

The Good News

February 21-22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

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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Way of the Cross to be offered on Fridays throughout Lent except February 27.

Every Friday throughout Lent, February 20 to March 27 (except February 27 when the Way of the Cross will not be offered), follow in the footsteps of Christ to Calvary and reflect on His suffering as our priests lead the Way of the Cross at 6:00 pm at Holy Family, 7:00 pm at Our Risen Savior, and in Spanish at 6:00 pm at St. Mary.

Lenten Breakfast to discuss human dignity this Sunday, February 22

This Sunday, February 22, Fr. Ryan will offer a short presentation on the dignity of every person following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses at Holy Family. People of all ages are encouraged to attend and enjoy a hot breakfast. A free-will offering will be taken to support our Human Concerns Ministry's efforts to love and raise up our neighbor.

Holy Hours for Peace February 24 & 26 at Presentation

This month, we will unite with parishes throughout the United States to offer Holy Hours for Peace and pray for peace in our nation. At 6:00 pm this Tuesday, February 24, come to Presentation to pray the Rosary for peace with Fr. Ryan. Fr. Fernando will lead the Rosary for peace this Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 pm at Presentation with our Hispanic community.

Lenten Priest Talks to begin this Thursday, February 26

Beginning this Thursday, February 26, our Holy Family Priest Team will 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. Fr. Matthew will lead the first talk on Thursday, which will cover the introduction and chapters 1-2 (pages 7-40). You do not need to read the book to attend. 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 hffdl.org/talks at a later date.

Witness history, volunteer with "Madre Peregrina" statue February 27 to March 4.

You will have the opportunity to be part of a historic pilgrimage when the "Madre Peregrina" (Pilgrim Mother) statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe passes through Fond du Lac on its international tour. Our parish is blessed to offer presentations Friday, February 27 to Wednesday, March 4 in which you can learn more about Our Lady of Guadalupe, venerate the statue, pray, and offer petitions. Registration is recommended by visiting <https://www.guadalupewi.org/>. 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. **Please note the Spanish Mass at 7:00 pm at St. Mary will not take place that night.** We are in need of volunteers to assist during these presentations, as well as with setup and take-down. Duties at the presentations will include assisting with the welcome table, checking-in guests, directing guests to seating, and other hospitality duties. High school students are welcome to volunteer with a parent or guardian! If you'd like to volunteer, please visit www.hffdl.org/event/madre.

Christian Women to meet March 2 for Potluck Salad Meal

Please join the Christian Women Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 2 in the Holy Family North Hall. The meeting will begin with the Stations of the Cross led by Deacon Dale, followed by a potluck salad meal and meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Widows Group to attend Grease in March

The Widows Group will attend SMSA's production of *Grease* on Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 pm at Horace Mann High School, NFDL. The cost for the show is \$10; checks can be made out to Holy Family and sent to Mary Kelm, W3979 Meadow Drive, Fond du Lac 54937 by March 2. After the show, the group plans to meet for dinner at a nearby restaurant for those who wish to attend. Upcoming Widows Group events include: April 14 - Spring planting at Haentze's and dinner at Bob's on the Avenue; May 12 - Holy Hill pilgrimage; June 5 - Dock Spiders baseball game.

Thank you for making Culver's fundraiser a success!

Thank you to everyone who turned out at our Culver's fundraiser! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise more than \$1,600 to support our teens' trip to the Steubenville Conference.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 23

HF 7:00 am: Daniel Homuth

SM 12:00 pm: Jenny Schickert (Anniversary)

Tuesday, February 24

HF 7:00 am: Rick Mortenson

Wednesday, February 25

HF 7:00 am: Sheila Radke

MU 12:00 pm: For the Marian University Community

HF 6:00 pm: Bernice & Bernetta Pickart

Thursday, February 26

HF 7:00 am: Janet Switlick

Friday, February 27

HF 7:00 am: Fr. Kevin Tanel

SM 12:00 pm: David Green

SM 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners

Saturday, February 28

HF 8:00 am: Jeanette Weber

SM 4:00 pm:

- Audrey Logeman, Patty Martin, Junior McCraw, Beth Remitz, David McCullen & Thomas McCullen

Saturday, February 28

SP 4:00 pm: Merlin Mueller

HF 4:00 pm:

- Peter Weinschrott (Anniversary)
- Joe Perrizo
- Dorothy & Victor Fritz
- Donna, and Mitchell Tagliapietra
- Larry Duford

Sunday, March 1

PBVM 7:00 am: For the Intentions Written in the Prayer Book

SM 7:15 am: Jean Halfman

HF 8:00 am: Dee Sippel

SP 8:30 am: Joe Thome

SM 9:00 am:

- Jerry & Dorothy Fox
- In Memory of Kathie Golla

PBVM 10:00 am: For the Parishioners

ORS 10:00 am: For the Parishioners

HF 10:00 am: Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Gurno and Family

SM 11:00 am: For the Parishioners

HF (SP) 12:00 pm: For the Intentions Written in the Prayer Book

MU 5:00 pm: For the Marian University Community

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I'd like to share with you today about a Sacrament of the Church that can give you deep peace and strength when you are suffering: the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. You may know this Sacrament by its former title of "Last Rites." Generally, it was only administered when someone was close to death. No doubt it is a beautiful preparation for passage into eternal life, but the Church says that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can serve a much greater purpose. The Catechism reminds us that "the Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived" (CCC 1514). It is meant for any baptized Catholic in grave disease or frail in later life or being confronted with major surgery.

The grace of Scripture call us through the letter of St. James who writes: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (James 5:14-15). This is the holy act by which Christ Himself is doing things in the world through the priest. The blessed oil of the sick is applied to the forehead and hands, and the prayer of the Church invokes healing—of the body, of the mind, and of the soul—in whatever way God chooses.

The graces of the sacrament are plentiful and distinct: it strengthens the soul against anxiety and fear, ties the person's suffering into the Passion of Christ; forgives sins when the individual cannot confess; and, when it aligns with God's purposes, can even heal the body. It is a real testament to God's compassion for people who are vulnerable. If someone you know is experiencing a major illness or experiencing major health issues, please do not wait for the last minute to contact a priest. All of the priests that serve our parish are glad to come to your house, the hospital, or to arrange for an anointing right in church after Mass. Let's keep praying for and support one another in body and spirit. Christ the Divine Physician is near to us and all who suffer. Jesus the Divine Physician, pray for us.

-Fr. Ryan Pruess

RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW FOR CELEBRATE HOLY FAMILY GALA APRIL 22, ITEMS SOUGHT FOR AUCTION

Celebrate Holy Family Catholic Community and the good work you make possible at our Celebrate Holy Family Gala on Wednesday, April 22 at Holy Family Church. This special evening will begin at 5:30 pm, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. As you enjoy live music at our cocktail hour, you will have the opportunity to bid on an array of unique and valuable items during our online silent auction. After, you will be treated to a gourmet dinner catered by Wisconsin's premiere caterer, Chef Jack's, and a special presentation from our parish. The evening's festivities are expected to conclude around 8:30 pm. Please note that business attire is requested for the event. The cost of the event is \$200 per person. Sponsorship options are available. All reservations and payments must be received at the Holy Family Office by March 17, 2026. This year, you can reserve your seats at <https://onecau.se/hffdl> or receive the reservation form and ask questions by contacting Eva at (920) 921-0580 ext. 202 or ethelen@hffdl.org. **As we prepare for our Celebrate Holy Family Gala, we're calling on our entire parish family, especially crafters, creators, and local businesses, to be part of something meaningful and donate to our online Silent Auction.** Handmade items, unique creations, services, experiences, décor, art, and restaurant gift cards are all wonderful ways to contribute. To donate an item, please visit <https://onecau.se/hffdl> and drop it off at our Parish Office by March 31. For any questions, please contact Eva.

FAITH BUILDERS TO DISCUSS SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST AT HOLY FAMILY, WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AT ST. MARY'S IN MARCH

Families can learn about Saint John the Evangelist with Faith Builders Club for Kids following the 10:00 am Mass at Holy Family March 1.

<p>WEDDING BANNS</p> <p>February 21, 2026</p> <p>Moises Garcia & Kay Garcia Holy Family</p>	<p>OUR DEARLY DEPARTED</p> <p>May his soul, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:</p> <p>John Berg, Samuel Bender, Patrick Crowley, Angela Ewald, Scott Haensgen, Carol A. Kelnhofer, William McIntosh & Fr. Max Tzul</p>	<p>DONATION RECOGNITION</p> <p>Please note: When we receive donations "In Honor" of someone, we will recognize them in The Good News as we do with "In Memoriam" donations.</p>
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