters will begin their 72nd year of making quilts for the less fortunate in our area on September 5. The group meets every Tuesday from 8:00 to 10:00 am in the St. Mary Church basement (please use Marquette St. entrance). We tie all the quilts, so if you can tie a knot, please join us. The group is also taking donations of sewing material, yarn, and mattress pads which can be dropped off on Tuesdays during quilting or at the Parish Office. If you have any questions or need items picked up, call Catherine at (920) 539-0313 or Dorothy at (920) 238-0480.

Adult Confirmation classes to begin September 13

Are you already Baptized, and have received Reconciliation and First Communion in the Catholic Church? Are you wanting to be confirmed in the Catholic faith? Join us for a six-week session, using Matthew Kelly's *Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, along with small group discussions on varying topics, to learn more about the faith from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Holy Family's Fireside Room Wednesdays beginning September 13. *After completion of the program a date for Confirmation will be scheduled (*while this program is six weeks, you may not be Confirmed in six weeks, depending on each individual's extenuating circumstances). To sign up, please visit hffdl.org/adult-confirmation or contact Sabina at scarter@hffdl.org or ext. 501.