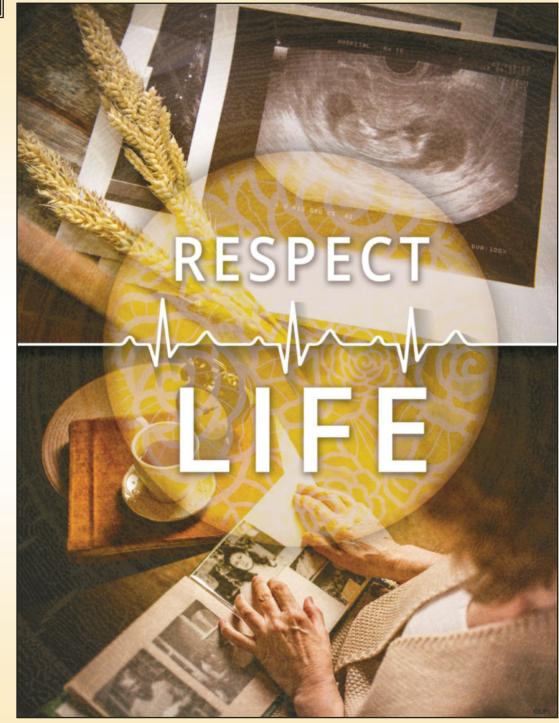
WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

Nativity of Our Lord Rhinelander



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 3, 2021



Nativity of Our Lord & St. John

e welcome all newcomers to the area and invite you to join one of our parish communities: Nativity of Our Lord in Rhinelander or St. John in Pelican Lake. As a people of God we are here to serve each other. Please stop at the parish office during office hours to pick up registration forms.

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Nativity of Our Lord Mission Statement

Our Mission is to be the light of Christ shining in the heart of the community.

Our Vision is to be a Eucharistic-centered community committed to holistic Catholic education, new evangelization, and loving service to those in need.

Our Values are those of a welcoming, caring and inclusive faith community rooted in peace and justice.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remember two weeks ago when we had the Gospel reading and the disciples were arguing who was the greatest. Then Jesus takes a child and places his arms around it and says, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Last week Jesus said, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." This week, "people were bringing children to Jesus but the disciples rebuked them; At this, Jesus became indignant at the disciples."

But this Sunday's Gospel began with pharisees questioning Jesus about divorce. Jesus is again being tested by leaders of His time. He answered them "From the beginning, God had made husband and wife to be one flesh; they are not to be separated." Even two-thousand years later, it is easy to see people do not comprehend what this teaching means.

God is constantly calling people together, even through Co-vid, with all of its trials and no less, even in a hookup culture, where divorce has now become the norm. There is the question we should be asking, how do we get them the understanding of the love God has for two people who come together in marriage; into our cultures hearts and minds? So they may also understand that relationship which is reflected in the love relationship between three persons in the Godhead. It also can be seen in the love God has for man and all of creation; like what is presented in our first reading from Genesis. Still, there is a deeper love God has for all humanity, shown fully by his becoming man. A sacrificial love which is a faithful Love God has for us. On our part, this involves a significant amount of meditation and prayer by everyone, including this author, no-one is excluded from it.

Notice, the disciples were preventing the children from coming to Jesus. Jesus' response was, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Children have a complete dependence on and trust in their parents; so must our dependence and trust be in respect to our God. He loves us totally; does not hold anything back in his love for the Church. Our marriages are to reflect this love, of course we have to grow in this understanding. The trouble is, in our world there are many who try to block the image of love God has for us. It continues to bastardize it. However, it is by our obedience, and reflections to the Gospel, that God's Spirit will continue to work in our lives and be seen by the people we make contact with in our daily lives.

Fr. Chris



Homebound Ministry

If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at their home, please call the parish office at 715-362-3169. This ministry will visit parishioners each Wednesday and offer prayers and Holy Communion.

Mass Times and Mass Intentions

† - (In Memory of)

Saturday, October 2 3:15 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass (livestreamed) † Jim Ashbrenner by Dallas, Jamie & Jenny

Sunday, October 3 7:30 am Mass † Bev Wilmot by Tom & Bert Cornelius

9:30 am Mass † Karen Moritz by Mary Ann Kipper

11:30 am Mass (St. John - Pelican Lake) For the People of the Parishes

Monday, October 4 No Mass

Tuesday, October 5 4:30 pm Confessions 5:15 pm Mass † Joan Cyganek by Pauline Ducette

Wednesday, October 6 9:15 am Mass † Don & Marion Conner by Debra

Thursday, October 7 8:00 am Mass † Rita Chariton by Connie Hunter

Friday, October 8 10:00 am — Nursing Home/ Care Facility Mass † Trevor Fletcher by Jim & Nancy Scholz

Saturday, October 2 3:15 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass (livestreamed) † Phil Guzik by Bettye & Tom

Sunday, October 9 7:30 am Mass † Oren & Priscilla Benson by Mary Ellen

9:30 am Mass † Barbara & Jerry Loesch by Jean Loesch



11:30 am Mass (St. John - Pelican Lake) For the People of the Parishes

Ministry Schedule for Readers, Hospitality & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We will soon be working on the Ministry schedule for November & December. Please call or email <u>pshepard@nativity.me</u> at the Parish Office with your unavailable dates and also for the upcoming Christmas & New Years holidays by Monday, October 18.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will next meet on Thursday, October 7, at 6:30 pm. Please meet in the Gathering Space.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Our parish continues to welcome inquiries to the Roman Catholic faith through instruction and reception of the sacraments of initiation. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the church and become an active member of the Catholic faith, please contact Barbara Eretto at 715-499-1265.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Reconciliation: Tuesday: 4:30-5 pm Saturday: 3:15-4 pm **Anointing of the Sick**: This sacrament is available upon request by calling the parish office. Please do not wait until it becomes an emergency because a priest may not always be immediately available.

Baptism: Baptism preparation should take place well in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for details. **Marriage:** Arrangements are to begin at least six months in advance.

LITURGICAL ROLES ~ OCT. 9 & 10

Music

4:30 pm	Ruth/ Mary B./ Tom
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- 7:30 am Mary D./ Dan & Casey
- 9:30 am Mary D./ Rick / Bill/ Garry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:30 pm T. Brunette/ S. Widule/ J. Kowieski
- 7:30 am D. Laddusire/ J. LeClair/ Volunteer
- 9:30 am D. Dolezal/ C. Wenos/ N. Levanetz

Readers

4:30 pm	Lisa Brunette
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- 7:30 am Tina Meier
- 9:30 am Jeff Levanetz

Hospitality

4:30 pm	Bill Freudenberg/ Margaret Barnes/Sheila Widule Dennis & Joan Harper
7:30 am	John LeClair/ Joe McKenzie John Kubisiak/ Volunteer
9:30 am	Ray Brzycki/ Marty Patrickus Bob & Judy Anderle

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk

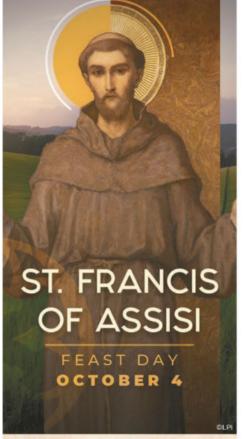
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday:	St. Francis of Assisi
Tuesday:	Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Thursday:	Our Lady of the Rosary
Saturday:	St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Next Sunday:	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

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NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. Melanie Nycz



Above: Nativity junior high students helped create a float for the Rhinelander High School Homecoming Parade. Nativity students, staff, and family members walked in the parade to show our support for our Hodags.

Nativity School- September Calendar Raffle Winners Sharon Sykes, Patricia Perlberg, Dawn Leighton, Jaret Luppino, Iron Belt, Arlene Beuning, Melrose MN, Dale Schlieve, Jim Coenen, Two Rivers, Michael Wells



Nativity Thrift Stores

Pine Lake SiteAll Fall/Winter clothing will be on sale beginning October 2.

Pine Lake Site 4293 River Road Open Wed., and Sat. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 715-369-2044 Brown Street Site 436 Brown Street Open Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat 10:00 am – 3:00 pm 715-362-2665

St. John - Pelican Lake News

Welcome!! Are you new to St. John? If you would like to register to become a member, please call the Parish Office at 715-362-3169.



Sound System Update: Total amounted collected for the new Sound System at St. John's is \$1,920.97 Thank You for your continued support!!

ST JOHN Catholic Services Appeal

2021/2022 CSA Goal	\$2.923.00
Current year CSA funds pledged to date	\$240.00
total	\$240.00
Percentage of Goal	
Thank You for your support of the Catholic Serv	

Business Manager Update Mike DeBay mdebay@nativity.me

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Catholic Services 2021/2022 CSA Goal Last year goal exceeded by Current year CSA funds pledged to date	\$68,961.00 \$9,937.48 \$27,042.00
Total Percentage of Goal	\$36,979.48

Thank You for your supporting the Catholic Services Appeal!

Director of Faith Formation Barbara Eretto 715-499-1265 beretto@nativity.me

Religious Education Fundraiser Catholic Socks and Tees

Religious Education has launched a fundraiser selling Catholic Socks and Tees. We will have samples and order forms available at the Parish Office and on Wednesday evenings at Religious Education classes.

Use this link to order yours today! https://my.cheddarup.com/c/catholic-socs-and-tees-fundraiser

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible—Bible Study John LeClair will be leading a Bible Study program <u>starting</u> <u>Tuesday, October 19, at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Space</u>, called "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible". Jeff Cavins presents the story of salvation history from Creation and the Fall through the coming of Christ and the establishment of the Church. Please call the Parish Office at 715-362-3169 to register.

Respect Life

"Walking with Moms in Need"

Pregnant and all types of parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

Our parish is joining a nationwide effort entitled: "*Walking with Moms in Need*." As part of this initiative our parish will undertake a yearlong process to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in our local community.

We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Kathy Currie (773) 259-5829

Please join the Core Team for this new ministry, we are in need of new and old members to come together and do more for Respect Life in our parish. To learn more about the nation-wide initiative, visit <u>www.walkingwithmoms.com</u>.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

RESPECT LIFE MONTH 2021 | REFLECTION St. Joseph: Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ "came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph" (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in

her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to *Joseph* in a series of dreams how God's plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, "God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child" (PC 5).

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'" (PC 3). His "yes" to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble" (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was "chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child and his mother" (PC 5). May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. *Dear St. Joseph, you who were "able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence" (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.* Excerpts from *Patris corde*, © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.





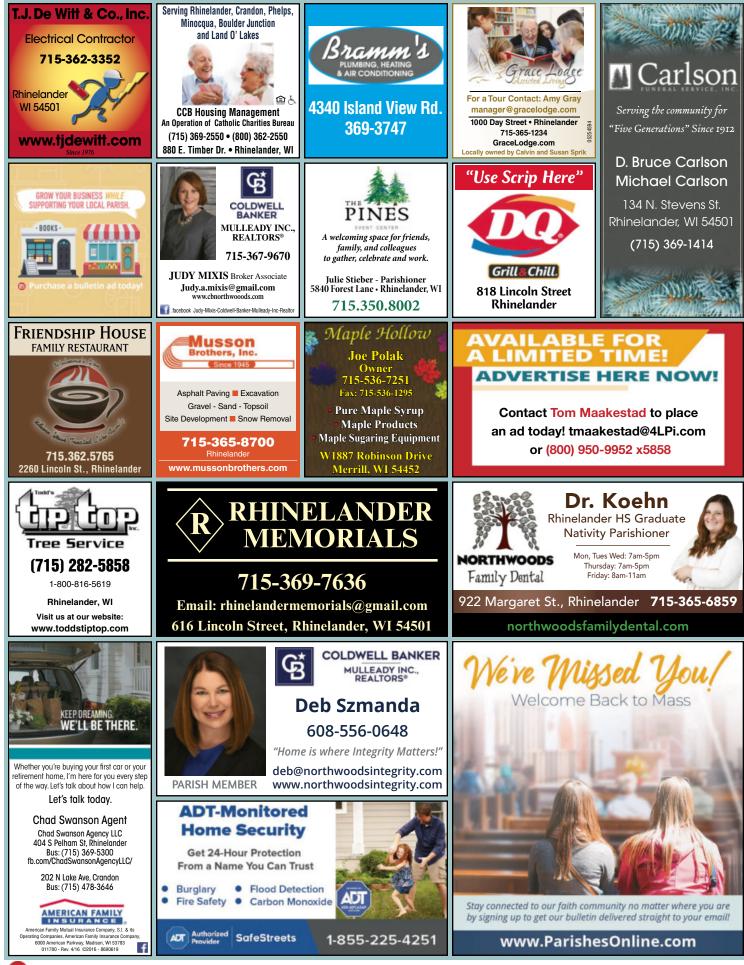


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