

The Good News

March 21-22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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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Masses return to Sacred Heart Palm Sunday weekend

Sunday Masses will return to Sacred Heart Church the weekend of March 28-29. At that time, our weekend Mass schedule will become as follows:

- **Sacred Heart:** 4:00 pm Saturday, and 7:00 am in Spanish, 9:00 am & 11:00 am in English Sunday
- **St. Mary:** 7:15 am Sunday
- **Holy Family:** 4:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am & 10:00 am Sunday & 12:00 pm Sunday (Spanish)
- **St. Peter:** 4:00 pm Saturday & 8:30 am Sunday
- **Our Risen Savior:** 10:00 am Sunday
- **Presentation:** 10:00 am Sunday
- **Marian University:** 5:00 pm Sunday

Orientation for those serving at Sacred Heart March 28

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.

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>

Fr. Kevin Durand to offer last Lenten Priest Talk of season March 26

This Thursday, March 26, join Fr. Kevin Durand as he wraps up our Lenten Priest Talk Series at Holy Family Church from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. He will unpack how the Beatitudes show us God's plan for happiness with the book *Heart of the Gospel* by Sebastian Walshe, O. Praem. Fr. Durand will cover Chapters 9-10 (pages 137-168), but you do not need to have read the book to attend.

Easter Triduum & Easter Sunday schedule

As Holy Week approaches, we hope that you will join throughout the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday to mark this most holy time of year. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday - April 1

- 8:00 pm - Tenebrae Service at Our Risen Savior

Holy Thursday - April 2

- 7:00 pm - Bilingual Mass at Holy Family

Good Friday - April 3 - Good Friday Liturgies

- **Sacred Heart:** 12:00 & 6:00 pm
- **Holy Family:** 12:15 pm in English, 5:30 pm in Spanish
- **Presentation:** 3:00 pm
- **St. Peter:** 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday - April 4

- 12:00 pm - Food Blessing at Sacred Heart
- 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Bilingual Mass at Holy Family

Easter Sunday - April 5 - Masses

- **Sacred Heart:** 7:00 am (Spanish), 9:00 am & 11:00 am
- **St. Mary:** 7:15 am
- **Holy Family:** 8:00 am (no incense; livestream), 10:00 am & in Spanish at 12:00 pm
- **St. Peter:** 8:30 am
- **Our Risen Savior:** 10:00 am
- **Presentation:** 10:00 am

Christian Women to learn about Divine Mercy at meeting April 6

Please join the Christian Women meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 6 in the Holy Family North Hall. The meeting will begin with a presentation on Divine Mercy, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Deacon Marty (bring your rosary beads), the meeting, and dessert. All are welcome to join and learn the importance of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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.

Mass Intentions

- Elijah Sowin (Anniversary)
- Hildegard Schmechel

Sunday, March 29

SH (sp) 7:00 am: For the Intentions Written in the Prayer Book

SM 7:15 am: For the Living & Deceased of the Leo and Rosemary Kelley Family

HF 8:00 am: Kirk Wittkopp

SP 8:30 am: Merlin Mueller

SH 9:00 am: Jim Zehern, and Jim & Pat Moses

PBVM 10:00 am: Rev. Richard Clarence Breitbach

ORS 10:00 am: Caroline Kulkulski

HF 10:00 am: Joan Wendt

- Karen Klein
- Don Osborn & The Living & Deceased of the Osborn & Herr Families
- The Members of Catholic Financial Life
- Richard & Isabelle Schingen
- Norma Garcia
- Robert Ramstack

SH 11:00 am: James Hassett

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

MU 5:00 pm: For the Marian University Community

Monday, March 23

HF 7:00 am: Thomas & Mary Theisen

SM 12:00 pm: Rosemary O'Hearn

Tuesday, March 24

HF 7:00 am: Rev. Richard Clarence Breitbach

Wednesday, March 25

HF 7:00 am: Eleanor & Chuck Yaeger

MU 12:00 pm: Shirley Williams

HF 6:00 pm: Julie Carter

Thursday, March 26

HF 7:00 am: For the Intentions of Peggy Grader and Cheryl Freund

Friday, March 27

HF 7:00 am: Christine Makowski

SM 12:00 pm: Margarita Rodriguez, Blaz Rodriguez Sr., and Blaz Rodriguez Jr.

SM 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners

Saturday, March 28

HF 8:00 am: Christine Makowski

Sacred Heart (SH) 4:00 pm: For the Parishioners

SP 4:00 pm: The Living & Deceased of the Schmitz & Kohlmann Families

HF 4:00 pm: The Living & Deceased of the Kenneth & Agatha Loehr Family

- Bob Berens

A Letter from your Holy Family Deacon | Grief & Mourning

While often used interchangeably, grief and mourning are distinct processes. Grief is the internal, emotional, and psychological response to loss—what you feel on the inside. It can manifest as sadness, anger, confusion, or numbness.

Mourning, in contrast, is the outward, public expression of that grief. It is the process of adapting to life without a loved one.

Grieving is inevitable, but mourning is an active, necessary, and social process. Moving through grief requires allowing yourself to feel the emotions, while mourning requires finding ways to honor the deceased and express your loss to others.

Grief does not follow a straight, predictable path, despite popular references to the "five stages." Normal grieving is often described as "messy," occurring in waves that can feel overwhelming one day and manageable the next.

It is important to understand that there is no "correct" timeline for grief. While acute symptoms—such as sadness, loss of appetite, and trouble sleeping—often begin to ease after 6 to 12 months, the process of navigating a new reality can last much longer.

Instead of aiming to "get over" a loss, the goal of grief is to integrate the experience into your life, finding a way to maintain a bond with the person who died while moving forward.

When grief feels overwhelming, focusing on small, actionable steps can help. One approach is to follow the "Three Cs" of healing:

- **Choose:** Make intentional choices that aid your healing, such as eating nutritious food, accepting support, or taking a walk.
- **Connect:** Reach out to friends, family, or support groups. Isolation can deepen grief, so connecting with others who understand your pain is crucial.
- **Communicate:** Express your feelings. Whether through talking, writing, or art, giving voice to your grief prevents it from becoming repressed, which can lead to physical or emotional illness.

Grief is a testament to the love you had for someone; honoring that love by being gentle with yourself is the most important part of the journey.

—Deacon Dale R. Paczkowski

DONATE TO CELEBRATE HOLY FAMILY GALA SILENT AUCTION, BENEFIT PARISH MINISTRIES

As we prepare for our Celebrate Holy Family Gala, we're calling on our 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 at (920) 921-0580 ext. 202 or ethelen@hffdl.org.

ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT TEENS TRIP TO CONFERENCE

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.

BALANCE & STRENGTH CLASS TO BE HELD AT HOLY FAMILY

The Sacred Heart Balance and Strength class with Mary Jo Neumann will be held at Holy Family South Hall on Friday, March 27 at 9:00 am.

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:

Roseann Butz, Kathryn Heller & Patricia "Pat" A. Sullivan

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 from 6:00 pm Friday, April 24 to 1:00 pm 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 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. The weekend will consist of Mass, communal prayer, confession, individual prayer, Adoration, and Benediction. The cost of \$150 per person includes lodging, meals, etc. To register, visit hffdl.org/mens-ministry

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