

The Good News

November 29-30, 2025
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
St. Mary: 4:00 pm

Sunday
St. Mary: 7:15 am | 9:00 am | 11:00 am
Holy Family: 8:00 am | 10:00 am
12:00 pm (Spanish)
St. Peter: 8:30 am
Our Risen Savior: 10:00 am
Presentation: 7:00 am (Spanish)
10:00 am
Marian University: 5:00 pm

Weekday
Monday & Friday | St. Mary: 12:00 pm
Monday - Friday | Holy Family: 7:00 am
Wednesday | Marian University: 12:00 pm
Wednesday | Holy Family: 6:00 pm
Friday | St. Mary: 7:00 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 St. Mary

Wednesday
11:15 to 11:45 am at Marian University
5:00 pm at Holy Family

Friday
6:15 to 6:45 pm at St. Mary

Saturday
After 8:00 am Mass at Holy Family
3:00 to 3:45 pm at St. Mary
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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Celebrate the meaning of Christmas at our Living Nativity!
Have you purchased your tickets for the Living Nativity? They're going fast! Join us at 4:00 pm at Holy Family Church on Sunday, December 7 as we bring to life the story of the newborn king who brought light and hope into our world, with beautiful music from our choirs, and real animals to fill our manger scene. Tickets are \$18 each plus tax at hometowntickets.com/hf and at our Parish Office. Children ages 3 and under are free, but must still reserve a seat! We are excited to share that this year's production is sponsored by Catholic Financial Life. We thank them for their support!

Thank you for your support of Culver’s Steubenville fundraiser
We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Culver’s Steubenville fundraiser earlier this month. Thanks to your support, we were able to raise more than \$1,300 for our high school students’ trip to the Steubenville Conference in June.

Holy Family Christian Women to meet December 1
The Holy Family Christian Women will meet Monday, December 1 in the North Hall to celebrate their Christmas dinner and meeting. All members who have reserved their dinner are welcome to attend. Our meetings will resume Monday, March 2, 2026.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays program on December 3
Are you or someone you know grieving? The holiday season can be difficult for those who have lost a loved one. To help you through this time, Holy Family will host GriefShare's “Surviving the Holidays” seminar from 4:00 to 5:30 pm on Wednesday, December 3 in the Holy Family Board Room. The program will help participants learn how to deal with their emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, and how to find hope for the future. To reserve your spot, please contact Deacon Dale at dalep@hffdl.org.

Join Holy Family Priests for Advent Talks “Live Advent” series beginning December 4
Join our Holy Family Priest Team on Thursdays this December from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Holy Family Church to learn how you can live out the joy of Advent through its symbols, traditions, and more! Talks will be recorded and posted online at a later date. This Thursday, Fr. Durand will discuss how to navigate Advent and its many symbols. Parents attending this Thursday’s talk can bring their children to Holy Family Hall, where they will take an amazing journey into scripture with Jesus to experience the “Annunciation.” This hands-on interactive experience will make the story come alive and help children focus on the true meaning of Advent. While this program is geared towards families with children in grades K-5, all are welcome!

Rorate Caeli Mass Saturday, December 6
We will honor the Blessed Mother at Holy Family’s Rorate Caeli Mass at 6:30 am on Saturday, December 6 at Holy Family Church. Celebrated first in the Middle Ages, the candlelit Rorate Caeli Mass is an Advent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass will include Adoration and incense. The 8:00 am Mass will not take place that day.

12 Hours of Reconciliation December 11
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 11 at Holy Family Church, 271 Fourth Street Way. If you would like to volunteer to assist at our 12 Hours of Reconciliation, please sign up at hffdl.org/event/12hours-2025.

Celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe!
Join us on Friday, December 12 as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a day which commemorates the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac in 1531 to the convert, St. Juan Diego. The day will begin at 5:00 am with traditional Mañanitas at Holy Family. We will then celebrate Mass at 6:00 pm, followed by Aztec dancing in the church. A reception will end the night with tamales, hot drinks, and dancing.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<u>Monday, December 1</u> HF 7:00 am: The Kescenovitz Family SM 12:00 pm: Michael Lackas <u>Tuesday, December 2</u> HF 7:00 am: Ronald Tollefson <u>Wednesday, December 3</u> HF 7:00 am: The Living & Deceased of the O'Malley & Rhoades Families MU 12:00 pm: Maria & Tony Schraufnagel and Family HF 6:00 pm: Carol Hatland (Anniversary) <u>Thursday, December 4</u> HF 7:00 am: Elizabeth "Betty" Patterson (Anniversary) <u>Friday, December 5</u> HF 7:00 am: Walt Tack SM 12:00 pm: Roger Cheevers SSM Chapel 12:00 pm: For the Parishioners SM (SP) 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners <u>Saturday, December 6</u> HF 6:30 am: Sheila Radke SM 4:00 pm: Nicholas Jaber SP 4:00 pm: The Living & Deceased of the Steffes & Laudolff Families HF 4:00 pm: Robin Schuster - Joe Thome and Butch & Cathy Drew - David Feyen		<u>Saturday, December 6 continued</u> HF 4:00 pm: Ken Krueger - Verna Scharschmidt and Family - Joyce DeMarb and Jeanette Weber - Carmen French and the Torres Family <u>Sunday, December 7</u> PVBM (SP) 7:00 am: For the Intentions written in the Prayer Book SM 7:15 am: Dr. Robert Schuster and Jackie Vollmer HF 8:00 am: For the Parishioners SP 8:30 am: Theresa Wagner SM 9:00 am: In Memory of Kathie Golla PBVM 10:00 am: Claude & Margie Schneider - Janice King - Bob Hemauer - The Repose of the Soul of David D. King - The Poor Souls in Purgatory - Nenad Malic ORS 10:00 am: For the Parishioners HF 10:00 am: Andrew Glaeser SM 11:00 am: The Living & Deceased Members of the Norbert & Margaret Schraufnagel Family HF (SP) 12:00 pm: For the Intentions written in the Prayer Book MU 5:00 pm: Ray & Carol Smith

PLEASE RETURN ADVENT GIVING TREE ITEMS BY DECEMBER 7

Thank you to everyone who has selected a tag from our Advent Giving Tree. Donations will benefit Care Closets of our Fond du Lac area schools, which provide students in need clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items, so they do not have to go without and feel different than their peers. All items must be returned to the churches by Sunday, December 7. Homebound and unable to pick up a tag for the Giving Tree? Contact the Holy Family Parish Office at (920) 921-0580, have a staff member pick a tag for you, and send your items to the Parish Office.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASSES

On Monday, December 8, the Catholic Church will mark the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us for Mass at one of the following times: Holy Family - 7:00 am (Confessions to follow) and 7:00 pm in Spanish; Marian University - 12:00 pm; Saint Mary - 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The 6:00 pm Mass at Saint Mary will celebrate the church's patronal feast day, and include incense and Adoration, and be offered Ad Orientem.

THE WIDOWS GROUP TO HAVE ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION DECEMBER 9

The Holy Family Women's Widow group will meet in Holy Family Hall on Tuesday, December 9 for their Advent Day of Reflection and Mass with Fr. Matthew. This event will begin at 10:00 am and conclude around 1:00 pm. Free lunch of chicken and potato wedges will be included. Each participant is asked to bring either a salad or dessert to pass; Kathy Koepsell will send an email regarding specifics on that. If you didn't sign up for this event at the November meeting, please call Kathy Roehl at (920) 921-1939 by December 2 if you plan to attend. Thank you!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE INFORMATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 10

Are you a high school student looking for an experience that will evangelize, equip, and empower you to become a radical and joyful disciple? Then consider joining Holy Family for the Steubenville Conference in Joliet, Illinois June 26-28, 2026. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more at the Conference! Twenty spots are available, which will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in attending, join us for our Steubenville Informational Meeting at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, December 10 in the Sacred Heart School Basement, 678 Western Ave. To register, visit hffdl.org/event/steubenville-2026/

HELP US CLEAN AT OUR RISEN SAVIOR

In preparation for the Christmas season, volunteers will clean Our Risen Savior Church on Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 am to noon. Everyone is welcome.

HOLIDAY WINE TASTING AT ZIEGLER WINERY WITH FR. RYAN, SMSA ACADEMY VOCAL JAZZ & JAZZ BAND DECEMBER 14

From 1:00 to 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 14, join Fr. Ryan Pruess to sample our commemorative Holy Family 25th Anniversary wines created by Ziegler Winery and hear Christmas music from St. Mary's Springs Academy's Vocal Jazz & Jazz Band at Ziegler Winery's Holiday Wine Tasting! Bottles of anniversary wine will be available to purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the parish. The wine tasting is free to attend, and children are welcome during the performance

FAITH BUILDERS CLUB FOR KIDS TO LEARN ABOUT SAINT NICHOLAS

Kids can learn about the life of Saint Nicholas with a take-home activity from our Faith Builders Club for Kids following the 10:00 am Mass at Holy Family on Sunday, December 7 and 9:00 am Mass at St. Mary on Sunday, December 14.

PARISH COLLECTION SUMMARY		WEDDING BANNS	OUR DEARLY DEPARTED
<u>July 1, 2025 through November 2, 2025</u>		December 5, 2025	May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:
Budgeted Revenue:	\$880,000	Andrew L'Empereur &	Nancy Birschbach, Katie Drew, James E. Hassett &
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Over (Under) Budget:	\$112,604	Holy Family	

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