

The Good News

December 2-3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

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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Holy Family needs assistance with shoveling

Holy Family is looking for a person to shovel the sidewalks and steps at St. Mary Church, helping to keep the area safe for our parishioners. Equipment will be provided. For more information, please contact Evan at the Parish Office at eschwalbe@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 103.

Fr. Michael to lead Holy Family Advent Priest Talk

Fr. Michael will discuss the virtue of courage this week when he leads the second installment of our Advent Priest Talk Series: Virtues of the Holy Family on Tuesday, December 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church. Treats will follow! On December 12, Fr. Kevin will talk about purity.

Join us for Mass, adoration in honor of Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This week, we will mark the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception by offering several Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation, as well as all-night adoration. In anticipation of the solemnity, we will offer Mass at 7:00 pm at Holy Family on Thursday, December 7. On the Solemnity, December 8, we will offer Mass at: 7:00 am at Holy Family, 9:00 am at Holy Family (SMSA), 12:10 pm at St. Mary, 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart, and 7:00 pm in Spanish at Holy Family (Confessions will begin at 5:30 pm, with children starting first). Please note Mass, Adoration, and Confession will not take place at St. Mary that night. In honor of the Solemnity, please join us for an all-night adoration vigil of the Blessed Sacrament beginning on Thursday, December 7 following the 7:00 pm Mass at Holy Family. Adoration will continue through the night and conclude with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:45 am the next day, Friday, December 8. If you are interested in signing up for an hour, please contact Lisa Sutton at sutton_family01@charter.net or (920) 579-2895. Adoration at Sacred Heart will continue with its normal hours.

SMSA students to sell Kringles December 9-10

St. Mary's Springs Academy High School students participating in the Costa Rica cultural experience in June 2024 will sell 22-ounce oval Racine Danish Kringles after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 9 and 10:00 am Mass Sunday, December 10 at Holy Family. They will also sell Kringles on Sunday, December 10 at Sacred Heart after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The flavors available will be pecan, turtle, apple cinnamon, and raspberry cheesecake. The Kringles freeze well and would make a wonderful addition to your Christmas gatherings! The cost is \$12 each or \$33 for three. Cash or check only - no debit or credit cards can be accepted. This fundraiser will help offset the cost of the trip for our students.

Communal Anointing Mass on December 14

All those experiencing illness are invited to attend Holy Family Catholic Community's Anointing Mass at 1:30 pm on Thursday, December 14 at Sacred Heart Church. The sacrament, which confers God's grace through the Holy Spirit on those who are ill, can be offered more than once if a person's condition has worsened or became ill once again. It is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death.

Watch Charlie Brown, make Christmas cookies with us on Saturday, December 16

On December 16, people of all ages are invited to come to Holy Family Hall following the 4:00 pm Mass to decorate Christmas cookies and watch the classic *A Charlie Brown Christmas* on the big screen! The event is free, but we are looking for donations of undecorated, cutout Christmas sugar cookies to decorate at the event. Cookies can be dropped off Dec. 15-16 at the Parish Office. For more information, contact Eva at ethelen@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 202.

SMSA to offer High School Placement Test for eighth-grade students

Interested in becoming part of the Class of 2028 at SMSA? Come join us for the High School Placement Test (HSPT)! The HSPT is for current eighth-grade students who would like to enroll at SMSA as freshman for the 2024-2025 school year. The HSPT will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at SMSA. Please contact Shannon LaLuzerne at slaluzerne@smsacademy.org to register or if you have any questions.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

St. Mary (SM) 12:10 pm: Sandy Will

Tuesday, December 5

Holy Family (HF) 7:00 am: Don Stanchfield

Wednesday, December 6

SM 12:10 pm: Nicholas Jaber

Thursday, December 7

HF 7:00 am: Stan Birschbach (Anniversary)

HF 7:00 pm: Marilyn Rochon

Presentation (P) 7:30 pm: Peter & Joyce Ludovic and Family

Friday, December 8

HF 7:00 am: Julie Carter

HF 9:00 am (SMSA): In thanksgiving to God for St. Mary's Springs Academy, and for its students, families, faculty, staff, and benefactors, past, present, and future.

SM 12:10 pm: Marjorie Goelz

Sacred Heart (SH) 6:30 pm: Penny Bollom

HF 7:00 pm (Spanish): For the Parishioners

Saturday, December 9

P 8:00 am: Robert Kaiser, Maureen Kaiser & Elissa Moriearty

St. Peter (SP) 4:00 pm: Deceased Members of the Schmitz and Kohlmann Families

HF 4:00 pm: Adrian Kaull

- Pete Casper

- Al & Arlene Baudry and Sharon Baudry

Saturday, December 9

HF 4:00 pm: Donald Kline (Anniversary)

- Andrew Glaeser

- Patricia Wilkum

- George & Gladys Polakowski

SH 4:00 pm: Mary Jean Krueger

- Richard Stephany (Anniversary)

- David Sabel

- Helen Nett

- The Living & Deceased Members of the Louis & Vincentia Steffes Familues

- Bonney Zimmer

- The Bacon Family

Sunday, December 10

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

SM 7:15 am: Stan Birschbach

HF 8:00 am: Gottlieb "Joe" Bickelhaupt (Anniversary)

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

SH 9:00 am: Robert & Eileen Hoey

P 10:00 am: Jack Webb

ORS 10:00 am: Marjorie Goelz

HF 10:00 am: Rusty & Rosie Butzen

SH 11:00 am: Martin O'Hearn Jr. & Sheila O'Hearn-Radke

HF(Spanish) 12:00 pm: Maria Guadalupe Murillo Gomez and Pompeyo Murillo Rangel

Brothers and sisters in the Lord,

A blessed new year to all of you! As we celebrate this first Sunday of Advent, we also begin a new liturgical year. With that is also the opportunity to make a new year's resolution - to receive the love of God and to love Him in return with greater fervor. What more beautiful of a resolution can we make? And what more beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the birth of the King of kings than by making such a resolution.

The final word of our Gospel today, "Watch!", offers great insight on how to achieve this resolution. On one hand, it exhorts us to repent of our sins and be ready to meet God at the end of our lives, whenever that might be. Additionally, though, our Lord encourages us that to "watch" is to be aware of His grace in every moment of our lives. In whatever circumstance we find ourselves in, the joys and sorrows of life, the Lord exhorts us to "Watch!" - to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Him. He, Jesus, who in our joy, success, and growth, reveals the power of His grace. That same Jesus, though, reveals Himself too in our failings, struggles, and even our sins. If we keep our eyes open, we will see Him in everything. We see Him in mourning the death of a loved one, in a struggle with declining health, in a struggle to overcome a habitual sin, and so many others. As St. John of Avila says so beautifully: "A simple 'Blessed be God' in adversity is worth more than a thousands acts of thanksgiving in prosperity." Those moments which are often so painful and difficult, are not merely moments to "get through," but to remain with the Lord in His passion, and to watch for the outpouring of His grace in ours. In doing so, we receive the love of God and grow in our ability to love Him more ardently.

A blessed Advent to each of you. Please know of my gratitude and prayers for you and your families. It is a joy to be your priest!

God bless,

Fr. Kevin

FAITH BUILDERS CLUB FOR KIDS TO LEARN ABOUT HOLY FAMILY

Children and their parents can learn more about the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus this Advent when they take part in Holy Family's Faith Builders Club for Kids on Sunday, December 10 following the 10:00 am Mass at Holy Family Church. Lasting about 15 minutes, this program invites children to learn more about their faith through a short lesson and craft. Coffee and water will be available for parents in the Fireside Room.

THANKSGIVING CASH DRAWING WINNERS

On November 21, 2023, Holy Family held its Thanksgiving Cash Drawing. The winners are, in no particular order: Richard Behnke, Judith Kiersten, Bonnie Krupp, Rosemary Schorse, Patrick Switlick, and Sylvia Wagner. Thank you to all who participated in the drawing and continue to support ministries here in the parish with your donations! Your support helps us do important work in our parish and in our area.

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

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

Kenneth Abitz, Richard Dieter, Lloyd Hawes, Thomas Hlawek, Eugene Halter, Modesto Montes, Marlene Oman, Franklin Rozek, Kathy Salm, Scott Schroeder & Dorothy Zitlow



WEDDING BANS

December 2, 2023
Luke Buehler & Kelsey Carter
at Holy Family

December 9, 2023
Edgar Colin & Caludia Murillo
at Holy Family

CHRISTIAN WOMEN TO HOST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Holy Family Christian Women's annual Christmas party will be held on Mon., Dec. 4, at 6:00 pm in Holy Family Hall. There will be a short meeting followed by appetizers and entertainment. If you have not already registered, please contact Mary Hietpas at (920) 579-5240 to do so. We will be collecting personal hygiene products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant) for the Warming Shelter.

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