

The Good News

December 6-7, 2025

Second 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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Learn about lessons and carols at Advent Priest Talk this Thursday

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! This Thursday, Fr. Matthew will discuss lessons and carols and the ways we can learn through Scripture, song, and the story of Salvation. Talks will be recorded and posted online.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses December 8

On Monday, we 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.

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 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.

Steubenville Conference Informational Meeting December 10 for high school students

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 for the trip, visit hffdl.org/event/steubenville-2026/.

Help us clean 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.

Our Risen Savior Cookie Walk December 14

Our Risen Savior will host a bake sale and cookie walk after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 14. Plan to fill your pantry with delicious homemade candies, cookies, and baked goods, just in time for the holiday season (bakers are appreciated and can bring their cookies that day). Proceeds from donations will go to Fond du Lac St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Ziegler Winery Holiday Wine Tasting with Fr. Ryan, SMSA 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, W3953 Winnebago Heights Road, Malone! Bottles of anniversary wine will be available to purchase now for \$20.99 a bottle! A portion of the proceeds will benefit the parish. The wine tasting is free to attend, and children are welcome during the performance.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 8

HF 7:00 am: Dr. Robert Schuster
SM 12:00 pm: The Blessed Virgin Mary for all She Has Done for C. B.
SM 6:00 pm: All Past, Present & Future Holy Family Priests
HF (Spanish) 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners
Tuesday, December 9
HF 7:00 am: Rev. Erwin Henry Matt
Wednesday, December 10
HF 7:00 am: Rosemary O'Hearn
MU 12:00 pm: Joe Perrizo
HF 6:00 pm: Kenneth & Todd Buetow

Thursday, December 11

HF 7:00 am: The Living & Deceased of the Ray & Frances Berens Family

- Richard Stephany (Anniversary)
- The Living & Deceased of the Smith, Schoofs, Novak, Arbogash & Eiden Families
- Daniel Homuth

Friday, December 12

HF 7:00 am: Michael Ketterhagen
SM 12:00 pm: Cooper Buelow
HF (SP) 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners

Saturday, December 13

HF 8:00 am: The Living & Deceased of the Carl and Wilhelmina Smedberg Family
SM 4:00 pm: Robert & Eileen Hoey and Robert Hoey Jr.

Saturday, December 13 continued

SP 4:00 pm: The W. and K. Families and John Halcovich

- The Jack & Lorraine Family
- Annie Guy
- The Living & Deceased of the Schmitz and Kohlmann Families
- The Living & Deceased of the Halfmann & Freund Families
- Bruno & Elvira Kraus & Family and Bruno & Lillian Kraus & Family
- The Soul of Mary McCarthy

HF 4:00 pm: Stanley Arpke

Sunday, December 14

PVBM (SP) 7:00 am: For the Intentions written in the Prayer Book
SM 7:15 am: The Peter & Patty McGalloway Family, the Charles & Lillian Glavin Family and the Aaron and Jeanette Cohen Family
HF 8:00 am: Joan M. Schneider
SP 8:30 am: Susanne Steffes
SM 9:00 am: Katy Rady
PBVM 10:00 am: Evan Smith
ORS 10:00 am: For the Parishioners
HF 10:00 am: Richard & Isabelle Schingen
SM 11:00 am: Kenneth Krause
HF (SP) 12:00 pm: For the Intentions written in the Prayer Book
MU 5:00 pm: Michael Goetz

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 9:00 am Mass at St. Mary on Sunday, December 14.

SEVEN SISTERS LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is seeking additional members to pray for our priests. Seven Sisters Apostolate is a prayer ministry in which at least seven women each commit to one Holy Hour on a specific day each week for one priest, ensuring that priest is covered in prayer daily for a year. Additional members will help us ensure that every priest in our parish has a dedicated team. For more information, contact Dawn Meyer at dawnm33@gmail.com or (920) 517-7557. You can also find more details at sevensistersapostolate.org. Prayer booklets are provided for those who participate. This is a powerful way to strengthen the Church by supporting our priests in prayer!

BLOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 17

Give the gift of hope this season and 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/HolyFamilyDecr17.

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 take 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.

THANKSGIVING CASH DRAWING WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who participates in Holy Family's Cash Drawings! On Tuesday, November 25, 2025, we drew our winners for our Thanksgiving Cash Drawing! Our winners are, in no particular order: Donna Cejka, Gregory Clark, Darrold Folz, David Folz, Kathy Oetjen and Barbara Urdahl. We are grateful to everyone who participates in our drawings, as your donation helps to support the parish's ministries!

BACK FROM COLLEGE? COME TO OUR DECEMBER 17TH 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 who want to explore their faith in a more meaningful way at our Brewing the Faith Series on Wednesday, December 17. This fall's series will discuss Catholic Spiritualities and how to incorporate them into our lives with this month's program focused on Ignatian Spirituality! Join us for Mass at 6:00 pm at Holy Family, and then go across the street to El Patron Mexican Bar & Grill, 306 Fourth Street Way, for the talk at 7:00 pm.

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24

St. Mary: 4:00 pm
St. Peter: 4:00 pm
Holy Family: 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm;
8:00 pm (Spanish); 10:00 pm
Presentation: 6:00 pm

****No Mass at Marian University December 24/31***

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25

St. Peter: 8:00 am
St. Mary: 8:00 am; 10:00am
Holy Family: 8:00 am; 10:00 am;
12:00 pm (Spanish)
Presentation: 10:00 am
Our Risen Savior: 10:00 am

NO HOSPITALITY SUNDAY DECEMBER 21

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

WEDDING BANNS

December 5, 2025	December 31, 2025
Andrew L'Empereur & Jolene Halbach	Kyle Miller & Madeline Keach
Holy Family	Holy Family

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:
Gary L. Bindert, David "Mike" Henning & Jane A. (Lang) Lyness

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