

Father Patrick McConnell  
Pastor

Father Jayanna Kanna  
Sacramental Minister

Father Dennis Meulemans  
Retired Priest in Residence

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday.....6:00 pm  
(Note: Special Wed. Mass on Jan. 12.)  
Thursday.....8:30 am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday.....6:30 pm  
Sunday.....9:30 am

### Reconciliation (Confession)

5:45-6:15 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass);  
First Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm and  
First Thursday: 9-10 am (following the Mass for that day).

### Baptism

Parents are urged to have their child baptized as soon as possible. Call the office to schedule a baptism, and for any baptismal prep that may be needed. We ask that you speak with Father before selecting sponsors, to be aware of their requirements.

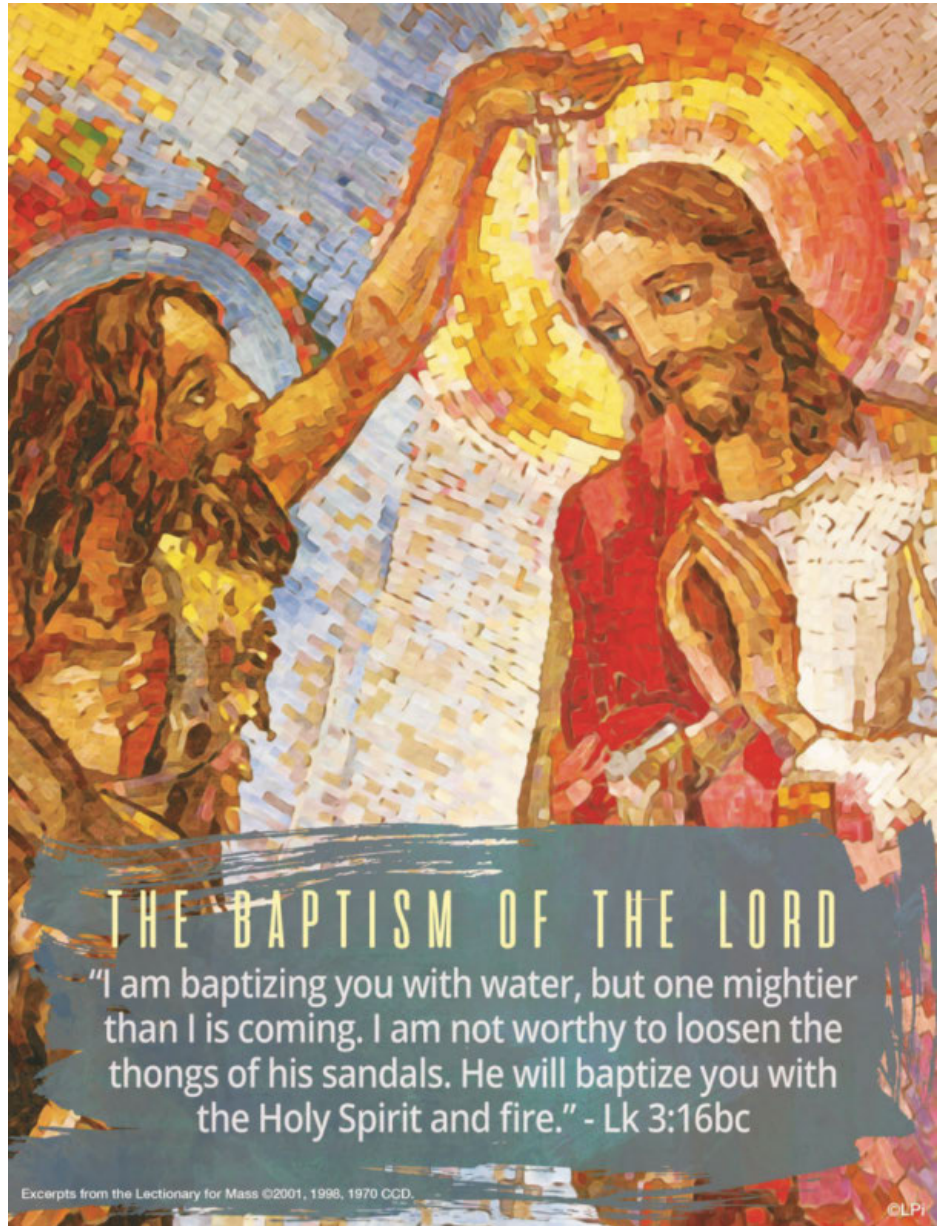
### Anointing of the Sick

Please call our parish office if there is a need to receive this Sacrament. We encourage you to be anointed prior to any surgeries.

### Marriage

Please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting to discuss marriage plans, and before making preparations—at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

# Good Shepherd Catholic Church



*The mission of Good Shepherd Catholic Parish is to welcome all to spiritual growth through prayer, worship and ongoing formation. Together, formed in the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, we will tend to the needs of the entire community.*

## Mass Schedule for the Week

**Tues., Jan. 11, 6:00 pm**

† Bruce Brandner

*Offered by [Unknown]*

**Wed., Jan. 12, 8:30 am**

† Ann Christiansen

*Offered by Carol Wood*

**Thurs., Jan. 13, 8:30 am**

† Raymond & Helen Ziembo

*Offered Phil & Sue Marthaler*

**Sat., Jan. 15, 6:30 pm**

† Tony Matyka

*Offered by Bernice Matyka*

**Sun., Jan. 16, 9:30 am**

† Emily Niggemann

*Offered by Penny Olson*

## Scripture for this Week

### Readings for the week of Jan. 9, 2022

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sun: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

## Ministries For Next Weekend

**Sat., Jan. 15, 6:00 pm** Music: Men

**Ushers:** Robert & Joyce Matyka, Calvin Probst

**Readers:** Diane Niggemann, Donna Long

**Sacristan:** Gail Thieme

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lori Krueger

**Servers:** Emma & Michael Winnie

**Sun., Jan. 16, 9:00 am** Music

**Ushers:** George & Bev Tesch, Ted Eisner, Teri Pakenham

**Readers:** David Matyka, Cheryl Eisner

**Sacristan & EME:** Debbie Gojmerac

**Server:** Abby Pakenham

## Offering of Prayers

*Jesus, you went about healing when you walked this earth. Please continue to show your healing power that our friends need today...*

*All nursing home residents, Fr. Dennis Meulemans, Fr. Ed Oen, Peter Fuchs, Mike E. Thums, Bill Bleck, Grace Fritsch, James Clemens, Susan Demers, Carol & Dan Pozanc, Kris Zondlo, Kathy Haas, Jim, Susan Elendt, Marie Kofler Lindwall, Judy & Howard Troyk, Florence Cedzo, Karen Olson, Ed Zondlo, Brandi Schafer, Kylie Orysen, Joe Sautner, Ben Yanko, Marian Johnson, Duane Draeger, Malinda Kathrein, Jenna Denzine, Joshua & Benjamin Metz, Nicole Richardson, Steve Spurgeon, Steve Eisner, Richard Weinzatl, Norman Metz, Ruth Martin, Jaxon Klimeck, Bud Brandner, Landon Blomberg, Tammy Blomberg, Cindy Ewoldd, Ali Gardezi, Angela Fiskus, Ronald and Betty Brandner, Ellyn Driscoll, Ben Haenel or those with silent needs.*

*Periodically we remove names, but call us if anyone should be added back. Thank you.*

## From The Pastor

Growing up in a home of three boys we were constantly looking into the fridge for something. I often remember my mother asking us boys what we were looking for and I would often answer, "I don't know." Much of our lives we spend looking for something we don't really know what it is or where to really look.

What do you want? This could be quite a simple question as well as a very complicated one. The desires of the heart can be very fleeting as well as very intentional. The question that prevails is not simply, "What do I want?" but "Where do I look to fulfill these desires?" As we continue to navigate the challenging reality of our current environment, including COVID, I find it quite challenging to stay focused on not necessarily what it is that I truly desire but where best should I look to fulfill these desires.

In our Gospel, for the last weekend of the Christmas season, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Our Gospel begins with "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts." The question they were asking was, "Who is the Christ?" and they were looking to John the Baptist for the answers. His answer was simple, "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." *(Continued, next page)*

Holy Spirit, I have chosen

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(Name)

as my adopted son in Christ, to pray for and support as a future candidate to the priesthood. Let it be done according to Your will. Amen.



### Diocesan Men's Retreat

"Redeeming Masculinity: Christ's Urgent Call to Authentic Manliness" is a 2-day men's retreat, held Feb. 5-6 at Heartwood, Trego, WI. Held from 8 am Saturday to Noon on Sunday. See bulletin board in entrance for more information. Register online at <https://catholicdos.org/mens-ministry>. Cost is \$100 for dual occupancy room.

### Diocesan Women's Retreat

"The Feminine Genius: Living Lives as Women of God" is a 2-day women's retreat, held Feb. 19-20 at Heartwood, Trego, WI, from 8 am Saturday to Noon Sunday. Cost is \$100 for dual occupancy room. Register at <https://catholicdos.org/womens-ministry>. More information is posted in the bulletin board in the church entrance.

### RETRouvaille February 18-20

Retrouvaille (pronounced 'retro-vī', with long i) means "rediscovery". Retrouvaille is a weekend experience designed to help a couple re-establish communication and to gain insight into themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for February 18-20 in Wausau. For more info or to register, call toll free 1-877-922- HOPE (4673).

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## PARISH NEWS

### Faith Formation

Classes for Wed., Jan. 12:  
Gr. 1-5 5:30-6:45 pm  
Gr. 6-11 7-8:10 pm

### A Visit by Father Raj

With Father Kanna being on retreat the early part of this week, Father Raj will be filling in here. He has agreed to offer two Masses while he is here, as follows:

**Tues., Jan. 11, 6 pm Mass**—Followed by a potluck supper in the parish hall. Everyone, please bring a dish to pass! If you can come, please do. Since we were unable to give Father Raj a proper farewell before leaving for Hurley and Saxon, we hope for a good turn out for the Mass and potluck, to wish him the best in his endeavors, and to see how he is doing.

**Wed., Jan. 12, 8:30 am Mass.** Come for both Masses with Father Raj, or come to whichever one works for you..

### With Our Sympathy & Prayers

Our prayers and support to the entire Matyka family, and our prayers for their deceased relative, Tony Matyka. Tony, age 43, died Dec. 16. He resided in Westboro.

We were informed of the death of Daniel Foor of DeForest who died Dec. 23. Dan is brother-in-law to Jamie (Joe) Knorn. Please keep Dan and all his family in prayer at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto Tony and Dan, O Lord...*

### Shepherd Knitters Thank You

Thank you to the Shepherd Knitters for the baby afghan for Lydia's baptism. Such a beautiful gift.

—Michael & Jonelle, Glenn & Mary Harder

### Our Gifts to God

#### Collection of Jan. 1-2

Adult Envelopes	\$	2,603.00
Loose Collection	\$	246.07
Initial Offering	\$	225.00
Bldg & Maintenance	\$	25.00
Energy	\$	140.00
Blacktop	\$	225.00
Soup Sales	\$	50.00
Catholic Schools	\$	105.00
Holy Day Collection	\$	778.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,397.07</b>

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA classes are for adults seeking to join the Catholic faith, and those who were never confirmed. Classes start Jan. 9, and will be held at Holy Rosary, Medford. The first group of classes will run for 5 weeks, followed by a 2-week break. Then we will resume for 6 more weeks. If needed an evening class during the week will be offered.

**If you missed the 1<sup>st</sup> class please contact Amy or Mike as soon as possible so you can still join the classes.**

The candidates will receive their Sacraments on Saturday, April 16th at the Easter Vigil Mass.

For more information or to sign up for the RCIA program please contact Mike or Amy at the parish office at Holy Rosary: 715-748-3336.

### Thank You

Officer Derek Beckstrand delivered two boxes of groceries for those in need. These were items that were provided by our local Food for Fines program: in lieu of a fine—pay up with food. Our thanks for this donation!

### Sexual Abuse

The Catholic Church is working diligently to prevent sexual abuse by parish employees, volunteers, deacons, and priests. If you have been sexually abused by someone associated with the Church and would like to report or discuss the experience, we urge you to contact:

**Kathy Drinkwine -715 718-1110**

The Diocese of Superior welcomes your call and understands how difficult it may be to reach out in this situation. The phone number provided is confidential and dedicated solely to these calls. Know that your call will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion. The Diocese of Superior is bound by civil and canon law to report sexual abuse of a minor to civil authorities. Anyone who believes that they have been sexually abused is strongly encouraged to report as well. If there are questions, please contact Dan Blank, Director of Administrative Services: 715-394-0211. [dblank@catholicdos.org](mailto:dblank@catholicdos.org).

### From the Pastor

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So often when looking for answers to the deepest movement of our hearts it is hard to humbly accept the direction and guidance from another and yet we are inspired by John the Baptist to look to another. I have always believed the Catholic faith is a humble faith. It requires always a willingness to surrender to, to look to another for the answers to our deepest questions, and where does the Church direct us for the answers...Christ. As we celebrate and renew our own commitments of baptism I invite us all to take time to ask, "Do I truly look to Christ for the answers to my desires," and, "Do I trust the Church to direct me to Jesus?"

For the people of Holy Rosary and the parish communities that attend Mass at Holy Rosary, I would like to humbly apologize for any inconvenience that closing the side doors has caused. The original intention was to encourage more community and intentional encounters as we worship together. However, I recognize through conversations with some parishioners that this has not been an easy change to accept. We will keep the side doors open at Holy Rosary church moving forward and look to other ways of encouraging intentional community as one body in Christ as we worship together

I would like to bring attention to the new candlesticks that are on the Holy Rosary altar and recognize that Holy Rosary parish is celebrating 50 years of worship in our current church. The candlesticks were from the previous church building and through generous parishioners, they were given back to the parish and refinished. Please look forward to many ways we will be celebrating these 50 years including renewing our worship space. If you do have ownership of any items from the previous church please let the office know. There may be a use for them in our space in the future.

May the baptism of our Lord always inspire us to an openness to Christ and the truth of the Church.

Father Patrick McConnell

**Birthdays This Week (Jan. 9-15)**

Mary Ellen Thums	Jan. 12
Robert Matyka	Jan. 10
Dawn Thums	Jan. 14
Bill Niggemann	Jan. 15
Kim Lanius	Jan. 13
Kim Peterson	Jan. 10
Zachary Makovsky	Jan. 12
Abby Rezutek	Jan. 11
Dennis Kazee	Jan. 11

**Anniversaries This Week (Jan. 9-15)**

Gaylon & Gloria Van Hecker	Jan. 13
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**Gift of Love Ornaments**

Church decorations come down Mon., Jan. 9, 1 pm. If you want your ornaments from the Gift of Love tree, get them before that time, or stop by the parish office in the month of January.

**Cluster Mass Times**

We are all trying to get adjusted to the new cluster Mass schedule. For those who saved the cluster letter from Father Patrick in November, the schedule appears at the bottom of the first page. If you cannot find that letter, we can make you a new copy by just calling Mary at the office. However, you may find this helpful to clip and save the schedule below. Note that where it indicates Adoration/Confession, this is held for one hour.

**Cluster Mass Schedule****Good Shepherd, Rib Lake**

Saturday	6:30 pm (Confessions 5:45-6:15p)
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Sunday	9:30 am
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Tuesday	6:00 pm
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Thursday	8:30 am
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(+ Adoration/Confession following First Tuesday & Thursday of the month.)

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Whittlesey**

Sunday	7:30 am
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Friday	8:30 am (+ Adoration/Confession)
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**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Medford**

Saturday	5:00 pm (Confessions 3:45-4:45p)
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Sunday	8:30 am & 10:30 am
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Tuesday	5:15 pm (+ Adoration/Confession)
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Wednesday	8:30 am (school Mass, if school)
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Thursday	8:30 am
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**Sacred Heart, Stetsonville**

Saturday	4:00 pm (Confessions 3-3:30p)
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Sunday	5:30 pm
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Wednesday	8:30 am (+ Adoration/Confession)
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Friday	8:30 am
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