

# The Good News

*December 13-14, 2025*  
*Third 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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**Sign up for our Small Groups & Bible Studies**

This year, make a resolution to grow in your faith and relationship with the Lord by registering for one of our Small Groups and Bible Studies. Offered on a variety of topics, our Small Groups and Bible Studies are here to help you learn more about the Catholic Church and to form community with your fellow parishioners. Classes this winter include Discovering Adoration, the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, Mysteries of the Rosary, and more. Groups will begin meeting in January. To sign up and to register, visit [hffdl.org/sm](http://hffdl.org/sm).

**Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party December 16**

The Daughters of Isabella will host their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 16 at 11:30 am at Faros Restaurant. Don't forget to bring a \$5.00 gift for a gift exchange.

**Blood Drive this Wednesday**

Donate blood at the Holy Family Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 17 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm in Holy Family Hall. All attempting donors will receive a lifesaver t-shirt while supplies last. To make an appointment, call 877-2321-4376 or visit [tinyurl.com/HolyFamilyDec17](http://tinyurl.com/HolyFamilyDec17).

**Young adults invited to Wednesday's Brewing the faith program to talk Ignatian Spirituality**

Are you back from college for winter break? Join young adults from throughout the parish to enjoy free appetizers, grab a beverage, and connect with others at our Brewing the Faith Series on Wednesday, December 17. This month's program will focus on Ignatian Spirituality and how we can incorporate it into our lives! Join us for Mass at 6:00 pm at Holy Family Church and then go across the street to El Patron Mexican Bar & Grill for the 7:00 pm talk.

**Learn about welcoming Christ through hospitality at Advent Priest Talk this Thursday**

Fr. Fernando will finish our Advent Priest Talk Series this Thursday when he discusses "Las Posadas" and how we can welcome Christ through hospitality. The talk will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Holy Family Church, and be recorded and posted online at a later date.

**Watch A Charlie Brown Christmas, decorate Christmas cookies December 20**

On Saturday, December 20, 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. We are seeking donations of undecorated, cutout Christmas sugar cookies to decorate at the event. For more information, please contact Eva at the Parish Office at [ethelen@hffdl.org](mailto:ethelen@hffdl.org) or (920) 921-0580 ext. 202.

**Help decorate St. Peter for Christmas**

On Sunday, December 21 following 8:30 am Mass, volunteers are asked to help decorate St. Peter Church for Christmas. Any help you can give is appreciated.

**Help Holy Family staff prepare church for Christmas**

Holy Family staff is getting ready for Christmas and looking for your help! If you are a group that meets at Holy Family and stores your supplies there, please make sure that your items are organized and labeled. We also ask that everyone takes a look in our lost and found, located in the Gathering Space in the bulletin board cabinets, and remove anything that is theirs. We will dispose of any items not claimed or labeled/organized after Sunday, December 21.

**High school students! Come with us to Steubenville Conference next June**

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. To register for the trip, visit [hffdl.org/event/steubenville-2026/](http://hffdl.org/event/steubenville-2026/).

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
<p><u><i>Monday, December 15</i></u></p> <p><b>HF 7:00 am:</b> Deborah Voss</p> <p><b>SM 12:00 pm:</b> Esther Mand and all people with birthdays on December 16</p> <p><u><i>Tuesday, December 16</i></u></p> <p><b>HF 7:00 am:</b> Peter Ludovic</p> <p><u><i>Wednesday, December 17</i></u></p> <p><b>HF 7:00 am:</b> Alice Tollefson</p> <p><b>MU 12:00 pm:</b> Angie Chikowski</p> <p><b>HF 6:00 pm:</b> Louis and Michael Romuald</p> <p><u><i>Thursday, December 18</i></u></p> <p><b>HF 7:00 am:</b> Vincent &amp; Monica Haessly</p> <p><u><i>Friday, December 19</i></u></p> <p><b>HF 7:00 am:</b> God Bless the People in Nigeria</p> <p><b>SM 12:00 pm:</b> James Waldschmidt</p> <p><b>HF (SP) 7:00 pm:</b> For the Parishioners</p> <p><u><i>Saturday, December 20</i></u></p> <p><b>HF 8:00 am:</b> Jane Peterson</p> <p><b>SM 4:00 pm:</b> Gerald Faeh</p> <p><b>SP 4:00 pm:</b> Alphonse &amp; Shirley Schneider and Mary Schneider</p> <p><b>HF 4:00 pm:</b> The Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Margaret R. &amp; James K. Rashid Family</p> <p><u><i>Sunday, December 21</i></u></p> <p><b>PVBM (SP) 7:00 am:</b> For the Intentions written in the Prayer Book</p> <p><b>SM 7:15 am:</b> Lillian Brown</p> <p><b>HF 8:00 am:</b> Harry &amp; Marie Michalek and Robert Turinski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Living &amp; Deceased of the Kirk D. Wittkopp Family</li></ul>	<p><u><i>Sunday, December 21 continued</i></u></p> <p><b>HF 8:00 am:</b> Sandra Pruess and Susan Diedrich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Franklin, Catherine, John and Nancy Ann Birschbach</li><li>Helen Heimerl</li><li>Kirk Wittkopp</li><li>Karen Klein</li></ul> <p><b>SP 8:30 am:</b> The Repose of the Soul of David D. King</p> <p><b>SM 9:00 am:</b> Ben Hoepfner</p> <p><b>PBVM 10:00 am:</b> Bob Hemauer</p> <p><b>ORS 10:00 am:</b> The Living &amp; Deceased of the Ed Michels and Leo Sippel Families</p> <p><b>HF 10:00 am:</b> For the Parishioners</p> <p><b>SM 11:00 am:</b> Ann Pilon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Edward Dana Family</li><li>The Living &amp; Deceased of the Marvin &amp; Jacquie Fleischman Family</li><li>Patricia Collien</li><li>The Repose of the Souls of Debra &amp; Don Nelson</li><li>Deceased Members of the John &amp; Patricia Dux Family, their sons John, Joe, &amp; Jerry, and Living Family Members, Darlene Felix, and Rosemary O'Hearn</li><li>Delores Raab</li></ul> <p><b>HF (SP) 12:00 pm:</b> For the Intentions written in the Prayer Book</p> <p><b>MU 5:00 pm:</b> For the Marian University Community</p>

In the first part of his exhortation “Dilexi Te,” Pope Leo invites us to keep our gaze fixed on the poor, for they are the true treasure of the Church. Poverty manifests itself in different ways; one of these is material poverty, which undoubtedly violates human dignity. There are also other kinds of poverty that I would like to share with you in this second reflection on the Pope's exhortation.

Migration is an example of poverty: The experience of migration accompanies the history of the People of God. Abraham sets out without knowing where he is going; Moses leads the pilgrim people through the desert; Mary and Joseph flee with the child Jesus to Egypt. Christ himself, who “came to what was His own, and His own people did not accept him” (Jn 1:11), lived among us as a stranger. For this reason, the Church has always recognized in migrants a living presence of the Lord who, on the day of judgment, will say to those on His right: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Mt 25:35). The Church recognizes itself as a foreigner on the way to its true homeland.

Those imprisoned also experience the drama of poverty. Pope Leo says that since apostolic times, the Church has seen the liberation of the oppressed as a sign of the Kingdom of God. Jesus Himself proclaimed at the beginning of His public ministry: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives” (Lk 4:18). The early Christians, even in precarious conditions, prayed for and assisted their brothers and sisters who were prisoners, as the Acts of the Apostles (12:5; 24:23) and various writings of the Fathers attest. This mission of liberation has continued throughout the centuries through concrete actions, especially when the tragedy of slavery and imprisonment has marked entire societies.

–Fr. Fernando Torres

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO START IN JANUARY

Are you already Baptized, and have already received Reconciliation and First Communion in the Catholic Church? Are you wanting to be confirmed in the Catholic faith? Join us for a seven-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. The group will meet in Holy Family’s St. Agnes Library on Wednesdays, January 14 to February 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. To sign up, please visit [hffdl.org/adult-confirmation](http://hffdl.org/adult-confirmation) or contact Sabina Carter at (920) 921-0580 ext. 501.

LEARN ABOUT THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS & OUR LADY’S PEACE PLAN FOR HEAVEN

On December 10, 1925, Our Lady and the Child Jesus appeared to Sr. Lucia dos Santos, one of the three Fatima visionaries, with an extraordinary request and promise that remains critical for our current times. Join us as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of when Our Lord and Our Lady asked for the spread of the First Saturday Devotion with Sue Vanderscheuren’s talk “The Five First Saturday Devotion & Our Lady’s Peace Plan From Heaven” on Saturday, January 10 at 9:00 am in Holy Family Hall. See how this message and devotion are a part of the hope we have been immersed in during the Jubilee Year of Hope. Learn how to fulfill this heavenly request and about the amazing promise attached to it.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE		
<b><i>Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24</i></b> <b>St. Mary:</b> 4:00 pm <b>St. Peter:</b> 4:00 pm <b>Holy Family:</b> 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 8:00 pm (Spanish); 10:00 pm <b>Presentation:</b> 6:00 pm <b><i>*No Mass at Marian University December 24/31</i></b>		<b><i>Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25</i></b> <b>St. Peter:</b> 8:00 am <b>St. Mary:</b> 8:00 am; 10:00am <b>Holy Family:</b> 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12:00 pm (Spanish) <b>Presentation:</b> 10:00 am <b>Our Risen Savior:</b> 10:00 am
<b>NO HOSPITALITY SUNDAY DECEMBER 21</b> In preparation of Christmas, there will be no Hospitality Sunday on December 21. We thank all of our volunteers who contribute to our Hospitality Sunday.	<b>WEDDING BANNS</b> <b>December 31, 2025</b> Kyle Miller & Madeline Keach Holy Family	<b>OUR DEARLY DEPARTED</b> May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace: <b>Michele Agnello, Jane Brown, Norma García</b> <b>Robert Charles Gustafson, Brian Hau &amp; Joan Shwed</b>

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