

The Good News

January 31-February 1, 2026
Fourth 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
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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Faith Builders Club for Kids at St. Mary’s February 8
Children and families can join the Faith Builders Club for Kids to learn about February’s theme of “Blessed are the Pure of Heart.” The short program will take place after the 9:00 am Mass at St. Mary on Sunday, February 8 and include a video lesson and fun craft!

GriefShare begins Monday
If you are struggling with grief, consider joining our GriefShare support group and seminar, beginning this Monday, February 2. The 13-week program will run on Mondays through April 27 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in the Holy Family Board Room. You must register to participate. To sign up, please email Deacon Dale Paczkowski at dalep@hffdl.org.

Bring candles to be blessed on Feast of Candlemas this Monday
On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—the last feast of the liturgical year commemorating Christ as an infant—we will celebrate the Feast of Candlemas at the 7:00 am Mass at Holy Family, 12:00 pm Mass at St. Mary, and 7:00 pm Mass in Spanish at Holy Family on Monday, February 2. In celebration, parishioners are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed. Please note that confession will not take place before the 12:00 pm Mass at St. Mary that day.

Young adults: Come paint with Creatively Renewed February 4
Young adults! Come celebrate Mardi Gras early with us at our Faith Paint Night with Creatively Renewed this Wednesday, February 4! The evening will begin with Mass at 6:00 pm at Holy Family Church. After, join us in the Fireside Room for a Faith Paint Night with Chris and Jennie Schneider’s Creatively Renewed. Instruction will begin at 7:00 pm. Although the cost is regularly \$20 per person, Holy Family will pay half, so those participating need only to pay \$10.

Culver’s fundraiser February 9 to benefit students traveling to Steubenville Conference
Support our high school students’ trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference by eating at Culver’s, 969 E. Johnson St., from 5:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday, February 9. A portion of the sales made in the restaurant and drive-thru that night will benefit the students. Donations are appreciated!

Parish Mission & Lent-a-Palooza just two weeks away
Learn about the spiritual discipline, gift, and promise of rest through the story of the Exodus with best-selling author, Telly Award-winning broadcaster, and “Catholic Evangelista” Sonja Corbitt at our 2026 Pre-Lent Parish Mission. The mission will take place Sunday, February 15 to Tuesday, February 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Holy Family Church. We will offer Adoration each night from 5:30 to 6:15 pm. Please bring your Bibles! **We will kick off the Parish Mission with our Lent-A-Palooza on Sunday, February 15!** The entire parish is invited to a potluck in Holy Family Hall from 5:30 to 6:15 pm. After, children in 1st-5th grade can stay for Lent-a-Palooza, a festival-style event, while their parents attend the Parish Mission. Younger kids can stay with a parent. To volunteer, please contact Trisha at trishaz@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 503.

Widows Group to meet for Mass, lunch; reserve your tickets for *Grease*
The Holy Family Widows Group will meet on Sunday, February 15 at St. Mary Church for 11:00 am Mass. Following the Mass, the group will eat lunch at Faros Restaurant. Please notify Kathy Roehl at (920) 921-1939 by February 10 if you plan to attend. Bring a valentine, which we will exchange at the luncheon. Please note that there will NOT be a regular meeting in February or March. In March, the group plans to attend the musical *Grease* on Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 pm. Reservations for *Grease* are due by February 9 with payment due by March 2.

Lenten Priest Talks to begin in February
This Lent, join our Holy Family Priest Team as we unpack how the Beatitudes show us God’s plan for happiness with our Holy Family Christmas Read *Heart of the Gospel* by Sebastian Walshe, O. Praem. Talks will take place on Thursdays, February 26-March 26 in Holy Family Church from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and include a question-and-answer period. Talks will be recorded and shared on our website at a later date. Fr. Matthew will lead the first talk on February 26 which will cover the introduction and chapters 1-2 (pages 7-40).

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
<u><i>Monday, February 2</i></u> HF 7:00 am: Rocco Matera SM 12:00 pm: Roger Cheevers <u><i>Tuesday, February 3</i></u> HF 7:00 am: Vicky Reilly (Anniversary) <u><i>Wednesday, February 4</i></u> HF 7:00 am: Fr. Walter Gehl MU 12:00 pm: Steven Beres HF 6:00 pm: Tony & Maria Schraufnagel and Family <u><i>Thursday, February 5</i></u> HF 7:00 am: Vincent & Monica Haessly <u><i>Friday, February 6</i></u> HF 7:00 am: Marion L. McEssey SM 12:00 pm: Bob Pittler (Anniversary) and Rudolph & Olivia Pittler SSM 12:00 pm: Joe Perrizo SM (SP) 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners <u><i>Saturday, February 7</i></u> HF 8:00 am: Raymond Pickart SM 4:00 pm: Herman & Clarice Theisen SP 4:00 pm: The W. and K. Families and John Halcovich HF 4:00 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Robin SchusterKlara & Wojciech Staszkiwicz and Wiktoria & Jozef Sr. Wodecka	<u><i>HF 4:00 pm continued:</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Raymond PickartJim SollAndrew GlaeserLeo & Fern Reilly and Pattie Reilly, Marlene & Bob Hatch, and Bea & Jack Smith <u><i>Sunday, February 8</i></u> PBVM 7:00 am: For the Intentions Written in the Prayer Book SM 7:15 am: Richard Mortenson and Ann McNamara HF 8:00 am: For the Parishioners SP 8:30 am: For the Parishioners SM 9:00 am: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Helen HeimerlRick Petrie PBVM 10:00 am: For the Parishioners ORS 10:00 am: Bud, Lillian, & Joan Schneider HF 10:00 am: Harv & Pat Zehren, Tom & Sis Scannell, Joan Dreifuerst, Mary Jo Grebe, Don Culver, and Earl Hansen SM 11:00 am: Kenneth Krause HF (SP) 12:00 pm: For the Intentions Written in the Prayer Book MU 5:00 pm: For the Marian University Community

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today’s Gospel, Jesus goes up the mountain and teaches His disciples—and all of us—the Beatitudes. These words are not simply comforting sayings; they are a radical invitation to live as citizens of God’s Kingdom. From the very beginning of His public ministry, Jesus reveals that true happiness is found not in power, wealth, or self-sufficiency, but in humility, mercy, and trust in God.

Each Beatitude names a way of life that the world often misunderstands. The poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers may appear weak by worldly standards, yet Jesus calls them “blessed.” Why? Because their hearts are open to God. They rely not on themselves, but on the Lord’s grace. In them, God’s reign is already taking root.

For Catholics, the Beatitudes are not optional ideals reserved for saints alone; they are the heart of Christian discipleship. They echo the Ten Commandments but go even deeper, shaping not only our actions but our attitudes and desires. Jesus is describing His own life—and inviting us to follow Him. In His poverty, mercy, and self-giving love, Christ perfectly lives what He proclaims.

When we mourn with hope, show mercy, hunger for righteousness, and work for peace, we become signs of God’s Kingdom in our families, our parish, and our world. The Beatitudes remind us that holiness often looks ordinary, hidden, and even costly—but it leads to the joy that only God can give.

As we reflect on this Gospel, let us ask for the grace to live the Beatitudes daily, trusting that in following Christ’s way, we will discover the true blessedness He promises.

–Deacon Marty Ryan

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Holy Family is preparing for Ash Wednesday Masses on Wednesday, February 18. Masses will be held at the following times: **Holy Family** - 7:00 am, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and in Spanish at 7:30 pm; **St. Peter** - 8:30 am; **Marian University** - 12:00 pm; **St. Mary** - 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm; **ORS** - 6:30 pm. Confession will also be offered following the 7:00 am Mass at Holy Family and at 5:00 pm before the 6:00 pm Mass at Holy Family.

BLOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Share the gift of life when you donate blood at the Holy Family Blood Drive in Holy Family Hall from 12:00 to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 18. All donors will receive a voucher for a free Milwaukee Admirals ticket while supplies last. Appointments are highly encouraged! To make yours, please call 1-877-232-4376 or visit tinyurl.com/HolyFamilyFeb18.

LENTEN BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

As we begin the Lenten season, join Fr. Ryan Pruess in Holy Family Hall on Sunday, February 22 following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses for a hot breakfast and a short presentation on the dignity of every person. People of all ages are encouraged to attend. A free-will offering will be taken to support our Human Concerns Ministry’s efforts to love and raise up our neighbor.

WITNESS HISTORY WITH MADRE PEREGRINA STATUE FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 4 AT HOLY FAMILY

Witness history as the “Madre Peregrina” (Pilgrim Mother) statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe passes through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on its international tour. Our parish is blessed to offer a presentation and veneration of the life-size statue of Madre Peregrina from Friday, February 27 to Wednesday, March 4. The statue’s arrival in Fond du Lac will be celebrated with a Mass with Auxiliary Bishop James Schuerman on Friday, February 27 at 6:00 pm. If you're interested in attending one of the 30-minute presentations (experiences) with time for veneration, visit <https://www.guadalupewi.org/>. Registration is recommended. We are also looking for volunteers to assist in shifts from February 27 to March 4. To volunteer, please visit hffdl.org/event/madre for more information.

PRAY FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

This weekend, please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they participate in their Confirmation retreat. We pray that they find this experience fruitful and inspiring as they continue along their journey of faith.

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

May his soul, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:
Gordan Daniel, Jean Halfman & Kevin Hess

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