The coming of Jesus into our world brings surprises and challenges. Like the wolf and the lamb living together peacefully, may we prepare ourselves for the surprises that the message of Jesus will bring. Let us pray that the Reign of God inspires us to repentance, harmony, and shalom.

“Becoming disciples of Jesus and stewards of God’s gifts.”
A Voice Of One Crying Out

Advent brings this week and next week with John the Baptist leading the way for Jesus. John is known for his ‘fiery preaching’. He minces no words. ‘you brood of vipers!, ‘repent’, ‘Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.’

Matthew’s gospel will be read this entire church year. Being written primarily for and within the Jewish community, Matthew is particularly challenging toward the scribes and pharisees. His basis is that if the leaders of the Jewish faith can not live their lives according to Mosaic laws then how are they ever going to open their eyes to the Messiah Jesus who comes from the genealogical line of David the great King of Israel.

Matthew shifts from allegiance to King David to King Jesus, a very new and different ruler. This is where Matthew has John the Baptist making the shift in our gospel reading today. John, as have past prophets, can baptize with water but the one coming after him, Jesus, can baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Jesus, beyond a mere prophet, will have the power and authority to ‘clear the threshing floor…to gather the wheat…but the chaff he will burn.’ This is strong language for the Jewish community. Either they get on board with the new Messiah Jesus or they will be left behind. The same needs to be said for us as followers of this Messiah Jesus. Are we on board or being left behind?

As Advent prepares us for Christmas, we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. We place Mary in her proper role as mother of our Savior. Even more so, we admire and try to imitate her willingness to follow God’s will for her. With humility and gratitude, Mary models for us a way of life that allows us to open our eyes to what God may be asking of us.

May this season of Advent prepare us to cry out with great joy as our Savior Jesus Christ dwells among us in our everyday life.

Advent Blessings,
Fr. Tom

Mass Intentions
And Parish Activities

Saturday, December 7
3:00-3:30 PM
4:00 PM Mass
St. Ambrose of Milan
Holiday Bake Sale after Mass
Tammy Fullerton & Opal & Henry Stoehr

Sunday, December 8
8:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass
Second Sunday of Advent
Holiday Bake Sale after Masses
Members of Resurrection Parish
Warren & Evelyn Moldenhauer

Monday, December 9
8:05 AM Mass
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Elizabeth J. Dunne
REVEALED 7/8 (POD)

Tuesday, December 10
8:05 AM Mass
8:30 AM
9:00 AM
1:00 PM
3:00 PM
3:15 PM
Harold Greene
Parish Mailing (PH2)
Bible Study (FR)
Prayer Shawl Ministry (PH1)
Stewardship Team meeting (PH1)
REVEALED 5/6 (POD)

Wednesday, December 11
8:05 AM Mass
9:00 AM
5:00 PM
Joyce Buchanan
Disciples Reading Group (PH2)
Generations of Disciples (GA)

Thursday, December 12
8:05 AM Mass
9:00 AM
6:30 PM
6:30 PM
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Evelyn Ciche
Parish Book Club (PH1)
PRAYSE Choir Practice (CH)
Parish Long-Range Planning meeting (PH1)

Friday, December 13
8:05 AM Mass
St. Lucy
Bob Mott

Saturday, December 14
10:00 AM
3:00-3:30 PM
4:00 PM Mass
7:30 PM
St. John of the Cross
Blood Pressure Screening
First Reconciliation (CH)
Individual Reconciliation
Bob Fitzpatrick
Encore! Handbell Concert (CH)

Sunday, December 15
8:30 AM Mass
9:30 AM
10:30 AM Mass
Third Sunday of Advent
Blood Pressure Screening
Joanne K. Johnson
Christmas Carols & Wassail (GA)
Members of Resurrection Parish

Resurrection Prayer Chain
If you have a prayer need, or would like to join the pray-ers, call DeDe Szurgot at 920-336-9526 or Bonnie Lemerond at 920-471-6545. Confidentiality is assured.
GROW IN FAITH-PRAYER AND SHARING

Sunday-by-Sunday: Questions for Growing in Faith

- Our ancestors believed in God’s promises. What’s in your DNA?
- John the Baptist says “brood of vipers.” What is poisonous to your faith?
- Who is new in your neighborhood? How can you extend a holiday greeting to them?

“Becoming Disciples of Jesus and Stewards Of God’s Gifts”

What does it mean to be a good steward of God’s gifts? Stay tuned; beginning in Advent, we will have parishioners that are willing to share their stewardship message, speak to us at Mass. May their expression of gratitude, prayer, service or sharing be a witness for all of us.

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James Kratowicz died on November 21. The parish community celebrated his Mass of Resurrection on November 25. Please hold his family in your thoughts and prayers; may our support and God’s promise of new life be a comfort to them all.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Praying With One Voice

The J.O.S.H.U.A. religious leaders encourage all congregations that work for justice to pray together with one voice during their weekly services/Masses. One common intercessory prayer is provided each week to be offered for a specific need in our greater Green Bay community. As people of faith, we pray in solidarity with one another; this week's intention is: For persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

Waiting In Joyful Hope

Pick up your free copy of Waiting in Joyful Hope, the Advent and Christmas daily reflection book, available at each entrance. Enter into the quiet, yet joyful expectation of the season!

Pastoral Visits

Do you know one of our parishioners who is in a nursing home, assisted living, hospice, homebound or recovering from surgery? We would like to maintain parish contact with our parishioners who are unable to join us at weekend worship. Please contact Sheila De Luca at the Parish Office, 336-7768. Arrangements can be made for visits, calls, Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Communion, or Helping Hands needs.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8-15, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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**LIVE IN COMMUNITY**

**Christmas Carol Sing-Along and Wassail**
Join us for warm wassail and sing along with your favorite Christmas Carols in between Masses on **Sunday, Dec. 15, from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.** in the Gathering Area. Juice,

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**Scrip for Christmas**
Last day to order Scrip before Christmas is Dec. 16. Scrip gift cards make great gifts!

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**Blood Pressure Screening NEXT Weekend, Dec. 14/15 in the Day Chapel. Free and confidential.**
Sponsored by Health and Wellness Committee

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**December Hilltoppers**
For your entertainment... enjoy “Christmas Melodies” performed by the Chantelles.
Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, December 17 at 12:30 p.m.**, and bring a friend. Enjoy holiday desserts!

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**First Reconciliation Reminder**
Our 2nd graders will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 14th at 10:00. Please keep our young church in your prayers.

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**Encore! Handbell Concert**
Don’t miss this! The Encore! Handbell Ensemble of the Fox Valley will be presenting their Christmas Handbell Concert at Resurrection on **Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.** A free-will offering will be taken; a social will follow the concert. Encore!’s mission is to promote the musical art of handbell ringing.
Visit encorehandbellensemble.org. For concert information contact Michele at 920-336-7768 or mbecker@gbres.org.

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**Generations of Disciples December 11**
Every member of our parish community is invited to gather for a shared meal, friendship, and lifelong faith formation on December 11.
An (optional) dinner is served between 5:00-5:40; opening prayer begins in church at 5:45. The adult session will feature Deacon Steve Meyer, guaranteed to challenge you to grow as missionary disciples as well as laugh ....and laugh repeatedly! You may have seen him featured in last week’s Green Bay Diocesan newspaper: *The Compass*. Check out the article online or on Resurrection’s Facebook page. Join us!
Inspire and Empower project

The INSPIRE AND EMPOWER project began the first weekend in November. Look for supplies available at the three church entrances and at the Welcoming Center desk for you to jot down a favorite saying, thought or short prayer that uplifts your soul or empowers your feelings or mood. Parishioners can also email their contributions to Margaret Guzek at margaretguzek@gmail.com or Jennifer Friedel at jgfriedel@att.net. Contributions will be shared with parishioners in the bulletin, on the screens and on the parish website beginning in January 2020.

Brought to you by the Health and Wellness Committee

Retirement Fund Collection

Next weekend, our parish will take a Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups, or just to one. Please use the envelope provided. Envelopes will be included in this week’s parish mailing.

Thank you!
Adult Ed Opportunities at St. Norbert Abbey

Please note the new Winter/Spring 2020 program guide from the Norbertine Center for Spirituality is available at every entrance; a multitude of quality offerings to grow in your faith and deepen your spirituality in a wide variety of offerings described within. Costs should never be a barrier to your participating, scholarships available.

The Spirituality Center now features an elevator and power assist doors as well as ample parking in the north lot off of the Webster Street entrance. Both day and night time offerings -- take a program guide home, take another for a friend! Make a New Year’s resolution to grow in your faith in partnership with the Center as it enters its 41st year of providing adult centered opportunities!

Our Lady Of Guadalupe

Please join the Episcopal Community of St. Anne’s as they honor and celebrate OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE.

Sunday, December 8th at 6 PM
St. Anne’s Episcopal Church
347 Libal St, De Pere, WI 54115

Cookie Walk & Craft Fundraiser

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10am- 4pm
St. Patrick Church, 211 N. Maple, GB
Christmas Cookies, Candy & Homemade Crafts. Proceeds to benefit Church & Oratory restoration & beautification fund.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

WHO WE ARE— HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

BAPTISM
Contact Susan Perrault (ext. 130) prior to the birth of your child for more information.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC/ADULT CONFIRMATION
Rosemary Baloun (ext. 123)

COMMUNICATIONS/BULLETIN
Katie Ellingson (ext. 127)

BUSINESS MANAGER/DONATIONS, WILLS AND BEQUESTS
Jenni Harris (ext. 128)

CARE MINISTRY/BEREAVEMENT
Sheila De Luca (ext. 125)

FAITH FORMATION/G.O.D.
1ST RECONCILIATION/1ST COMMUNION
Nancy Baldschun (ext. 122)

FATHER ALLOUEZ CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Kay Franz (ext. 221)

G.O.D./LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN
Rosemary Baloun (ext. 123)

PARISH NURSE/HEALTH AND WELLNESS
Cheryl Passel RN, PhD, AHN-BC (ext. 126)

LITURGY & MUSIC/MSP
Michele Becker, MTS (ext. 124)

MARRIAGE
Contact Deacon Don nine months prior to desired date.

MASS INTENTIONS/SACRAMENTAL RECORDS
Mary Jo Krohn (ext. 120)

PASTORAL CARE/HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS
Susan Perrault; Cheryl Passel, Sheila DeLuca

RECONCILIATION
Individual confession every Saturday 3:00 - 3:45PM or by appointment, contact Fr. Tom

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Fr. Tom Reynebeau

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH
Susan Perrault (ext. 130)

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY/YOUTH CONFIRMATION/TECHNOLOGY
Katie McAllister (ext. 129)

Pastoral Staff
Nancy Baldschun
Rosemary Baloun
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