

# The Good News

*November 23-24, 2024*  
**34th Sunday in 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  
Marian University: 5:00 pm

*Weekday*  
Monday & Friday | Sacred Heart: 12:00 pm  
Monday - Friday | Holy Family: 7:00 am  
Wednesday | Marian University: 12:00 pm  
Wednesday | Sacred Heart: 6:00 pm  
Friday | St. Mary: 6:30 pm (Spanish)  
Saturday | Holy Family: 8:00 am

**RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**  
*Monday - Friday*  
Following 7:00 am Mass at Holy Family

*Monday, Friday*  
11:15 to 11:45 am at Sacred Heart

*Wednesday*  
11:15 to 11:45 am at Marian University  
5:00 pm at Sacred Heart

*Friday*  
Following 6:30 pm Mass (Spanish)

*Saturday*  
After 8:00 am Mass at Holy Family  
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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**Say “cheers” to 25 years of Holy Family parish with commemorative wine**  
To celebrate Holy Family Catholic Community’s 25th anniversary in 2025, the parish has partnered with Ziegler Winery to offer two commemorative wines: Saints’ Blessing (Dry White Wine) & Testament Reserve (Dry Red Wine). These wines make great gifts for the holidays and additions to your celebrations! Bottles are \$25 each and available by using the QR code, visiting [zieglerwinery.com/wines](https://zieglerwinery.com/wines), or stopping in at the winery at W3953 Winnebago Heights Road, Malone.

**Thanksgiving Mass Thursday, November 28, Parish Office closure**  
Join us to give thanks to our Lord this Thanksgiving at our Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 am on November 28 at Holy Family. The Parish Office will be closed November 27-29 for the holiday.

**Advent Giving Tree to help FDL area schools’ Care Closet**  
Help us stock the Care Closets of Fond du Lac area schools this Christmas season with our Advent Giving Tree! Beginning Saturday, November 23, select a tag from a tree at one of our Holy Family sites and return it to that site, along with your items, like clothing, school supplies, and hygiene goods, by Sunday, December 8. Homebound and unable to pick up a tag for the Giving Tree? Contact the Holy Family Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 and have a staff member pick a tag for you. You then can order the gift online and have it sent directly to Holy Family.

**Christmas Choir Concert December 1**  
Holy Family choirs and musicians from throughout our parish will come together to sing in celebration of our Lord, Jesus Christ's birth at our Holy Family Christmas Concert at 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 1 at Holy Family Church. The concert is free to attend, but a freewill offering will be taken. Please join us for this joyous concert featuring our talented parishioners!

**Advent Priest Talks to discuss elements of Catholic Life**  
Join our Holy Family Priest Team as they share the elements of Catholic life and how we can see them at work in the Sacraments. Talks will take place Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm at Holy Family Church. The talks will be recorded and shared on our Holy Family website. Talks are as follows: Tuesday, December 3: Air/Breathe with Fr. Matthew Kirk; Tuesday, December 10: Fire/Pentecost with Fr. Kevin Tanel; and Tuesday, December 17: Water/Baptism with Fr. Ryan Pruess. *Please note talks will now take place at Holy Family, not Sacred Heart.*

**Altar Server Training December 7**  
Holy Family will offer Altar Server Training on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 to 10:30 am at Holy Family Church. This is for new interested boys and girls in 3rd grade or older, or those who are current altar servers and would like a refresher. Please meet in the narthex, where you will register. No RSVP necessary.


**Altar Server Appreciation Mass**  
The Knights of Columbus Council 664 will host an Altar Server Appreciation Mass on Saturday, December 7 at the 4:00 pm Mass at Holy Family. Altar Servers and their families from all church sites are invited to attend Mass as well as a pizza party in Holy Family Hall after. To RSVP, please fill out the form at <https://form.jotform.com/acords/altar-RSVP> by Wednesday, December 4 with the number that will attend.

**Walk with us in the Christmas Parade**  
Calling all families! Come walk with our float in the City of Fond du Lac Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7. Children must walk with an adult. For more information, please contact Eva at the Holy Family Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 ext. 202.

**Adult Confirmation classes to begin in new year**  
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 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Holy Family's St. Agnes Library Wednesdays, January 8–February 26, 2025. *\*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](https://hffdl.org/adult-confirmation) or contact Sabina at [scarter@hffdl.org](mailto:scarter@hffdl.org) or ext. 501.

**Watch Charlie Brown, make Christmas cookies with us, donations needed**  
On December 21, 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 at the Parish Office anytime in the month of December. For more information, contact Eva at [ethelen@hffdl.org](mailto:ethelen@hffdl.org) or (920) 921-0580 ext. 202.

**SMSA Christmas Card Sale December 7-8**  
The students in grades 4-8 at St. Mary’s Springs Academy will sell their unique, handmade Christmas cards to benefit the Medina family following Masses at all parish churches Saturday, December 7–Sunday, December 8. Cards will be \$2.00 each. The Medina family has three children with Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Mateo is 13, Javier is 8, and Amelia is 6. Mateo spent his first year in and out of the hospital. He had surgeries for a feeding tube and trach to help him breathe. Javier will receive spinal injected medicine every four months for life. He has a feeding tube and wears a BiPAP at night. Javier is unable to run or jump and lost his ability to smile. Amelia was diagnosed before she was born. She received a one-time infusion and currently shows no signs of Spinal Muscular Atrophy. All proceeds of the sale will go to the Medina family. Your support and prayers for them are appreciated!



Dear Parishioners,

Dignity is in the being, not the doing.

I recently had the privilege of baptizing one of my best friend’s babies. The baptism happened on a Sunday afternoon, outside of Mass. Typically, there would be twenty or thirty people there, but on this occasion, there were almost one hundred.

Why would one hundred people come and celebrate a baby’s baptism? What worthwhile thing has a baby ever done? They’ve never been a useful citizen, never worked hard, never even pitched in with washing the dishes after dinner. They’ve spent their whole life in need; crying when they’re tired, crying when they’re hungry, crying when they need to go to the bathroom. Yet if anyone in that church were to call the baby a burden, they would have been roundly criticized.

A baby helps each one of us put on the eyes of Christ – to see that our worth comes from God’s willing and loving us into existence, and holding us there at every moment. Think of the beatitudes, “Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed are the meek. ”God formed us out of love, and is love for which we are made. A baby’s poverty is not a hindrance to a mother’s care for him or her. Though a baby doesn’t “pull it’s weight,” a baby draws people’s attention like a crackling fire, and we feel no desire to pull away.

This is how God sees each one of us. This January, Holy Family is taking a group of high schoolers on a pilgrimage to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. There, we will march and pray for those who help us to love, for those who are meek, for those who are poor.

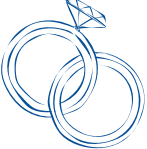

If you are in high school or have a high schooler that may be interested, we have a few spots still open! If you’re interested in coming, please see the information below. We’d love to have you join us.

In Christ,

Fr. Kevin Durand

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN TRAVEL TO MARCH FOR LIFE WITH HOLY FAMILY**

High school students interested in traveling with Holy Family to the March for Life this January must sign up to attend by **December 2** at [hffdl.org/hs](http://hffdl.org/hs). The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of people from all across the country coming together to celebrate life. This annual march advocates for the legal protection of the unborn. Students will have the opportunity to tour Washington D.C., as well as engage in service work and have fun. Students will fly out of Milwaukee the morning of Wednesday, January 22, and return on Friday, January 24. The deposit for the trip is \$200, with the total no more than \$545. We will fundraise to set off additional costs. For more information, please contact Fr. Durand at [frdurand@hffdl.org](mailto:frdurand@hffdl.org) or Sabina Carter at [scarter@hffdl.org](mailto:scarter@hffdl.org).

<div></div> <div><b>WEDDING BANNS</b></div> <div><p>December 14, 2024 Kevin Conger &amp; Lisa Chase Holy Family Church</p></div> <div></div>	<div><b>OUR DEARLY DEPARTED</b></div> <div><p>May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:</p><p><b>Thomas “Tom” Guilfoile, Robert “Bob” Hopp, George Kaprelian, Joseph Miller, Mary Schneider, Lauren Uecker &amp; Marie Wellnitz</b></p></div>
<div><b>BALANCE &amp; STRENGTHENING CLASS DECEMBER 20</b></div> <div><p>Mary Jo Neumann’s Balance &amp; Strengthening class will take place at Holy Family on Friday, December 20 at 9:00 am. A holiday social will follow class.</p></div>	<div><b>SACRED HEART CHURCH RENOVATION MEETING</b></div> <div><p>As we prepare to renovate Sacred Heart Church in summer of 2025, we will offer our Informational Meeting on these changes on Wednesday, December 11 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm following the 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm Masses at Sacred Heart. There will be time for questions, and you will get to view renderings.</p></div>

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Mass Intentions

Monday, November 25  
**HF 7:00 am:** For the Parishioners  
**SH 12:00 pm:** Lee VanGrinsven  
Tuesday, November 26  
**HF 7:00 am:** Dennis Steffen  
Wednesday, November 27  
**HF 7:00 am:** Greg & Anne Brunette on their 30th Wedding Anniversary  
**MU 12:00 pm:** For the Marian University Community  
**SH 6:00 pm:** For the Parishioners  
Thursday, November 28  
**HF 9:00 am:** A Special Intention

- Rock Matera
- Lillian Wagner-Kraus (Anniversary)
- The Living & Deceased of the Anthony & Marie Albert Family
- Shirley Steffes
- Nenad Malice

Friday, November 29  
**HF 7:00 am:** Alice Hardgrove  
**SH 12:00 pm:** Mary Pable  
**SM(Spanish) 7:00 pm:** For the Parishioners  
Saturday, November 30  
**HF 8:00 am:** The Soul of Margaret Kelly  
**SH 4:00 pm:** Josh Stueber (Anniversary)  
**SP 4:00 pm:** Alvin & Mary Andrew, Rose Andrew, and Rosie Dooley  
**HF 4:00 pm:** Leo Deringer

Sunday, December 1  
**SH (Spanish) 7:00 am:** Martha Anglica Salas-Gonzales  
**St. Mary 7:15 am:** Gail Welter  
**HF 8:00 am:** Tom & Judy Kescenovitz Wedding Anniversary

- Ronald Tollefson
- Ken & Evie Fritz and Family
- Beth Trent-Ziegler
- Viola Hackbarth
- Continued Prayers for Cathy Drew & Family and Diane Thome & Family
- Helen Heimerl

**SP 8:30 am:** Kathleen Miller  
**SH 9:00 am:** Henry Coerber  
**Presentation 10:00 am:** Donald Liner  
**ORS 10:00 am:** For the Intention of the Our Risen Savior Prayer Chain  
**HF 10:00 am:** Richard & Isabelle Schingen  
**SH 11:00 am:** The Living & Deceased Members of the Norbert & Margaret Schraufnagel Family  
**HF(Spanish) 12:00 pm:** For the Parishioners  
**MU 5:00 pm:** For the Marian University Community

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas is coming! To help you prepare to attend Christmas Mass, please view our Mass Schedule below:

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24

**Sacred Heart:** 4:00 pm

**St. Mary:** 4:00 pm

**Holy Family:** 4:00 pm; 6:00 to 7:00 pm (Posadas); 7:00 pm (Spanish); 10:00 pm

**St. Peter:** 4:00 pm

**Presentation:** 6:00 pm



Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

**St. Peter:** 8:00 am

**St. Mary:** 8:00 am

**Holy Family:** 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12:00 pm (Spanish)

**Sacred Heart:** 9:00 am

**Presentation:** 10:00 am

**Our Risen Savior:** 10:00 am



Believe and benefit the Holy Family Warming Shelter

Share the gift of belief with guests of our Holy Family Warming Shelter when you pick up a “Believe” ornament at all parish churches the weekends of December 14-15 and 21-22. Donated by Joe and Dawn Colwin, these ornaments will be available for a freewill donation, with all proceeds benefiting the Holy Family Warming Shelter.

Update on Holy Family calendars

Holy Family’s 2025 calendars will soon be here. Please keep an eye out for them in mid-to-late December.

Our Risen Savior St. Nick Fellowship

Next Sunday, December 1, Our Risen Savior will host their annual St. Nick’s fellowship following the 10:00 am Mass. Come and enjoy homemade pies, a visit by St. Nick, and conversation with your fellow parishioners.

Holy Family Christian Women Christmas Party

Holy Family Christian Women will hold their Christmas party on Monday, December 2 at 6:00 pm at Holy Family Hall. Cost is \$10 per person. Deadline to sign up is **November 27**. Please call Kathy H. at (920) 923-3014. We will again have raffle baskets. Remember to bring warm hats, mittens, gloves and socks, etc. to be donated for children at the Saint Katharine Drexel Shelter.

St. Patrick’s Rosary Guild to celebrate Christmas

Members of the St. Patrick’s Rosary Guild will celebrate the Christmas season on Saturday, December 7 at Sunset on the Water. The social is at 12:30 pm with lunch at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$20. Please bring donations of baby items such as diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, etc., for Charis Pregnancy Help Center. Cash donations will also be accepted. New members are always welcome!

Fr. Durand to discuss Immaculate Conception

In honor of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Durand will offer a talk on the Mystery and the Meaning of the Immaculate Conception from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the basement of St. Mary Church on Monday, December 9. Please join us for Adoration and Mass afterwards at 6:00 pm.

St. Peter Christmas Party

The St. Peter Altar Society Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 10 at Sunset on the Water. We will be ordering off of a selected menu. You can sign up using the sheet at St. Peter, or call Mary Kelm at (920) 922-2263 or Mary Buechel at (920) 921-4604. Reservations are due by **Monday, December 2**. We will collect items needed for the Warming Shelter: granola bars, individual instant oatmeal, individual breakfast bars, individual snack items, and fruit cups. All Holy Family women are invited.

Learn about Healthy Habits

Mary Jo Neumann will explore simple ways to increase your wellbeing as we enter the new year at her “Building Healthy Habits to Thrive in ‘25” program on Monday, December 16 from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the Holy Family South Hall. Please register by phone by calling Terry at the Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 ext. 101.