

The Good News

November 30 - December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

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<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u>
<i>Saturday</i>
Holy Family: 4:00 pm
St. Peter: 4:00 pm
Sacred Heart: 4:00 pm
<i>Sunday</i>
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

<i>Weekday</i>
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

<u>RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE</u>
<i>Monday - Friday</i>
Following 7:00 am Mass at Holy Family
<i>Monday, Friday</i>
11:15 to 11:45 am at Sacred Heart
<i>Wednesday</i>
11:15 to 11:45 am at Marian University
5:00 pm at Sacred Heart
<i>Friday</i>
Following 6:30 pm Mass (Spanish)
<i>Saturday</i>
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

<i>Sunday</i>
9:00 to 9:45 am at Our Risen Savior

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses
On Monday, December 9, the Catholic Church will mark the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. While this feast usually takes place on December 8, as it falls on a Sunday, it is moved to a Monday. Please join us for Mass at one of the following times: **Holy Family:** 7:00 am (Confessions to follow), 7:00 pm in Spanish; **Marian University:** 12:00 pm; **Sacred Heart:** 12:00 pm (Confessions from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm); and **St. Mary:** 6:00 pm.

Fr. Durand to discuss Immaculate Conception

In honor of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patronal feast day of St. Mary Church, 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.

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 visiting zieglerwinery.com/wines or the winery at W3953 Winnebago Heights Road, Malone, or calling (920) 670-0034.

Advent Giving Tree to help FDL area schools’ Care Closet, items due December 8

Help us stock the Care Closets of Fond du Lac area schools this Christmas season with our Advent Giving Tree! Select a tag from a tree at one of our Holy Family sites and return it to that site, along with your items, 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 for assistance!

Altar Server Training & Appreciation Mass 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. Later that day, Knights of Columbus 664 will host an **Altar Server Appreciation Mass** 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.

Fr. Matthew to lead first Advent Priest Talk

Our Advent Priest Talk Series will kick off this Tuesday when Fr. Matthew discusses the elements of Catholic life and how we can see them at work in the Sacraments from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Tuesday in Holy Family Church. Fr. Matthew will discuss air/breathe. The talks will be recorded and shared on our Holy Family website.

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. If you’d like to volunteer with the event, please contact Eva at the Parish Office at ethelen@hffdl.org, or (920) 921-0580 ext. 202.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
<u><i>Monday, December 2</i></u>	<u><i>Sunday, December 8</i></u>
HF 7:00 am: Joseph Eichner	SH (Spanish) 7:00 am: For the Parishioners
SH 12:00 pm: The Living & Deceased members of the Lucille Francis & Josie Weston Families	St. Mary 7:15 am: Roger Birschbach
<u><i>Tuesday, December 3</i></u>	HF 8:00 am: Teresa Dusza
HF 7:00 am: For the Parishioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill DeGuire (Anniversary), Bob DeGuire, Henrietta Bailey, and Jack
<u><i>Wednesday, December 4</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Feyen
HF 7:00 am: Betty Patterson (Anniversary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Living & Deceased of the Smith, Schoofs, Novak, Arbogash, and Eiden Families
SH 6:00 pm: Michael Lackas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvey Petrie
<u><i>Thursday, December 5</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dave Patoka
HF 7:00 am: Vincent & Monica Haessly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ray & Carol Smith
<u><i>Friday, December 6</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modesto Montes
HF 7:00 am: For the Parishioners	SP 8:30 am: The Living & Deceased of the Ramstack and Orlikowski Families
SH 12:00 pm: Bernie Brenner (Anniversary)	SH 9:00 am: Roger Gonzalez
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nicholas Jaber	Presentation 10:00 am: Marjorie Schneider (Anniversary)
SM (Spanish) 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners	ORS 10:00 am: The Poor Souls in Purgatory
<u><i>Saturday, December 7</i></u>	HF 10:00 am: Earl Duley
HF 8:00 am: For the Parishioners	SH 11:00 am: In Reparation for Sins Committed Against Our Lord in the Eucharist
SH 4:00 pm: Richard Stephany (Anniversary)	HF(Spanish) 12:00 pm: For the Parishioners
SP 4:00 pm: Joan M. Schneider	MU 5:00 pm: For the Marian University Community
HF 4:00 pm: Andrew Zuehlke	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pete Casper	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robin Schuster	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• John & Shirley Karl	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Joseph Thome Family	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Living & Deceased Members of Anthony Scharschmidt and Family	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JoAnn Stratz	

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 and 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 card sale will go to the Medina family. Your support and prayers for them are appreciated!

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.

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.

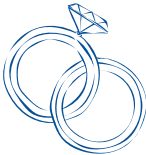
LEARN ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS

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.

SACRED HEART CHURCH RENOVATION MEETING

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.

WEDDING BANNS



December 14, 2024
Kevin Conger & Lisa Chase
Holy Family Church



OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

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

Todd Cardinal

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. 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 or Sabina Carter at scarter@hffdl.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP TO CHRISTMAS CAROL

Our High School Youth Group will go Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 11 from 6:45 to 8:30 pm. We will meet in the Sacred Heart School Basement and carol around the neighborhood. A permission slip is required. Visit hffdl.org/hs to fill it out.

Thank you for your donation to Holy Family! Please support those who support our parish:

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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I want to extend to you our gratitude for the patience and understanding you have offered me, Fr. Kevin Durand, Fr. Matthew Kirk, and Fr. Kevin Tanel as we have navigated parish life without the assistance of an additional priest these past few months. We know this change hasn't been easy, particularly for our Hispanic community, who were most affected. We appreciate your prayers for our parish community, and today, I am happy to share with you that they have been answered. Earlier this week, Archbishop ListECKI appointed Fr. Fernando Torres to serve as Associate Pastor at Holy Family Catholic Community.

Fr. Fernando Torres was born in Mexico City in 1983. He entered the seminary in the Congregation of the Marist Fathers in 2006 and studied philosophy in the Marist University of Guadalajara and Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He also received a master's in Misology from the Universidad Intercontinental in Mexico City. Fr. Fernando was ordained into the priesthood in 2015 and served four years in the Campus Ministry at the Instituto Politécnico Nacional in Mexico City. He also served at the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México as chaplain for the missionary centers in charge of evangelization, while teaching religion for six years to elementary, middle, and high school students. Since August 2023, he has served as the Associate Pastor at Saint Adalbert in Milwaukee.

"I am so happy and grateful to become part of the community of Holy Family in Fond du Lac and to be able to share the faith and collaborate with the mission of the parish. It's always a blessing for me to meet new people, and work together to become a presence of hope, especially for the people who suffer," he said.

Fr. Fernando's ministry with our parish will begin on December 9, 2024, and I know he will make an excellent addition to our community. While Fr. Fernando's primary focus will be our Hispanic Ministry, he will serve our greater parish as well. Please join me in welcoming him by sending him an email at frtorres@hffdl.org and introducing yourself to him at Mass.

We give thanks to God for guiding Fr. Fernando to Holy Family, and for blessing us with a parish so deep in faith.

May God bless you.

In Christ,
Very Rev. Ryan J Pruess

Widows Welcoming Widows “Night of Silence” tickets

Widows Welcoming Widows members who purchased tickets for the “Night of Silence” can pick up tickets in the lobby of Fond du Lac High School PAC on December 15 at 1:30 pm. Look for Kathy, Joanne, or Judy. For questions, please call/text Judy at (920) 948-3271.

Balance & Strengthening Class December 20

Mary Jo Neumann's Balance & Strengthening class will take place at Holy Family on Friday, December 20 at 9:00 am. A holiday social will follow class.

Volunteer with Christian Formation

If you are looking for fun ways to volunteer with our parish, our Christian Formation Ministry has several opportunities for you! Christian Formation is in need of volunteers to assist at its events. As all the events are coordinated by staff, volunteers will not need to do any prep work – you simply show up and help. Opportunities include:

- Putting out water and assisting with clean up at our Faith Builders Club for Kids (the club meets the second Sunday of the month at the 9:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart and third Sunday of the month at the 10:00 am Mass at Holy Family).
- Helping to oversee teens at our High School Youth Group Nights (the group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month).
- Greeting guests, serving snacks, and assisting with set-up and clean-up at our Family Events (events take place monthly throughout the school year).

If you are interested in assisting with our Faith Builders Club for Kids and Family Events, please contact Trisha at trishaz@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 503. For our High School Youth Group, please contact Angie at angieb@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 502. All volunteers must be Safe Environment Trained.

12 Hours of Reconciliation offered in Fond du Lac Thursday, December 19

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, priests from throughout the Fond du Lac and Sheboygan area will offer 12 Hours of Reconciliation from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Thursday, December 19 at Holy Family Church, 271 Fourth Street Way. If you are unable to make that time, priests will also hear confessions on Tuesday, December 17 at St. Peter Claver Church, 1439 S. 12th St., Sheboygan. If you would like to volunteer to assist at our 12 Hours of Reconciliation, please sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/acords/12-Hours-Dec-2024>.

Donate blood, save a life

You can help save lives in our local area when you donate blood at the Holy Family Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 18 from noon to 5:00 pm in Holy Family Hall. Appointments are not required, but appreciated. To make yours, visit tinyurl.com/59adtznt or call 877-232-4376.