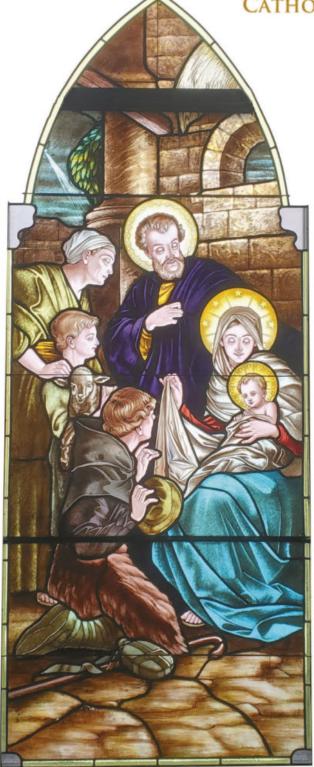
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" All the ends

of the Earth

have seen the

saving power of God"

-Psalm 98

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Mass Intentions

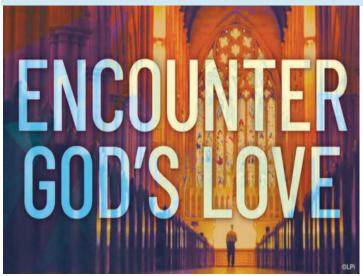
Monday, January 3 7:30 a.m.	Word Service	
Tuesday, January 4 7:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Ann Seton + Dale, Margaret, & Robert Baeten	
Wednesday, January 5 8:45 a.m.	St. John Neumann +Marcie Tilot	
Thursday, January 6 7:30 a.m.	All Unbelievers	
Friday, January 7 7:30 a.m.	+Travis Brown	
Saturday, January 8 4:30 p.m.	+ Sharon Collar	
Sunday, January 9 8:15 a.m.	Baptism of the Lord + Jeanne Pischke	
10:15 a.m.	+ Deceased & Living Relatives of the Mooren & Buechler Families	
6:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes	

Meeting Schedule - Week of 12/27

Monday, January 3 - Knights of Columbus 6 p.m., Parish Center Tuesday, January 4 - Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30 p.m., Gathering Area Thursday, January 6 - Bible Timeline 9 a.m. & 6 p.m., Parish Office Conference Room Friday, January 7 -- Buildings and Grounds Committee 6 a.m., Parish Office Conference Room

Christmas Thank You!

A special thank you goes out to everyone who helped make our Christmas Masses beautiful! Thank you, Arts & Environment group, for creating divine Worship spaces for everyone to pray in! Thank you to those who ministered at all the Masses: Sacristans, Readers, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Hospitality! You welcomed and ministered splendidly! Thank you to the Music Ministers for adding to our joyful prayer and adoration of the New Born King! We are truly blessed, and may God reward you for your generosity!



At rest in the Lord + + +



Steven Scannell, 63, *brother-in-law of parishioner Linda Scannell*, passed away on November 24 and was accorded Christian burial through Nativity of Our Lord Parish on December 4. Steve graduated from St. Norbert College with a degree in business. He was the owner and operator of Elite Drywall for many years. He enjoying golfing, watching sports, especially the

Packers, and spending time with family and friends. He is also survived by two daughters, five grandchildren, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Andrew.



Charles Benoit, 67, brother of parishioner Steve (Connie) Benoit, passed away on December 5, and was accorded Christian burial through Resurrection Lutheran Church on December 14. Charles loved baseball, especially the Brewers, and enjoyed fishing, riding motorcycles, and spending time with his family. He is also survived by his wife, Pamela, two daughters, a son, and a son-in-law,

grandchildren, siblings, and extended family.



Mary Beth Secor, 76, a charter member of the parish, wife of parishioner Hank Secor and sister-in-law of parishioner Joe (Judi) Secor, passed away on December 15 after complications from MDS. She was accorded Christian burial here on December 23. Faith and family were the most important things to Mary. She stayed home to raise her children when they were young and then worked at Montgomery

Ward and Kohl's. Mary was a faithful servant, volunteering her time in the funeral lunch ministry at OLOL and at De Pere Christian Outreach. She enjoyed spending time at the cottage, planting flowers, going, to casinos with friends, cooking and baking, and cheering on her grandchildren in their sporting events. In addition to Hank, her husband of 57 years, Mary is also survived by two sons and a daughter and their spouses, grandchildren, and extended family.



Paula Thyssen, 66, our parishioner, wife of parishioner Wayne Thyssen, and sister-inlaw of parishioners Nancy (Ron) Moureau, Luann (Pete) Thomson and Ellen (Frank Turriff) Thyssen passed away on December 19 and was accorded Christian burial through Cotter Funeral Home on December 27. Paula graduated from Daytona Beach Community College with a degree in

nursing and spent 40 years sharing her kindness and compassion with her patients. A lover of outdoor adventures, Paula enjoyed scuba diving, showing horses, cross country skiing, playing tennis and pickle ball, and traveling. In addition to Wayne, the love of her life, and his family, Paula is further survived by a brother and sister-inlaw, a brother-in-law, stepchildren, and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

+ + May Steve, Charles, Mary, and Paula rest in Christ's peace! ++

What does Family Mean to You?

Last weekend we celebrated not only Christmas, but the feast of the Holy Family. Each one of us probably has a different idea of what family means. For many of us, family means everything. There is nothing we wouldn't do for our family; we couldn't imagine not have our family around and everyone getting along and loving each other. For others, family means to show up for holidays, whether traveling across the miles or just driving across town. And, for some, family ties are non-existent because of conflict or estrangement.

There are many meanings of family that fall between these few examples, and it comes down to being a very personal, and for some, a private matter. Hopefully, for some who fit into the later of my examples, this new year might bring change and reconciliation between family members. I encourage a reconciliation before it is too late-before someone passes away and reconciliation turns into regret.

Last year, for the feast of the Holy Family, I wrote a poem (my first one ever) that I would like to share with you. Hopefully you can take something encouraging away from it, and perhaps it might get you thinking about family and what it should or could mean to you.

Happy New Year! Deacon Mike



Family Is

Family is beginning with love,

Starts with two, then three, then four, maybe more. Family is a crying baby, a tummy ache, dirty diapers

And sleepless nights, rocking until the morning light. Family is being on the floor wrestling around, Piggyback rides and falling down.

Family is hugs & kisses, a gentle touch, letting them Know they are loved so much.

Family is teaching them to pray,

And to love the **Lord**, to know Him and thank Him

Every day of their life, to rely on Him in the good times, And through the strife.

Family is arguing over so many things, A hurtful word, the slamming door,

I am sorry brings you back to where you were before. Family is sacrifice and compromise, doing without,

maybe next paycheck for the money has run out.

Family is guiding to prepare them for life, Hoping their choices turn out alright.

Family is seeing them leave the nest,

Finding the love of their life and wishing them all the best.

Family is reading a grandchild a book, to spoil them, sugar them Up, send them home and wish the parents good luck.

Family is watching a parent grow older, their needs might seem Like a chore, the roles have changed from many years before.

Family is giving permission when it is time to say goodbye, A true act of love, knowing they are going to the Father above.

Then all we have are memories of the sorrows and bliss, And to remember that's what family is.

By: Deacon Michael Vander Bloomen



Wedding Anniversaries

Each month, we would like to recognize those couples who are celebrating 50 or more years together! The list below includes those who have anniversaries in January. Thank you to all of you for your beautiful witness!

Paul & Ann Koehler	1/2	62 years
Mike & Mary Conard	1/3	52 years
John & Georgiana Smits	1/16	57 years
Victor & Dessa Krcma	1/23	62 years
Doug & Pat Schroeder	1/25	58 years
Gary & Mary Gordon	1/27	54 years
Mike & Julie Willems	1/29	50 years
Jerry & Mary Jane Janssen	1/31	63 years

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.



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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!

THE MINISTRY OF THE WILD GOORE

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.

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 Óffice at (920) 336-4033 to schedule intentions.

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.

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 2022-2023 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/

Alleluia Attitude Choir-We Need You!!

Alleluia Attitude choir is a family choir open to all ages and abilities from preschool to great grandparents. Please consider joining us! Choir rehearsals are in the Chapel Monday nights 5:30 to 7 p.m. and one hour before our assigned Masses.

Upcoming Masses include:

January 8, at 4:30 p.m. January 22, at 4:30 p.m. February 5, at 4:30 p.m. February 26, at 4:30 p.m.



Children of God and Young Families Ministries

The next meeting of Children of God and the Young Families Ministry will be this **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.

Freedom House Thank you

On December 11th, Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners provided a meal for those calling Freedom House home. Thank you goes out to Pam Achten, Greg Bottei, Amy Brauer, Scott Cadieux and Stacy Perkins, Jill Deprey, Gail DeRuyter, Dawn Olejniczak, Cheryl Pigeon, and Diann Tomashek. Thank you also goes out to Kelly and Barry Wendricks and family for delivering the December meal. Thank you to each of you for helping those in need during this Christmas Season.

Our next meal to be prepared for Freedom House will be on January 8 by Chris Schmidt and her morning Book Club. Thank you in advance to this group for helping those in need. If you have any questions about this ministry please feel free to contact Dawn Crabb at 920-336-4439 or steprus@new.rr.com. Thank you!

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.

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News from the Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! I have recently been introduced to the Hallow app. If you haven't heard of Hallow, I would recommend you learn more about it. I just listened to a presentation that compared two large bodies of water in the Holy Land. It compared the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. The Sea of Galilee is brimming with life while the



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Dead Sea, as you can imagine by the name, is void of any life. The Sea of Galilee consistently has water constantly moving in and out of it through run-off from the mountains entering it and water exiting through the Jordan River. The Dead Sea only has water coming in through the Jordan River, with no way for it to leave.

The presenter suggested that we have the choice whether we want to be like the Sea of Galiilee (brimming with life) or the Dead Sea (a holding tank void of life). He challenged us to substitute the word water with grace when we compare ourselves to these bodies of water. God gives us grace everyday and, hopefully, we are given grace by a number of people in our lives. We can promote life by taking that grace and passing it along to God or others in our lives like the Sea of Galilee. We can also accept grace from God and others and just hold it for ourselves. This doesn't promote life or bring out the best in others. In simplest terms we can be givers (Sea of Galilee) or takers (Dead Sea).

I think a good New Year's Resolution is to be open and aware of the grace that is bestowed on each of us by God and others and take that grace and pass it along to others in our lives.

May God bless you and "Grace is but glory begun, and glory is but grace perfected" -Jonathan Edwards

The Lourdes Way,

Jeffrey Young Principal



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).



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School 2021-2022 First Trimester Honor Rolls

> Highest Honors (Grade Point Average - 4.0)

> > Grade 8 Lauren VerBoort

> > > <u>Grade 6</u> David Seidl

<u>Grade 5</u> Breah Barry

High Honors (Grade Point Average -3.5-3.9)

<u>Grade 8</u> Isabel Derouin, Isabelle Fergus, Kailey Fink, Royce Lin, Vanessa McCallum, Andrew Nelson, Cooper Nimmer, Addison Spencer

<u>Grade 7</u> Alexander Schmeisser

<u>Grade 6</u> Julia Day, Maxwell Derouin, Margaret Destree, Yeside Omotoso, Ryan McNerney

> <u>Grade 5</u> Abigail Cleven, Madalyn Turriff, John VerBoort, Michael Willems

Honors (Grade Point Average -3.0-3.49)

<u>Grade 8</u> Jacob Cleven, Tinamarie Coronado, Julia Nolle

<u>Grade 7</u> Nana Asaah Asiamah, Haylee Huth, Brennan Johnson, Daniel Rodriguez Miah Shefchik

<u>Grade 6</u> Lola Beyer, Ryan Cleven, Miranda Jaecks

<u>Grade 5</u> Layla Beyer, Lauren Kaumheimer, Anthony Nolle, Charlie Ward



Faith Formation Updates

Formation classes meet again **Wednesday, January 5.** We look forward to seeing you! If you have a second grader that hasn't returned their First Reconciliation book, please do so at this class.

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"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6

he Epiphany OF THE LORD

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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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