

The Good News

March 7-8, 2026

Third 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 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 credit cards accepted. As of March 3, the following restaurants and groups are participating: Ala Roma Pizzeria & Pub, Avenue 795, A & W Restaurant, 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, Faro's 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, 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.

Faith & Family Night to include parent talk, Priest Q&A March 11

On Wednesday, March 11, bring the family to our Faith & Family Night at Sacred Heart School. The night will begin at 5:30 pm when the doors open for our potluck in the gym, with the meal starting at 5:45 pm. Please bring a dish to pass! From 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the 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 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 gym for kids in grades 1-12 during this time.

Fr. Behling to discuss God's plan for happiness at Lenten Priest Talk March 12

This Thursday, March 12, join Fr. Behling 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. Behling will cover Chapters 5-6 (pages 81-100), 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 at a later date.

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. For the celebration, as is tradition, 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.

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 on Monday, March 16 in Holy Family Hall. Bring a dish to pass if you wish. The St. Patrick's Rosary Guild is a social organization open to all Catholics with a mission to raise funds to support those in need. New members are always welcome. Please join us! RSVP by March 11 to Amy at (920) 979-3314 or Patti at (920) 251-7657.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 9

HF 7:00 am: Rose Schneider (Anniversary)

SM 12:00 pm: Roger Cheevers

Tuesday, March 10

HF 7:00 am: Sheila Radke

Wednesday, March 11

HF 7:00 am: Eternal Rest for Lenny Alt

MU 12:00 pm: For the Marian University Community

HF 6:00 pm: For the Parishioners

Thursday, March 12

HF 7:00 am: Ben, Norma, & John Ziemer

Friday, March 13

HF 7:00 am: In Memory of Joseph Fucik

SM 12:00 pm: Deborah Klauck

SM 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners

Saturday, March 14

HF 8:00 am: Fr. Max Tzul

SM 4:00 pm: Rick Robinson

SP 4:00 pm: The Living & Deceased of the Steffes & Laudolff Families

HF 4:00 pm: Nicholas Anderson

Sunday, March 15

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

SM 7:15 am: Josephine Drew

HF 8:00 am: Alysa & Ann Sadowski and Bob Pittler

SP 8:30 am: Joan M. Schneider

SM 9:00 am: Jean Krueger

- Don Mulder
- The Living & Deceased Members of the Jim and Claudia Zehren Family
- Rose Schneider

PBVM 10:00 am: In Memory of Alice Petrie

ORS 10:00 am: Caroline Kulkulski

HF 10:00 am: Clarence & Alexia Waldschmidt and Thomas & Beatrice Ford

- Genevieve & Raymond Hoepfner and Ben Hoepfner
- Lee White
- John Wilhelme
- Andrew Glaeser
- Arline Roeske
- Mary Began

SM 11:00 am: For the Parishioners

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

MU 5:00 pm: The Living & Deceased of Larry Michaels and Family

A Letter from your Holy Family Priest | The Importance of the Funeral Mass

The Church's care for her sons and daughters does not end when they take their last breath. Although those who have died are no longer capable of receiving the sacraments, the Church continues to beg the mercy of God for them in order that they may be delivered swiftly from purgatory and enter the blessed vision of God in heaven.

There is no more powerful way for the Church to invoke God's mercy for the dead than through the offering of the funeral Mass. And it is important to emphasize that the principal purpose of the funeral Mass is precisely to seek mercy for the deceased. It is necessary to give the bereaved a chance to grieve, and it is good to pray that God may console them in their sorrow. It is valuable to celebrate with joy and gratitude the beautiful moments in the life of the deceased. But the funeral Mass is not primarily about any of those things: it is a unique and irreplaceable opportunity to pray for the repose of the soul we have loved and lost. As I often say at funerals, there is no greater service which we can provide our deceased loved ones.

Unfortunately, today many Catholics are buried without the benefit of a funeral Mass. The special blessings which these ceremonies obtain from God for the deceased are therefore wanting, and presumably their souls' purgation is therefore lengthened. It is not an exaggeration to say that this omission is a tragedy and represents a real loss of supernatural perspective – indeed, a real loss of faith. We all must recommit ourselves to the Church's wise and traditional practice, making full use of the beautiful rites she gives us to aid our loved ones in the critical passage from death to eternal life. Let's pray for a renewed appreciation for and wider usage of these ceremonies so that all our brothers and sisters may be brought speedily to heavenly rest.

-Fr. Patrick Behling

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

For the next nine months, we encourage you to participate in a Spiritual Adoption. This is a prayer initiative to protect unborn children through intercessory prayer and to offer support for mothers facing challenging pregnancies. Prayer cards from our Respect Life Committee will be available in the back of church this weekend, March 7-8, for you to take and pray each day starting March 24 through December for a specific unknown baby at risk of abortion. If you have any questions, committee members are available to assist you.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER PROGRAM NOW OPEN FOR PARISHIONERS

Holy Family parishioners can now 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

MOM'S GROUP TAKES PLACE EVERY THURSDAY

All mom's and children are invited to join the Moms Group! Meeting on Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Holy Family South Hall, the Moms Group is an informal gathering where moms can enjoy fellowship and children can play together. You don't need to arrive right at 9:30. Come late and stay late.

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace:
Jerolyn A. Carter, Michael J. Halfmann, Gertrude Teofilo Laszewski, Joseph M. Schibline & Elizabeth C. Westemeier

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 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.

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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 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 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 by 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

WAY OF THE CROSS TO BE OFFERED ON FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT

Every Friday through March 27, 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.

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.

ATTEND FR. EDWARD SANCHEZ'S INSTALLATION MASS AS RECTOR OF THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Our former Holy Family priest, Fr. Edward Sanchez, invites all Holy Family parishioners to attend his Installation Mass as the Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Milwaukee at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 24. The Mass will take place at the cathedral, 812 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee. A light reception will follow.

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.

WINTER CASH DRAWING WINNERS

On Tuesday, February 17, we drew the winners of our Winter Cash Drawing. Your participation in the Cash Drawing helps to support our parish ministries and enables us to spread the Good News to our parish community and beyond. We are excited to announce that the winners of our 2026 Winter Cash Drawing are, in no particular order: Debra Heller, Laurie Koharchick, Susan Rickeit, Gerard Smith, and Elaine Wegner. Thank you for supporting our parish!