

The Good News

May 2-3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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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Adoration to move from Presentation to Sacred Heart beginning May 3

Our Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel will reopen this Sunday, May 3 following the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart. We invite everyone to experience the peace of Adoration in the chapel, which will be open from 4:00 am to 10:00 pm each day, except during Masses. To learn more, please visit hffdl.org/adoration.

Help us provide meals to children, families with Summer Bites program

This summer, we will help to feed children, families, and other individuals in need of a meal through our Summer Bites lunch program. Every Tuesday, from June 9 to August 18, Holy Family will provide hundreds of meals to be distributed at several locations throughout the city. The goal of the program is to reach all who are in need of food, particularly children and families who rely on school meals, by offering free bag lunches at every corner of our community. To provide these meals, we need your help! Over the next few weeks, we will collect donations of specific items to pack lunches. We will collect the following items on the listed weekends at the Parish Office:

- **May 2-3:** Single-serve granola bars, cookies, Graham crackers, and fruit snacks
- **May 9-10:** Brown bags and Ziploc sandwich-size bags, and jars of peanut butter and jelly
- **May 16-17:** Single-serve chips and crackers
- **May 23-24:** Fruit cups, applesauce cups, and boxes of raisins
- **May 30-31:** 8 oz. bottles of water and juice boxes

Christian Women to meet for Ice Cream Social, discuss donations May 4

The Christian Women will meet at 6:00 pm this 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.

Registration for Vacation Bible School to open this Tuesday, May 5

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, Holy Family's one-week Bible Camp, coming up August 3-7. Kids entering 4K-6 grade this fall get to join in an adventure of strength and heroic courage at "Hero Central: Where all our Heroes are Saints." Kids going into grades 7-12 and adults are invited to join in the fun as volunteers! Registration and volunteer sign-up opens this Tuesday at hffdl.org/cf.

Speaker Al McCauley to talk about Mary May 6

This 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.

Fr. Edward Sippel Scholarship applications due May 8

In honor of Fr. Edward Sippel, the parish (with support from the St. Patrick Rosary Guild) will award two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school students who, along with their parent(s), have been registered members of the parish for at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship. Students must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation to be eligible to apply. Students must have successfully completed high school in the spring of 2026 and be entering their first year of continuing education at either an accredited university/college or technical college. Application and materials are due by this Friday, May 8, 2026. To learn more, please visit hffdl.org/scholarship.

Fond du Lac Chapter of WI Right to Life Mother's Day Roses for LIFE Campaign May 9-10

Mother's Day Roses for Life Campaign will be held at all Holy Family churches on Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10. Your donation helps the Fond du Lac Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life continue to educate and raise awareness for the sanctity of Life.

St. Charles Cemetery Meeting May 12

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.

Widows Group to travel to Holy Hill May 12

The Widows Group will pilgrimage to Holy Hill on May 12. They will enjoy lunch at Culver's and a tour of St. John the Evangelist from Fr. Edward Sanchez. Seats are still available! The cost of bus trip TBD (possibly \$10) is to be paid on May 12.

- June 5: Dock Spiders game at 6:35 pm. The Widows Group is joining Holy Family's night. If still interested in the rooftop ticket, please contact the Parish Office by May 15.
- July 13: Picnic with games and ice cream.

No Confession offered May 16

As our Holy Family Priests travel to Milwaukee to celebrate the ordination of our Archdiocese of Milwaukee's newest priests, we will not offer Confession on Saturday, May 16 following the 8:00 am Mass at Holy Family. Thank you for your understanding.

Support Holy Family Warming Shelter at Dock Spiders Game on Friday, June 5

Make a double play of your night when you watch the Fond du Lac Dock Spiders take on the Green Bay Rockers and support the Holy Family Warming Shelter at the Dock Spiders' Faith & Family Night on Friday, June 5! The game begins at 6:35 pm. That night Warming Shelter staff and volunteers will be at Herr-Baker Field, 980 E. Division St., sharing information about the shelter and how to get involved. They will also host a 50/50 raffle with proceeds benefiting the Warming Shelter. Bring the whole family to enjoy a game of baseball and stay after for a fireworks show! Tickets are now available! For an all-you-can-eat experience, join us on the Rooftop Dockyard. Tickets are \$33 each and include admission, food, and two drinks. To purchase this ticket, please contact Director of Human Concerns Erin Cobb at ecobb@hffdl.org by Friday, May 15. For all other tickets, please visit hffdl.org/event/wsdockspiders26 and if prompted, use the promo code Holy26.

Changes coming to Presentation's Mass time

Beginning the weekend of May 30/31, our Sunday Mass at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church will be offered at 10:30 am rather than 10:00 am in order to give our priests more time to get between churches. We thank you for your flexibility and patience.

April 27, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to journey together through this Easter season, I want to take a moment to speak with you about some recent changes in our celebration of the Holy Mass. In particular, I wish to address our use of Latin, the continued singing of the Gloria in Latin throughout the Easter season, the increased use of incense during our liturgies, and what we can expect after Easter.

Many of you have noticed these changes, and for some it may feel new or unfamiliar. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from most of the parish, and we are grateful for the openness and charity so many of you have shown. At the same time, we understand that any change in the way we worship can raise questions, and I want to offer a clear explanation of why we have made these decisions.

The use of Latin in the Mass, especially for the parts that are sung (such as the Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and responses), is not a rejection of the vernacular, but rather a faithful embrace of the rich liturgical tradition of the Roman Rite. Latin is the historic language of the Church in the West. It unites us with Catholics across time and across the world, reminding us that the Mass is not merely a local gathering but the timeless worship of the universal Church.

Our decision to continue using the Latin Gloria throughout the entire Easter season flows from the joyful and solemn character of these fifty days. The Gloria is a hymn of praise that bursts forth with the joy we all experience at the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Singing it in the Church's own language allows the beauty and mystery of the text to shine more clearly, inviting us to lift our hearts and minds to God in a way that transcends everyday speech. It helps us enter more deeply into the sacred reality we celebrate.

This practice is also very much in keeping with the vision of the Second Vatican Council. In *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Council Fathers explicitly stated that “the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites” (SC 36). While the Council permitted the expanded use of the vernacular for the readings and certain prayers so that the faithful might “understand them more easily,” it never intended for Latin to disappear from the liturgy. On the contrary, the Council desired that the faithful be able to sing the ordinary parts of the Mass in Latin, especially the Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei (SC 54). By reintroducing these elements, we are not turning back the clock — we are recovering a balanced vision of liturgical renewal that the Council itself called for.

We have also increased the use of incense at Mass. This ancient practice is deeply rooted in our Catholic tradition and carries profound spiritual meaning. From the Old Testament, where God commanded the use of incense in worship, to the Book of Revelation, where the prayers of the saints rise before God as incense, this sacramental has always symbolized our prayers ascending to the throne of the Almighty (see Psalm 141:2 and Revelation 8:3-4). The fragrance purifies and sanctifies, veils the sacred in mystery, and fills the church with a sense of awe and solemnity. It engages our senses, reminding us that the Mass is heaven on earth — a transcendent encounter with the living God. Incense honors the altar, the Gospel, the gifts, and the people of God, signifying that our offerings and our very lives are being offered up to the Lord.

Like the use of Latin, the generous use of incense aligns with the Council's desire for a liturgy that speaks to the whole person through sacred signs perceptible to the senses. It adds beauty and reverence without diminishing the intelligibility of the rites.

We know that for many of you, especially those who grew up after the Council, hearing and singing Latin or experiencing more incense may feel unfamiliar at first. That is understandable. Yet we have seen how quickly many parishioners, young and old alike, have begun to embrace it. The young families in our parish have been particularly supportive, recognizing the beauty and spiritual depth these traditions bring to our worship. Their enthusiasm has been a great encouragement to all of us.

A note about what comes next: After the Easter season concludes, we will return to singing the Gloria in the vernacular during most Sundays. However, the Latin Gloria (and other Latin elements) will return on occasion throughout the year, especially on solemnities and special feasts. I encourage all of you to continue studying and familiarizing yourselves with the Latin text and melody even after Easter. Let this be an opportunity for us to challenge ourselves as Catholics — to grow in our knowledge of the Church and the language the Church has used for centuries in her worship. Small steps in learning these sacred texts will deepen our participation and help us appreciate the full richness of our liturgical heritage.

My hope is that we will all approach these changes with open hearts and a desire to grow as Catholics. Active participation in the liturgy does not mean that every word must be immediately familiar or that every element must feel routine. True participation is first and foremost interior — it is the offering of our minds, hearts, and voices to God. Learning to sing the Gloria in Latin, uniting our hearts with its ancient melody, or simply allowing the rising incense to lift our prayers can draw us into a deeper silence and awe before the mystery of the Eucharist.

I invite each of you to lean into this opportunity. Take time to reflect on the words of the Gloria. Consider learning the simple Latin responses and chants we are using. Allow the beauty of the Church's tradition — including the fragrant clouds of incense — to form you and your family more deeply in the faith. Changes like this are not ends in themselves; they are means by which we seek to worship God more worthily and to pass on to the next generation the full treasures of our Catholic heritage.

Thank you for your continued love for the Church and for our amazing parish. I am confident that as we grow together in fidelity to the Church's liturgical tradition, our worship will bear abundant fruit in our spiritual lives.

If you have questions or would like resources to help you learn the Latin texts and melodies, or to understand the symbolism of incense more deeply, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the priests. We are happy to walk with you.

Wishing you a continued joyful Eastertide,

In Christ,



Very Rev. Ryan J Pruess

Pastor | Holy Family Catholic Community

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 4

HF 7:00 am: Vincent & Monica Haessly

SH 12:00 pm: Roger Cheevers

Tuesday, May 5

HF 7:00 am: All Holy Family Priests and Deacons

Wednesday, May 6

HF 7:00 am: Dan Entringer (Anniversary)

MU 12:00 pm: Mark Anders (Anniversary)

SH 6:00 pm: The Living & Deceased of the Anne & Sigurd Petersen Family

Thursday, May 7

HF 7:00 am: Sally Williams (Anniversary)

Friday, May 8

HF 7:00 am: Rosemary O'Hearn

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

SM 7:00 pm: For the Parishioners

Saturday, May 9

HF 8:00 am:

- Maggie & Pat Rose and Family
- Philip Gutter, Megan Haak, and Mark Haak

SH 4:00 pm:

- Eileen Shea & Clarice Theisen
- Tim Duley
- Patricia Culver and Lorraine Reinhold

SP 4:00 pm:

- John, Norm, and Roger Bertram
- The Living & Deceased of the Halfmann & Freund Families
- The Living & Deceased of the Steffes & Laudolff Families
- Lois Davies
- Margaret Buechel, Delores Petrie, Dorrie Ford, Theresa Wagner, Elizabeth Kraus, Agnes Buechel, Katherine Steffes, and Elizabeth Petrie
- Kathy Bertram & Vern Leese

HF 4:00 pm:

- Jim Soll
- Roseann Butz
- Dennis Dudzinski (Anniversary)

Sunday, May 10

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

SM 7:15 am: For the Parishioners

HF 8:00 am:

- Ann McNamara
- Mae Strebe and Marilyn Razner
- Alys Sadowski (Anniversary), Ann Sadowski, and Bob Pittler
- Betty Trent
- Dennis Bartoli
- Tess Hochrein (Anniversary)
- Catharine Schneider (Anniversary) and The Living & Deceased of the Harold & Catharine Schneider Family

Sunday, May 10

SP 8:30 am:

- Joan M. Schneider
- Margaret Stewart
- Paul Rieder
- Julitta Bertram
- Shirley Steffes & Kathy Lind
- Irene Mand and Sandy Gessel
- The Living & Deceased Members of the St. Peter Altar & Rosary Society

SH 9:00 am:

- Betty Patterson
- Don Mulder (Anniversary)
- Joan Wagner
- Jerry Fox (Anniversary)
- Donna Tagliapietra
- Mary Began
- Joel Kroll

PBVM 10:00 am:

- Living and Deceased Members of the David & Linda Greene Family
- In Memory of Alice Petrie

ORS 10:00 am:

- Dorothy Gladys & Nicholas Jaber
- Helen Heimerl

HF 10:00 am:

- The Living & Deceased the of Drew, Blacker, and Giambone Families
- The Living & Deceased of the Osborn & Herr Families
- Joann Stratz
- Susan Collien
- Merrie Twohig
- Karen Courtney
- Pat & Carol Crowley, Sr. Jovita Winkel and Peter Winkel, and the Living & Deceased of the Crowley & Mertens Families

SH 11:00 am:

- Joe Perrizo
- Infants Vincent Edward Dana, David James Dana, and Margaret Beth Geelan
- Rosemary O'Conner and Erna Baierl
- The Living & Deceased Members of the Jim & Claudia Zehren Family
- Terri Kulibert & Regina Selden
- Neal Schwantes

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

MU 5:00 pm: Julie Carter

FDL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO OFFER VACCINE CLINIC JUNE 7

The Fond du Lac County Health Department will offer a vaccine clinic following the 12:00 pm Spanish Mass at Holy Family Church on Sunday, June 7. From 1:00 to 3:00 pm, adults ages 19 and older who do not have health insurance can receive vaccines like Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, HPV, Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), Polio, Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap), and Varicella (Chickenpox). No appointment is required and a Spanish interpreter will be available onsite. For any questions, contact the Fond du Lac County Health Department at (920) 929-3085. For more information on immunizations, please visit fdlco.wi.gov.

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HOLY FAMILY SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH TRUSTEE

We are accepting nominations for one of our Parish Trustee positions. Trustees serve the parish as advisors, overseers, and councilors, entrusted with assisting the pastor in caring for the corporate well-being of the parish. The parish has two trustees that serve the parish and are elected to two-year terms (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2028). Any registered member of Holy Family who is a practicing Catholic and over the age of 25 is eligible to be a nominee for parish trustee. Nominees must submit a written nomination form, signed by at least 10 parish members, to the Parish Office no later than noon on Friday, May 29 to be included in the trustee election. To receive a nomination form, please visit the Parish Office or hffdl.org/trustee.

SAINT AGNES'S INSPIRATIONAL LENDING LIBRARY AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Come to the Saint Agnes's Inspiration Lending Library, located off the Parish Office lobby, and check out our resources which include books, movies, CDs, prayer cards, and more. The resources have been donated and are free to use. If a book or other resource is of interest, you are encouraged take it with you and use it to help your faith grow. Please keep the resource as long as it is useful to you and then return it to help another along their faith journey. The library is available whenever the church/office is open and there are no meetings in the library.