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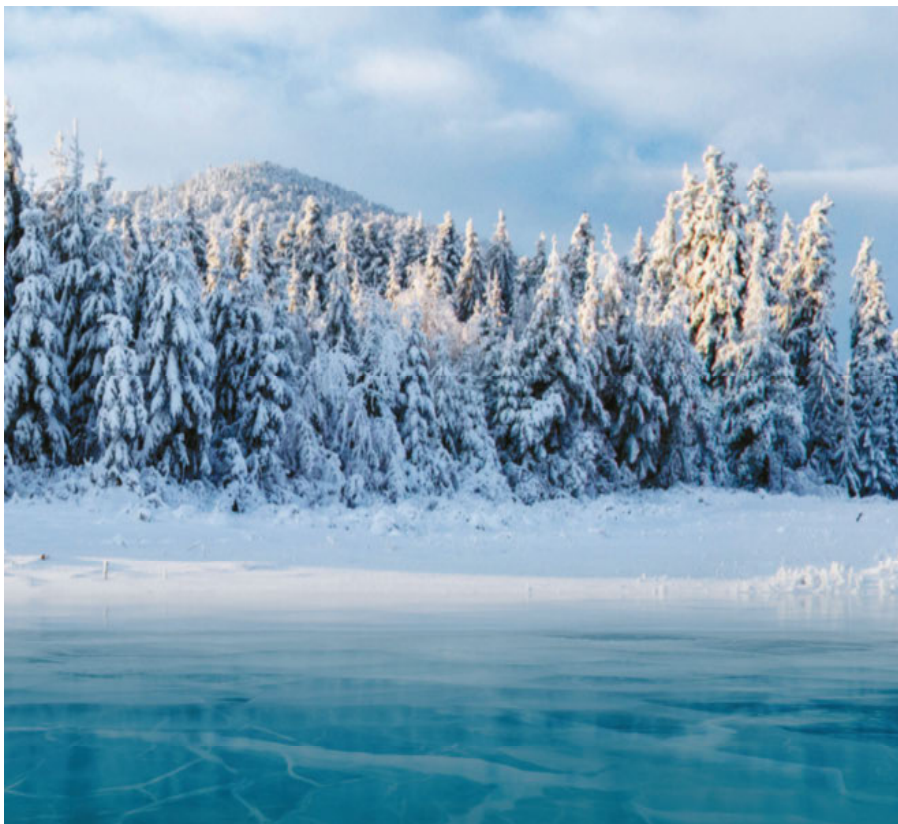
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The Baptism OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday—4:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

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In Christian charity we pray for **Herbert Meyer** who passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to his family. Eternal rest grant unto Herbert, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



We would like to welcome **Maria Schroeder** who has recently joined the parish.

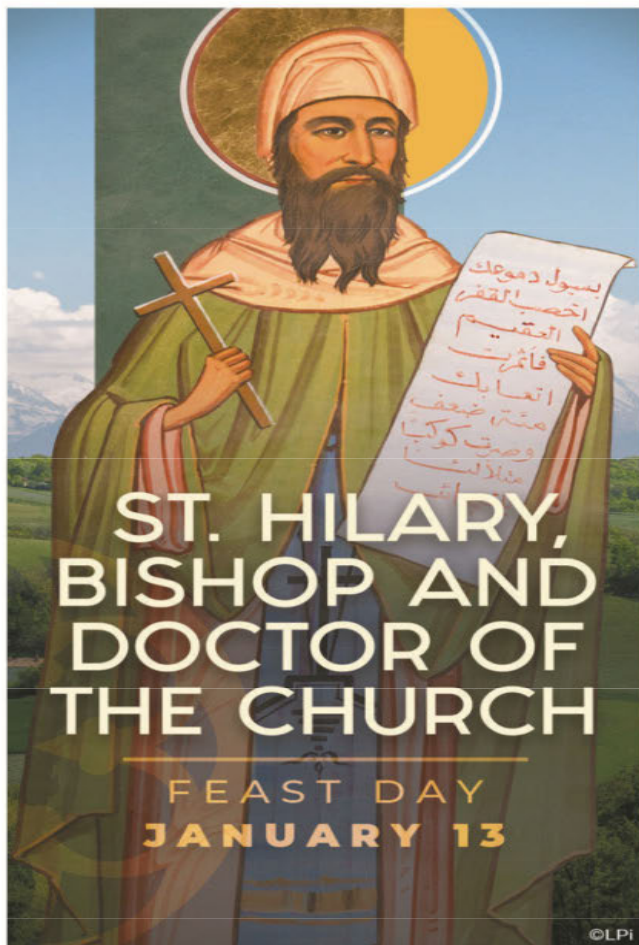
Stand Strong For The Unborn If you would like to participate in the **Pro-Life Signature Ad** which will appear in *City Pages* on January 20, 2022, we will have signature sheets at church on this weekend at all the Masses. This is an opportunity for you to speak out for the unborn and show your support that all human life is precious and should be protected.



Join our Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., – With two Special Guests! There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation’s capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Plus, our pilgrims will be addressed by two amazing speakers, before and after the March: Terry Beatley, Founder of Hosea Initiative, and Valentyna Pavsyukova, Founder of Chalice of Mercy. For the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details, visit diolc.org/M4L.

Week at a Glance

- Wed., Jan., 12**..... GSRE 5:45pm
- Wed., Jan., 12**.....HSRE Gr 10 6:30pm
- Wed., Jan., 12**.. Communal Rosary 7:00pm



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ’s divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



St. Vincent de Paul Program Director Needed Are you a service-oriented individual with a concern for others in our community who are

suffering in poverty? Do you have a background and/or education in human service strong supervisory skills? St. Vincent de Paul is seeking a full-time director for a nation-wide *Getting Ahead* program to begin in Wausau that empowers its participants to achieve self-sufficiency and a self-directed life. A job description is available by emailing kentokarz76@gmail.com or calling 715-571-3675. Please call and learn more about this position and program that will make a difference in the lives of many in our community.”

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to the following couple who will be celebrating a special wedding anniversary in the month of January.

Ross & Rebecca Larson 25yrs

January Birthdays

Special birthday wishes go out to:

Jerry Gage 93yrs

Irene Cihlar 90yrs

Happy Birthday!

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Parish Stewardship for December 25, 2021

Adults Env. & Online	\$ 30,885.00
Students.....	\$ 26.50
Plate	<u>\$ 2,141.12</u>
<i>Total for the week.....</i>	<i>\$ 33,052.62</i>

Parish Stewardship for December 26, 2021

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online	\$ 34,041.69
Students.....	\$ 16.00
Plate	\$ 667.01
Automatic Direct Donation avg.....	<u>\$1,649.25</u>
<i>Total for the week.....</i>	<i>\$ 36,373.95</i>
Retired Fund Religious	\$ 255.00

Parish Stewardship for January 2, 2022

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online	\$ 20,962.00
Christmas.....	\$ 1,890.00
Holy Day	\$ 1,955.00
Students.....	\$ 29.00
Plate	\$ 996.61
Automatic Direct Donation avg.....	<u>\$1,711.75</u>
<i>Total for the week.....</i>	<i>\$ 27,544.36</i>



Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ's love. To live Christ's love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

Contact Information

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Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.

The effects of adoration: Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

***Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

Reconciliation

Anytime by request.

Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by request.

•Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.

•If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.

•If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.

•All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

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