

The Good News

April 25-26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Family Catholic Community
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Holy Family: 4:00 pm
St. Peter: 4:00 pm
Sacred Heart: 4:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart: 7:00 am (Spanish) | 9:00 am
11:00 am
St. Mary: 7:15 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: 10:00 am
Marian University: 5:00 pm

Weekday

Monday, Friday | Sacred Heart: 12:00 pm
Monday - Friday | Holy Family: 7:00 am
Wednesday | Marian University: 12:00 pm
Wednesday | Sacred Heart: 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 Sacred Heart

Wednesday

11:15 to 11:45 am at Marian University
5:00 pm at Sacred Heart

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 Sacred Heart
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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A Message to our Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers

We thank all of our Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for their service to our parish. You have spoken, and Fr. Ryan has heard your concerns with scheduling. We have decided not to schedule Eucharistic Ministers or Ushers using Ministry Scheduler Pro, or MSP. Ushers will continue using their current methods of scheduling. Eucharistic Ministers will not be scheduled, but will continue to attend Mass, and take a ribbon if you intend to volunteer as Eucharistic Minister. We believe it is important to share opportunities, and encourage new volunteers in both ministries. If anyone is interested in volunteering but has not had the opportunity, please reach out to Valerie at the Parish Office at (920) 921-0580 ext. 302 as we would love for you to join.

St. Peter Altar & Rosary Society to discuss shoebox gifts April 27

Please join the St. Peter Altar Society for their spring meeting this Monday, April 27. They will begin the evening with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. Charmaine Jenkins will speak and discuss shoebox gifts for Christmas donations. This meeting is open to all parish members.

Respect Life Ministry to meet April 28

The Holy Family Respect Life Ministry will meet in Holy Family's St. Agnes Library this Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 pm. The Respect Life Ministry plans prayer and activities supporting the sanctity and protection of life, from conception to natural death. New members are welcome! We look forward to having you join us!

First Communion Masses next weekend

Next weekend, May 2-3, we will celebrate First Communion at the following Masses: 4:00 pm Holy Family and 4:00 pm Sacred Heart on Saturday, May 2, and 10:00 am and 12:00 pm at Holy Family on Sunday, May 3.

K of C Council 664 to sell Tootsie Rolls to benefit those with intellectual disabilities

The Fond du Lac Knights of Columbus Council 664 will distribute Tootsie Rolls for a donation at all Holy Family churches on Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3. Your donation helps support the Knight of Columbus's mission to help citizens in the Fond du Lac area with intellectual disabilities and special needs. No cash? No worries. Scan the QR Code and pay online. You can also visit kc664.org to pay online. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Christian Women to meet for Ice Cream Social, discuss donations

The Christian Women will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 4 in Holy Family North Hall. The meeting will include decisions regarding where the group will donate its money from this meeting year. They will enjoy an ice cream social after the meeting. All women are welcome to join.

Speaker Al McCauley to talk about Mary May 6

On Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, join speaker Al McCauley for his presentation "Mary - Our Most Gracious Advocate." Catholics have a deep love for, and devotion to, Mary, which is often misunderstood. By studying her presence in the Gospels—and through the lens of Catholic art—we can better understand Mary's role in salvation history and appreciate her advocacy on our behalf.

St. Charles Cemetery Meeting May 12, applications accepted for Treasurer/Trustee

St. Charles Cemetery will host their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 9:00 am in the Holy Family Board Room. All members are welcome to attend. Joe Schumacher's two-year term as Treasurer/Trustee of the cemetery is ending this spring. If you are interested in applying, please contact Ellen Kant at ellenk@hffdl.org to receive an application. Applications are due by April 30.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 27

HF 7:00 am: Dan & Jeanne Smith, Eternal Rest for Gene Novak & Karlene Smith

SH 12:00 pm: Larry Duford

Tuesday, April 28

HF 7:00 am: Harold Kraus

Wednesday, April 29

HF 7:00 am: Sheila Radke

MU 12:00 pm: Roger Bertram

HF 6:00 pm: For the Parishioners

Thursday, April 30

HF 7:00 am: Rick Volz

Friday, May 1

HF 7:00 am: The Living & Deceased of the Greg & Jayna Rhoades Family

SM 12:00 pm: The Living & Deceased of the Thomas & Alice Smith Family

SSM 12:00 pm: For the Parishioners

SM 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners

Saturday, May 2

HF 8:00 am:

- Albert Kraus (Anniversary)
- Living & Deceased of the Freund and Kraus Families

SH 4:00 pm: In Memory of Kathie Golla

SP 4:00 pm: Lois Davies

HF 4:00 pm:

- In memory of Douglas Doornek
- The Living & Deceased Members of the Paul & Edwina Schumacher Family
- Jim Soll
- Bill & Chris Buerger
- Ryan Foyt, Annie Foyt, Helen Schwartz, Greg & Jen Windmeyer, and Francis & Merytl Hall
- Kathleen Haley
- Joseph Pilon

Sunday, May 3

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

SM 7:15 am: The Living & Deceased of the Anne & Sigurd Petersen Family

HF 8:00 am: Gabriel Zimmer

SP 8:30 am: For the Parishioners

SH 9:00 am: Frank & Corine Semenas

PBVM 10:00 am: Les Stueber

ORS 10:00 am: For the Parishioners

HF 10:00 am:

- Cheyenne Welsch and Family
- Tom Seiler
- Larry Anderson
- Norma Garcia
- Andrew Glaeser
- Joan Shwed
- Glenn Crook

SH 11:00 am: The Living & Deceased Members of the Norbert & Margaret Schraufnagel Families

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

MU 5:00 pm: For Marian University Community

An Update on Our Priest Team

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This past February, I shared with you that Archbishop Grob had called Fr. Patrick Behling, Fr. Matthew Kirk, Fr. Kevin Tanel, and Fr. Fernando Torres to take on new assignments within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee beginning in June. We have learned that Fr. Behling will continue his ministry at Lumen Christi Parish in Mequon, Fr. Kirk at Saint John XXIII Parish in Port Washington, Fr. Tanel at Saint Alphonsus Parish in Greendale, and Fr. Torres at Corpus Christi Parish in Waukesha.

Although it will be difficult to see them leave our parish, let us be heartened by news from the Archdiocese that three new priests will join our parish in June as well. Effective June 16, we will welcome Fr. Craig Richter, and Transitional Deacon Alex Becker and Transitional Deacon Nick Waddell, who will both be ordained next month.

Fr. Richter was baptized at St. Dominic in Brookfield and grew up in Waukesha at St. John Neumann, attending with his mother, father, and two younger sisters. Through eighth grade, he attended Catholic schools before attending a public high school in Waukesha and the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities for college. At Minnesota, he studied business and then worked for five years in corporate business in Minneapolis and Kansas City before finally answering the Lord's call to the priesthood by entering seminary in 2018 at age 28. He had heard the call first when he was 16, again at age 24, and again at 26. On May 18, 2024, he was ordained with Fr. Durand and 7 other men—one of the largest ordination classes in the country. He served as an Associate Pastor at the Catholic Community in Central Racine, which includes eight churches.

He is fluent in Spanish (tiene fluidez en español), and enjoys spending time with his family, cooking, exercising, playing sports (football, basketball, golf, downhill skiing, water skiing), watching sports, hunting and fishing (always looking for new goose fields, squirrel woods, and other promising spots), and spending time outdoors. His favorite saints and blessed are Pope St. John Paul II (the Great), Blessed Stanley Rother, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

From Port Washington, Deacon Becker first developed his faith with his parents, brother, and sister. While attending UW-Madison, he felt as though he lost the faith he had as child, but found it reinvigorated at the St. Paul's Catholic Student Center where he had a reversion in his Catholic identity and faith. When he graduated from UW-Madison with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, he found himself drawn to becoming a missionary. While he had final interviews at Milwaukee Tool, Disney, and Ford, he decided to take a one-year internship at the center.

It was then he began discerning his vocation. After applying for internships with FOCUS and as a Walt Disney World Mechanical Engineer, Deacon Becker chose to begin his career at Disney in Orlando. During his time there, he grew in faith and prayer, and applied for a volunteer position as a Youth Minister at a local church. While in Adoration, he was overcome with a feeling of peace and welcome and realized it was time for him to discern his call to the Priesthood. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and golfing.

Deacon Waddell grew up in a Catholic family, attending Mass every Sunday and regularly praying the family Rosary. He attended Catholic school most of his life, which he credits with allowing him to grow in love of the Truth of the Catholic faith.

"At the heart of the Christian life is the encounter with a person – Jesus," he said. "After this encounter, everything changes and everything has meaning. When we feel lost, alone or afraid, we need only to return to Him to regain our peace."

While studying at the University of Mary, he fostered relationships which helped to strengthen his faith, and it was during his study abroad experience in Rome that he began to discern a call to the Priesthood. Although initially reluctant, the desire to become a priest emerged as he worked as a missionary in New York and he followed Christ's call. In his free time, he enjoys reading and spending time with friends as well as being outdoors.

During this time of transition, we ask that you keep all of our priests in your prayers as they prepare for their new assignments both here and at other parishes in the Archdiocese. Please also pray for Deacon Becker and Deacon Waddell as they approach their ordination.

Mark your calendars for our Farewell Mass and Reception for Fr. Behling, Fr. Torres, Fr. Tanel, and Fr. Kirk at 4:00 pm Mass at Holy Family on Saturday, June 6. We will welcome Fr. Richter, Deacon Becker, and Deacon Waddell at our Welcome Mass and Reception at 4:00 pm at Holy Family on Saturday, June 20.

If you would like to send our incoming priests a message of welcome, you can do so at the following addresses:

Fr. Richter: frichter@hffdl.org | Deacon Becker: frbecker@hffdl.org | Deacon Waddell: frwaddell@hffdl.org

May God bless you and your loved ones.

In Christ,



Very Rev. Ryan J Pruess

Pastor | Holy Family Catholic Community

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration is now open for our Faith Formation Summer Program! Running June 8-19 at Sacred Heart School, this program invites public school students currently 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 is offered as either an AM session (8:30 to 11:30 am) or PM session (12:30 to 3:30 pm). To register, please visit [hffdl.org/cf](https://www.hffdl.org/cf).

PREPARE FOR AND SCHEDULE A BAPTISM

If you are expecting to bring new life into the world in the next six months you are probably thinking about baptism. If this is your first child, plan ahead to sign up and attend a Sacrament of Baptism preparation class. Sessions are typically scheduled on the first Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm at Holy Family, 271 Fourth Street Way. Meeting with a priest team member is also required. Whether you are expecting your first or your fifth child, requests to schedule a baptism are made through our online registration form. To sign up for a class or schedule a baptism go to our website <https://www.hffdl.org/baptism/>.



Easter Remembrances



As of April 22, donations towards Easter flowers have been received in memory or honor of:

Gene Abler	James Duley	David D. King	Marvin and Margaret	Charles Steffes Family
Arthur & Adeline Aigner	James P. Juley	John B. King	O'Malley	Mark Stephany
Kathleen Aigner	John & Mary Duley	Grace King	Mark O'Malley Family	Richard & Valeria Stephany
Thomas Alfuth	Marie Duley	Don Klein	Barb Oster	Sandra Stephany
Shirley Alfuth	Thomas Duley	Donald Kohlman	Kollmorgan and Ozols	Theresa Sternitzky
TJ Alfuth	Tim Duley	Andy and Joan Kohlmann	Family	Robert & Mae Strebe
Jacob Anderson	Vernon Duley	Deceased Members of	Frank Pagel Family	Roy & Elsie Strebe
Steve Anderson	Dan Entringer	Kohlmann/Anderson	Patricia Pagel	Mark Stephany
Charline Andrews	Zeno & Carol Entringer	Family	Edward and Betty	Theresa Sternitzky
Stan and Art Arpke	Fr. Ryan Erickson	Leo & Sylvia Kohlmann	Patterson	Darold Stueber
Willilam Balthazor	Travis Erickson	Lorrie Kohlmann	Harvey Petrie	Josh Stueber
Ida Balthzor	Marie Fernandes Murphy	Ed & Elsie Kraemer	Robert Pflum & Schmitt	Wm. Stueber
Milo & Catherine Baltz	David Feyen	Andrew J Kraus	Families	Stuart Stull
Melissa Barnes	Darwin & Cecilia Fisher	Samuel S Kraus	Elliot Pickett	Milan & Gertrud Svacha
Melissa Joy Barnes	Dick Flood	Joel Kroll	Helen & Searl Pickett	Janet Switlick
Richard and Joan Becker	Ann Marie Flood	Ken Krueger	Joseph and Elaine Pilon	Ray and Louise Tessner
James Becker	The Living & the Deceased	Theresa Kulibert	James Pisczor	Herman & Clarice Theisen
Bruce Becker	of the Flores Family &	Jane and Lester R. Krug	Joseph & Helen Pisczor	John Thorton
Elly Becker	Stoegbauer Family	Walter & Betty Kubatzki	Gloria and Louis Possehl	Jack Thuerwachter
Virginia & Ray Behnke	Barbara and Frank Focht	John and Elizabeth Kulow	Joseph Possehl	Lester and Katherine
In Memory of Rosemary	William Focht	James and Loretta Kuechler	George Preissner	Thuerwachter
Berchem	John and Jean Fowler	Beverly Kuechler	In Memory of Courtney	Pat and Esther Tighe
Joan Berens	Michelle Rose Fox	Clark, Elaine & Steven	Quackenboss	Froan F. Tobin
Stephen Beres Jr.	Joe and Rose Mary Francis	Kuether	Larry Randall	John N. "Toby" Tobin
Henry and Julitta	Tina and John Franken	Evelyn and Herman Lauber	Allan Ransom Jr	Beth Trent Vossekuil
Bertram	Marlene Freville	Joan Lauby	Jenna Razner	Elizabeth "Betty" Trent
Eunice & Clayton Bethke	ML Friedel and Family	Willian and Delia Lauby	Deceased Members of the	Terry Trent
Bob Bevens	Don Fritz Family	Lawrence and Lena LaFore	Dave Razner Family	Robert Turinski
Raymond and Frances	Thomas and Beatrice Ford	Frank and Julia Lamb	Zoe Reader	Mary Twohig
Bevens	Charles Schwartz Family	Janet Lamb	The Ready Family	Donald J Uelmen
Timmy Berens	Virginia Gaertig	Melvin and Margaret Lamb	Frank & Jeanette Reinke	Jerry Van Deraa
John, Alford, Julie &	A. Michael Gannon	George E. Lang	Mary Lee Reske	Harrison and Leatrice Vande
Norman Bertram	Sarah C. Gannon	Catherine Lang	Larry Reske	Streek
LeRoy Bierne	Norma García	Robert H. Lang	George and Beverly	John J. Wagner
Bill Binner	Del Gieschen	Tony & Rita Lanser	Rhoades Sr.	Alfred & Regina Wagner
Connie Bisson	Sigurd and Dena Gieschen	Ernie & Agnes Laudolff	Gregory Rhoades	Clarence and Alexia
Johnny Blatz	Carl and Evie Giese	Eleanor Lemke	Ryan and Gregory Rhoades	Waldshmidt
John Boeck	Dennis Giese	Donald Lemke	Ryan Rhoades	James G Waldschmidt
Jeffery Bollman	Ray, Millie and Dave Giese	Dolores Lepinski	Wayne Ristau	Helen Warowski
David Boulay Jr.	Ronald Giese	Edward Lepinski	Paul & Marlene Rodenkirch	Walter Warowski
David & Genevieve	Daniel Gilgenbach	Dick Lepinski	Fr. Joseph Rohling	John, Jim, Mae & Art Wellens
Boulay	Leone & Al Gloede	Clarence & Lillian Luby	Donald and Marian Riese	Clarence and Doreen Werner
Gary Bovee	Marjorie Goldapske	Don Luby	Julie Riese	Dia Warren
Raymond Borzick &	Leonard Goldapske	Marie Luby McCroy	George & Kathryn Roy	Kenneth Warren
CeLe Borzick Buelow	Thomas Gratton	Adam Machajewski	Paul Ruedinger	Linda Warren
Clayton and Sophie	Adrian Gratton	Leonard Machajewski	Delbert Sabel	Pamela Warren
Breister	Dolores (Gratton) Gannon	Edna Manqan	Wayne Sabel	Shirley Warren
Robert Breister	Clarence & Helen Gruse	Pat & Howard Majerus	Don Sabel	Walter Warren
John Broennimann	Rose & Vern Haberkamp	Clarence Martin	Ben Santori	Howard & Bette Wegner
Robert Buday	Living and Deceased of the	Alois and Florance Martin	Megan Sager	Diane Wenzel
Kenny & Todd Buetow	Stubbe/Halfman Family	Jim Marcoe	Ann and Alysa Sadowski	Lee White
Kennedy Burgess	Gerald Haddy	Ralph & Dorothy Matteson	John and Jay Sanders	Christine Wierzchewski
Alma Burkhardt	Jean Halfman	Irene McArthur	Fr. Daniel Schaefer	Sharon Wilhelms
Gustave Burkhardt	Richard and Alice Halter	Mackenzie McArthur	Coerber/Schmidt Families	Tom Wilhelms
Donald and June Burns	James Hamburgur	Mitchel McArthur	Edgar and Marie Schmitz	Sally Williams
Father Vic Capriolo	Arthur & Dorothy	Alphonse, Kathleen and	Harold and Catherine	Rudolph & Alice Wirtz
Bernie Casper	Hausinger	JoAnn Meixensperger	Schneider	Alex & Jean Wisocki
Lee and Esther Casetta	Clem and Agnes Hermanns	Jerry Medina, Jr.	Rose and Kristin Schneider	Lucille Wolfe
Antonio Castañeda	The Hinn & Sage Families	Menne Family	Victor and Frances Schneider	World Peace
Domingo Castañeda	Ray & Gen-o Hoepfner	Phil and Betty Mentzer	Kevin Michael Schnider	Andrew Wondra
Paul Cerny	Mary Hoffmann	Benjamin and Catherine	Roman Schneider	Rick Zabel
Fr. Joseph Coerber	Jackie Holmes	Merkel	Terry Schneider	Dick & Dee Zakos
Wilbert Cluppert	Bill Hoover	Tom Mentzer	James and Joyce	Jim Zangl
In Memory of Marilyn	Leo & Doris Huck	Betty Meyer	Schoenberger	Ray & Leone Zangl
and Donald Dobrinski	Lester Franklin Huck	Don Meyer	Charles Schwartz Family	George and Mabel Zasada
Margaret Daniels	Lester & Isabelle Huck	Reneé Meyer	Dale G Schob	Jim "Z" Zehren
Omar Dee	Jean Ann Huiras	Harry Michalek	Mark Schob	Nevins Zoch
Bill DeGuire	Randy Jahn	Marie Michalek	Roberta Schob	
Bob DeGuire	Bill & Loretta Jung	Shirley Michels	Gerald Schumacker	
The Members of the	The Edgar Kahlow Family	Larry Michaels and Family	Jeanne Secor	
Deksnis Family	Henery & Margaret Kaiser	Vernice and Guy Michaels	Leo & Eileen Shea	
David Develice	Steven, Carol, Sue & De	Ai-Lien Katherine Milner	Tim Shea	
Merrill & Millie Develice	Kaiser	Leonard Miller Family	Edward and Edna Sheridan	
Raymond, Joe, Stanley &	Immanuel and Monica	Howard Miller	John and Gertrude Sheridan	
David Develice	Kaiser	Ted Miller	Mary Silah	
Wendy Dietze	In honor of the Edgar	Mary & Rusty Mooring	Robert and Irene Smet	
May and Leon Dolan	Kahlow Family	Don Mulder	Thomas, Gilbert and Jean	
Mark Dreifuerst	Dean and LaVere Kammer	August and Mary Musso	Smet	
Rodger and Katie Drew	John & Shirley Karl	Joe and Gene Nelson	Mary Smith	
Jack & Cindy Duel	Jean & Fritz Karls	Violet & Edward Nelson	Leo and Evelyn Soll	
Joe Duel	Margaret Kelly	Clemens & Ellen Rose Nett	Neal and Betty Soll	
Mary Duel	Frank & Margaret Kelly	Jack & Ann Nett	Jim Soll	
Roy & Doris Duel	Mary Kern	James Nett	John F Sperbeck	
Carl & Agnes Duley	Tony Kern	Bill and Catharine Nuss	Margaret Sperbeck	
David J. Duley	Ray and Marion Ketter		Norma Stahl	

Every effort has been made to ensure that this list is complete and accurate. We apologize for any errors or omissions.