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Weekend Masses

Saturday.....4:00 pm
Sunday9:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday & Friday ..8:00 am

Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday.....
.....8:00 am—12:00 pm
Thursday.....12:00 pm—3:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday—after 8:00 am Mass to 9:00 am
1st Friday—after 8:00 am Mass until 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday.....11:00 am
And by appointment

Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, or RCIA

Contact the parish office to make arrangements.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 3, 2023

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1st Sunday of Advent

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? **"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep."** Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.



—Father John Muir

Parish Support

Contributions from the week of **November 19**

General Fund:	\$3,646.00
Capital Improvement:	\$55.00
Church Maintenance:	\$45.00



THANK YOU for supporting YOUR Parish;
every contribution helps, no matter the amount!

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

The First Sunday of Advent

Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do — every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share — remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. Amen.

Whoever gossips to you will be a gossip of you.

A talebearer revealeth secrets but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.
—Proverbs 11:13

Retirement Collection

Next weekend, our parish will take a Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay.

You may donate to both of these groups, or just to one. Please use the envelope provided in your bulletin. You can also find them on the tables at the entrances of church.

Donut Sunday

12/3



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

8:00 am † Fr. Jerry Falk & Fr. Bob Falk

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 am St. Elizabeth Altar Society Members

Wednesday, December 6

NO MASS

Thursday, December 7

NO MASS

Friday, December 8

8:00 am For All Our Parishioners
Living & Deceased
Mass in our Chapel

Saturday, December 9

4:00 pm † Dennis Ouradnik

Sunday, December 10

9:00 am † Jeanette Jakubowski

† deceased ♥ Intention of • In honor of

Scrip News

Many Thanks to the **15** people who purchased **\$3602** worth of Scrip from November 13th to November 19th, giving the Parish **\$175.79** in profit.

This Week in the Parish

Monday, December 4

6:00 pm Buildings & Grounds;
followed by Men's Club
at 7:00 pm

6:00 pm Advent Evening Prayer
in Church

Tuesday, December 5

6:00 pm Parish Council

Thursday, December 7

5:30 pm Evening Prayer
6:00 pm Adult Education
Subject: Advent

Friday, December 8

8:00 am Mass—Parish Book of
Healing
Mass in our Chapel

Saturday, December 9

9:00 am Church Cleaning

Sunday, December 10

10:00 am Advent Program
Subject: Advent

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

December Intentions of the Pope and the Bishop

Pope Francis' Intention

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Bishop Ricken's Intention

May the Prince of Peace bring an end to the violence of war and lead all those afflicted by violence to lives of peace and joy.

Parish Christmas/Note Cards

Please consider using our note cards as your Christmas cards. The cards are available for a donation of \$5.00 each. These beautiful cards show our restored Church interior and are available for purchase in the office during regular office hours or at the Scrip table after Mass.

St. Ann Fraternity of The Secular Franciscans

We invite all parishioners to Bible Study (Lectio Divina), Prayer and Reflection at 10:00 am in the Adele Brise room off the school Cass Street entrance on the **Second** and **Fourth** Saturdays of the month. The next meetings will take place on **December 9th** & **December 23rd**. All are welcome.

The regular 3rd Saturday of the month meeting will be held on **December 16th** from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

This Week's Birthdays—75 or more years young

Catherine Skeris (12/4)
Mary Wilquet (12/4)
Janice Kehoe (12/5)
Lucy Schultz (12/7)
Gerald Kehoe (12/8)
Guy DeGroot (12/8)



Altar Society

The Mass on **Tuesday, December 5th** is for the intention of the members of the Altar Society.

ALL WOMEN of the parish are invited to join in this year's Christmas potluck, which will take place on **Monday, December 11th** at NOON in St. Clare Hall. Bring any dish to share. Come join in the fun!

Please call the parish office to RSVP so we have enough tables set up. Sponsored by the Altar Society.

Holiday Bake Sale

Please save the date for our Annual Holiday Bake Sale:

- ⇒ Date: **Saturday, December 16th**
- ⇒ Time: **9:00 am-1:00 pm**
- ⇒ Where: **St. Clare Hall**

Looking for all "Angel" bakers. Please call Theresa at 920-412-6302 if you would like to bake. Looking forward to sharing the Holiday with you.

Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the Church for the Christmas season on **Saturday, December 9th** beginning at 9:00 am. Many helpers are needed to make the job go faster. Men, women and children are welcome to help. Please bring a bucket/pail if you have one.

Reminders—

- ♦ The Parish is collecting non-perishable food items for Paul's Pantry throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. The collection box is in the back of Church. Cash contributions are also accepted.
- ♦ Christmas Oplatek wafers are available at the Scrip table and the Parish office—\$2 per package.
- ♦ Each **Monday evening** during Advent the Parish, with St. Ann Fraternity, will be offering Advent evening prayer with adoration from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm.
- ♦ Christmas setup will take place on **Tuesday, December 19th** at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to the parish office if you plan to attend.
- ♦ Parish Advent reconciliation will be on **Tuesday, December 12th** from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm and each Saturday during Advent at 11:00 am.

Community News

Craft Sale

December 9th — 9:00 am-2:00 pm
December 10th — 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Homemade items include rag rugs, quilts, afghans, lap robes, hats, mittens, scarfs, baby sweaters, and misc. other items.

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