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December 25-26, 2021



The Nativity of the Lord



“And the Word became
flesh and made His dwelling
among us, and we saw His
glory, the glory as of the
Father’s only Son, full of
grace and truth.”
(Jn 1:14).

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph



“He went down with them
and came to Nazareth,
and was obedient to them;
and his mother kept all these
things in her heart.
And Jesus advanced in
wisdom and age and favor
before God and man.”
(Lk 2:51-52).



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday - Friday
9:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday CLOSED
*(When schools are closed
due to inclement weather, the
SSPP office will also be closed.)*

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Robert Schaller, *pastor*
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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
Sunday Masses	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM
Tuesday	5:15 PM
Wed-Saturday	8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday	4:15 – 5:00 PM
Wed-Friday	7:00 – 7:45 AM
Saturday	7:00 – 7:45 AM
	11:00AM – Noon

Emergency Sick Calls - *The Sacrament of Anointing*
Sunday, December 26, 2021 Please Call: Fr. Patric at 608-317-3514



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & PARISH NEWS

Friday, December 24th starting with Vigil Mass

Christmas Eve

4:30pm Vigil Mass † William Kann
11:30pm Christmas Carols
12:00am Midnight Mass SSPP Parishioners

Saturday, December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord—Holy Day of Obligation

10:00am † John Schmutzer

No Confessions

NO 4:30PM VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY!

Sunday, December 26th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

8:00am † Chester Koziczkowski

10:00am SSPP Parishioners

Monday, December 27th

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

No Mass

Tuesday, December 28th

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

5:15pm † Marilee Greiter

Wednesday, December 29th

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

8:00am Intentions of the Colette Dahlke family

Thursday, December 30th

8:00am † Don Van Asten

Friday, December 31st

St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:00am Intentions of Kateri Ambrow

4:30pm Vigil Mass † Kathleen Kedrowicz

Saturday, January 1st

The Solemnity of Mary—NOT an Obligation this year

8:00am Intentions of Zsuzsanna Gosztony

No 11am Confessions

4:30pm † Stanley & Esther Kirschling

Sunday, January 2nd

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

8:00am Intentions of Mason & Katie Oertli

10:00am SSPP Parishioners

Readings for Christmas

& the week of December 26, 2021

Saturday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti
 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk
 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-
 6/Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col
 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a,
 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt
 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/
 Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk
 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/
 Lk 2:16-21
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.
 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

CHURCH SUPPORT

December 11/12

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,212.00
Immaculate Conception Envelopes	\$ 822.00
E-giving	\$ 920.00
Immaculate Conception Plate	\$ 348.26
Plate	\$ 708.00
Total	\$10,010.26
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,400.00
Church Support YTD	\$171,705.55
Annual Budget YTD	\$177,600.00
Christmas Flowers (running total)	\$ 1,313.00
Food Baskets (running total)	\$ 1,385.00
March for Life (running total)	\$ 1,458.00
ACS Scrip Rebate (09/2021-10/2021)	\$ 502.48

Annual Appeal

as of December 16, 2021

Target	\$46,650.00
Total Pledges	\$21,060.00
Balance for target	\$25,590.00
Number of Donors: 52 of 371 families (avg. pledge \$405)	

Altar of Repose Votive Candles

This week's candles on the
 Altar of Repose
 for the

Garibaldi family
 & †Mike Cervi, Jr.

(next open week is Jan. 10)



PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism

Congratulations to the family of
Dominic James Duh,
baptized Saturday, December 11!



Mass of Christian Burial

From the parish family of SS Peter & Paul,
our sympathies go out to the family of
† **Marion Villeneuve,**
whose Mass of Christian Burial was
Monday, December 20. She is in our prayers.
Requiescat in pace.

Scrip News

Scrip will **NOT** be sold this or next weekend
(Christmas & New Year's weekends).

THANK YOU! - The Mitten Tree

A big thank you to our parishioners for donations of over 270 items of hats, mittens, scarves, & socks. These items were delivered to 7 schools in our area & to The Family Center. Thank you! - PCCW St. Patrick Unit 6

Ballroom Dance Classes

The winter session of Ballroom Dance will begin
Jan. 8 on Sat. evenings at 6pm here at SSPP.

Beginning, intermediate, & advanced classes offered.
For more info, please see the registration forms available
in the back of church, the parish office, & on the
Facebook page "Wisconsin Rapids Ballroom Dance
Classes." For more info, please call the parish office at
715-423-1351 or visit the above Facebook page.

Yarn Central Gathering

**6-8pm, Jan. 6 @ SSPP School
(1st & 3rd Thursdays)**

Knitters, spinners, crocheters: drop in with a
project & spend a couple hours with other fiber
artists to gather, work, & share projects.
All skill levels are encouraged to drop
in. Adults only. For more info, contact
Teri Jaeger at teri.jaeger@outlook.com
or 715-323-5513. See you there!



Brewing Truth Cor Jesu

6:30pm, Fri, Jan. 7 @ St. Philip, Rudolph
6957 Grotto Ave, Rudolph, WI 54475

Youth & young adults, join us for an hour of
Eucharistic adoration, confession, & music to grow
closer to the Heart of Jesus. Social with snacks & fun to
follow. For more info, email angelica.schutz@acswr.org



AHS Athletics Fall Sweepstakes Results

The drawing took place on Sun, Dec. 12, by Fr. Menzel,
witnessed by Mr. Marv Walloch & Mr. Al Villeneuve.

1st Prize	\$2,000	Sylvia Sigler	Port Edwards, WI
2nd Prize	\$1,000	Carol Brey	Wis. Rapids, WI
3rd Prizes	\$500	Carol Brey	Wis. Rapids, WI
		Ted Feenstra	Wis. Rapids, WI
4th Prizes	\$200	Vic & Kathy Kopacz	Wis. Rapids
		Mike Meinel	Wis. Rapids, WI
		Bill & Diane Reitz	Wis. Rapids, WI
		Bernadine Ladick	Wis. Rapids, WI
		John Galbreath	Wis. Rapids, WI

Thank you to everyone who entered the drawing
& supported AHS Athletics.

ACS Guest Teachers Needed!

Guest teachers needed for grades K-12

Duties: Follows lesson plans submitted by the regular
classroom teacher; ensures classroom management;
serves appropriate duty assignments; leave appropriate
documentation for teacher.

Requirements: Must provide evidence of college degree,
willingness to fill in on short notice, a love for children &
for God, & a positive background check for the Diocese
of La Crosse. Substitute license NOT required.

If interested, please contact ACS at 715-422-0904
for an application packet.

ACS Job Opening: Custodial Help

We are looking for custodial help at each of our buildings.
Please contact any of the school offices to apply.

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jwendels@assumptioncatholicschools.org
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AMS/AHS - Jimmy Lynch 715-422-0950
jlynch@assumptioncatholicschools.org

Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner

Jan. 8, 2022 @ Lilydale Dance Hall & Event Center
Chippewa Falls, WI

You are invited to an amazing multi-course Ukrainian
feast in support of Chalice of Mercy Mission to Ukraine.
For details, visit www.diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy

Prayer Chain

Let the PCCW pray for you or your loved ones in times of
need. To request prayers, call Debbie at 715-347-5020.
Please also give a call when prayers are no longer needed.

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



Mark Twain once said, “When I was 18 I thought my father was an old fool. When I turned 21 I was surprised at how much he had learned in 3 years.” The

book of Sirach (today’s optional first reading) teaches a truth that Mark Twain apparently eventually learned. To respect and honor one’s parents is not only a commandment from God; it is also just and good. The admonition to “care for your father when he is old” takes on an even greater urgency in our own culture where more people are living longer. A number of cultural changes make fulfilling this commandment seemingly more difficult. Among these are: fewer children (to take care of aging parents), more mobility (children live hundreds or thousands of miles from parents), and a cultural attitude which more and more considers “unproductive” persons as a burden on society. To address these issues the Church must integrate the truth of God’s Word with wise planning. It is encouraging to see efforts made to make homes for the aged much more like homes. I have heard and read of such homes being built near elementary schools so that both the young and the old benefit from each other’s presence. This seems like a good idea. Still, the best choice ought to be for the family itself to take care of aging parents. Though not always possible – especially when medical care is needed – the care of aging parents within the home can be a true blessing to the whole family. God promises a blessing upon those who honor their parents.

As we draw near the end of the calendar year, please remember that if you wish to claim a financial gift to our parish on your taxes for 2021, we must receive it at the parish by December 31, 2021. By law, donations received after December 31 must be recorded for 2022.

On behalf of Dcn. Jerry Ruesch and all the staff, I want to thank you for the many cards and gifts we received at Christmas. Be assured of our prayers for a continued Blessed Christmas Season and a Holy New Year!

May God bless you!
Fr. Schaller

From Live and Learn and Pass It On, by H. Jackson Brown, Jr. (A compilation of wisdom from people of all ages and walks of life.)

“I’ve learned that everyone has something to teach.” (Age 51)

“I’ve learned that envy is the enemy of happiness.” (Age 73)

“I’ve learned that making a living is not the same as making a life.” (Age 58)

50th Wedding Anniversary Names Needed

All couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary the calendar year of 2022, please contact the parish office by Dec. 30 at 715-423-1351 or kaitlyn@sspwwisrapids.org.



REMINDER! 2021 Donation Deadline

A reminder that all donations that you wish to be accounted in the 2021 tax year **must be received by Dec. 31, 2021.** Anything received after that date will be accounted in the 2022 tax year.



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- Ebook: *The World's First Love*
- Study: *Lectio: Prayer*



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