

The Good News

February 7-8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Family Catholic Community 271 Fourth Street Way Fond du Lac, WI 54937 (920) 921-0580 hffdl.org
<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u>
<i>Saturday</i>
Holy Family: 4:00 pm St. Peter: 4:00 pm St. Mary: 4:00 pm
<i>Sunday</i>
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
<i>Weekday</i>
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
<u>RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE</u>
<i>Monday - Friday</i>
Following 7:00 am Mass at Holy Family
<i>Monday, Friday</i>
11:15 to 11:45 am at St. Mary
<i>Wednesday</i>
11:15 to 11:45 am at Marian University 5:00 pm at Holy Family
<i>Friday</i>
6:15 to 6:45 pm at St. Mary
<i>Saturday</i>
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
<i>Sunday</i>
9:00 to 9:45 am at Our Risen Savior
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Culver’s fundraiser Monday to benefit students traveling to Steubenville Conference

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

Widows Group to meet for Mass, lunch February 15; 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.

Join us for our Parish Mission, Lent-a-Palooza next weekend

It’s almost here! Next weekend, 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 also livestream the mission each night, and share it on our YouTube channel the next day. **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 with activities, 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.

Join us for Ash Wednesday, Way of the Cross

We are preparing for Lent with our Ash Wednesday and Way of the Cross offerings. On Wednesday, February 18, we will offer Ash Wednesday Masses 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. Every Friday throughout Lent, February 20 to March 27 (except February 27 when the Way of the Cross will not be offered), our priests will 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.

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.

Lenten Priest Talks to begin February 26

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). You do not need to read the book to attend the talks.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
<u><i>Monday, February 9</i></u> HF 7:00 am: Eleanor & Chuck Yaeger SM 12:00 pm: Patricia Edgerton and Family <u><i>Tuesday, February 10</i></u> HF 7:00 am: Catherine Schickert (Anniversary) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Joe Perrizo <u><i>Wednesday, February 11</i></u> HF 7:00 am: All Holy Family Priests and Deacons MU 12:00 pm: For the Marian University Community HF 6:00 pm: Rosemary O'Hearn <u><i>Thursday, February 12</i></u> HF 7:00 am: Eternal Rest for Lenny Alt <u><i>Friday, February 13</i></u> HF 7:00 am: Helen Pisczor SM 12:00 pm: For the Parishioners SM (SP) 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners <u><i>Saturday, February 14</i></u> HF 8:00 am: Joe & Sheila Franzen and Family SM 4:00 pm: Jean Krueger SP 4:00 pm: The Living & Deceased of the Steffes & Laudolff Families HF 4:00 pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none">JoAnn MischoJoe Thome	<u><i>HF 4:00 pm continued:</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Larry HellerDarold Stueber & Taylor Billman (Anniversary)Esther & Ervin Wollersheim (Anniversaries)Steven Wollersheim (Anniversary)Tony Mathes <u><i>Sunday, February 15</i></u> PBVM 7:00 am: For the Intentions Written in the Prayer Book SM 7:15 am: Carolyn Papenfuss HF 8:00 am: Donald Sabel SP 8:30 am: Susanne Steffes SM 9:00 am: For the Parishioners PBVM 10:00 am: Bob Hemauer ORS 10:00 am: For the Parishioners HF 10:00 am: The Deceased Members of the Mathes and Wollersheim Families SM 11:00 am: The Living & Deceased of the Marvin & Jacquie Fleischman Family 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,

Archbishop Grob recently shared with us that Fr. Matthew will leave our parish in June to take on a new assignment within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

For the past three years, Fr. Matthew has served our parish with great compassion, faith, and zeal. In collaboration with our Human Concerns Ministry, Fr. Matthew helped to establish the Holy Family Warming Shelter and provide our neighbors most in need with a warm place to stay in the winter. This past November, he hovered above the Warming Shelter in the wind, sleet, and snow to raise funds for the shelter’s season, collecting more than \$190,000 through your generous donations.

As our Christian Formation Chaplain, Fr. Matthew has worked with our staff and catechists to help our parish’s children, youth, and young adults grow in their love of Christ. He has strengthened our bond with Marian University, ministering to and encouraging students and staff along their faith journey in partnership with Campus Ministry. At St. Mary’s Springs Academy, he served as the chaplain of the school’s football team. Over the past year, he has assisted with the renovations at Sacred Heart and been with our parishioners as they acclimated to one of our other parish churches during construction.

It is always difficult to say goodbye to one of our priests, and this is no exception. Although Fr. Matthew is leaving our community, I have no doubt that we will continue to see his impact throughout it, be it in our Christian Formation families, or the most vulnerable we serve. I also am sure that the relationships he forged here with you and the lessons you have taught him will serve him throughout his ministry as he takes on a pastor assignment. Our parish has been blessed to receive incredible priests, and the ripples of what they learn here Holy Family are felt throughout the Archdiocese, which is why our parish community continues to be entrusted with newly ordained priests.

While the Archdiocese has not yet told us which priest will join us this June, I am confident that they will serve our parish well. I look forward to sharing news on our new priest when we receive it and welcoming to him to our parish.

Please keep Fr. Matthew in your prayers over these next few months, and join me in wishing him well.

In Christ,

Very Rev. Ryan J Pruess

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATION FEBRUARY 21

Knights of Columbus Council 664 will have an Initiation on February 21 at 9:30 at Avenue 795, 795 Fond du Lac Ave. This process takes about 35 minutes. If you are a Catholic man over the age of 18 and looking for a way to serve our Church and community through works of charity, this is for you! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Brian at (920) 539-6735.

WITNESS HISTORY, VOLUNTEER 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.

PARISH COLLECTION SUMMARY <u>July 1, 2025 through January 19, 2026</u>	WEDDING BANNS February 21, 2026	OUR DEARLY DEPARTED
Budgeted Revenue: \$1,934,000 Actual Revenue: \$2,036,108 Over (Under) Budget: \$102,108	Moises Garcia & Kay Garcia Holy Family	May his soul, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace: Nancy Celichowsk, Susan Collien, Gordon Daniel, Michael T. Forey, Dwight O. Weiser & Arlene R. Wiese

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