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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8am–3:30pm • Friday: 8am–12:00 noon
Scrip is available for purchase during parish office hours.

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CONFESSION

Saturday: 8:30am–9:30am and 3:00pm–3:50pm

First Fri.: 8:30am–9:30am; 6:30pm–7:30pm with Exposition

• Any time by appointment by contacting the parish office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please contact the parish to schedule a baptism meeting and request a date for the celebration of baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend before the birth of their child.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

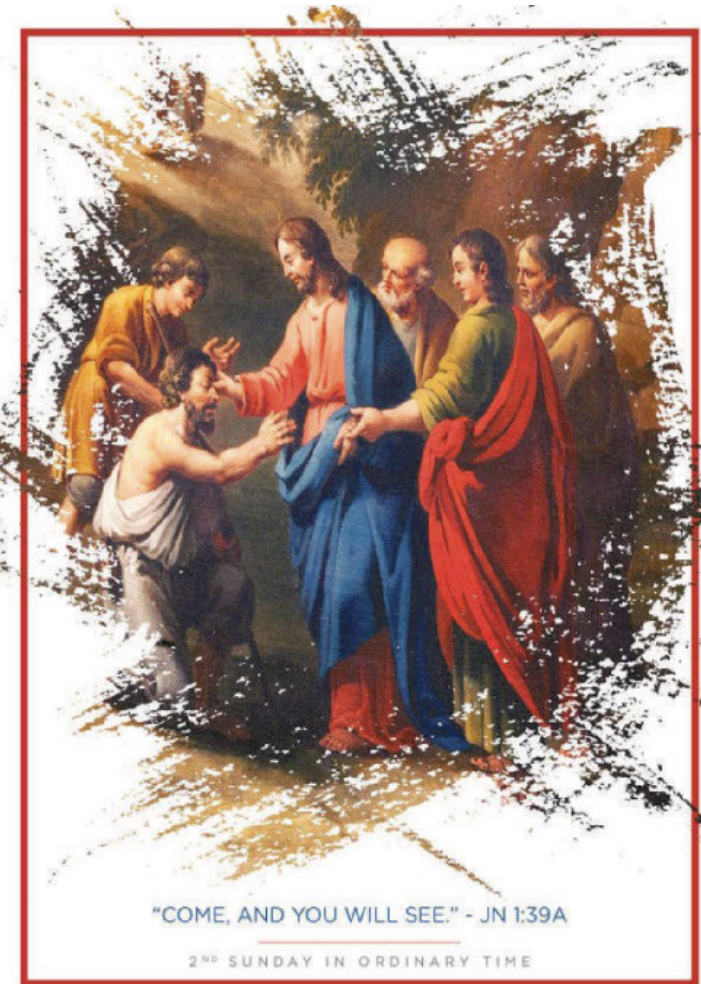
Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of emergency only, when someone is dying, please call the pastor's emergency line at 715-629-9952. This number is for emergencies only. Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long time should receive the Sacraments. Please call the parish to make arrangements or to schedule a non-emergency visit for those who are sick or homebound.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

All new families are most welcome to the parish and are kindly asked to register at the parish office as soon as possible. A registration form may be downloaded at www.our-lady.org/contact. Current parishioners are kindly asked to inform the office of any address, telephone, or family status changes.

UPCOMING BAPTISM CLASS

The next baptism preparation class date is February 20th at 5:30 pm. The class fee is \$20. Parents should be registered in the parish. Practice of the faith by parents is expected. Please contact the parish office to register.

PARISH BOOK OF PRAYER

Prayer requests may be written in our Parish Book of Prayer which is located in the gathering area by the offices. A general petition for all prayer requests written in the book is offered at all Sunday Masses.

PRAYER CHAIN: Please call **Mary Kobza** at 715-421-0447 with your intentions.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

A deanery Sunday evening Mass is held each Sunday night at 6:00 PM at SS Peter & Paul Parish (1150 2nd St. N.)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER 31, 2023



General	\$6,898.00
Plate	\$1,014.00
Building Maintenance	\$50.00
Total	\$7,962.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR JANUARY 7, 2024

General	\$12,848.00
Plate	\$1,203.85
Building Maintenance	\$640.00
Total	\$14,691.85

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

SANCTUARY CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candles burn the week of January 13 – January 19 in memory of

Zachary Orheim
By: Mom & Family

Update on the Pictorial Directory: As there have been many inquiries, the pictorial directory is currently at the publisher in the design phase. The parish then must proof it so as to make sure all names are spelled correctly and that the correct name is listed with the correct photo. After proofing, it will take about 30 days for printing. We expect the copies to be available around March. Thank you for your patience.

We offer our sincerest *thank you* to everyone who offered us Christmas cards, gifts, treats, and other items this past Advent and Christmas Seasons. While we are unable to offer individual thank yous to everyone, we are humbled by your kindness and generosity. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we pray for all of you. God bless you!
—Fr. Guanella, Fr. Weller,

MAGNIFICAT: There are extra copies of the Magnificat for \$3 each. They are located on the counter by the sink in the gathering area. You may pay at the office.

Grief Support Group- Wisconsin Rapids Deanery "Serenity" Grief Support Group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Gathering Space of St Vincent de Paul Church from 1-2 pm. The next meeting is January 15th.

A Pro-Life Rosary will be said on Monday, Feb. 12th at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45.

Mission Rosary Makers—The next date is Wednesday, January 17th. Please join us in the cafeteria from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.



TV Mass on Spectrum 985 or Solarus 3: OLQH Mass at 9 AM on Wednesday; Diocesan Mass at 6:30 AM on Sunday. Mass is also broadcast on Sunday at 6 AM on WZAW 7.3 (FOX) and at 6:30 AM

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St. Peter, 800 4th Ave., Stevens Point
February 25, 26, and 27, 2024
6:30 p.m.



Guest Speaker: Deacon Keith Strohm
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Night 3
Unleashing the Spirit

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Young Adult Catholic Women: Come Rebuild the Church with Saints Francis and Clare January 19 or February 23 with Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. Register: fsc-calledtobe.org. Call or text 920-323-9632.

Volunteers Needed at the Food pantry
Our parish has the week of February 5-9 at the FOCUS (Feeding Our Communities with United Services) food pantry. The hours are 11:45 to 4:00 pm Monday, Thursday and Friday. On Tuesday the hours are 3:45 to 7:00 pm. **The pantry is closed on Wednesday.** The pantry is at 2321 West Grand Ave. If you can help one or more days with this worthwhile community program please call Cindy Holberg at 715-421-2311 or email at holberggc@hotmail.com

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Domestic Church Retreat - Save the Date
The next Domestic Church Retreat will be held April 13-14, 2024, at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Wisconsin Rapids. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The retreat aims to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. To register and find out more information, click this link: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>

BINGO!

January 21
AHS Doors open at 12:00
Bingo begins at 1:00
Progressive Bingo is +\$1000!

What's on Formed.org for January?

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (*Understanding Catholic Teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary by Tom Perna*)

Grow more deeply in your relationship with God by knowing Mary more intimately. Let's explore the meaning behind the four Marian dogmas: Mother of God, Perpetual Virginity, Immaculate Conception, and her Assumption into Heaven.

January 2 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (*Who are the Magi?*)

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.

January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord (*The Wild Goose: Episode 10 The Spirit and the Desert*)

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." - Luke 4:1
On the day Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit anointed him. Immediately after this event the Holy Spirit led Jesus to the desert. The desert was a place of isolation, death, and defeat, but Jesus was led to the desert so that it may be forever changed into a place of grace. The Spirit led Jesus to the desert and also protected and cared for him while he was there. The desert is a part of every Christian's life but it does not have to be a place of despair or isolation. The Holy Spirit is present to life's deserts and when we experience his presence it changes our spiritual life. The desert is no longer a place to be feared but can be a profound encounter with Jesus.

January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (*Symbolon: pt2: Session 10: Protecting Human Dignity*)

In an age when life itself seems disposable, how can we follow God's call to protect and promote the dignity of the human person in all places and circumstances?

Adult Faith Formation January Bible Study on Ruth

Join us this January as we dive into the Book of Ruth. The Book of Ruth gives us an example of how God is always faithful to His promises, without exception. Ruth trusted in God even when her world fell into pieces - and He turned every inch of that pain into the purest light for His faithful daughter. Let God do the same for you. The next Book Study is January 18 at 9:00 am in the Gathering Space. The book costs \$14 and can be purchased at the Parish office.

HOSPITALITY



Saturday—January 20
4:00 pm Mary Anderson
Sunday—January 21
7:30 am Tom & Joan Freidel
10:00 am Nick & Ashley Marti

UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024 *MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY*
8:00 am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024
9:00 am Children's Mass † Gail Seefeldt by: Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 *ST ANTHONY*
8:00 am Mass Collective Intentions
† Marvin Erdmann by: Donna Radtke
† Kay Casey by: Wayne & Sue Basler
† Health of Micky & June Slowinski by: John & Bonnie Joosten
† Jim Fieber by: The Family
6:00 pm Religious Formation Classes Grades 1-8

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
9:00 am Bible Study
1:00 pm Choir Practice
5:00 pm Mass † Moe Eswein by: The Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024
8:00 am Mass † Ilene Freidel by: Tom & Joan Freidel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024
8:00 am Mass † Mary Rayome by: Tom Rayome
8:30 am Confessions
3:00 pm Confessions
3:30 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass † Eleanor & William Slattery by: The Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024
7:30 am Mass † Fr. Mark Doyle by: Mike & Patti Ritchay
10:00 am Mass † Beverly O'Donnell by: The Family

OLQH Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, February 4th
Volunteer sign up sheets will be available in the gathering space this weekend.

The Sister Parish Collection is this weekend after all of the Masses.

GREETERS



Saturday - January 20
4:00 pm Mark & Jeri Ann Reichl
Sunday - January 21
7:30 am Statz Family
10:00 am Confirmation Class

LECTORS



Saturday - January 20
4:00 pm Deanna Scholz
Sunday - January 21
7:30 am Mike Hittner
10:00 am Karen Abbott

SERVERS



Saturday - January 20
4:00 pm Dave Anderson, Greg Bathke
Corby Olson
Sunday - January 21
7:30 am Cade & Christian Statz
10:00 am Noah Unversaw,
Paul Richmond, Rick Anderson

PASTORAL THOUGHTS...

A few weeks ago, our Director of Religious Formation, Rebecca Zalar wrote about the question of when does Mass actually end. A similar question is often raised: how much of Mass must I attend to fulfill my obligation? I believe this is the wrong question but I'll get to that in a moment. First, we have to see what the church asks of us. Canon 1247 of the *Code of Canon Law* is the relevant law, which states, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass." This is simple and straightforward: we must attend Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation. Nonetheless, what does "participate in the Mass" really mean?



Sometimes people bring up that they were taught that you had to be at Mass for the Gospel, or when the chalice veil was removed, or through Holy Communion for it to "count." The fact is the church has never definitely said what "counts" as participating in Mass to fulfill one's obligation. Moral theologians over the years have given their thoughts but the church has never officially stated anything. And this is why I stated I think people are asking the wrong question.

We shouldn't be minimalists in our religious practice. We shouldn't ask about "how much of the Mass fulfills my obligation" because we should earnestly try to be at the entire Mass on every Sunday (or Saturday evening) and holy day of obligation. A well-known priest, Fr. John Zuhlsdorf, writes, "if you are late for Mass through no fault of your own, and there is no other way to fulfill your Sunday or holy day obligation, you have nevertheless done your best. If you are late through your own fault, that is another matter." This cuts to the heart: Missing the first part of Mass because your child got sick just as you were leaving the house is different than missing the first part of Mass because you left the house late because you were in the middle of a good TV show. Unexpected things come up with illness, weather, trains, etc. and you should try to do your best. If you're late to Mass through your own fault, that's a different story.

I should also mention that reception of Holy Communion is not a required part of attending Mass. I think people do not always understand this. Fr. Zuhlsdorf writes, "Reception of Communion is not the mark of having fulfilled your Mass obligation. You are still obliged to go to Sunday Mass even if you know you cannot receive Communion. Communion is not the same as getting your parking ticket validated at the restaurant." The law states we must attend Mass, not that we must receive Holy Communion. There is law that states we must receive Holy Communion once a year, but that's a topic for a different day.

In the end, I ask that you adjust your way of thinking if you're questioning "how late can I be to Mass for it to still count." Rather, ask "why am I am late to Mass (or why I am leaving early): can it be helped? Is it through no fault of my own or is it through my fault?" This will help answer the question. Sure, it would be easier if the church said you need to be at Mass from such-and-such a point onward, but that can make us minimalists and we don't want to be minimalists in our worship. God deserves more than that.

—Fr. Guanella

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