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1st Sunday of Advent - November 28, 2021

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Bulletin Deadline . See page 2 for special dates
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michelle.zanoni@holyfamilywoodruff.org)

Sacraments

Reconciliation
Saturday 9:00-9:30 am and 3:00-3:30 pm
and by appointment.

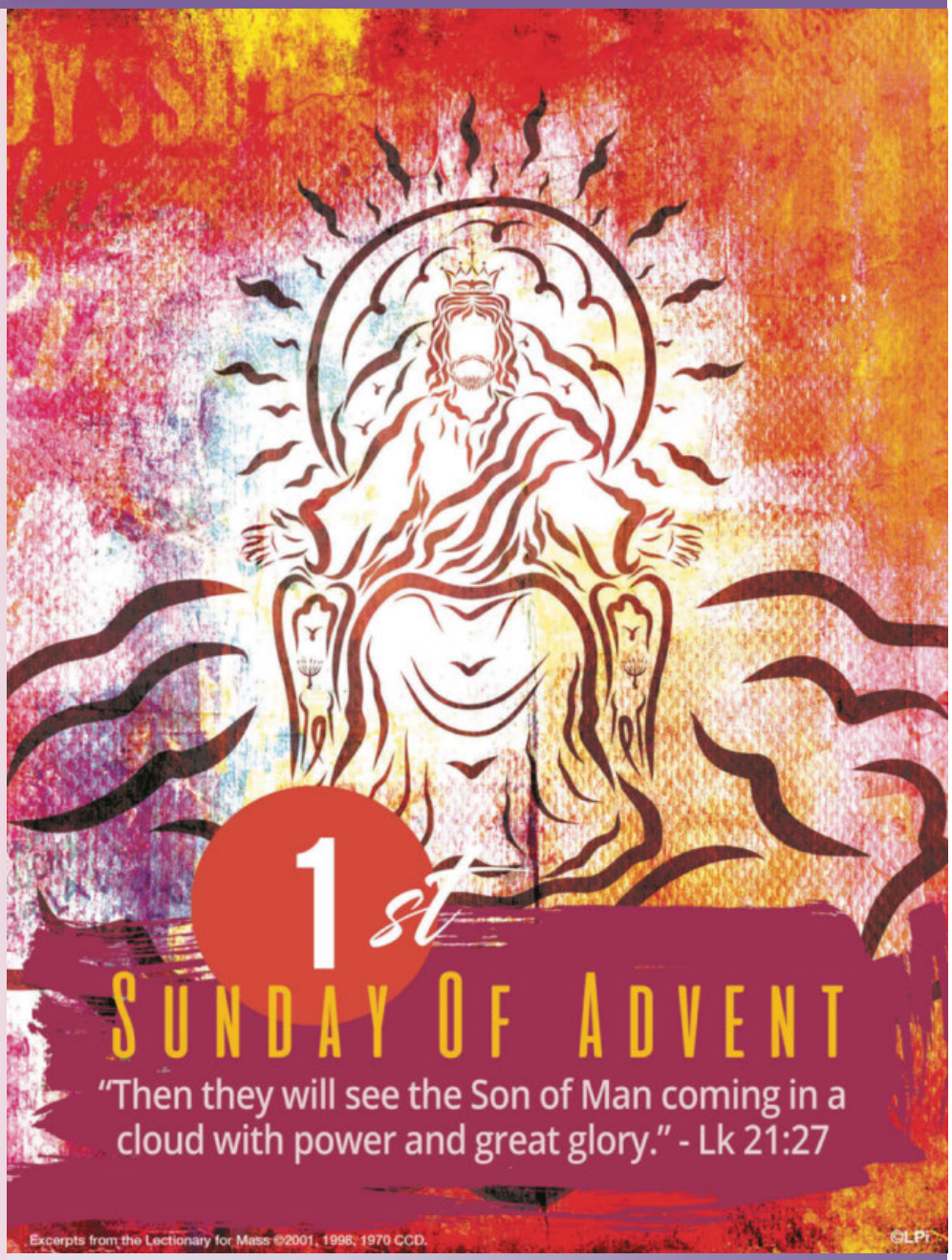
Baptism of Children
Parents who wish their child to be baptized should call Fr. Jerry Hagen at (715) 356-6284 ext.151 for further information.

Marriage Preparation
Please contact the parish office at the time of formal engagement and at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. Catholics seeking the celebration of marriage should be registered in a parish. Practice of the faith is presumed.

Ministry to the Sick / Sacrament of the Sick
Emergency calls are handled at anytime. If there is anyone at home who cannot come to church because of illness or age, please contact the office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
A program for those inquiring into membership in the Catholic Church. Please contact Lee Ann Niebuhr at (715) 356-1009 for more information.

New Parishioners
People wishing to become members of Holy Family Parish should call Kathy Pecka at (715) 356-6284, ext.163 or email kathy.pecka@holyfamilywoodruff.org.



As a celebrating people, with Jesus as our foundation, we are the Catholic Community of Holy Family. Guided by the Spirit and the Scriptures and strengthened by the Eucharist, we humbly and joyfully accept our baptismal call to share our diverse gifts to love, witness, worship, welcome and serve all of God's creation.

- Mission Statement

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the following and all who are ill in our parish.

Janice Benecke
Betty Bodo
Bob Deering
Larry Fricke
Mary B. Good
Elizabeth Hiebing
Melvin Johanek
Joseph Ksioszk
Evelyn & Wayne Lee
Pam Marcouiller
Annette McMullen
Jeff Mitchler
Doris Schmiechen
Henry & Eleanor Schroedel
Joyce Stambaugh
Elaine Thiel
Marge & Jim Upthagrove

Please call the parish Circle of Care at 715-356-6284, ext.168, to add a name to this prayer list published in the bulletin. We will keep your name on the list for five weeks. We will republish your name at your request.

For prayer support through the unpublished **Prayer Chain** list call any of our prayer coordinators: Arline O'Connell at 715-356-4131, Phyllis Jalinski at 715-356-9891, or Mary Varga at 715-356-2435 with your prayer needs.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE CHANGES

We will have **Word & Communion Services** (No Masses) on the following days:

Monday, November 29th & Tuesday November 30th

Immaculate Conception Masses:

Tuesday, December 7, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 8, 9:00 am

Communal Penance Service

Thursday, December 16th at 6:00 pm

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, the bulletin deadline, normally Mondays at 9:00 am, will be changed to the following dates, also by 9:00 am:

For December 5, the due date is November 29
For December 12, the due date is December 3
For December 19, the due date is December 9
For December 26, the due date is December 15
For January 2, the due date is December 22

It may seem too early to be thinking about these things, but I know from experience the dates sneak up on all of us very fast. Please take the time to think ahead about anything you may want announced in the parish bulletin and plan accordingly.

Thank you and blessings,
Michelle Zanoni, bulletin coordinator

Financial Stewardship

November 21, 2021 Contributions

Due to early publication deadlines, contributions were not available. They will be posted in the December 5th bulletin.

Thank you for your Stewardship and involvement in your parish family!

WELCOME!

- **Masses are Saturdays at 4:00 pm, Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:00 am. Out of charity to one another, we encourage the use of masks.**
- **Daily Masses are at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday.**
- **The ADORATION CHAPEL entrance is still open, weather permitting. Use the keypad code 135.**

GOOD NEWS! WORD AND COMMUNION SERVICES HAVE BEGUN!

Holy Family is blessed with several individuals who have done the coursework and are certified as Lay Leaders of Prayer. This ministry certification prepares them to lead services in the absence of a priest. Join us on Mondays at 8:30 am in the main worship space for word, prayer and receiving our Lord.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

A Life of Stewardship

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 5, 2021

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" See Psalm 126 (Our Sunday Visitor, ibid., page 24).

2021/2022 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

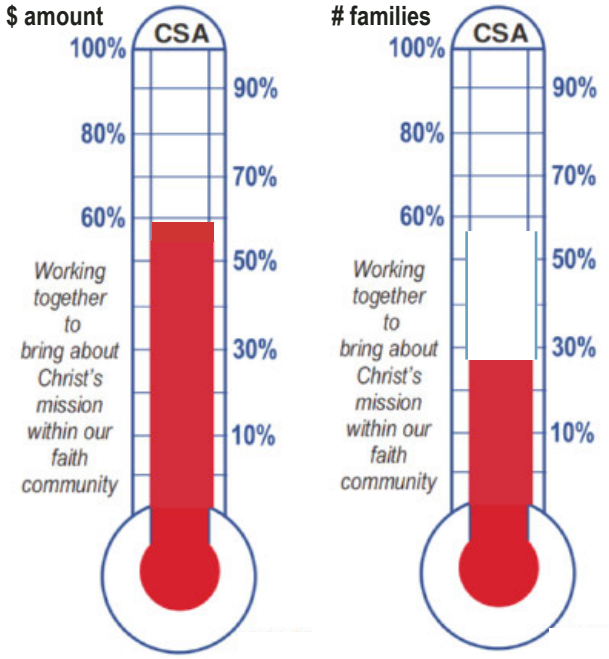
If you have not yet responded to the 2021/22 Catholic Services Appeal, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift amount that your means will permit. Be assured that the Lord knows what is in your heart and how you share your gifts. While it is understood that we cannot all give equally, we are still called by the Gospel to give of ourselves in a way that reflects our blessings. Your gift whether large or small matters greatly to the diocese, our parish and to the Lord! Scripture tells us, *'There is more happiness in giving than receiving!'*

2021/2022 Assessment: $87,711.00

as of 11/8/21: $52,441.00 269 out of 939 households

Your CSA participation touches every parishioner!

Donate online at https://www.holyfamilywoodruff.org/catholic-services-appeal



LISTEN
an Advent Retreat

Join us for a morning of encounter with Jesus through Mass, a talk by Fr. Aaron, discussion, prayer, adoration & reconciliation

Saturday, December 4, 2021
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
St. Peter the Fisherman Parish
5001 County Road G
Eagle River, WI 54521

Led by Fr. Aaron Devett

MANY HANDS….

There are many ways our talents and time can be shared collectively as we come together as the Body of Christ. Many hands DO make light work when celebrating Mass or other liturgies and services. Having an ample number of ministers keeps our church community healthy and well-rounded. The Pandemic has changed the number of ministers we have serving in these needed ministries. ***Is God calling you to a special task?***

Do you enjoy preparing the dinner table in a special way? Perhaps you might be called to be a Sacristan.

Do you feel a special calling to be a minister who offers the Body and Blood of Christ? Eucharistic Ministry may be your place to serve.

Do you enjoy meeting people and making them feel welcome? Hospitality and Greeting is the ministry for you.

Perhaps you like to help keep organization during the liturgy in the way our assembly moves about and be on hand to help with questions during Mass. Usher/Hospitality Ministry might suit you.

Are you good with technology? Consider Video Ministry.

Do you sew or are you gifted with decorative skill? Art and Environment Ministry would love to have you. DECORATING FOR ADVENT IS HAPPENING SOON! WE NEED YOU!

Do you have a musical gift? Music Ministry is open to all. Pray about it!

Have you felt called to be an integral working member of the liturgy? What a great way to work on our call to holiness as we come together to serve in the ministries of the liturgy!

If interested, contact Holly S at ext 162 or hollys@holyfamilywoodruff.org.

Director of Religious Education

Holy Family is seeking a Director of Religious Education. The successful candidate will be responsible for the development, organization and administration of the specified areas of religious education and Catholic formation program in fulfillment of the catechetical mission of the parish in cooperation with the pastor, parish staff and Diocesan Department of Catholic Formation. This person needs to be working towards or possess elevated level religious certification from the Diocese. A bachelor's degree in religious education, theology or related fields is preferred but not required. Teaching experience in religious education is preferred. This person must be competent in visioning, applying age-appropriate catechetical methods and basic program development as well as exhibit skills in interpersonal communication, collaborative ministry and public speaking. Salary negotiable, benefits follow diocesan guidelines. Full job description available upon request.
Resumé & cover letter to Bob King, Parish Administrator: bob.king@holyfamilywoodruff.org.

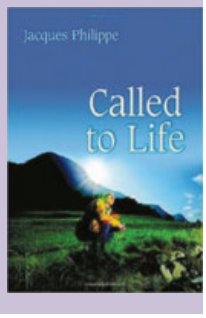
ADVENT ADULT BOOK STUDY

Led by Fr. Jerry

Wednesdays - December 8, 15, 22 after Mass

The book ***"Called to Life"*** by Jacques Phillipe can be purchased from Scepter Books or amazon.com.

Approximate price: $11.95



2022 Calendars Now Available!

Calendars can be found on the table in the main entry.

Be sure to thank the five advertisers whose generous sponsorship allows us to provide the calendars free of charge. Each month features a diocese in the United States. How many of the dioceses have you visited?

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GROWING MUSIC MINISTRY!

For more information about becoming a Cantor or sharing your gift of accompanying with piano, organ or guitar, please contact Holly Spiegelhoff at extension 162 or email at: hollys@holyfamilywoodruff.org.

Come learn about and be part of enhancing worship. Take part in LITURGY: "the work of the people."

Photos from the Mass of Remembrance held November 7, 2021 courtesy of Bonnie Edwardsen

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is

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Did you know that Holy Family has a library?

It is located near the offices. All are welcome to browse, read, and pray! To check an item out: put the date, your name and phone number on the card found inside the book, then place that into the box on the table. The collection is being imported into an online database for at home viewing. Go to holyfamily.libib.com to see the books and DVDs that have been imported so far. We are also looking to build up our Children's collection. An Amazon wish list is available to purchase books. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3OTO98CMMWA1D?ref_=wl_share They will be shipped directly to our librarians for processing.

GOSPEL MEDITATION *continued*

running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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Advent and the Art of Listening to One's Self
ONLINE Friday, December 3, 9:30 am – 11:30 am
ON SITE Saturday, December 4, 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Registration Fee: $20
Advent invites us to deeper listening, to getting in touch with the special persons in our lives. Good listening opens doors to others, even to ourselves, to a sermon! We will explore some helpful approaches to good listening in a variety of settings. **Register by December 2**
Presenter: Sr. Marla Lang, FSPA

Holding On, Letting Go
ONLINE Monday, December 6, 9:30 am – 11:30 am
ON SITE Monday, December 13, 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Registration Fee: $20
When something or someone has served its purpose, it is time to let go. This program will challenge us to look at all we hold onto in life. The Spirit just might have something better to fill it. **Register by noon December 3**.
Facilitator: Grant Van Lishout

Praying Mary's Magnificat (Advent Day of Reflection) ONLINE & ON SITE (HYBRID)
Wednesday, December 8, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm
Registration Fee: $25
The opening verse of Mary's Magnificat, once translated as "My soul magnifies the Lord …" is now translated," My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord." During this Advent Day of Reflection, we will explore how Mary's prayer makes clearer (enlarges) our understanding of God's greatness and how we are invited to participate in that divine expansion. On site participants: bring a bag lunch.
Register by Thursday, December 2. Presenter: Pat Pintens

Praying with Winter Skies
ON SITE Tuesday, December 14, 9:30 am – 11:30 am
ONLINE Tuesday, December 14, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Registration Fee: $20 "I wonder as I wander out under the sky …" is a beautiful, haunting ballad from the Appalachian region. Winter skies can set us to wondering about many things. What would happen if we were to begin praying those skies, whether they be an early morning sky or "a midnight clear" sky? Let's find out..
Register by Thursday, Dec. 9. Presenter: Pat Pintens

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Guests will be asked to wear a mask or face covering in common areas except at mealtimes. We strongly encourage each guest to bring his/her own face covering; however, a limited number of masks will be available for those who do not have their own. **If you are unable to attend due to financial obstacles, please contact us regarding payment plans or other options. If you cannot attend but are interested in the content, contact us about virtual options.**

ADVENT SILENT DAY OF PRAYER | December 5, 2021 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | Pondering Annunciation Moments with Mary Presented by Sandy Setterlund, with Fr. Dennis Lynch
This is a retreat day of silence, contemplative imaginative prayer and reflection. We will contemplate with Mary the Annunciation as the first of many "annunciation moments" that became her way of living. Placing ourselves in Mary's presence, we will listen deeply as she ponders aloud her journey in faithfully living her first "Yes, here I am Lord." With Mary as our guide and companion, we will reflect on the "annunciation moments" in our daily lives. **Cost: $65**

DECEMBER SERENITY RETREAT: Being Connected | December 17-19, 2021 | Presented by Elizabeth Neubauer
Alcoholism damages our connection to ourselves, our loved ones and our Higher Power. In recovery, we have the opportunity to move beyond our shame and isolation into wholeness. Together, we will explore the barriers to building meaningful relationships and how through working the steps and principles of recovery, we can awaken to a better understanding of our humanity, spirituality, and a sense of belonging. **Registration begins at 3:00 pm on Friday, followed by orientation at 5:45 and supper at 6:00. The retreat concludes after the noon meal on Sunday. Cost:$200**

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY RETREAT | December 31, 2021 - January 1, 2022 | Presented by Fr. Tom Zelinski
"When we do not know how to pray, the Spirit prays within us." (Romans 8:26-27) **The turn of the year** often stirs thoughts of reflection on our life journey. We will reflect on behaviors of our lives parallel the actions of God within us. We will do this by considering different "stories" that occur in our lives. Retreatants will be invited to look back over their own experiences of personal growth, spirituality, and life in the Church. **This retreat is open to participants who are fully vaccinated at least two weeks prior to the event. Cost: $105**

MOVING? GONE FOR THE WINTER?

Please let us know if:

- You are going away for the winter
- You have a new address
- You have a new phone number
- You have left the parish
- You want to join the parish

Moves within the parish are numerous. It is a great help to us in our mailings if you notify us of ANY address/phone changes. It helps to keep down the cost of return postage. Please fill in the below ONLY IF you have changes. Toss in collection basket, drop in main office or email Eric Edwardsen at eric.edwardsen@holyfamilywoodruff.org, 715-356-6284 ext 152.

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Please circle one of the following:

- **WINTER ADDRESS**

Date leaving _____ Date returning_____

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- **Moving Away**
- **New Phone Number OR email**

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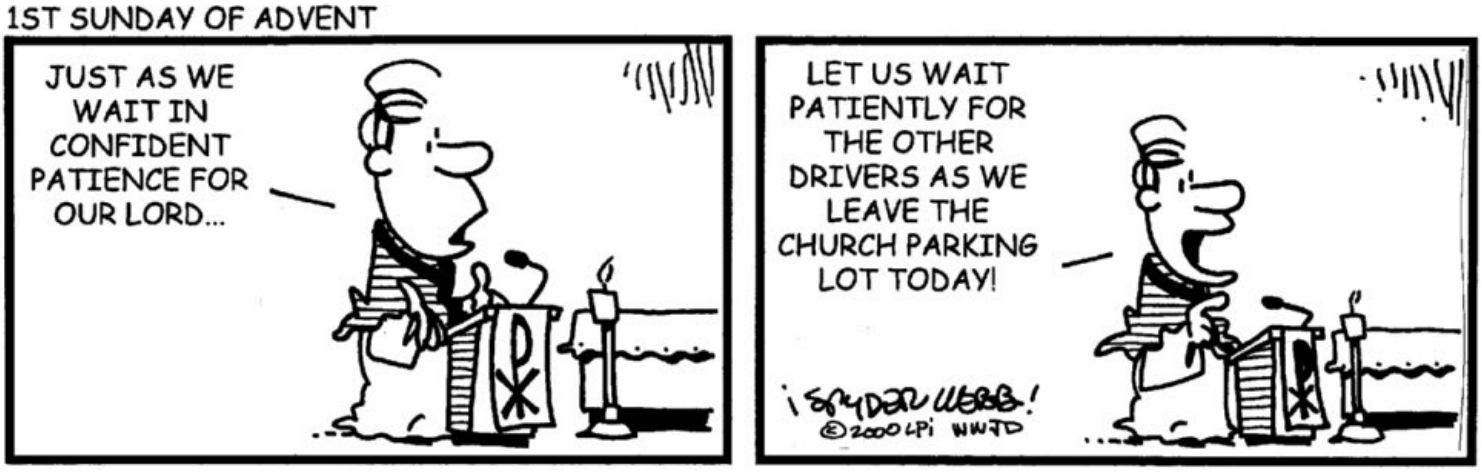

News

AmeriCorps Seniors
Volunteer Meals on Wheels Drivers and Kitchen help needed here at the Woodruff Dining Site

Volunteers needed one day a week for a few hours to deliver the Meals on Wheels or kitchen help to help package and serve the meals here at Holy Family Church.

Please call Dawn Johnson, RSVP Coordinator for Oneida County at 715-369-6307 or email djohnson@co.oneida.wi.us.

Introduction To The Bible

If you have ever had an interest to learn about the Bible or begin a Bible study of your own, or with a group, please join us as we begin an introductory level journey into the Bible. These two introductory sessions will open your heart and mind to the beauty of sacred scripture. Topics include but are not limited to; general understanding of how to use and read the Bible, styles of writing, overview of both the Old and New Testaments, and praying with sacred scripture. The goal is to make you more comfortable in reading and studying the Bible and to unlock the beauty contained within. All are welcome, hope to see you as we journey together. **Sessions: December 11th 2-3:30 in Parish Hall & December 18th 2-3:30 in Parish Hall**

Blessings,
Jason Martin, Deacon Candidate
(715) 892-3579 jlm76north@gmail.com

Mass Schedule/Readings 9

Mass Schedule

Monday, November 29 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service
Tuesday, November 30 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service
Wednesday, December 1 8:30 am	†Daniel Sparkowski - *Joe & John Boehm*
Thursday, December 2 8:30 am	†Gwen Deering - *Bob Deering*
Friday, December 3 8:30 am	†June Hagen - *Carole Haedtke*
Saturday, December 4 4:00 pm	†Dina Klaczynski - *Family*
Sunday, December 5 8:00 am	The People Holy Family
10:00 am	†Carol Berigan - *Chuck Berigan*

This Week's Readings	**Monday, November 29** Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, November 30 Rom 10:9-18/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/ Mt 4:18-22	**Wednesday, December 1** Is 25:6-10a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 2 Is 26:1-6/ Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/ Mt 7:21, 24-27	**Friday, December 3** Is 29:17-24/ Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/ Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, December 4 Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8	**Sunday, December 5** Bar 5:1-9/ Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, November 29, 2021
7:50 am Rosary — Church
8:30 am Word & Communion Service — Church

Tuesday, November 30, 2021
7:50 am Rosary — Church
8:30 am Word & Communion Service — Church
8:30 am Quilt Ministry Group — Classroom 7
5:30 pm Finance Council Meeting — Board Room

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
7:50 am Rosary — Church
8:30 am Mass — Church
2:15 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group — Bride's Room

Thursday, December 2, 2021
7:50 am Rosary — Church
8:30 am Mass — Church
6:00 pm Christmas Eve 7 pm Small Group Rehearsal — Church

Friday, December 3, 2021
6:00 am Men's Faith Sharing Group — Parish Hall
7:50 am Rosary — Church
8:30 am Mass — Church
9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration — Church

Saturday, December 4, 2021
9:00 am Reconciliation — Church
10:00 am Holiday GriefShare — Parish Hall
3:00 pm Reconciliation — Church
4:00 pm Mass — Church

Sunday, December 5, 2021
8:00 am Mass — Church
10:00 am Mass — Church

Monday, December 6, 2021
7:50 am Rosary — Church
8:30 am Word & Communion Service — Church

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
7:50 am Rosary — Church
8:30 am Mass — Church
8:30 am Quilt Ministry Group — Classroom 7
5:30 pm Immaculate Conception Mass — Church
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus — Parish Hall
6:30 pm NAMI Family Support Group — Classrooms 5 & 6

Wednesday, December 8, 2021
7:50 am Rosary — Church
9:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass — Church
10:00 am Fr. Jerry's Book Club — Parish Hall
2:15 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group — Bride's Room
8:00 pm Holy Hour National Night of Prayer for Life — Church

Thursday, December 9, 2021
7:50 am Rosary — Church
8:30 am Mass — Church
6:00 pm Christmas Eve 7 pm Small Group Rehearsal — Church

Friday, December 10, 2021
7:50 am Rosary — Church
8:30 am Mass — Church

Saturday, December 11, 2021
9:00 am Reconciliation — Church
2:00 pm Introduction to the Bible — Parish Hall
2:30 pm Hospitality Sunday set-up — Parish Hall
3:00 pm Reconciliation — Church
4:00 pm Mass — Church

Sunday, December 12, 2021
8:00 am Hospitality Sunday — Parish Hall
8:00 am Mass — Church
10:00 am Mass — Church
1:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass — Church

RETREAT INVITATION FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES
December 9-12, 2021

The Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh, offers a place of rest and spiritual nourishment for women at the Women's Advent Retreat, beginning the evening of December 9 to noon on December 12. Our retreat director, Fr. Jack Treloar, SJ, will help us understand the work of God and our place in His work during these turbulent times. Come and join us. Welcome to a time and place of peace and rest. Retreat House registration:www.jesuitretreathouse.org or 920-231-9060 or 1-800-962-7330. For information: Coordinators: Marcie 920-923-2446, Pam 414-708-4253

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