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FROM FR. JERRY

I was watching TV the other day. They announced that they were going to be allowing more fans to attend NBA (National Basketball Association) games. One fan expressed his thoughts this way: "It's about time. It's just not the same watching games on television."

The public health experts tell us that we are not yet through the pandemic and that we need to continue to be vigilant and take precautions. We all know them: wear a mask, observe social distancing, avoid large indoor gatherings. Progress is being made with many people being vaccinated and case numbers going down – especially in new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

We can begin to think about returning to church. For many months we have been open at 25% capacity with social distancing and masking. In time and with guidance from the
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COME CELEBRATE MASS WITH US!

In person:

Saturdays at 4:00 pm, Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
Tuesdays-Fridays at 8:30 am.

Seating limitations, social distancing, mask use and other guidelines are posted on the main entrance doors.

Bishop Powers' dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the obligation to receive Holy Communion remains in force until further notice.

Online:

View the livestream of Mass on our YouTube page.

See the **Holy Family Goes Hollywood** article on page 7.

NEED TO CONNECT WITH STAFF?

We are working in our offices, but they are closed to drop-ins. PLEASE call or email us first. WE DO WANT TO SERVE YOU. Staff phone extensions and emails are listed on page 11 of this newsletter, page 10 of our weekly bulletin, and on our website.

Happy Easter! "He is Risen. Alleluia!"



Full Year Summary

Fiscal 2021 vs Fiscal 2020

	Current Year Forecast	Last Year Actual	% Variance
First Collections	\$467,000	\$495,280	-5.71%
Building Fund Collections	\$80,000	\$87,059	-8.11%
Gifts, Bequests & Memorials	\$90,000	\$91,039	-1.14%
<u>Other Operating Revenue</u>	<u>\$38,000</u>	<u>\$61,533</u>	<u>-38.24%</u>
Total Operating Revenue	\$675,000	\$734,911	-8.15%
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$680,000</u>	<u>\$737,950</u>	<u>-9.21%</u>
<u>Net Operating Income</u>	<u>(\$5,000)</u>	<u>(\$3,039)</u>	

The above schedule lists Holy Family's current forecast for this fiscal year, and compares it to last fiscal year. For reference, our fiscal year lasts from July 1st to June 30th, so our current fiscal year will end June 30, 2021.

As the schedule illustrates, in a year when we are experiencing a pandemic, our operating revenue is projected to be only 8.15% lower than last year which included seven strong months before COVID-19 began to affect us. It confirms once again that we are extremely fortunate to have parishioners like you who continue to support our church through the toughest of times.

This is also a year when our staff has helped reduce our projected expenses by almost \$58,000, a reduction of 9.21%. It should also be understood that some of the reductions were taken to get down to bare necessities, given the restrictions and social awareness that was necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic. This cannot be maintained long term if we expect to provide the many services we offer our parishioners and community.

The result of the above has us projecting a fiscal year where we will be slightly below break-even, and similar to our last year results.

These numbers include revenues and expenses that are related to the normal operations of our church, or "operating" activities. This does not include the gifts we received for the video equipment, loans/grants we received from the government or the investment activity.

The government loan/grant was part of the Payroll Protection Plan "PPP". These loans enabled us to keep our staff employed during this very tough year, which in turn allowed us to offer as many services as possible as soon as we were able.

The video equipment purchased was funded by separate donations. Grateful for this support, we are now routinely broadcasting weekday Mass and the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass. We also utilize our equipment for funerals, weddings, and baptisms.

Our investments are from our Building Fund (for future needs) and our Perpetual Care Fund (mandated for our future cemetery upkeep). The value of these funds fluctuates with the markets.

Later this summer, after this fiscal year is completed, we will again offer a complete and much more detailed view of our financial performance and health.

FROM FR. JERRY *(continued)*

public health officials and our diocese we need to think about an eventual return to church for those of you who have stayed away to protect your health. Prudence must guide this decision.

But as the basketball fan observed, it is not the same watching Mass on television. For one, there is not the same sense of community. Fans feed off each other's energy and feel a bond or connectedness as they support their team. Being together at Mass bonds us in Christ and forms community.

Secondly, we cannot give "full, active, and conscious participation (Vat. II)" at Mass in our homes. There is something lacking when we are not there physically, in person.

Thirdly, we have been unable to receive Christ in the Eucharist in our homes. This has been one of the hardest things about these extraordinary times. Many of us have been on a year-long Eucharistic fast. It is my prayer that this fast has increased your hunger for Christ. This side of heaven there is no greater union with Christ than that which is made possible for us by receiving Christ into our bodies in Eucharist.

As Catholics we are a people of the Eucharist. It means the sacramental celebration of the Eucharist, the Mass. It means the consecrated bread and wine that become The Body and The Blood of Christ. It means the Eucharistic Christ in us that is sent after each Mass to transform the world into a greater likeness of the Kingdom of God.

We need to think about coming together again, when it is safe to do so, to be most fully who we are – People of Christ in the Eucharist.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jerry

CHARITABLE GIFT PLANNING

During this year of many unanticipated events, **we are so grateful for how your continued financial support has sustained Holy Family through challenging financial times.** Your continued weekly offerings, one-time gifts, and generous responses to fundraising activities are ensuring the health of the parish now and into the future.

Did you know... that you can extend your support of Holy Family through charitable gift planning?

Whether you would like to put your donation to work today or benefit us after your lifetime, you can find a charitable plan that lets you provide for your family and support Holy Family.

Did you know... there is a simple, flexible and versatile way for you to ensure Holy Family can continue our work for years to come?

Consider a gift in your will or living trust, known as a charitable bequest. By including a bequest to Holy Family in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission for years to come. You can use any of the following assets to fund a bequest: cash, closely held stock, appreciated securities, real estate, and tangible personal property. Typically, adding one simple sentence in a will is all that is needed in order to name Holy Family as a beneficiary!

Did you know... you can add even greater flexibility to your charitable giving?

A donor advised fund, which is like a charitable savings account, gives you the flexibility to recommend how much and how often money is granted to Holy Family. You can recommend a grant or recurring grants now to make an immediate impact or use your fund as a tool for future charitable gifts. You can also create a lasting legacy by naming Holy Family the beneficiary of the entire account or a percentage of the fund. With a percentage, you can create a family legacy of giving by naming your loved ones as your successor to continue recommending grants to charitable organizations.

Did you know... there are many other choices for remembering Holy Family in your charitable giving?

Such options include transferring gifts of stock, IRA charitable rollovers, charitable lead trusts, memorials and tribute gifts, and endowed gifts.

If you're interested in learning more or are not sure how to get started, we can help point you down the right path. Please contact Parish Administrator Bob King (715-356-6284, ext. 153; bob.king@holyfamilywoodruff.org). Please know how much Holy Family appreciates your financial and prayerful support to our mission and ministries!

Wrapping up the 2020/2021 School Year

Greetings All!

As you may know, we are wrapping up another year of faith formation - a very unique and challenging year. Please let me thank you all for your continuous prayers and support through what I hope is a once-in-a-lifetime, challenging year.

My prayers is that next year faith formation can look a lot more like something we know ... while fruits have come out of this year's program, we are sorely missing the community and fellowship that is needed to build a strong faith life.

A couple of fruits to come out of this school year are:

- Parents are learning more about their faith and passing on the faith to their children
- Youth groups were established this year and have been successful in building relationships between the students
- I have been able to work more closely with parents this year and build some new friendships (that is my benefit, but still good fruit)

I am very proud of the parents and families in our parish this year; they have embraced their role as the *first and most important educator of their children*; modeling their faith through actions and words at home.

As we move forward planning for next fall, we are hoping to incorporate a little more of "normal" into our faith formation program. We are praying that we are able to bring some of our traditions back into the parish including classes for students, resumption of Way Café, and additional family faith activities.

A Note from Jamie

This spring completes my fourth year at Holy Family in the faith formation department. This year has provided some unique challenges; I am so grateful for the support from the parish for the families and youth in our parish.

Personally, I have greatly enjoyed working more directly with the families (especially the parents) this year. Looking forward, I pray we can incorporate more faith opportunities for the families such as opportunities to pray together, worship together, fellowship, and learn as a family.



Extreme Faith Camp

We have 5 students attending Extreme Faith Camp this summer during the week of June 21st.

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus will be returning to our parish the week of July 11th. Registration will open soon!

Grade School Students (grades 1 through 6) meet during the day Monday through Friday!

Middle/High School Students (grades 7 through 12) meet in the evenings on Sunday through Thursday.

We are thrilled to be able to offer some faith opportunities this summer!

In December, six students were able to experience God's loving mercy for the first time through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In April, we had six students receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist.

We have seven students preparing for Confirmation into the Catholic church. Confirmation will be scheduled for the fall of 2021 (hopefully in September).

You will also see a lot of baptisms this summer; help us welcome these new members into our church family!

Please continue to keep these and all of our faith formation families in your prayers!



I'm excited to transition to a more family-based faith formation program as we look toward the future and the full opening of our community and church.

Thank you for your patience, thank you for your prayers, and thank you for your support!

Blessings,

Jamie Klappa

Director of Faith Formation

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS at Holy Family have remained active through the pandemic. Although many of our events like the popular monthly Sunday pancake breakfasts had to be cancelled, our local council still donated over \$24,000 in 2020 to our church and community. This included donations to Holy Family, Lakeland Food Pantry,



Boy Scouts, Marywood, Special Olympics, Headwaters Inc., Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing (NATH), Cross Catholic Homes for Haiti, New Dawn, Seminarian support, Coats for Kids and more. Our council also documented over 3,500 hours of member volunteer time in 2020 to church and community. We have been holding our meetings virtually through the winter, but hopefully will be able to meet in person soon. We have continued to hold blood drives every other month, and are now holding them again at Holy Family. Our March blood drive set a record with 31 units donated. Thanks so much to all that donated! We are also doing our semi-annual highway cleanup. The Knights, in cooperation with Holy Family, held a Thanksgiving Day take-out dinner. This was not meant as a fundraiser, but due to many generous donations there was some profit which was donated to Holy Family Parish.

With many people getting vaccinated we are starting to plan more activities. We are currently planning an outside fundraiser for the Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing (NATH) on May 22 at Holy Family with the Woodruff Fire Department and a lot of water. We are also planning a trip to a Brewer game later this summer.

Check out the KC page on the Holy Family website for more information on our local council. Go to Parish Info, Organizations, and then Knights of Columbus.

We like what we do as Knights and are always looking to share the wonderful experience of being a Knight with others. Catholic men over 18 can contact our Membership Chairman, Steve Humblet, 715-892-1740, email gofish4@gmail.com, or any brother Knight for information on joining. Join by June 30th and 2021 dues (\$30) are waived.

Grand Knight, Ken Lubich, 703-473-4183 (cell), kjlubich@gmail.com

HOLY FAMILY CIRCLE OF WOMEN

The objective of the Circle of Women is, “to encourage women of the parish to fulfill their role as Christian women in the parish and community, to provide service to the parish and to promote fellowship among all parishioners.”

The Circle of Women have been active in many events of the parish, have been awarding college scholarships, contributing to charitable organizations and enjoying camaraderie. We are currently looking ahead to chart the organization’s direction post-COVID-19. Our meetings will resume as soon as it is safe to do so. We invite all interested women to watch the bulletin for information regarding future meetings and to come join us.

One event currently planned is a fundraiser in which we will be hosting the concession stand for one evening this summer at Snowshoe Baseball, Lake Tomahawk. Please watch the bulletin for the announcement of the date for this event. We will need lots of homemade pies!

If you should have any questions please contact Bonnie Edwardsen (715)439-4226.

HOLY FAMILY ART & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Do you have a love for Catholic traditions? Do you have a “green thumb”? Do you enjoy being creative? Then you should look into joining the Art & Environment Committee.

The committee is responsible for decorating the church for Lent/ Easter, Advent/ Christmas, etc. We are the liturgical environment team! If you are interested, please contact Bonnie Edwardsen (715)439-4226.



Dear Family of Holy Family,

“You see, my friends, the light of Christ burns in each and every one of us. As we are made in the image and likeness of God, we can also be that light in the darkness for each other.”

I think that quote from Jason’s reflection during our Pandemic Prayer Service in December is well suited for us all during the darkness of COVID-19. It also aptly describes the support shared among the men currently in diaconate formation, including that shown to Jason and me during our monthly formation weekends in Marathon. Jason and I continue to reflect on how blessed and fortunate we are to be supported by our fellow aspirants, our wonderful wives, and especially you – the faithful of Holy Family.

With just three monthly weekends and the Lenten Retreat left to go, we’ll soon close out our second year of formation. As mentioned in our last update, COVID-19 has made this a very different instructional year at St. Anthony Spirituality Center. Space constraints don’t allow our wives to be with us, and some of our classes have been via Zoom from La Crosse. Those constraints, however, have not diminished the quality of our education. Our recent and current formation courses include Introduction to Philosophy, Christian Prayer, Marriage & Family Ministry, Life in Christ, Catechesis that Evangelizes, Youth Ministry Overview, Parish Social Ministry, and Keys to Effective Parish Teamwork. Each course has its readings, assignments, and exams, so you may often find us buried in books. Both of us have had individual conferences with the directors of the formation program, and we’re happy to report that all seem pleased with our progress! This summer, God willing, we’ll be called before a scrutiny board in advance of petitioning the Bishop for admittance to the three-year Candidacy stage of formation.

“The light of Christ: No matter how big or small that flame may seem to be, there is one thing certain. Because of that light, the darkness is confined, and the darkness cannot overcome it.”



Jason and I continue to pray together regularly and we are grateful for continued mentoring from Fr. Aaron. We are also thankful for the growing opportunities to serve in various parish ministries.

“Keeping each other in our prayers is a powerful weapon against the darkness and will allow the light to shine for someone in need.”

We continue to be most grateful for the support of our wives, Fr. Jerry and especially you – the faithful of Holy Family. Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support. Know that you continue in our prayers.

Jason (Michelle) and Bob (Kim)



THANK YOU!!!...

... for your contributions to the recent **Deacon Education Fund special collection**. We are most grateful for the support of you — the faithful of Holy Family — as we continue our formation. Your ongoing prayerful and financial support encourages and sustains us. Know that you continue in our prayers.

Jason and Bob

DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR GIFT?

It is only natural when you are invited to a party – whether it is birthday, anniversary, homecoming or any other celebration – to think about the gift that you will bring. Even when the invitation says, “No gifts, please,” most of us still show up with a bottle of wine or a box of candy or some other token of our affection. We bring gifts to show our gratitude for being invited and to show our love for the one being honored and celebrated. So, when God Himself invites you to the greatest celebration of all – the celebration of the Eucharist – do you bring a gift? Do you take time to wrap it in an envelope? Do you select a gift that truly reflects your gratitude for being invited to be a part of God’s family? Do you bring a gift that shows your love for the crucified Jesus, who we remember at every Mass? The invitation to the Mass does not say “No gifts, please.” In fact, since God first called the Israelites to be His people He taught them,

“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God has bestowed on you.” - Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Did you remember your gift? Signing up to receive monthly envelope packets is as simple as contacting Kathy in the parish office (715) 356-6284 ext. 163 or kathy.pecka@holyfamilywoodruff.org.

Electronic Giving

Holy Family would like to thank the 29 families who are currently giving electronically via a weekly or monthly funds transfer. We are also extremely grateful for the approximately 30 gifts that are made weekly via online giving. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our ACH and Online Giving Programs. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed by our office staff. If you would like to learn more about these easy, safe and secure ways of giving, please contact Diana Maki, Parish Bookkeeper, (715) 356-6284 ext. 164, hfreled@holyfamilywoodruff.org, or check out our website at www.holyfamilywoodruff.org. Under the HOME tab, click ONLINE GIVING to set up an account or ACH AUTHORIZATION FORM to start the process for electronic giving.

HOLY FAMILY GOES HOLLYWOOD!

We hear from many of you about how much you enjoy and benefit from the livestreaming and recording of Holy Family Masses. **We are particularly grateful for the generous parishioners who made the \$25,000 investment possible!** The new equipment enables parishioners and visitors who cannot be with us in person to join in the celebration of the Mass virtually. We’re also able to livestream and record baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Did you know, in addition to our Saturday 4:00 pm Mass, weekday Masses are now being livestreamed and recorded? You can watch Holy Family’s Mass from anywhere - even on vacation! The livestream opens at 8:25 am Tuesday - Friday and 3:45 pm on Saturdays. Go to our website: holyfamilywoodruff.org for the link.

We continue to seek volunteers to help with the video production of the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass. This new ministry involves the remote operation of the cameras from within the projection room at the rear of the church. No experience necessary -- we’ll gladly train! Contact Eric Edwardsen (ext.152; records@holyfamilywoodruff.org) if interested or to learn more.

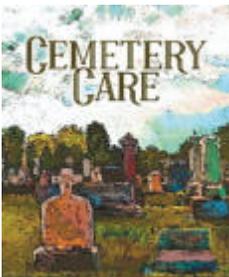
HOLY FAMILY PASTORAL COUNCIL AND YOU

Your Holy Family Pastoral Council continues to meet and work on all matters pertaining to our beautiful parish family. During our Covid-19 period we have been meeting virtually, and have been keeping all of you in our hearts and our prayers.

The Council's goal is to promote **Stewardship, Parish Hospitality** and **Parish Community Engagement**. The Pastoral Council invites you to bring any issues, concerns or suggestions forward by either attending a Pastoral Council meeting or contacting one of the Pastoral Council members. Additionally, parish members are invited to attend Pastoral Council meetings simply as a guest. The meeting dates, times, and parish council members are listed in the Parish Calendar and on the Holy Family website.

We look forward to when we can all gather again at Mass without COVID-19 restrictions. Until then, know that we continue to work on your behalf and with the best interests of all of our Holy Family parish members.

Mimi Miklautsch, Chairperson of your Pastoral Council

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY

Summer arrangements that follow the policies and do not interfere with the normal grounds care may be placed beginning May 15 and removed by October 15.

Kindly refrain from the use of bird feeders, ornamental stands, benches, candles, garden lights, solar lights and all other light devices and sound generating devices at the cemetery.

SEXUAL ABUSE

The Catholic Church is working diligently to prevent sexual abuse by parish employees, volunteers, deacons, and priests. If you have been sexually abused by someone associated with the Church and would like to report or discuss the experience, we urge you to contact:

Kathy Drinkwine 715-718-1110

The Diocese of Superior welcomes your call and understands how difficult it may be to reach out in this situation. The phone number provided is confidential and dedicated solely to these calls. Know that your call will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion.

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HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE LIGHTBULBS AT HOLY FAMILY?

In the case of the church ceiling lights, it takes 8 wonderful Knights of Columbus volunteers all day to change... 2 lightbulbs. It is quite an effort to build the needed scaffolding, move it from place to place, and then tear it down again. Many thanks to the Knights who volunteered a full day to brighten the church for the rest of us: Rick Edwardsen, Steve and Rick Humblet, Run Hunt, Tom Meyers, Scott Pederson, and Todd Rucinski! We're planning another day this fall to replace the remaining burned-out lights.

Thank you, Knights of Columbus!

TIME? / TALENT? / TREASURE?

If you have any of the above, Holy Family needs you!

COVID-19 has thinned the ranks of many of our volunteer ministries. To serve the people of Holy Family, we are looking for volunteers to help in the ministries below. For more information, contact the person listed next to the ministry. *Thank you for your service!*

Musicians - Bob

Cantors - Bob

Choirs (coming post-COVID!) - Bob

Ushers - Bob

Sacristans - Bob

Greeters - Bob

Offering Counters - Diana

Videography - Eric

Faith Formation Catechists & Aides - Jamie

Art & Environment (decorations, flowers) - Bonnie

Circle of Women - Bonnie

Knights of Columbus - Steve



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*Our beautiful church
at Easter.*

*Picture courtesy of
Bonnie Edwardsen.*

Eric Edwardson, Communications Coordinator since March 2021

My name is Eric Edwardson and I am the Communications Coordinator here at Holy Family Catholic Church. My position grants me the ability to connect with parishioners through programs like the Outreach initiative as well as maintaining our social media pages and our website. I am also the individual that oversees the parishioner records database.

Although you may not know me, you may know my 4-year-old daughter Ariel. My wife Ana and I were blessed to have her. Since childhood, I have loved tinkering with computers and have had an intense desire to pick them apart and learn how they work from the start. You may see me out and about in church working on some of the computer systems from time to time.

My current project is the livestreaming of weekday Masses and the Saturday Mass. I love to help people with anything that I can, so if you see me feel free to ask me for help. I acquired this desire to serve people when I was in the military. If there are ever any computer related questions that you have feel free to ask me.



Bob King, Parish Administrator since November 2020

My wife, Kim, and I moved permanently to the Northwoods in 2018. While raising our two children in Oregon, Wisconsin for 20+ years, we spent weekends and summers in Minocqua. We have attended Holy Family since 2007.

Before joining Holy Family staff as Parish Administrator, I spent more than four decades in the hospitality industry, rising from hotel entry positions through leadership roles as general manager and at the corporate level for major hotel companies. I most recently served as a director for Hilton, developing and facilitating training workshops around the world.

I thrive in serving the people of Holy Family. At Mass, I serve as Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Commentator, Cantor, and Usher. I am an active member of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Knights of Columbus where I serve as Faith Director. I helped establish the Men's Faith Sharing Group, the Seven Sisters Apostolate prayer group, and I am a mentor to this year's high school confirmands.

Within the community, I perform jail ministry at the Vilas County Jail and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for patients at Howard Young Medical Center. I am in formation to become a Deacon of the Catholic Church.





Fr. Gerald A. Hagen, Pastor since July 2019

I was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Superior on November 3, 1991 at Washburn, Wisconsin. I served in Washburn, St. Louis Parish for three years as a Pastoral Associate. I attended St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. My first assignment was at St. Joseph Parish in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Our current bishop and I served together as Associate Pastors. I was assigned in 1992 until 1994 as an Associate Pastor at St. Mary's in Rhinelander. After that I became a Parochial Administrator and later Pastor at Holy Rosary Parish in Mellen, Wisconsin, with care also of St. Anthony, Highbridge and St. Anne in Sanborn. I served there for five years. In 1999, I was assigned as Pastor of Our Lady of the North (later St. Therese of Lisieux) Parish in Phillips, Wisconsin. Two years later I was given care of St. John the Baptist in Prentice and St. Paul the Apostle in Catawba. I spent 20 years in Phillips and was subsequently assigned Pastor at Holy Family Woodruff in 2019.

Being accustomed to serving in small, rural parishes, it has been a challenging opportunity to serve a parish the size of Holy Family. I have been blessed with skilled, able, and enthusiastic team members on the staff here. Serving a parish of this size is a team effort. I am still slowly getting to know the people of the parish and ask your patience as I continue to become acquainted with you and this heavenly corner of God's creation here in the beautiful Northwoods.

Michelle Zanoni, Secretary/Bulletin Coordinator

since June 2019

I came to Holy Family via St. Anne, Boulder Junction; St. Mary, Sayner; and St. Rita, Presque Isle where I was Administrative Assistant for twelve years. In 2015, I moved from Boulder Junction to Arbor Vitae, soon joined Holy Family and gladly put my love of music into singing at Mass as a cantor and choir member. Creating and editing the newsletter is an exciting addition to my job here. I hope you enjoy the new look to this publication.

In addition to the bulletin, newsletter, and bulletin board, I share most secretarial duties with Kathy Pecka, including handling Mass intentions. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know the people here at Holy Family.

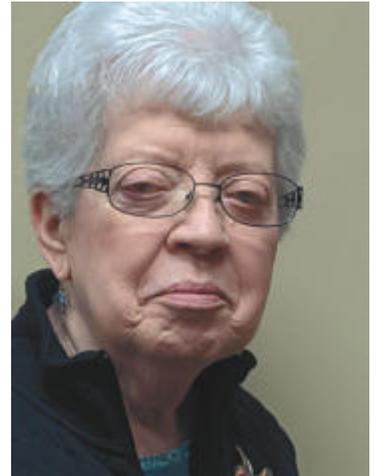
I live with my husband Mark, son Justin, and dog Mardu in Arbor Vitae. My son Shane lives in Minneapolis. Both boys are graduates of North Lakeland Elementary School and Lakeland Union High School.

You may see Mark and I around the area playing music with the bands Big Road, KNW Band, and Red Hot n Blue. I also sit on the board for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Northern Lakes, where we strive to end the stigma and discrimination against people with mental illnesses, and provide support to those with mental health issues and those who love them.



Kathy Pecka, Parish Secretary since January 2019

Hi, I'm Kathy Pecka, parish secretary, and I live in Minocqua. I started out at Holy Family several years ago after volunteering with the Oneida County Meals on Wheels program. I began by assisting with the Faith formation program clerical duties. When a part-time position opened up in the front office, I made the move here. Some of my responsibilities include registering new parishioners, contribution entries, maintaining the parishioner database, answering calls and entering prayer intentions. I am happy to be here at Holy Family and really enjoy my many interactions with our parishioners.



Lyn Baumgartner, Circle of Care since January 2018

I am a Pastoral Care Coordinator in the HFCC Circle of Care office. My husband and I raised our sons in Stevens Point. They have blessed us with four grandchildren ages 14 to 5. Their goal is to visit the cabin as often as possible and wear us out [*fait accompli*]. We established permanent residence at our cabin in Minocqua in 2008.

My daily purpose is to be present with passion and compassion for anyone in need of my time and attention. One of my WOW moments was returning to school in 2016 at 63 years young to acquire my Certified Nursing Assistant license. The rewards of friendships made, firsthand experience with the challenges elders face, and the medical experience received from that accomplishment has been priceless and unending. I bring with me to Circle of Care the wisdom shared with me from the elder communities I was blessed to work with.

I take advantage of the blessing of four seasons by attempting to master the various pieces of sports equipment I have acquired over the years without injury which continues to be a work in progress.

I look forward to getting to know our parishioners better at Holy Family as our parish returns to “normal” activity.

Jamie Klappa, Faith Formation since May 2017

My husband and I are long-time parishioners of Holy Family; we have been blessed with four amazing children. As our family grew, we began to understand the importance of the faith education of children. I came into this position at Holy Family about four years ago with a passion for the Catholic education of the children of the parish. The children are the future of our church and as a parish it is our responsibility to encourage and support our families because parents serve as the first and *most important* educator of our faith. There have been a lot of hidden blessings on this journey and I look forward to serving the people of God while at Holy Family.





Holly Dionne, Circle of Care since January 2014

As a co-coordinator of our Circle of Care Ministry, I am blessed to work in this vital outreach in partnership with Lyn Baumgartner. Our primary responsibilities are coordinating care through ministries like special occasion and comfort cards, prayer shawls, bereavement support, outreach to families, and providing spiritual care resources. Lyn and I work with local charitable outreach organizations, the Secular Franciscan Compassion Fund, and Holy Family's own Good Neighbor Fund to assist the needy locally. We support and coordinate GriefShare and our lay leader ministries at the homes of our parishioners, including senior living facilities, nursing homes, our two community hospitals, and Seasons of Life Hospice House. The Circle of Care also develops and promotes special

events like the Mass of Remembrance, the Prayer Service for the Pandemic, the community Ecumenical Service for the Deceased, etc.

Before retirement, my primary occupation for 28 years was as a high school reading and English teacher with the Verona Area School District, just outside of Madison, WI. My husband Dave and I retired to Minocqua in 2013 and maintain bragging rights for three adult daughters, two very active grandsons, and one recalcitrant cat.

At my previous parish, St. Maria Goretti (Madison), I served as our St. Vincent de Paul chapter vice-president. In this role I visited many clients in their homes, focusing on supplying families with basic home furnishings and connecting them to community resources. This ministry both humbled me and opened my eyes to the light of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the poor and disenfranchised. I am dedicated to taking this inspiration with me as I meet and assist more of our parishioners.

Todd Rucinski, Director of Maintenance since January 2014

Hi, my name is Todd Rucinski. I am your Building Maintenance Director. You had entrusted the care of this beautiful building to me back in 2014.

I grew up in this parish, and so has my family. The love of my life, Katie, and I were married in this parish 29 years ago. I was an altar server back at Our Lady Queen, and both of my boys were the same here. My hobbies include deer hunting, watching drag racing, cheering on the Packers, Boston Bruins and anything Badger.

I have served 35 years (and still counting) on the Arbor Vitae Fire Department. I also spent 23 years in the Army National Guard as a Combat Engineer, Tank Commander, and Cavalry Scout.

I thank you all for this great opportunity to be working here for all of you.



Misty Valadez, Housekeeping since October 2004

I am responsible for cleaning the sanctuary and assist Todd where needed. I live in Arbor Vitae with my husband, Rudy, and our two children, Ruby and Mateo.

Diana Maki, Bookkeeper since August 1998

With a big smile, I joyfully proclaim “I came with the building.” Having joined the parish staff of Our Lady Queen of the Universe in 1998 as the part-time Coordinator of Religious Education for Pre/K through 6th grade youth, I retained the position when OLQU evolved into the Holy Family parish. As the need grew, part-time catechetical ministry bloomed into full-time. In 2017 my service to the parish once again changed and I transitioned from catechesis to finances. It is a privilege to work in a faith-based institution as well as in the company of so many parishioners who I’ve known for many years and the chance to welcome new ones.



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MASS TIMES:

Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

CONFESSION TIMES:

Saturday 9:00 am & 3:00 pm