The Good News

November 28-29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent

Holy Family Catholic Community
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
Holy Family: 4:00 pm (incense-free)
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: 10:30 am
Marian University: 5:00 pm (incense-free)

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
Thursday | 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 to 5:45 pm at Sacred Heart

Thursday
6:00 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
11:15-11:45 am at Holy Family

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Updates to the Christmas Day Mass schedule

In last weekend's edition of The Good News, we shared the wrong Mass times for Christmas Day. The Mass times are as follows: **St. Mary -** 8:00 am: **St. Peter** - 8:00 am; **Holy Family** - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and in Spanish at 12:00 pm; **Sacred Heart** - 9:00 am; **Our Risen Savior** - 10:00 am; and **Presentation:** 10:30 am. We apologize for the inconvenience. To see the full Christmas Mass schedule, please visit hffdl.org/christmas.

Advent Giving Tree to support FDL area schools Care Closets

Help us to care for local students by purchasing items from our Advent Giving Tree! Donations will benefit the Care Closets of our Fond du Lac area schools, which provide students in need clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items, so they do not have to go without and feel different than their peers. Tags found on our trees at each church list items needed by students by age group. The trees also have dollar tags, which will be used by Holy Family Youth Group students to purchase gifts for the Fondy Closet, which benefits their peers at Fond du Lac High School. All items must be returned to the churches by next Sunday, December 6. Thank you.

Widows Group to host Advent Service this Tuesday, December 1

The Holy Family Widows Group will host its Advent Service with Mass this Tuesday, December 1. The day will begin at 10:00 am with Mass around 11:00 am and lunch at noon. More information will be provided to members via email.

Advent Priest Talk Series to return this Thursday, December 3

This Advent season, prepare your heart for the birth of Christ with Holy Family Catholic Community's Advent Priest Talk Series "Faith, Hope, and Charity." Join our Holy Family Priest Team to learn how you can celebrate Advent and live out the virtues of faith, hope, and charity. Talks will take place on Thursdays, December 3 to 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Holy Family Church. Fr. Alex Becker will lead the first talk on faith on December 3. Please note: Talks will be recorded and posted online at hffdl.org/talks at a later date.

12 Hours of Reconciliation this Friday, December 4

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, priests from throughout the Fond du Lac and Sheboygan area will offer 12 Hours of Reconciliation from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Friday, December 4 at Holy Family Church, 271 Fourth Street Way. If you would like to volunteer to assist at our 12 Hours, please visit hffdl.org/event/12-hours-2026

Rorate Caeli Mass Saturday, December 5, no 8:00 am Mass that day

We will honor the Blessed Mother at Holy Family's Rorate Caeli Mass at 6:30 am on Saturday, December 5 at Holy Family Church. Celebrated first in the Middle Ages, the candlelit Rorate Caeli Mass is an Advent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass will include incense. Confession and the Rosary will follow. Please note: The 8:00 am Mass will not take place that day.

St. Patrick's Rosary Guild to host Christmas luncheon

Celebrate the season of Christmas at the St. Patrick's Rosary Guild luncheon at 12:00 pm on Saturday, December 5 in the Holy Family North Hall. The cost is $10. We will collect donations of baby supplies for Charis Pregnancy Help Center or toiletries, socks, underwear, snacks, etc., for the Warming Shelter. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Joanie at (920) 238-7560.

St. Nicholas Day Fellowship December 6 at Our Risen Savior

Enjoy pie, fellowship, and a visit from St. Nicholas at our social in honor of Saint Nicholas's Feast Day on Sunday, December 6 following the 10:00 am Mass at Our Risen Savior in the church basement. During his visit, St. Nicholas will talk with children.

Christmas Choir Lessons & Carols event December 6

Choirs and musicians from throughout our parish will come together to sing in celebration of our Lord, Jesus Christ's birth, and share lessons from the season at our Holy Family Lessons and Carols Concert at 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 6 at Holy Family Church. The program is free to attend, but a freewill offering will be taken. Join us for this joyous event featuring our talented parishioners!

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30
HF 7:00 am: Jodi Lynn Will
SH 12:00 pm: The Anton Andrew Family
Tuesday, December 1
HF 7:00 am: Dorothy Lamers
Wednesday, December 2
HF 7:00 am: The Living & Deceased of the Greg & Jayna Rhoades Family
MU 12:00 pm: Prayers for A.M., J.K., K.K., C.M., J.S., H.F. and L.S.
SH 6:00 pm: Michael Lackas
Thursday, December 3
HF 7:00 am: For the Intentions of Ann Streblow, Chris Rach & Mary Carol Zunker
SM 7:00 pm (Spanish): For the Intentions Written in the Prayer Book
Friday, December 4
HF 7:00 am: Betty Patterson (Anniversary)
SH 12:00 pm: Jane Wehrenberg (Anniversary)
SSM 12:00 pm: Prayers for A.M., J.K., K.K., C.M., J.S., H.F. and L.S.
Saturday, December 5
HF 6:30 am: The Michael Anthony Klapperich Family
SH 4:00 pm: Mark Steffen
SP 4:00 pm: Joe Thome
HF 4:00 pm: Robin Schuster
Sunday, December 6
SH (SP) 7:00 am: For the Intentions Written in the Prayer Book
SM 7:15 am: Jodi Lynn Will
HF 8:00 am:
- David Feyen (Anniversary)
- Sheila & Scott Radke
- James & Diane Feiten
- Dennis Jozwiak & Living and Deceased Members of the Robert & Virginia Rabe Family

SP 8:30 am: Henry Bertram
SH 9:00 am:
- Nicholas Jaber
- The Living & Deceased of the Lucille & Warren Francis Families and Josephine & George Weston Families
- Katie Oster

ORS 10:00 am: The John Towne and David Snider Families
HF 10:00 am:
- The Soul of Mary McCarthy
- Tom Seiler
- Joan Shwed
- Bernadette Rosenbaum
- Nancy Schmitz
- Joyce Gross
- Glen Crook

PBVM 10:30 am: Janice King
SH 11:00 am: The Living & Deceased Members of the Norbert & Margaret Schraufnagel family
HF (SP) 12:00 pm: For the Parishioners
MU 5:00 pm: For the Parishioners

ST. PETER ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY TO HOST CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 7, RESERVATIONS DUE DECEMBER 2

The St. Peter Altar and Rosary Society will host their Christmas Party on Monday, December 7 at Sunset on the Water, N7364 Winnebago Dr., Fond du Lac, at 5:30 pm**.** The party will feature a mini menu. You can sign up using the sign-up sheet at St. Peter or by calling Mary Kelm at (920) 922-2263 by December 2. They will collect items for the Beacon House, including paper towels and toilet paper, and Blandine House, including hand lotion, deodorant for men, warm hats and mittens for men, socks size 9-12, dish soap, and laundry detergent. No toothbrushes or toothpaste please.

SMSA CHRISTMAS CARD SALE DECEMBER 5-6 TO BENEFIT STUDENT WITH CANCER

The weekend of December 5-6 at all of our parish churches, St. Mary's Springs Academy students will sell handmade Christmas cards for $2 each to benefit the Adriel Salas-Jensen family. Adriel is 6 years old and in 1st grade at SMSA. He was recently diagnosed with b-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia which is a blood and bone marrow cancer. Adriel travels to Milwaukee twice a week for testing and chemotherapy, and his treatment plan is two years long. SMSA students in grades 4-8 have created unique and original Christmas cards to support Adriel's family at this time.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASSES DECEMBER 8

On Tuesday, December 8, we will mark the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us for Mass at one of the following times: Holy Family at 7:00 am (Confessions to follow); Saint Mary at 12:00 pm and in Spanish at 7:00 pm; and Sacred Heart at 6:30 pm. Following the Mass at Sacred Heart, young adults are invited to join us for a party in the Sacred Heart School basement. We will also offer a Mass in anticipation of the Solemnity on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 pm at Holy Family.

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE!

Join us on Saturday, December 12 as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a day which commemorates the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac in 1531 to the convert, St. Juan Diego. The day will begin at 5:00 am with traditional Mañanitas at Holy Family. We will then pray the Rosary at 11:00 am, and celebrate Mass at 12:00 pm. A reception in the Hall will follow with tamales and hot drinks. Please note that the 8:00 am Mass at Holy Family and Confession will not take place that day.

WATCH *A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS*, DECORATE CHRISTMAS COOKIES DECEMBER 19, COOKIE DONATIONS SOUGHT

On Saturday, December 19, people of all ages are invited to come to Holy Family Hall following the 4:00 pm Mass to decorate Christmas cookies and watch the classic *A Charlie Brown Christmas* on the big screen! The event is free. We are seeking donations of undecorated, cutout Christmas sugar cookies to decorate at the event. For more information, please contact Sarah at the Parish Office at sarahr@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 201.

JOIN US IN THE CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 5, DOWNTOWN TREE LIGHTING

On Saturday, December 5, join us in the Fond du Lac Christmas Parade by walking alongside our float and throwing goodies to the crowd! If you are interested in walking with us, please contact Sarah at sarahr@hffdl.org or (920) 921-0580 ext. 201. Children must walk with an adult. After the parade, everyone is invited to come to Veterans Park on the corner of Main and Fouth Streets to watch the city light up the downtown Christmas tree and enjoy free cookies and hot chocolate provided by the parish! Holy Family is a proud supporter of the city's Christmas tree!

GIVE SHOES, GIVE HOPE AT CHRISTIAN WOMEN SHOE DRIVE

Holy Family Christian Women will hold a shoe drive fundraiser this January and February to support local ministries, including the Warming Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, and more. Your donations will also help people in underserved countries establish small businesses reselling these shoes. New and gently worn shoes of all sizes and types, including boots, sneakers and sandals, can be dropped off at Holy Family, Sacred Heart, Presentation, and St. Peter. Start saving your shoes now!

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

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

Wilfrid Braun, Carey D. DeMarb, Gordon G. Halbach, Melvin G. Post & Janet A. Snider

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