Because of his coming, Jesus offers healing to all who suffer. He brings glad tidings to all who are ready to listen. Let us pray that the Reign of God strengthens us and makes our hearts firm for the coming of the Lord! Rejoice!

“Becoming disciples of Jesus and stewards of God’s gifts.”
Are You The One?

If you desired for a person or spirit to come into your life and solve every problem you have, what would that look like? If our world were completely transformed, what would that look like?

Israel, the Jewish nation, had such a desire. Their lives were not very easy with Rome on top of them and much bickering between the scribes, pharisees and many other groups as to who held the truths of Yahweh. From within these challenging times we find the person of John the Baptist. Even he was confused and uncertain. John is in prison and sends his disciples to ask Jesus, ‘are you the one who is to come?’ From a view 2000+ years later, you would think they would have been on the same path of understanding. What is clear is that John was expecting a very different version of what Jesus presented. He desired a mighty force to overthrow the Roman empire, right all the wrongs of the world and that all people would repent and forever follow in the ways of our God.

Instead Jesus sends the message back of his ministry; ‘the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor receive the good news.’ Those are nice….but how is that supposed to overcome good and evil, right the wrongs and bring Israel into it’s rightful place in the world? This confused John and it confuses most of us today!

Is this it? Is this enough? These questions leave most of us paralyzed throughout our lives because we are always looking for more or something different. Jesus as the Christ challenges our vision and position in life by being an agent of God’s full presence. Isn’t opening our blind eyes and seeing life as it really is enough for us? Isn’t being able to walk with purpose and mission enough for us? Isn’t being cleansed from illness and sin enough for us? Isn’t finding true life and no longer living among the ‘walking dead’ enough for us? Isn’t receiving the Good News of our God’s love and forgiveness enough for us?

If we were all to become ‘agents of God’s full presence’ our world would be transformed into the Kingdom of God. Not in the way you or I would hope, as we would all want to sit at the right hand of our God, but would be as God intends for us. That’s the Good News and Jesus gives us the tools to make this happen!

Advent invites us to a quiet reflection on this question. Is Jesus enough? Jesus invites us to be an agent of God’s mercy by how we allow ourselves and others to see, walk, be cleansed, be raised up and hear the Good News. We await the coming of Christ so that we, all together, may be RESURRECTION to those around us. That is enough!

Advent Blessings,
Fr. Tom

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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH FAMILY**

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**Please note that the parish office will be closed December 23 to January 3. Jenni Harris will be in the office for the mornings of December 30-31 to receive and process any year-end giving. Please note that any donations for the 2019 tax year must be postmarked or received at the office by December 31st. Thank you!**
Sunday-by-Sunday: Questions for Growing in Faith

- What are you seeing with new eyes or hearing with open ears this Advent?
- What judgments of others might you let go?
- How are your actions bringing hope and joy to others?

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 the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

Liturgical Ministers Needed For Holiday Masses

Christmas Eve & Day, New Year’s Eve and Day. Please sign up online via MSP or email Michele at mbecker@gbres.org. Thank you!

+++ at rest in the Lord

† **John Bangert** died on November 26. The parish community celebrated his Mass of Resurrection on December 5. 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.**

**Scripture Readings for the Week of December 15-22, 2019**

**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

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

**Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12, 13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

**Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

**Friday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

**Next Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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**LIVE IN COMMUNITY**

### $CRIP for Christmas

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

### 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!

### Thanksgiving Personal Hygiene Products & Food Drive

In addition to your weekly support of St. Patrick’s Food Pantry on GB’s West Side, this year’s Thanksgiving effort, especially the personal hygiene items, for Paul’s Pantry/East Side was a huge success. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to addressing food insecure households in our community.

### Memorial Bricks

If you would like to purchase a memorial brick for our grounds to remember a friend or loved one, forms are available by calling or visiting the parish office. We order and install these bricks twice a year. The deadline for this period is January 1st.

### 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 Lemerd at 920-471-6545. Confidentiality is assured.

### Ring Those Christmas Bells!

Children are invited to bring a small bell to church for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, to ring out the news of the birth of Jesus!

### The Bethlehem Star

Follow the path of our Bethlehem star each week as it moves closer to the stable where Jesus was born.

As we get closer to Christmas, the Advent wreath gets brighter each week when we light another candle, and the star moves throughout our church. The star begins in the Greeting Area! Like the Magi, may we seek to find, and then follow Jesus as his disciples.

"To seek for a king was their intent and to follow the star wherever it went... This star drew nigh to the northwest O'er Bethlehem it took its rest. And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay. Nowell! Born is the King of Israel!!"

### Night in Bethlehem

Come walk through the town where Jesus was born.

**Wednesday, December 18 | 5:30 PM | Register at gbres.org/godevents**
**Social Justice and Outreach Mini-Grants**

As we end this tax year, do you want to suggest any agencies to receive Resurrection’s Social Justice and Outreach Mini Grants funds? Please notify Sue Rohan at 336-3004 drfeelgoodmd@new.rr.com or Susan Perrault at 336-7768 or sperrault@gbres.org for more information. **Deadline is January 30, 2020.**

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**In Support of the GB Correctional Institute Prison Ministry/Sewing Circles**

Chaplain Mike Donovan is always in need of sewing supplies, cloth, material, buttons, yarn and other such items for use at the prison. If, at any time, you have such things you would like to donate, please bring them to the parish, mark them to the attention of Susan and she will make sure these goods are passed on to the sewing circle program. For more info, questions or concerns, please contact Susan at the parish office or call Mike directly at 920-432-4877. Thank you!

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**STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING**

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**Advent Prayer Partners Bread Exchange**

In spite of the snow storm on the First Weekend of Advent, we still had a wonderful number and wide variety of bread/rolls exchanged with the promise of prayers to be shared. Thanks to every participating Household of Faith!

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**Retirement Fund Collection**

Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Envelopes were mailed last week. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years. Thank you.

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**FOR ST. PATRICK’S PANTRY**

December ~ Spaghetti Noodles/Canned Sauce

Please place donations in the wooden cabinets found at each entrance. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated!
BEYOND OUR WALLS

11th Annual Greater Green Bay Area Interfaith Memorial Prayer Service for Homeless Persons

Thursday, December 19
6:40 p.m. Outdoor Silent Walk of Peace
7:00 p.m. Interfaith Prayer Service
Hosted by St. John the Evangelist Parish
411 St. John Street
Downtown Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301

Each year since 1990, on or near the first day of winter and the longest night of the year, the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) has sponsored National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day to bring attention to the tragedy of homelessness, the lack of affordable housing, and to remember our friends without stable housing who have paid the ultimate price for our nation’s failure to address this crisis. This event is open to the public; all are invited to participate in solidarity with those who believe health care, housing, and physical safety are basic human rights, not benefits to be earned.

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.
Rosemary Baloun (ext. 122)

FATHER ALLOUEZ CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Kay Franz (ext. 221)

FAITH FORMATION/G.O.D.
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 De Luca

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

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)

WI Addiction Recovery Helpline
A helpline is now available to help people connect with resources to overcome a dependence on opioids or other substances. 24hr a day, no charge. Resources for family members are available too. Call 211 or 833-944-4673.

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 opportunities 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 participation, scholarships available. 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!