

Father Patrick McConnell
Pastor

Father Jayanna Kanna
Sacramental Minister

Father Dennis Meulemans
Retired Priest in Residence

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Weekday Masses

Tuesday.....6:00 pm
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
First Thursday: 9-10 am
(following the Mass for that day).

Baptism

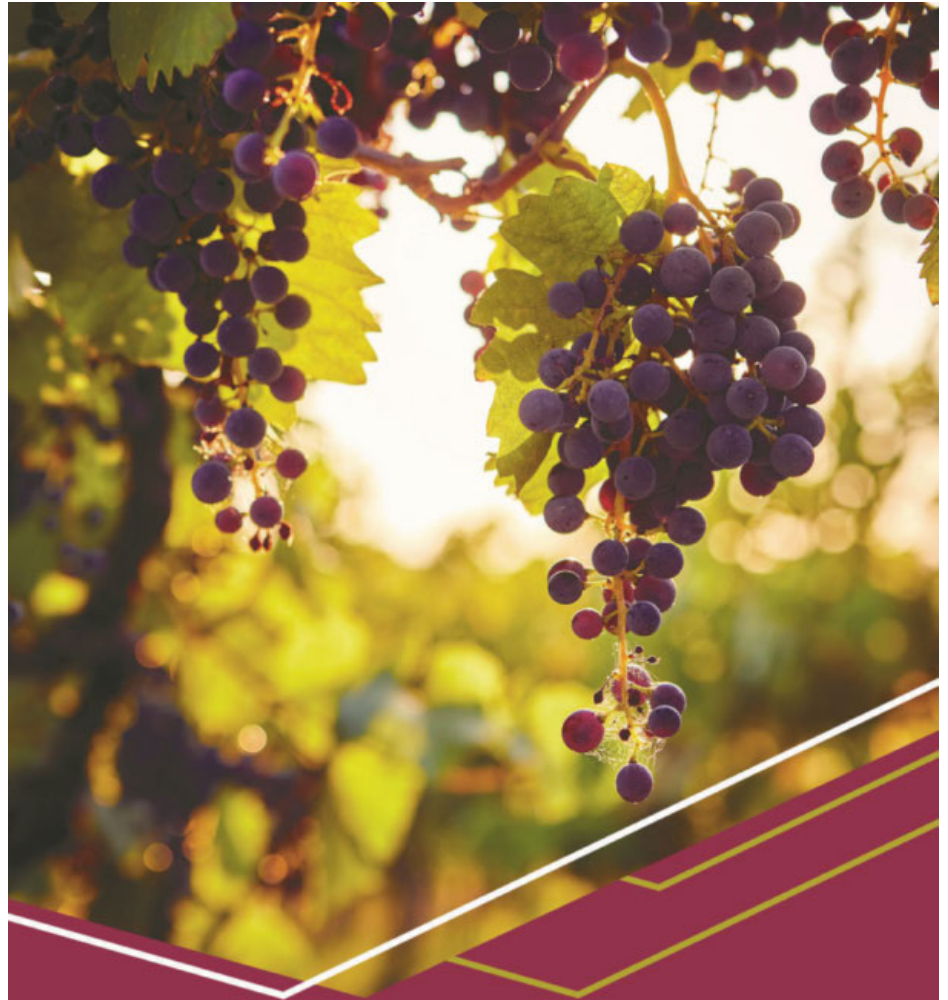
Parents are urged to have their child baptized as soon as possible. Call the office to schedule a baptism, and for any baptismal prep that may be needed. We ask that you speak with Father before selecting sponsors, to be aware of their requirements.

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.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

- Jn 2:1-3

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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. 18, 6:00 pm
† Charles & Patricia Gibson
Offered by Steve & Mary Rhyner

Thurs., Jan. 20, 8:30 am
† All Souls

Thurs., Jan. 20, 10:15 am
at RL Health Services
† Ed & Franceska Hebda
Offered by Carole Ford

Sat., Jan. 22, 6:30 pm
† Elsie Krajnik
Offered by Donna Walbeck

Sun., Jan. 23, 9:30 am
† Lillian Thums (8th ann. of death)
Offered by Greg & Sue Thums

Scripture for this Week

Readings for the week of January 16:

Sun: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thurs: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/
Mk 3:20-21
Next Sun: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Ministries For Next Weekend

Sat., Jan. 22, 6:30 pm Music-Men
Ushers: Danny & Cheryl Graumann, Dave & Diane Acker
Readers: Velma Mann, Jerry Thieme
Sacristan: Ginger Henrickson
Eucharistic Minister: Becky Rindt
Server: Lillian Metz

Sun., Jan. 23, 9:30 am Music
Ushers: Joe Schmidtfranz, Lisa Peche, Ben Kauer, Gaylon Van Hecker
Readers: Pearl Kauer, Pat Gilge
Sacristan: Bonnie Schmidtfranz
Eucharistic Minister: Richard Hebda
Server: Emily Gojmerac

Offering of Prayers

Jesus, we serve you in whatever way we can. Today, we serve you through our prayers for these friends of ours... All nursing home residents, Fr. Dennis Meulemans, Fr. Ed Oen, Peter Fuchs, Mike E. Thums, Bill Bleck, Grace Fritsch, Gayle (Long) Murphy, Susan Demers, Dan Thums, Keith Thums, 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 Ewoldt, Ali Gardezi, Angela Fiskus, Ronald and Betty Brandner, Elynn Driscoll, Ben Haenel or those with silent needs.

We have also been asked to pray for Keith Thums, nephew to Greg (Susan) Thums who is scheduled for major surgery on Jan. 24.

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

From Our Pastor

First impressions have always been considered an important part of judging one's character. Though, maybe not the best way to determine the whole of their character, how we meet them does seem to stick out in our minds. This is why it is important to pay close attention to the first actions of Jesus as He begins His public missions.

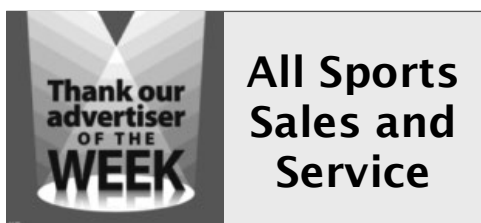
You can make many assumptions about Jesus and His ministry based on His first miracles. We could say He is a partier, He is a momma's boy, or that He is a big fan of marriages. Whatever the case is, His will was clearly to do the will of God in the context He was in. The readings for this, the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, find us at a wedding. If we believe that Jesus Christ does all things with purpose and meaning, then his choice to begin His ministry of bringing God's people back to the Father, then why on a wedding with His mother's encouragement?

The wedding feast at Cana is quite a unique miracle for Christ. There seems to be no one healed, no one brought back from the dead, no demons expelled and no multitudes fed. All he does is provide good wine for a bunch of people celebrating a marriage. "No more shall people call you 'Forsaken,' or your land 'Desolate,' but you shall be called 'My Delight,' and your land 'Espoused.'" (Isaiah 62) If we listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah we might better understand not only Jesus but the will of the one He follows.

It is clear that not only does God desire to love and serve His people as a Father but even as a lover, like a bride pursues the groom. The love of a newly married couple is that of true desire, of passion, and of hope. There is a longing for the gift of love whether perfect or in the process of perfect; there is a certainty not only that there will be love in the relationship to come but that there will be no other who they will truly desire more. Today we celebrate the revelation of the heart of God, His desire for the people, being revealed through His celebration of that love.

With the many tumultuous events and issues that we face on a regular basis, big or small, do we stop to realize how much God truly loves us? How much is His desire for us? We are not forsaken, we are not desolate, we are beloved by God, held dear as a bride and groom love each other. My prayer that we all might grow closer to the heart of God this Ordinary season as we order our lives ever more to Him.

Father Patrick McConnell



Faith Formation

Classes for Wed. Jan. 19, :
Gr. 1-5 5:30-6:45 pm
Gr. 6-11 7-8:10 pm

With Our Sympathy & Prayers

Please remember in prayer James Clemens, age 72 of Waukesha, who died Jan. 2. James in brother-in-law to Sue (Greg) Thums. May James rest in peace.

2021 Contribution Statements

It was noted that some CSA contributions were entered on your giving for the parish in 2021. Please, if you note this, deduct the CSA amount from your parish giving total. Then when you receive your giving statement from the Diocese, attach it to your statement. Thank you.

Life in the Spirit

Life in the Spirit prayer group meets Tues., Jan. 18, 6:30 pm, immediately following the 6 pm Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Shepherd Knitters

Knitters and crocheters will begin to meet the first Monday of the month beginning in February, to-wit: Feb. 7, at 1:00 pm. The group is expanding to include both those who know how to knit and crochet, but those wanting to learn. This special ministry has served over 500 people since they began, and brought much cheer and many warm wishes to them all.

“Thank you, Shepherd Knitters for your concern and kindness during my illness. The beautifully crafted prayer shawl is very heart-warming to me.” –Steve Minarciny

Nursing Home Masses

There has been a bit of confusion in establishing when to have nursing home Masses in Rib Lake, based on schedules for Fr. Patrick and Fr. Kanna. Starting in February, we will return to having those Masses at the home on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 10:00 am.

Take Note of These

⇒ Blessing of the Throats will take place following both weekend Masses Jan. 29-30, in honor of St. Blaise feast day on Feb. 3.

⇒ In light of the World Day of the Sick on Feb. 11, the Anointing of the Sick will be offered for all who are in need of this sacrament immediately following all weekend Masses in our cluster on Feb. 12-13. If anyone is in need of this sacrament, but is uncomfortable or unable to attend, please notify the parish office.

⇒ We want to be sure all our parishioners are being properly cared for. If you or a parishioner you know is homebound or limited in some way, and would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, either by a visit from Fr. Patrick, Fr. Kanna OR one of our lay people, please call the office, 715.427.5259.

Catholic Schools Collection

In your giving envelope packets, you will find a green envelope for Catholic Schools. Contributions placed in these envelopes help support the Catholic schools in our Diocese, one of which is Holy Rosary. See Holy Rosary’s invitation to help support their school in this way as well:

Holy Rosary Parish will be kicking off Catholic School's Week with the Annual Pancake Breakfast.

Join us on January 30th from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one’s toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister’s hand and exclaimed, “The ice cream man is here, isn’t it great!” As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, “Yeah, I can’t wait!” The experience of a child’s delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus’ wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God’s celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus’ mother to heart when she says, “Listen to him.” This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi

Birthdays This Week (Jan. 16-22)

Mary Ann Schlosser	Jan. 21
Theresa Mohr	Jan. 18
John Ziembo	Jan. 18
Barb Berger	Jan. 21
Joyce Matyka	Jan. 18
Bob Olwell	Jan. 16
Tanya Rezutek	Jan. 22
Tina Fuchs	Jan. 22
Isabella Fallos	Jan. 21
Dalton Matyka	Jan. 20
Tara Reischl	Jan. 16

Anniversaries This Week None

Our Gifts to God

Collection of January 9, 2021

Adult Envelopes	\$	1,634.00
Loose Collection	\$	103.00
Candles	\$	30.00
Energy	\$	302.00
Blacktop Fund	\$	100.00
Catholic Schools	\$	5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	5.00
Initial Offering	\$	70.00
Donation	\$	100.00
Total	\$	2,349.00

Recent Blacktop Donations

Harry Stroik
Ron & Marge Tauber
Joe Hebda

Jan. 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children

Because of historical developments, we easily associate a date with some important event, without needing to mention the year. 9-11 is deeply ingrained in our memory as the date of the terrorist attack on the twin towers of New York City, when more than 3,000 people were killed. Dec. 7 reminds our nation of the attack on Pearl Harbor, when almost 2,500 people were killed. Aug. 6 is for the Japanese nation a very painful reminder of the destruction of Hiroshima by the first atomic bomb that killed more than 160,000 people. Today, January 22 marks another event—the legalization of abortion, that resulted in many more deaths of unborn children than the above-mentioned dates combined.

That decision has resulted also in the deepest polarization in the country, a polarization that has left almost no room for civic dialog. That decision confronts what is seen as the right of a human being with the right of another human being already conceived, even if not yet born. Within society, however, individual rights do not exist in isolation as absolutes regardless of their effect on others.

Obviously, from an unbeliever's angle such a conflict would not exist, since the unbeliever would not consider an unborn child a human life, just "pregnancy tissue". But we are believers and it is our faith that motivates us to focus our prayer at the celebration of the Eucharist. As long as that is the law of the country, it is not in our power to change it, at least not now. That is why our Church has instituted this Day of Prayer for the legal Protection of Unborn Children, even as we wait for conditions to change.



Diocesan Gathering for LIFE

St. Joseph Church, Rice Lake
Sat., Jan. 22.

Mass with Bishop at 10 am, followed by speakers and lunch. (Bring a bag lunch or dine out),
Followed by a 2 pm Holy Hour & Rosary.
This public event is open to people of all ages.

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