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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 2, 2021



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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

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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

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & PARISH NEWS

## Monday, January 3rd

*Holy Name of Jesus*

**No Mass**

## Tuesday, January 4th

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

**5:15pm** † Edgar & Charlene Sagen

## Wednesday, January 5th

*St. John Neumann, Bishop*

**8:00am** † Don Van Asten

## Thursday, January 6th

*St. André Bessette, Religious*

**8:00am** Special Intention

**6:00pm** Yarn Central Gathering

## Friday, January 7th

*St. Raymond of Peñafort*

**8:00am** † Maria Taylor-Runstrom

**9:00am** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

## Saturday, January 8th

**8:00am** † Helen Leitermann

**4:30pm** † Sharon Swetz

**6:00pm & 7:30pm** Ballroom Dance Classes

## Sunday, January 9th

*The Baptism of the Lord*

**8:00am** † Domingo Gornez

**10:00am** SSPP Parishioners

## Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/  
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Altar of Repose Votive Candles

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

† **Joe Rayles, Sr.**

(next open week is Jan. 17)



## Baptism Classes

Baptism classes will be offered...

**6:30pm, Jan. 20 & 21, 2021**

**6:30pm, May 19 & 20, 2021**

Attending a baptism class before the birth of your child is recommended. Please call the parish office at 715-423-1351 if you plan to attend. Thank you!

## Scrip News

Scrip will NOT be sold this weekend  
(New Year's weekends).

**Scrip Express is next weekend  
after the 4:30pm & 10:00am Masses.**

A volunteer will be at the parking lot entrance & in the Family Cenacle after Mass with \$20 Kwik Trip cards. Simply have your cash or check (made out to "ACS Scrip") ready as you leave Mass.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

December 18/19

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 6,209.00
Immaculate Conception Envelopes	\$ 175.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$ 389.00
E-giving	\$ 1,975.00
Plate	\$ 629.00
Total	\$ 9,377.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,400.00
Church Support YTD	\$181,082.55
Annual Budget YTD	\$185,000.00
Christmas Flowers (running total)	\$ 1,338.00
Religious Retirement (running total)	\$ 881.00

## Annual Appeal

as of December 22, 2021

Target	\$46,650.00
Total Pledges	\$21,500.00
Balance for target	\$25,150.00
Number of Donors: 55 of 371 families (avg pledge \$391)	

## 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

# PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](mailto:teri.jaeger@outlook.com) or 715-323-5513. See you there!



## Little Servants of St. Thérèse Girls' Group

**9-11am, Jan. 8 @ SSPP  
(2nd Saturdays)**

If your girls (K-12) are interested, email [maggieloski@gmail.com](mailto:maggieloski@gmail.com).



## Men's Holy League

The Men's Holy League will next be meeting

**6:00pm, Fri, Jan. 14 @ SS Peter & Paul**

If there are enough people, there will be refreshments.

## 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](mailto:angelica.schutz@acswr.org)



## Pro-Life Rosary

**4pm, Mon, Jan. 10, along 8th Street**

**We gather in the Grace's parking lot at 3:45.**

Please dress for the weather.

## Adorers Needed! Spend an Hour with JESUS!

Come adore our Lord at the Mother of America Adoration Chapel at the Marian Center for Peace. Go to [adorationpro.org/mother](http://adorationpro.org/mother) & sign up for one of our open hours or to be a substitute adorer. Or call Dan (715-451-3180) or Marion (715-316-1285).

## Traveling Virgin of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima came to the shepherd children to show them the treasures of grace hidden in the Rosary. Pray that she may inspire your heart with a sincere love of this devotion. With the events in the world today, we need Our Lady's help as much as ever. **The Marian Center's Traveling Virgin of Fatima is now available.** Please call Debbie at 715-347-5020.

## 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.

**SLEEC** - JoAnn Wendels 715-422-0990

[jwendels@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:jwendels@assumptioncatholicschools.org)

**OLQH** - Shelley Bruley 715-422-0980

[sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org)

**SVdP** - Pam Fochs 715-422-0960

[pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org)

**AMS/AHS** - Jimmy Lynch 715-422-0950

[jlynch@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto: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](http://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**



The Sacred Scriptures recount that the Messiah was seen first by His mother Mary, her husband Joseph, and then by the shepherds. Since the

covenant made by God was made with the people of Israel, it was fitting that those to witness with their eyes the fulfillment of that covenant should be of that people, that is, Jewish. But God's plan was for the salvation of all mankind: Jews and gentiles alike. The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord commemorates the manifestation of the Son of God to the gentile world, represented by the wise men from the east. Though the Gospel does not identify them by name or number, tradition fixes their number at three (to match the number of the gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh), and has given them the names of Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

The mission of the Church is to continue what was initiated at the Epiphany. We are to spread the good news of the Gospel to the entire world. Typically we think it is the work of missionaries to fulfill that mission. And Catholics in the United States traditionally have been generous in supporting the work of missionaries. But it is becoming increasingly evident that we need to make manifest the message of Christ here. Do you often feel uncomfortable about living or sharing your faith with others? Do you allow the pressure of the secular culture intimidate you into remaining silent in matters in which your faith applies? Perhaps one of your "New Year's Resolutions" could be to more vigorously live your faith, so that your family and others can see that you believe.

On behalf of Deacon Jerry Ruesch, myself 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 Blessed 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 love is a great investment. No matter whom you give it to, it returns great dividends." (Age 67)

"I've learned that you can't please some people, no matter what you do." (Age 35)

"I've learned that if you put a June bug down a girl's dress, she goes crazy." (Age 6)

**SSPP Donut Sunday!**

Everyone is invited to the “SSPP Donut Sunday” social  
**after the 10am Mass**  
**Sunday, January 2**

in the church basement social hall.  
 Worked by St. Patrick PCCW Unit.  
 Sponsored by St. Gianna PCCW unit.



**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.

**REMINDER! 2021 Donation Deadline**

A reminder that all donations that you wished to be  
 accounted in the 2021 tax year **had to have been**  
**received by Dec. 31, 2021.** Anything received after  
 that date is accounted in the 2022 tax year.



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- Ebook: ***Prepare the Way of the King - Scott Hahn***
- Study: ***FORMED Now! How to Pray***

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