

December 31, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family  
Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia



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Parish**

*Celebrating 150 Years  
1870-2020*

A Capuchin Ministry where we  
see ourselves as more than a  
church: **We are a family!**

## **The Feast of the Holy Family La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia**



As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, let us pray for families who like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, have had to migrate, are enduring the hardships of war, or facing many other difficult situations as a family.

Al celebrar la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, oremos por las familias que según Jesús, María y José, han tenido que migrar, están teniendo que soportar las durezas de la guerra, o enfrentando otras dificultades como familia.



Thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Masses possible and special. We especially want to show our gratitude for everyone who helped to prepare the children's choir. Thank you!

Gracias a todas las personas que hicieron posible que las misas de Navidad possible. Queremos darle u agradecimiento especial a los que nos ayudaron a preparar el coro de niños. ¡Gracias!



**Pastor** Fr. Francisco Javier Rodriguez, OFM Capuchin • **Administrative Assistant:** Stephanie Sprewer  
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**Hispanic Ministry Coordinator** Fr. Francisco Javier Rodriguez, OFM Capuchin





**MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**  
**HORARIO DE LAS MISAS**

**Saturday, December 30** - 6th Day within the Octave of Christmas

4:30 pm - Intentions of the Capuchin Order

**Sunday, December 31 - The Holy Family**

8:30 am - Intentions of the Capuchin Order

10:30 pm - Intenciones de la Orden Capuchina

6:15 pm - Intentions of the Capuchin Order

**Monday, January 1** - Mary, Holy Mother of God

9:00 am - Intentions of the Capuchin Order

**Tuesday, January 2** - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

7:45 am - Mass

**Wednesday, January 3** - Christmas Weekday

7:45 am - Mass

**Thursday, January 4** - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

No Mass

**Friday, January 5** - St. John Neumann, Bishop

No Mass

**Saturday, January 6** - Christmas Weekday

4:30 pm - Intentions of the Capuchin Order

**Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30 am - Intentions of the Capuchin Order

10:30 am - Intenciones de la Orden Capuchina

6:15 pm - Intentions of the Capuchin Order

**LITURGY MINISTERS**

**December 31**

**Lectors/Lectores**

- 8:30 am: Harvesta Williams
- 10:30 am: María González-Edwards y Elena Juarez

**Cup Servers**

- 8:30 am: Tanya Harris and Gloria Alexander

**No Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**January 7**

**Lectors/Lectores**

- 8:30 am: TBD
- 10:30 am: Her. David Hirt

**Cup Servers**

- 8:30 am: Peggy Kendrigan and Sr. Pat

**Children's Liturgy**

- 8:30 am: Jude Schubert

**PARISH SUPPORT**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**MAILING DONATIONS:** Checks can be written out to **St. Francis of Assisi Church** and mailed to the Parish Office at 1937 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53212. *Please use the memo line to describe the purpose of your donation.*

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**Pray for/Oren por...**

Rudy Fernandez • Drucilla Lyles • Diane Reeve •  
Tom & Shirley Browne • Raymond Washington •  
Elizabeth Gordon • Tony Ortiz • Jim Fetzer •  
Ted Mazza • Harvesta Williams • Pearl & Clint Jordan

If you would like a hospital visit, please call the Parish Office. Call the Parish Office to remove your name from

Si desea una visita a un hospitalizado favor de llamar a la oficina. Por favor llame a la oficina para remover su nombre de la lista.





## Upcoming Events

**Monday, January 1, 9:00 am**

Mass—Mary, Mother of God

**Friday, January 5 - Sunday, January 7**

Confirmation Retreat

- Departure: 4:30 pm - Parish parking lot
- Return: 1:00 pm - Parish parking lot

**Sunday, January 7 - Second Collection**

Benefiting the St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Monday, January 8, 6:30 pm**

Faith Formation Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, January 9**

5:00 pm - Secular Franciscans

6:30 pm - City Youth Choir

## OCIA CLASS

**Date:** Wednesday, January 3

**Time:** 6:30-8:00PM

**Topic:** The Sacraments of Vocation

**Presenter:** Brenda and Tyler Horn,  
and Fr. Javier



All are welcome to attend any of the class sessions.



## NEW YEAR DAY OF REFLECTION: *Epiphany of HOPE for the Soul*



**Saturday, January 6, 2024**  
**10:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Location:** Troubadour Room in the Juniper Court Building

3201 S Lake Drive, Saint Francis, WI 53235

**Reflection Day Guide:** Sr. Stella DeVenuta, OSF

**Stipend "Slide" for the Day:** \$85.00-\$150.00

**Includes:** guidance, materials and a simple soup lunch

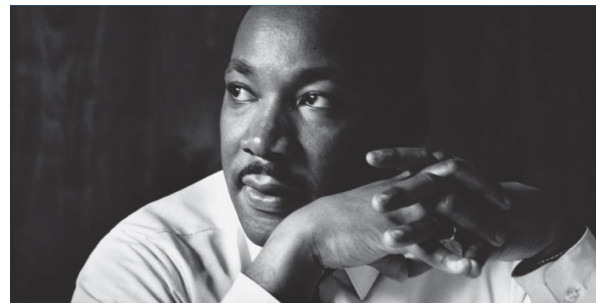
**Questions:** [stellaosf@lakeosfs.org](mailto:stellaosf@lakeosfs.org)

Cell/ Text 414-581-4006

**Register by Dec. 30, 2023**

**Details and Registration Form:**

<https://stelladevenutaosf.com/new-year-2024>



**The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**33rd Annual Memorial Prayer Service**

**LOVE, LAW, AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE**

with Archbishop ListECKi

Guest Speaker: Chief Judge Carl Ashley

Saturday, January 13, 2024

1:30 p.m. – Musical Prelude

2:00 p.m. – Prayer Service

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*“How precious is the family, as the privileged place for transmitting the faith.”*

— Pope Francis





## Grief Support A Path to Compassionate Healing

If you or someone you know has lost a spouse, child, parent, family member, or friend, you are likely facing significant challenges. You don't have to go through the **GRIEVING PROCESS** alone! Grief Support – A Path to Compassionate Healing is a friendly, caring approach of walking alongside others through one of life's most difficult experiences. You will find this to be a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. You will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult season of your life. Be courageous and take that next step to healing! Come see what we are about! **EVERYONE** is welcome!

The next 9-week Grief Support series will be held at Sacred Heart Parish (on 3635 S. Kinnickinnic) Tuesday evenings starting Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> OR at St. Francis Parish (1927 Vel Phillips Dr.) Wednesday evenings starting Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Choose the location that is best for you and your schedule. The meetings will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm. Register by contacting Colleen Fredelake (414-303-4009) or [cfredelake@gmail.com](mailto:cfredelake@gmail.com).

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