

# The Good News

February 28–March 1, 2026  
Second 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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## Experience historic Pilgrimage at Holy Family this week, volunteers needed

Our parish is blessed to be one of two parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee hosting the pilgrimage of the "Madre Peregrina" (Pilgrim Mother) statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe through this Wednesday, March 4. Join us for presentations to learn more about Our Lady of Guadalupe, venerate the statue, pray, and offer petitions. Multiple presentations will be offered each day. Registration is recommended by visiting <https://www.guadalupewi.org/>. Would you like to be part of history? We are in need of volunteers to assist during these presentations, as well as with 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](http://www.hffdl.org/event/madre).

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

Every Friday through 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.

## 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.

## It may be March, but we have Summer Program on our minds

Starting this Tuesday, March 3 at 8:00 am, Holy Family parishioners can register for our Faith Formation's Summer Program. This two-week program invites children currently in public school in grades K-7 to encounter Christ through opportunities to learn from priests and catechists in the classroom, worship our Lord through song, and celebrate Mass. The program will run from June 8-19 at Sacred Heart School and is offered as either an AM session (8:30 to 11:30 am) or PM session (12:30 to 3:30 pm). Due to the demand for our Summer Program we will be giving priority registration to Holy Family parishioners from March 3-31. To register, please visit [hffdl.org/cf](http://hffdl.org/cf)

## St. Peter Cemetery meeting March 4

St. Peter Cemetery will hold its Annual Meeting at 6:00 pm this Wednesday, March 4 in the St. Peter Church basement. For any questions, please contact Lori at (920) 948-0978.

## Fr. Fernando to discuss God's plan for happiness at Lenten Priest Talk

This Thursday, March 5, join Fr. Fernando for our Lenten Priest Talk Series as he unpacks 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. Fernando will cover Chapters 3-4 (pages 41-80), but you do not need to have read the book to attend. Talks will take place on Thursdays through 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](http://hffdl.org/talks) at a later date.

## 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. Tickets for the Widows Group have already been purchased. 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.

## *Mass Intentions*

### Monday, March 2

**HF 7:00 am:** The Living & Deceased of the August & Florence DeBoth Family

**SM 12:00 pm:** Betty Patterson

### Tuesday, March 3

**HF 7:00 am:** Adam, Josie & Trevor Majerus

### Wednesday, March 4

**HF 7:00 am:** The Living & Deceased of the O'Malley & Rhoades Families

**MU 12:00 pm:** For the Marian University Community

**HF 6:00 pm:** For the Parishioners

### Thursday, March 5

**HF 7:00 am:** Caryl Darnick

### Friday, March 6

**HF 7:00 am:** Joe Thome (Anniversary)

**SM 12:00 pm:** Leo Deringer

**SSM 12:00 pm:** Mary Jo Grebe and Caroline G. Grebe (Anniversaries)

**SM 7:00 pm:** For the Parishioners

### Saturday, March 7

**HF 8:00 am:** Raymond Pickart

**SM 4:00 pm:**

- Patricia Collien
- John & Cecilia Scannell
- Mel & Connie Buechel
- In Memory of Marceil Fucik
- Heather Baierl-Jones

### Saturday, March 7

**SP 4:00 pm:** Susanne Steffes

**HF 4:00 pm:** Joe Perrizo

### Sunday, March 8

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

**SM 7:15 am:** The Living & Deceased Members of the Charles & Linda Ande Family

**HF 8:00 am:** Sarah Lemmenes (Anniversary)

**SP 8:30 am:** The W. and K. Families and John Halcovich

**SM 9:00 am:**

- Helen Heimerl
- Kenneth Krause
- John Dory, Dennis Skaleski, and Olivia Gonzaliz
- Rick Mortenson and Don Stanchfield (Anniversary)

**PBVM 10:00 am:** Margaret Tynan LeMieux

**ORS 10:00 am:** Rev. Richard Clarence Breitbach

**HF 10:00 am:** For the Parishioners

**SM 11:00 am:** Robert Mand (Anniversary), Fritz & Esther Mand, and Mary Teofilo

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

**MU 5:00 pm:** Adrian Kaull

## A Letter from your Pastor | An Update on our Holy Family Priest Team

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Change is an inescapable part of life. It makes itself known in small ways and in large. Sometimes we fight it, sometimes we embrace it. But whatever is before us, we know that God will be with us through it all and never lead us astray. As is written in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Earlier this month, we shared with you that Fr. Matthew Kirk will leave us in June to take on a new assignment in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This week, we received word from Archbishop Grob that Fr. Fernando Torres, Fr. Kevin Tanel, and Fr. Patrick Behling will also receive new assignments this June.

It has been a blessing to have Fr. Fernando, Fr. Tanel, and Fr. Behling serve our parish. Over their time here, I have watched our community grow stronger in faith. From leading our catechumens as they seek to enter the Catholic Church, to helping our engaged couples root their relationship in Christ, and strengthening our Hispanic community, Fr. Fernando, Fr. Tanel, and Fr. Behling have forged connections in our community that will endure for many years to come.

I realize that a change to our Priest Team of this magnitude is a lot to process, especially at once. Every time that a new priest comes to Holy Family, you immediately make them part of our parish family, welcoming them with warmth, care, and kindness. While this makes our parish life all the more vibrant and inviting, it also makes it harder to say goodbye. Trust me when I say just as it is difficult for our community to come to terms with this change, it is difficult for me, our Priest Team, and our staff.

I am, however, heartened by the knowledge that we will receive new priests this June. I am confident that they will follow in the footsteps of the priests who came before them and serve our parish with great love for our Lord and care for our parishioners. I look forward to sharing the news of our new priests soon, and welcoming them to Holy Family this summer.

Please join me in praying for Fr. Fernando, Fr. Tanel, Fr. Behling, and Fr. Matthew, and for the priests who will join us. Please know that you are always in our prayers.

In Christ,



Fr. Ryan J Pruess

Pastor | Holy Family Catholic Community

### PARISH COLLECTION SUMMARY

**July 1, 2025 through February 15, 2026**

Budgeted Revenue: \$2,144,000  
Actual Revenue: \$2,258,213  
Over (Under) Budget: \$114,213

### OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:  
**Constance "Connie" M. Huebschman, Dr. Steven G. Meress, Dale Norcia & Janette M. Tenorio**

### WEDDING BANNES



**February 21, 2026**

Moises Garcia & Kay Garcia  
Holy Family



### "IN HONOR" DONATION

We recently received a donation in honor of:  
**Ernie Sippel's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**  
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## *A Note from your Pastor | An update on Sacred Heart*

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We are excited to share that after nine months of renovations, Sacred Heart Church will be ready to welcome you back just in time for Palm Sunday.

Our return to full use of Sacred Heart will take place in three stages:

- We will begin to offer **weekend Masses** at Sacred Heart the weekend of March 28-29. This means the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass and 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses at St. Mary's and the 7:00 am Sunday Mass in Spanish at Presentation will return to Sacred Heart that weekend. We will offer Good Friday Masses on Friday, April 3 at Sacred Heart at 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm.
- At this time, we plan to return to our pre-renovation **weekday Mass** schedule on Friday, April 20. At that time, the 12:00 pm Masses on Mondays and Fridays currently held at St. Mary's will return to Sacred Heart, as will the 6:00 pm Wednesday Mass now held at Holy Family.
- On Friday, May 1, we plan to reopen the **Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel**, and **groups who previously met at Sacred Heart** will be able to do so again. Please complete our Event Registration form at [hffdl.org/events](http://hffdl.org/events) to ensure your room reservation.

As we prepare to return to Sacred Heart, we are asking for your help! On Sunday, March 22 at 12:30 pm, we are in need of volunteers to help us clean and move items back into Sacred Heart. We plan to work on this for a few hours and then pizza will be provided in early afternoon. Adults and school-aged children (with parent supervision, as needed) are welcome and encouraged to help! If you are interested in assisting, please contact Director of Operations Michelle Ludtke at [michellel@hffdl.org](mailto:michellel@hffdl.org) or (920) 921-0580 ext. 104. Your assistance is appreciated.

From 9:00 to 10:00 am on Saturday, March 28, we will offer orientation for Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, and Ushers who would like to serve at Mass at Sacred Heart. The purpose of this orientation will be to help you familiarize yourself with the space and ask any questions you have before Masses begin. All those who would like to serve at Sacred Heart are strongly encouraged to attend.

While we are planning for the vast majority of the renovations to be completed for Palm Sunday weekend, some of the artwork, such as the large mosaic, and some of the woodwork may not be installed. Please rest assured that we are working to install them as quickly as we can.

Sacred Heart's rededication Mass with Archbishop Grob is planned for Saturday, June 13 at 4:00 pm. In a parish, the rededication of a church is a feast day in the community, and I hope that you will join us for this historic Mass. In celebration, we will also offer Solemn Vespers, a heightened evening prayer, at Sacred Heart on Friday, June 12 at 6:00 pm.

We are deeply grateful for your patience and grace throughout this renovation process, and we cannot wait to welcome you back to Sacred Heart in less than a month.

If you have any questions, please contact our Parish Office at (920) 921-0580.

In Christ,



Very Rev. Ryan J Pruess

Pastor | Holy Family Catholic Community

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### **NO FAITH BUILDERS CLUB FOR KIDS AT ST. MARY**

As a reminder, we will not offer Faith Builders Club for Kids following the 9:00 am Mass at St. Mary in March.

### **FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT TO INCLUDE PARENT TALK, PRIEST Q&A FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND ACTIVITIES**

On Wednesday, March 11, bring the entire family to our Faith & Family Night to enjoy food, faith building activities, and the chance to get to know your fellow parishioners. The night will begin at 5:30 pm when the doors open for our potluck, with the meal starting at 5:45 pm. Please bring a dish to pass! From 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Sacred Heart School Hall, parents can learn about how to stay rooted in faith even amidst scandals or hypocrisy in the Catholic Church and in leadership at our next Building Your Domestic Church session. The talk will feature Fr. Fernando and a couple from our parish. While parents listen to the talk, high school students can head to the Sacred Heart School Basement for Q&A Night with Fr. Behling, where they can ask questions about faith, life, God, and the Church. We will also offer activities in the Sacred Heart School Gym for kids in grades 1-12 during this time.

### **THIRD ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE AT OUR RISEN SAVIOR MARCH 15**

Come to Our Risen Savior for the third annual St. Joseph's Table fellowship on Sunday, March 15 following the 10:00 am Mass. The St. Joseph's Table celebration started in the Middle Ages, after answered prayers to St. Joseph ended a devastating drought on the island of Sicily. Since then, it has remained as a symbolic "thank you" and a renewal of the Sicilian people's devotion to Saint Joseph. It includes not only special foods, but also an altar set up for St. Joseph and a blessing for the foods prepared. It is a shared celebration with the entire community where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor; traditional etiquette is that no one can be turned away from this table. For the celebration at Our Risen Savior, we will make extra food deliberately to take to local food programs and donate all free will offerings to a local family in need. The meal will include two pasta dishes: spaghetti and Bolognese sauce, and ricotta lasagna. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the sign-up sheets at Our Risen Savior.

### **YOUNG ADULTS INVITED TO ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE, TALK ON DISCERNMENT MARCH 18**

All young adults are invited to celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph with us on Wednesday, March 18! The evening will begin with 6:00 pm Mass at Holy Family Church on the Vigil of the Feast of Saint Joseph. Then, we will enjoy a potluck in the Sacred Heart School basement - please bring a side dish to pass. During the meal, we will learn about the tradition of Saint Joseph's Table and how to discern God's will for your life.

## *A Letter from your Holy Family Priest | The Mass as Viaticum*

Mass is a viaticum, provision for the journey, food for the way to eternal life. When we pray for our deceased, we not only remember their lives. We entrust them to God, and we do so in the greatest way the Church knows how: by celebrating Holy Mass. Jesus said it clearly: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day" (John 6:54). Mass is not just a memory, is the actualization of Christ's sacrifice. In every Eucharist, heaven touches earth. When we offer it for a deceased person, we are presenting their life united to Christ's redemptive sacrifice. Something profoundly consoling happens at the altar: Christ gives himself, the Church intercedes, and heaven opens. Praying for our deceased loved ones at Mass is an act of true love. It is not nostalgia; it is supernatural charity. Because we believe that love does not end with death. We believe in the communion of saints. We believe that our prayers can help them in their purification and sustain them in their final encounter with God.

Mass is viaticum not only for those who depart, but also for those who remain. For those who depart, it is nourishment, light, and strength in the journey to eternity; for those who remain, it is comfort, hope, and the certainty that death does not have the final word. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist for our deceased, we affirm that their story did not end in the tomb. We place it in the hands of the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. This is why the Church insists so much that there is no better prayer for the deceased than the Holy Mass. No tears are more fruitful than one shed before the altar. No memory is more transformative than one united to the sacrifice of Christ. When we celebrate Mass for them, we give them the greatest gift we can give: Christ himself. In Christ, no one is lost.

-Fr. Fernando

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### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY TO OUR EASTER FLOWERS**

Every year, your donations help us to decorate our churches at Easter with beautiful flowers. If you would like to donate to these flowers in memory or in honor of someone, we invite you to send in your donation with the names of those you wish to honor/remember PRINTED in or on the envelope. If you receive weekly donation envelopes from our parish, you can use the included envelope for Easter Flowers to donate. Please have all donations to us by Tuesday, March 11 to be included on our Good News Easter Remembrances listing.

For an updated list of our Christmas flowers, please visit [hffdl.org/flowers](https://hffdl.org/flowers)

### **ENJOY TASTY SOUPS, HELP THOSE IN NEED AT SOUP DU JOUR ON MARCH 21**

Purchase great soups donated by your favorite Fond du Lac restaurants to benefit those in need when you come to Soup du Jour on Saturday, March 21 at Holy Family Church. More than a dozen soups will be available for purchase, with the proceeds benefiting the Holyland Food Pantry and the St. Vincent de Paul of Fond du Lac County. Soups will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning at 1:00 pm in the drive-thru line beneath the canopy entrance on the church's south side. Soups will be \$6 a cup or three for \$15 - no cards accepted. If you are interested in volunteering, we are looking for people to help scoop and package soup at 1:00 pm in Holy Family Hall on Friday, March 20, as well as for volunteers to act as carhops on Saturday, March 21 at 1:00 pm. For more information, please contact Valerie at the Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 ext. 302.

### **12 HOURS OF RECONCILIATION MARCH 25**

On Wednesday, March 25, area priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation as part of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's "Pray, Reconcile, and Rejoice: 12 Hours of Reconciliation." That day, people can have their confessions heard at Holy Family Church from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Confessions in Spanish will be heard from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

### **LEARN ABOUT THE IMPACT OF ADDICTION, HOW TO BREAK STIGMA AT TALK APRIL 7**

On Tuesday, April 7, learn about the impact of addiction, the importance of breaking the stigma surrounding it, and the resources available to those battling it from FDL County Drug Court Coordinator Jennifer Laning, CSAC, Gratitude Club Manager Ellen Buretta, and others who work with those suffering from the disease. Taking place in Holy Family Hall at 6:30 pm, the presentation will also include a talk from a parish family who lost a loved one to addiction. Note: This talk was rescheduled from Thursday, January 22 due to inclement weather.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **FR. RYAN PRUESS TO LEAD MEN'S RETREAT APRIL 24-26 IN WAUKESHA**

Any man looking to deepen their spiritual life is invited to join Fr. Ryan Pruess on a Men's Retreat at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26. This retreat will focus on prayer and penance for one's family, especially those in our families who may not be practicing the Faith. The weekend will consist of Mass, communal prayer, confession, individual prayer, Adoration, and Benediction. It will also include time for spiritual reading and walking the beautiful property of the Schoenstatt Fathers and Sisters, which boasts a beautiful old German chapel to Our Lady. The goal will be to equip and refresh men of any age with the spiritual tools to protect and encourage devotion within their families and the Church as true spiritual fathers.

The retreat will take place from 6:00 pm on Friday, April 24 to 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 26 at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha. The cost of \$150 per person includes lodging, meals, etc. To register, visit [hffdl.org/mens-ministry](https://hffdl.org/mens-ministry)