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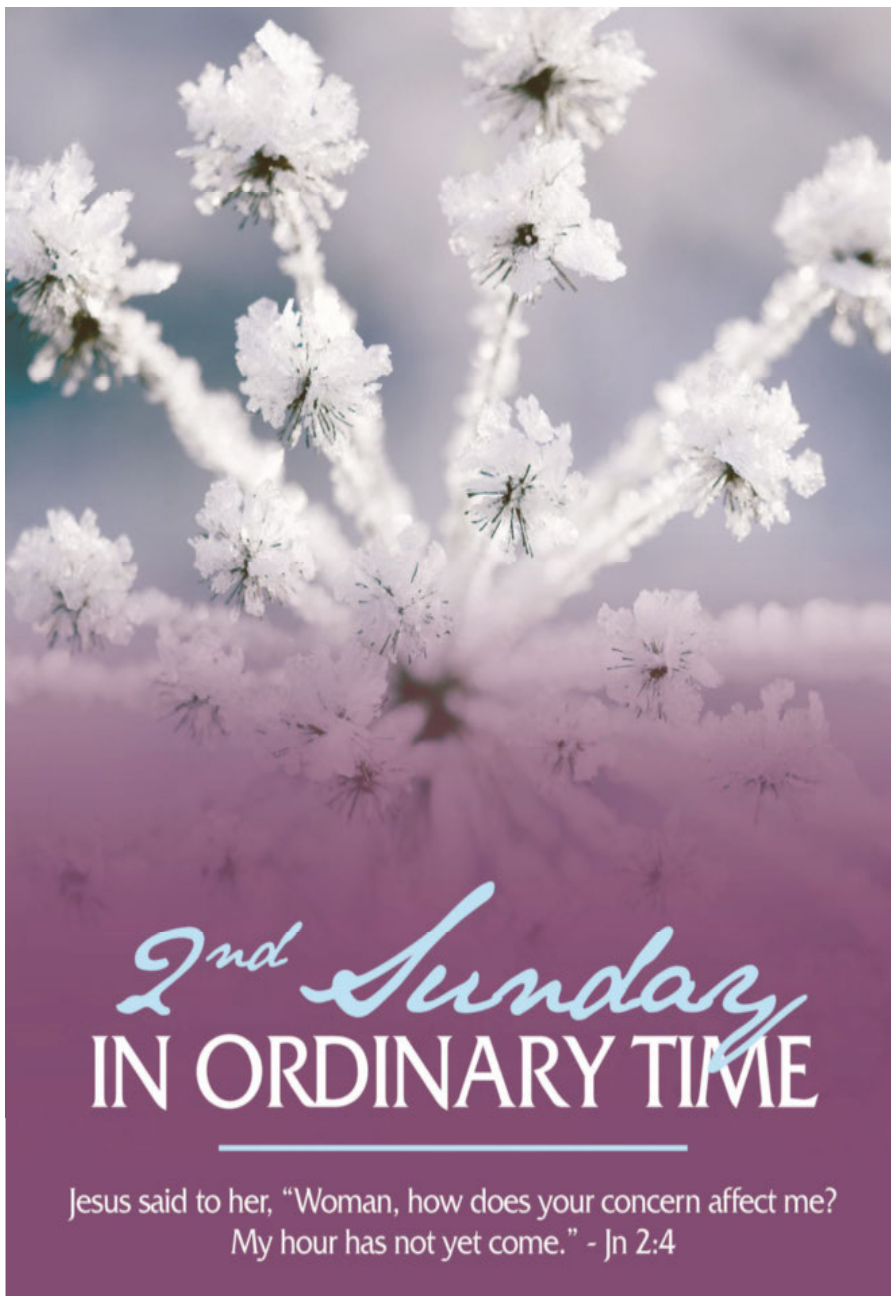
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WEEKEND MASSES:

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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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.”

Project Seed is selling non-GMO seed and Roundup-Ready seed plus alfalfa seed, clover and grasses plus mixes. Please pre-order. Phone numbers and date of pick are on the fliers in back of church. Sacred Heart in Cassel, April 2 from 11:00-1:00pm.



Parish Stewardship for January 9, 2022

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

Adults Env. & Online	\$ 11,632.48
Holy Day.....	\$ 52.00
Students.....	\$ 29.28
Plate.....	\$ 786.64
Automatic Direct Donation avg.....	\$1,711.75
<i>Total for the week</i>	<i>\$ 14,212.15</i>

Week at a Glance

Wed., Jan., 19..... GSRE 5:45pm
Wed., Jan., 19..... HSRE Gr 10 6:30pm
Wed., Jan., 19.. Communal Rosary 7:00pm
Sun., Jan., 23..... HSRE Gr 9 6:30pm



Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages! When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 - 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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WARNING: The following article and video contain graphic images of aborted babies. <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/watch-university-experiments-on-aborted-baby-parts-funding-linked-to-fauci/>

In December, LifeSite reported that the University of Pittsburgh has been conducting medical research by grafting scalps from aborted babies onto rodents. After publishing a report in the National Catholic Register about the many ways that aborted children are being used for scientific research at major universities and hospitals in the United States, author Stacy A. Trasancos tweeted a summary of her horrifying findings. Aborted baby scalps grafted onto mice. Their organs transplanted. Humanized mice developed at the University of Pittsburgh, all to study the immune system. Supported by Dr. Fauci's NIAID. Paid for by us.

Trasancos is Executive Director of Bishop Joseph Strickland's St. Philip Institute of Catechesis and Evangelization in the Diocese of Tyler, Texas. Bishop Strickland retweeted her report, declaring: These are crimes against humanity that should be prosecuted. Silence in the face of these atrocities simply adds to the evil. Wake up America! Demand that this stops NOW!

Dear St. Mary's Parish Family,

Saturday, January 22nd, marks the 49th anniversary of the legalized butchering of preborn human beings in the womb. In order to once again help protect our preborn brothers, sisters and their mothers from the carnage of abortion we at St Mary's will be starting our Spiritual Adoption Program on Saturday, January 22rd, 2022.

If you are a seasoned prayer warrior, and have been involved in the program for years now, GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT! If you are unfamiliar with the program please consider Spiritual Adoption.

Spiritual Adoption is a precious opportunity for God to use you to save the life of one of HIS beloved children. The unborn child whom you will spiritually adopt may have no opportunity other than your faithful prayers to live the life that God intended for him or her.

Please consider how you might reach out through Spiritual Adoption to save an innocent unborn baby and make this child (and the child's mother and father) part of your family through prayer!

To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the

spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it was recommended an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of nine months:

"Dear Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of (baby's name) the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of being aborted." Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Thank you for supporting our ongoing battle in OUR FIGHT FOR LIFE!

Rhonda Kaiser

"I really looked at that pile of body parts on the side of the table and I didn't see her wonderful right to choose and I didn't see what a great Dr. I was in taking care of her problem and I didn't even see the \$800.00 cash I just made in 15 minutes. All I could see was somebody's son or daughter."

Former abortionist Dr. Anthony Levatino

These 10 images and two videos by former abortionist Dr. Levatino, describing how abortionists kill children - <https://liveaction.org/news/10-images-change-mind-abortion/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A16gzm9eaa8>



New Hope for Unborn Babies?

Pray for our Supreme Court Justices! Is the end near for Roe v. Wade? Could the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy be overturned? The Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court could have

that outcome – but we must pray. Read about the nationwide initiative of fasting and prayer at diolc.org/respect-life, where you can also download a flyer with photos of each of the Justices. Post it on your refrigerator and remember to pray and sacrifice for each of them by name! A ruling is expected by June.

DAY OF PRAYER

for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

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.

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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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