

# The Good News

March 14-15, 2026

Fourth 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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## Enjoy tasty soups, help those in need at Soup du Jour 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 20 soups will be available for purchase, with the proceeds benefiting the Holyland Food Pantry and Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Holy Family Conference. 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 credit cards accepted. As of March 11, the following restaurants and groups are participating: A & W Restaurant, Ala Roma Pizzeria & Pub, Avenue 795, Blue Line Tavern, Bob's on the Avenue, Boda's Restaurant and Catering, Chef Natalie Tomow-Sader of Theo's sponsored by Cory's Custom Collision Center, The Diner, Downtown Deli, Market, Cafe sponsored by Elaine Graf, First Weber, Eden Meat Market & Catering, Faros Restaurant & Cocktails, Fat Joe's Burgers and Brew, Friar Tuck's, Fr. Matthew Kirk, Gilles Frozen Custard, Holy Family Staff, Holy Family Hispanic Ministry, Holy Family Human Concerns Commissions and Pastoral Council, Michael Schaefer, Oasis Family Restaurant, Rolling Meadows Restaurant, The Stretch Restaurant, The Sweet & Salty Pig, Theo's 24, and Tucker's Hamburgers. **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, and to act as carhops on Saturday, March 21 at 1:00 pm. To sign up, please contact Valerie at the Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 ext. 302.

## St. Patrick Rosary Guild to host St. Patrick's Day luncheon March 16

The Rosary Guild will celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick with a luncheon at 11:00 am this Monday, March 16 in Holy Family Hall. Bring a dish to pass if you wish. RSVPs were due March 11.

## Daughters of Isabella to meet March 17

The Daughters of Isabella will meet this Tuesday, March 17 at the Sacred Heart Victory Center at 1:00 pm for Mass for members with meeting to follow.

## 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 this 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.

## Deacon Marty to discuss God's plan for happiness at Lenten Priest Talk March 19

This Thursday, March 19, join Deacon Marty Ryan 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. Deacon Marty will cover Chapters 7-9 (pages 101-136), but you do not need to have read the book to attend. Talks will take place 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](https://hffdl.org/talks) at a later date.

## Help us move back into Sacred Heart

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.

## 12 Hours of Reconciliation March 25

On Wednesday, March 25, area priests will hear Confessions at Holy Family Church from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's "Pray, Reconcile, and Rejoice: 12 Hours of Reconciliation." Confessions in Spanish will be heard from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to assist at 12 Hours of Reconciliation. To sign up, please visit <https://bit.ly/2026Rec>

## *Mass Intentions*

### Monday, March 16

**HF 7:00 am:** Dr. Steven Meress

**SM 12:00 pm:** Maggie & Pat Rose and Family

### Tuesday, March 17

**HF 7:00 am:** Mary Becker (Anniversary)

### Wednesday, March 18

**HF 7:00 am:** Augie Kirchner and Eternal Rest

for Ralph, Pat, Joe & Catherine Schoofs

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

Community

**HF 6:00 pm:** Frances Berens

### Thursday, March 19

**HF 7:00 am:** The Living & Deceased of the Tony

& Marie Albert Family

### Friday, March 20

**HF 7:00 am:** Harold Schneider (Anniversary)

**SM 12:00 pm:** David Greene

**SM 7:00 pm:** John Jungen

### Saturday, March 21

**HF 8:00 am:** For the Living & Deceased of the Carl and Wilhelmina Smedberg Family

**SM 4:00 pm:**

- The Repose of the Souls of Dean & Douglas Hoffland
- Leo Shea (Birthday)

**SP 4:00 pm:** The Living & Deceased of the Halfmann & Freund Families

**HF 4:00 pm:** Jozef Wodecki

- Mert Mauer
- Katharine 'Katie' Drew
- All Holy Family Priests and Deacons
- Merrie Twohig

### Sunday, March 22

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

**SM 7:15 am:** Marion, Evelyn, & Tony Darin

**HF 8:00 am:** Bruce David Ziebell II (Anniversary)

**SP 8:30 am:** The Living & Deceased of the Clem & Rose Scheider Family

**SM 9:00 am:** Joan Wagner

**PBVM 10:00 am:** Claude & Marjorie Schneider

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

**HF 10:00 am:** Frank Nett

**SM 11:00 am:** John N. Dana

**HF (SP) 12:00 pm:** For the Parishioners

**MU 5:00 pm:** For the Marian University Community

Lent is a sacred season of grace—a time when the Church invites us to deeper prayer, sincere repentance, and generous charity. As we journey toward Easter, we are encouraged not only to reflect on Christ’s sacrifice but also to unite ourselves more intentionally to His saving work. Two beautiful and meaningful ways to do this during Lent are offering Mass intentions and praying for the souls in purgatory.

The Holy Mass is the greatest prayer on earth. It is the perfect sacrifice of Christ made present for us. When we request a Mass intention, we ask that a particular Mass be offered for a specific person or need—whether for someone living or deceased. During Lent especially, offering a Mass intention can be a powerful spiritual gift. For the living, a Mass intention can be offered for healing, guidance, strength in trials, conversion, thanksgiving, or special milestones. For those who have died, it is an act of profound charity. The Church teaches that the fruits of the Mass can assist the faithful departed as they undergo purification before entering the fullness of heaven. In past generations, Catholics instinctively understood the importance of having Masses offered for loved ones. It was common to request Gregorian Masses, anniversary Masses, or Masses during the month of November. Today, however, this beautiful practice has quietly faded in many places. Fewer families think to request Mass intentions, and fewer speak openly about praying for the dead. Yet the need has not diminished. Lent is an ideal time to rediscover and revive this tradition. Having a Mass offered for a loved one—particularly one who has died—is a concrete way to entrust them to God’s mercy. It is also a way of uniting our own Lenten sacrifices to Christ’s perfect offering on the altar. If you have never arranged for a Mass intention, consider doing so this Lent. Let us bring back this faithful custom and teach the next generation the value of praying in this powerful way.

The Church has always encouraged prayer for the dead. We believe in the Communion of Saints—the spiritual bond that unites the Church on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven. This means our prayers truly matter. The souls in purgatory can no longer merit for themselves; they rely on the prayers and sacrifices of the faithful. In earlier times, families regularly prayed for deceased relatives at home, visited cemeteries more frequently, and offered sacrifices specifically for the holy souls. Today, in a culture that often avoids speaking about death or judgment, this spiritual work of mercy has become less visible and sometimes forgotten.

Lent offers us an opportunity to reclaim it. During this penitential season—when we are already called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—we can intentionally offer these practices for the souls in purgatory. Simple ways include: offering your daily Rosary for them; praying the Eternal Rest prayer regularly; making the Stations of the Cross for their benefit; offering small Lenten sacrifices for their consolation; and attending daily Mass with this intention. When we pray for the souls in purgatory, we participate in a profound act of love. We step outside ourselves and remember that our charity extends beyond the grave. And in doing so, we strengthen our awareness of eternal life and our hope in Christ’s promise.

Lent calls us not only to personal conversion but also to renewed fidelity to the rich traditions of our faith. Offering Mass intentions and praying for the faithful departed are not outdated customs—they are enduring expressions of Catholic belief in the power of the Eucharist and the Communion of Saints. Perhaps this is the Lent to bring these practices back into our parish and our homes. As we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter, may we deepen our devotion to the Holy Mass and renew our commitment to offering Mass Intentions and praying for the faithful departed. In doing so, we participate in Christ’s redeeming love and grow in holiness together.

–Deacon Marty Ryan

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BALANCE &amp; STRENGTH CLASS TO BE HELD AT HOLY FAMILY</b></p> <p>The Sacred Heart Balance and Strength class with Mary Jo Neumann will be held at Holy Family South Hall on Fridays, March 20/27 at 9:00 am.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUR DEARLY DEPARTED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>David B. Cohen, Ronald L. Fleischman &amp; Anthony (Tony) C. Pass, Jr.</b></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT TEENS TRIP TO CONFERENCE</b></p> <p>Support Holy Family high school students' trip to the Steubenville Conference in Joliet, Illinois this summer with our envelope fundraiser. Beginning March 21, select an envelope marked with various dollar amounts hanging from the bulletin boards in the Gathering Space. Place in it a donation of at least the dollar amount printed on the envelope and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you for your support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WIDOWS GROUP TO ATTEND GREASE MARCH 22</b></p> <p>The Widows Group will attend SMSA’s production of <i>Grease</i> on Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 pm at Horace Mann High School, NFDL. Tickets have already been purchased. After the show, the group plans to meet for dinner at a nearby restaurant. Upcoming Widows Group events include: April 14 - Spring planting at Haentze’s and dinner at Bob’s on the Avenue.</p>
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