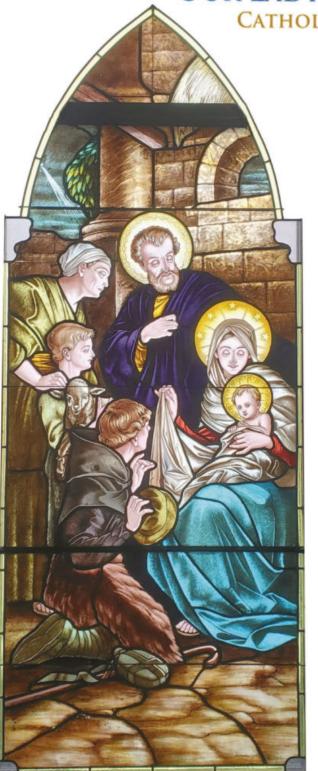
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH



" A light will

shine on us

this day:

the Lord is born

for us!"

-Psalm 97

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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27	St. John the Evangelist
7:30 a.m.	Word Service
Tuesday, December 28	B The Holy Innocents
7:30 a.m.	+ Mel & Arlene Beaurain
Wednesday, Decembe	r 29
7:30 a.m.	Word Service
Thursday, December 3	0
7:30 a.m.	+ Jim, Donna, & Scott Hooyman
Friday, December 31	Vigil of Mary, Mother of God
4:30 p.m.	+Timothy Ditter
Saturday, January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9 a.m.	+ Pat Gittens
Sunday, January 2	Epiphany of the Lord
8:15 a.m.	+ Lauretta McKee
10:15 a.m.	+ Omega Dubard
6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

Schedule Changes this Week

Please note that on Wednesday, December 29, a 7:30 a.m. communion service will be offered in place of the 8:45 a.m. Mass. Additionally, there will also be no 7:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 31. A Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. that evening.

In addition, **confession will not be available this week** except by appointment. We will resume our usual confession schedule the week of January 2. Thank you for your understanding.

Meeting Schedule - Week of 12/27

Thursday, December 30 - St. Vincent de Paul Conference 6 p.m., Bride's Room

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office hours this week will be as follows: Monday, December 27: CLOSED. Tuesday, December 28 through Thursday, December 30: Open 8 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Friday, December 31: CLOSED. If you have an emergency that requires immediate assistance, please call the Parish Office at (920) 336-4033, and our answering service will refer your call to the staff person who is available.

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome **Cecilia Jae Manders** to the Living Body of Christ! May God continue to bless her always.

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Roses for Life

The Knights of Columbus "Roses for Life" drive will be held the weekend of **January 8-9** after each Mass. Stick-on cloth roses will be offered to parishioners. All donations will be given to local pro-life organizations, including Love Life, which provides assistance to young families with newborns, AA Alexandrina and House of Hope, which help unwed mothers, and the Mothers and Unborn Baby Care Facility. The men of your KC council thank you for your generosity in support of local charities.

At rest in the Lord + + +



Patricia Burke, 81, a longtime parishioner, passed away on December 4. A memorial service will be held in the spring. Patricia received her LPN degree from Green Bay Vocational School and worked at St. Vincent Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Grancare Nursing Center, and Rennes Health Care. She enjoyed sewing, traveling, crafting, and spending time with her grandchildren. Patricia was also an

avid Packers fan and looked forward to going out to eat with her husband, Michael, at the Out of Town Club. She is survived by two daughters and one son and their spouses, eight grandchildren, and extended family. She was preceded in death earlier this year by Michael, her husband of 57 years.

Lyn Dashner, 81, a longtime parishioner, passed away on December 10 and was accorded Christian burial here on



December 17. Lyn worked as an investment officer in banking, spent 23 years as a real estate broker in the Green Bay market, and finished her career as a mortgage loan officer at Bank Mutual. She also taught real estate and business classes at NWTC and was involved in choir and assisted on committees at Our Lady of Lourdes. In her free time, Lyn enjoyed cooking, entertaining, sewing, and making crafts. She is survived by her husband of

40 years, Jim, a son, Michael, and extended family.

+ + May Patricia and Lyn rest in Christ's peace! ++

New Year Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31, Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God 4:30 p.m. (Live Streamed), *NO 7:30 a.m. Mass*

Saturday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9 a.m.

NO 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany of Our Lord 8:15 a.m. (Live Streamed), 10:15 a.m., & 6 p.m.

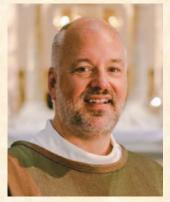


From Bethlehem to Lourdes; from Prémontré to De Pere: **A Blessed and Merry Christmas!** 900 Years and Counting

Dear Friends,

After the Immaculate Conception Masses on December 8, several people asked about the design of the vestment I wore on that day in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary. All the vestments I brought to Lourdes with me from Chicago are hand-sewn by a dear friend of mine, Father Vincent Crosby, OSB. Father Vincent is a monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania; he is very well known in ecclesiastical circles for his many contributions to the liturgical life that is celebrated in the United States, especially within religious communities like the Benedictines and Norbertines.

I asked Father Vincent to design and create a vestment to be worn exclusively on Marian feast days: I invited him to envision apparel that evokes a "French flare." While I do not have a French bone in my body, I wanted to wear something that honors the rich heritage of our parish, Our Lady of Lourdes.



First of all, Lourdes is a miraculous city in France that draws Faithful from all over the world to plunge into the life-giving waters made famous by Mary's blessed visit to the young Bernadette Soubirous. (The engraved stone forever embedded in the second bowl of our baptismal font, a gift from the Norbertine Abbot of Frigolet, France, honors those who have encountered the waters of Lourdes, France in an attempt to find healing, wholeness and reparation.) Second, our parish finds its home in the city of De Pere, originally established by the French, who named this city after Father Claude Allouez, SJ and his Catholic Missionary Companions who ventured to evangelize our ancestors at "Les Rapides Des Peres," The Rapids of our Fathers. (Incidentally, "the Fathers" refers to our friends, the Jesuits, not the Norbertines!) And third, many years later, the Norbertines would befriend this local church to continue the Jesuit missionary spirit. Our Norbertine Community of De Pere was missioned from Berne Abbey in the Netherlands; nevertheless, all Norbertine abbeys find their origin in Norbert's original establishment in the Valley of Prémontré, in France.

As members of the parish noticed, the vestment sports colors (various hues of blue coupled with gold) that are true to both the French culture and Marian Catholic symbolism. The fleur de lis at the chest of the vestment is a French flower, or "lily"; also a symbol of Mary, which was bestowed upon the Norbertine Order by the King of France generations ago to honor the Order's firm-foundation and profound ministerial effect we've had on the faithful of France, past, present and future.

Perhaps that's more than you ever wanted or needed to know! But I share that narrative with you given that this Christmas, 2021, marks the 900th Anniversary of that blessed day when our Holy Father Saint Norbert brought together a band of clerics to pool their resources to promote the mission of Jesus Christ. On Christmas Day, 1121, Norbert and his friends inaugurated the Canons Regular of Prémontré, an Order also called the Premonstratensians, or more simply-the Norbertines! They swore to seek Christ by means of community living, poverty, obedience, celibacy, and a dedication to the active priestly ministry. Norbert held before them the dream of the first Christians after Pentecost whose community life was characterized by the power of the Holy Spirit and a desire to be of service to others.

Nine hundred years later, in a similar spirit of Apostolic Zeal, I rejoice that I have been called by the Holy Spirit and my local superiors to partake in that mission with all of you, the people Abbot Bernard Pennings, O. Praem. first embraced as the Faithful who would permanently empower us to behold our mission in America -- in the Spirit of Saint Norbert. That vestment worn on December 8 was made with you in mind, with the triple bands suggesting the inseparable bond that exists between Lourdes, Prémontré and De Pere. It is a personal honor and joy for me to spend this Christmas at the conclusion of our Norbertine Jubilee Year with all of you, in the blessed spirit of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and Norbert. I promise to walk forward with you in a spirit of openness, hope and courage as we "let in light and banish shade" this Christmas and always!

With Saint Norbert's Most Fervent Hope; In Mary's Immaculate Conception; And in the Spirit of the Nativity of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel,

I Remain,

Janua Dunick, O. Present.

Father James Thomas Baraniak, O. Praem. Pastor

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Year-End Giving Deadlines

The end of the tax year is quickly approaching. If you would like your gift to be applied to the 2021 tax year, we need to have your recorded donation by **Friday, December 31**.

IRS regulations require that we enforce the December 31 date. Please know that the IRS does assess penalties on parishes that knowingly provide a receipt for contributions recorded in the incorrect year to help a parishioner avoid taxes. All deductible donations need to be postmarked by December 31, 2021.

If you would like to donate a gift of stock to the parish, please contact Kathy or Carol in the Parish Office at (920) 336-4033.

Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you are 70 1/2 years or older and have an IRA, please consider making a year-end Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to OLOL. QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. Those who must take a required minimum distribution (RMD) may direct up to \$100,000 annually to charitable organizations without treating the distribution as taxable income. QCDs don't require that you itemize. This means that with the recent changes to the tax laws, you may be able to take advantage of the higher standard deduction but still use a QCD for charitable giving. This gift opportunity is especially beneficial for people who do not need their required minimum distribution. QCDs, however, count toward complying with the RMD requirement. To make a gift, simply direct your IRA administrator to make a charitable distribution to OLOL. As always, consult your tax advisor.

Christmas Memorials

We accept Christmas memorials at this time each year. A Christmas memorial is a wonderful way to remember loved ones who have died. The money collected is used to decorate the church at Christmas and throughout the year. All memorial gifts are recognized in the bulletin after the holidays. Please send your donation to the Parish Office in a marked envelope. Thank you!

Please Let Us Know

If a loved one is in the hospital or has moved to a nursing home or assisted living facility and would like us to be notified, please call the Parish Office at (920)336-4033. We don't always receive calls from the facilities and want to be sure to stay in touch.

2022 Calendars

Thank you to Scott Baeten and Ryan Funeral Home for donating the 2022 calendars. If you haven't already picked one up, they are available in the Gathering Area.



After Alpha

What is After Alpha? After Alpha is an opportunity for all age groups to share and deepen their Faith. Please join us the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month starting January 10. We will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. We will view and discuss "The Wild Goose" series, which invites us to encounter the Holy Spirit. We will have a simple meal and good conversation. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at (920) 336-4033. We hope to see there!



Mass Intention Requests for 2022

We are still scheduling Mass intentions for 2022. You are welcome to select one weekend Mass and one weekday Mass, or two



weekday Masses. Masses are \$10 each. Please contact the Parish Office at (920) 336-4033 to schedule intentions.

Thank You!

Christmas Tree Sale Thank You

The De Pere Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who purchased a Christmas Tree during their 53rd Annual Christmas Tree Sale. This year's sale was the most successful ever, thanks to your support and prayers. The profit from the sale will allow Abbot Pennings Council to provide much needed assistance to those in need in our area. Again, thanks for your support.

Bulk Mailing Thank You

Thank you to Kathy Draves, Jean Gilson, Kim Jansen, Patti Jansen, Cindy Johnson, Ginny Leidel, Marlene Mapes, Nancy Reck, Jo Smits, Ron & Mary Van Dyck, Kelly Wendricks and Lory Wieseckel for helping with the bulk mailing on December 14. These folks took time out of their busy schedules to fold and stuff close to 1,500 letters and they completed the task in one hour.

Contribution statements for the calendar year 2021 will be mailed out mid January.

DPCO Christmas Store Thank You

Thank you to all who helped make the DPCO Christmas Store a success! 160 low income/at risk De Pere families were able to choose toys, clothes, household needs, personal care products, and gift cards—thanks to your generosity. Thank you!

God bless you!

OLOL Christmas Store Team

Blood Drive Thank You

We had another great Blood Drive. Our goal was 39 units and Red Cross collected 41 units. Thanks to all the donors who came out in the rainy/cold weather. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this drive a success: **Kay Diederich, Kim Jansen, Mary Jones, Kathy Schoendorf, Carol Short, Dorothy Vanden Langenberg,** and **Mike & Carol Weiss.** Our next scheduled Blood Drive is **Tuesday, March 1, 2022.**

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News from the Principal

Dear Parishioners,

A Savior is born! OLOL Catholic School wishes all parishioners a Merry Christmas. During these unprecedented times, nothing should give us more hope than the fact that Jesus was born to the world so we have the potential of eternal life. My hope is that we carry this hope, not just during the Christmas season, but everyday of our lives.



I had time to look over the OLOL fall MAPS report last month. The

main purpose of the fall MAPS scores is to establish a baseline to measure growth in the spring. As COVID is still affecting the educational process, I thought I would do a little deeper dive into the fall numbers. I am proud to say that six of the eight grades we tested in math had a significant increase in the number of students reaching their fall-to-fall MAPS scores. In addition, four of those six grades had an average score in math that was higher than the average score of the next grade level. These are just 2 examples of what high academic standards can do for our students. It is very impressive.

"My brothers and sisters, true love is a reflection of the Savior's love. Each December of each year we call it the Christmas Spirit. You can see it. You can hear it. You can feel it" - Thomas Monson

The Lourdes Way,

Jeffrey Young Principal



Food Service Manager

St. Matthew Campus, Immediate Opening

Are you interested in working at a job that matches your student's schedule? Do you enjoy providing nutritious meals to children?

If yes, please contact Jamie Hurley, RD, CD, Director of Food Service at jhurley@gracesystem.org or 920-499-7330, ext. 1001, as we have a Food Service Manager vacancy at St. Matthew! Details include the following:

- -25-28 hours per week; 42 weeks per year (follows the school calendar)
- -Benefit eligible! PTO, Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance, Retirement Plan
- -Tuition discounts if children are enrolled in a GRACE School!

Apply Today! For questions or further details, please contact Jamie Hurley, RD, CD, Director of Food Service, at jhurley@gracesystem.org or 920-499-7330, ext. 1001.

OLOL School Paper Drive

Garage filled with Amazon boxes? Nowhere to go with the upcoming flood of gift wrap entering your home? Good news! OLOL School is holding a paper drive from **December 20–27**. A dumpster will be located in the north parking lot. Accepted items include newspaper, cardboard, gift wrap, and other paper products.



Faith Formation Updates

Merry Christmas! Faith Formation classes meet again next **Wednesday, January 5.** The Faith Formation program and catechists wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year!



OLOL Youth Ministry Opportunities

Youth Ministry is for ALL middle & high school students! Bring your friends! They don't have to be from OLOL or even Catholic. Mark your calendars for our upcoming events:

Sunday, January 2, 8:00 a.m.-NOON We will lead Children of God and offer child care after. Please meet Mrs. LaCrosse in the Gathering Area at 8 a.m. to see how you can help. Then, from 10 a.m.-noon, we will play games together, share pizza and help with a community project. We will dismiss at noon on the south side of the building (under the Youth Ministry sign).



Children of God and Young Families Ministries

The next meeting of Children of God and the Young Families Ministry will be **Sunday**, January 2.

The Children of God program is for children ages 4 to 6 and is held during the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

Join the Young Families Ministry for community and discussion on this week's readings in the Social Hall between the 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Masses. Refreshments and babysitting will be provided.

Blaise Peters Scholarship

The Rev. Blaise Peters Scholarship Fund provides financial aid for parish families with students attending Our

Lady of Lourdes School. Since the program's inception, more than 518 students have received assistance, and the fund has distributed approximately \$316,800 in scholarships.



The Blaise Peters Scholarship is open to **parish families** with children enrolled in Preschool through 8th grade at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School for the 2021-2022 school year. For an application or more information, please contact the School Office at (920) 336-3091, the Parish Office at (920) 336-4033 or visit this link: https://lourdesschooldepere.org/ admissions/tuition-assistance/ God grant you peace at Christmas And fill your heart with cheer, God grant you health and happiness Throughout the coming year, God guide you with His wisdom And keep you in His care – This is my special wish for you, This is my Christmas prayer.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of everyone on the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Staff

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Directory

PARISH CÉNTER OFFICE - 336-4033 Parish Business Manager - Carol Gibson Financial Secretary - Kathy Kocken Parish Secretary - Bridget Destree

<u>PARISH MEMBERSHIP</u> - Register with Parish Office. Members 18 years and older - please register individually. All are welcome to be an active part of our parish family. Your most important contribution is your regular presence at Sunday Mass. Beyond that our material support is based on *Christian Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure*.

BULLETIN - Announcements due by Monday morning. Please email the Parish Office, parish@lourdesdepere.org

PARISH TRUSTEES Joe Draves Jo Ellen Thompson

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If you would like to contact one of our Parish Trustees, Finance Council Chair, or Pastoral Council Chair, please call the Parish Office!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL Principal, Jeff Young, 336-3091 Site Advisory Committee, Courtney Janssen

FAITH FORMATION CENTER 337-0443 Coordinator for Grades 9-11–Traci LaCrosse

YOUTH MINISTRY - 337-0443, Traci LaCrosse, Facilitator

FINANCE COUNCIL - Chairperson, Paul Albers

PASTORAL COUNCIL - Chairperson, Ryan Jaecks

<u>BAPTISM</u> - Parents must be registered, active Catholics 4 months prior to Baptism. First-time parents are required to attend a Baptism Prep Program before their child is baptized. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

CONFESSIONS Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturdays 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

<u>CONFIRMATION</u> - Confirmation is celebrated in fall of the Senior year for our high school students after participation in the preparation program. Contact the Religious Education Office for further details.

<u>MARRIAGES</u> - Weddings to initiate Christian Marriage are celebrated for persons who have demonstrated an active practice of our Faith. At least six months notice is required for the required Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program. New parishioners contemplating marriage in our parish must be registered with the parish and show active participation for at least 6 months prior to setting a wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled any time on Friday afternoons or on Saturdays, no later than 1:00 p.m.

<u>SACRAMENT of the SICK</u> - The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated communally during Advent and Easter. If you're anticipating a hospital stay, please call the Parish Office. In an emergency, call anytime!

<u>FUNERALS</u> - In the event of a death in your family, please contact the Parish Office for Pastoral Care or to schedule and prepare a funeral.

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