

*Welcome to:
December 19, 2021*

*Saint
Francis of Assisi Parish*

Christmas Eve / Day and Feast of the Holy Family Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

4 PM - Waldo, Marshall, Grand
7 PM - Grand
10 PM - Waldo



Christmas Day, Dec. 25

7:30 AM & 9:30AM - Waldo
9 AM - Marshall
10:30 AM - Grand
(No 8:00 AM Grand)

Feast of the Holy Family Dec. 25

4 PM - Grand

Dec. 26, 2021

7:30 AM & 9:30AM - Waldo
9 AM - Marshall
8 AM & 10:30 AM - Grand

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

**No incense
will be used at the
4 PM Grand Mass
on Christmas Eve**

*Incense may be used at all
other Masses*



4th Sunday OF ADVENT





A note from Fr. Doug...

Dear Parishioners,

The 4th Sunday of Advent gospel is the visitation, Mary greeting Elizabeth. As John the Baptist leaped in the womb of Elizabeth, in greeting Jesus in the womb of Mary, may we recognize Jesus moving in us as we approach Christmas. I encourage you to be about purposely planning so as to more fully encounter Jesus this Christmas.

As you plan your Christmas, here are a few thoughts for you:

Question: Does Mass on December 25th at 4:00 p.m. count for both Christmas and Holy Family (weekend) Mass?

Short answer: NO, there are no "two-fers" (2 for 1) when it comes to these high holy Masses.

Pastoral answer: Christmas and Holy Family (Sunday Mass) are such great celebrations, that you can not limit it to just one Mass, so plan to come to one of each. Furthermore, did you know that Christmas is an octave (eight days)? Consider this when you think about coming to Mass during Christmas week.

If COVID and crowds worry you, carefully choose the Christmas Mass that you will attend. Our Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Masses are usually the most attended, so you may want to avoid them if crowds are a worry to you. Early Christmas morning 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses will probably be the smaller crowds.

A few other notes to help you plan for Christmas at our parish:

- The designated overflow area for 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, is the parish hall at GRAND site. There is more space to spread out in there if you are worried about sitting too close to someone.
- There is NO 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at Roncalli High School.
- Incense-free Mass will be the 4:00 p.m. Mass at Grand on Christmas Eve.
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at Marshall is in Spanish. (Thank you Fr. Ben)
- Mary Mother of God (January 1st Holy Day) is non-obligatory because it falls on a Saturday. But why limit your prayer? (December 31st, 4:00 p.m. Mass at Waldo and January 1st, 9:00 a.m. Mass at Marshall site.)
- With the rise in COVID cases, masks are optional/highly recommended. As long as the COVID count is critically high, priests and deacons are going to wear masks in church, except for when they are in the sanctuary.
- If your health is compromised, or you live with someone whose health is compromised, I highly encourage you to carefully choose a Mass where there will be less people (not the 4:00 p.m. Mass) or you may choose to virtually attend instead of in-person.
- Christmas is an octave, do not limit yourself to just one day of celebration. Come to daily Mass through out the octave (eight days) of Christmas.
- Servers, lectors, greeters, and Eucharistic ministers are still needed! Avoid the rush, sign up now to help out at the Masses. (Go online to the ministry scheduler, or call Sue Krueger or Dcn. Mark Knipp at the parish office.)
- Most importantly, plan your time with Christ this Christmas.

I encourage you to continue to gather around the advent wreath for family prayer. As you light the 4th candle, let the light build the expectation of the Christmas lights and family gatherings. Share the greeting of Mary and Elizabeth and their expecting of Jesus and John the Baptist to patiently wait for Christmas.

Happy 4th Sunday of Advent,

Fr. Doug LeCaptain

P.S. Note the information regarding moving the statues at the Marshall site church. I think this is a great opportunity to notice again the Mary statue in the top of the old high altar, and to match the symbols and the statues.



OLIVIER NDORIMANA

HOLY NAME OF JESUS HOUSE OF FORMATION

2589 S. Webster Ave.
Green Bay, WI 54301-2951

Kairos Year

BIRTHDAY

November 6

PARISH

St. Raphael Parish, Oshkosh

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INTERCESSOR

St. Thérèse of Lisieux. I love her "little way" of striving for holiness (which is our first call) by recognizing our littleness and need for God's mercy and by doing small things with great love.

Visit our gbvocations.org for more information about the Adopt a Seminarian program.

If you found yourself with half an hour of free time, what would you do during that time?

If I am in a place with people nearby (such as a formation house), I would go talk with them. Otherwise, I would read, journal, or watch television.

What is your favorite mystery of the rosary?

The First Joyful Mystery — The Annunciation. I love this mystery because it commemorates the moment when God, the maker of heaven and earth, became one of us in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Another reason I love this mystery is that in it, Our Lady teaches us how to receive God.

If someone came to your hometown, what is one thing they would have to do and why?

My hometown, Bamba, is 30 minutes away from one of the hot springs in Burundi. If someone came over there, I would take them to the hot springs. Here in the U.S., I live in Oshkosh. If you ever come to Oshkosh, I suggest taking a boat ride from Lake Butte des Morts into the Fox River and into Lake Winnebago. It is a great way to see the city.

Briefly, how would you explain what happens at Mass to someone?

At Mass, the story of salvation is retold and enacted. We are told about what the Lord did in the past with Israel, which culminates in Christ and the apostles. We participate in the saving death and life-giving resurrection of Christ through the consecration of the Eucharist, the offering of the Eucharist as a sacrifice, and the reception of Christ in the Eucharist. In the Mass, we have a foretaste of heaven by receiving the Eucharist which foreshadows our final union with the Lord in heaven and makes that present now under the veil of faith.

Explain how a priest helped you discern a call to the priesthood.

I have three priests who played a major role in my journey of discerning the priesthood. The first is Fr. Daniel Schuster. He was the vocation director for the Diocese of Green Bay when I was in high school. In his talks to discerners, he always emphasized that the first call is the call to holiness, the call to live in right relationship with God. That helped me — and still does — to stay grounded in my relationship with God as I discern his specific call for me.

Another priest who helped me is Fr. Adonis from Burundi. He invited me to receive baptism in the Holy Spirit and gave me a passage from the Gospel to pray with, through which the Lord drew me to consider a call to the priesthood. Lastly, Msgr. James Shea, my university chaplain, suggested that I get a spiritual director. I took his advice and started meeting with a spiritual director who helped me to grow in my relationship with the Lord and to discern a call to the priesthood.

How do you view a priest's relationship to the Blessed Mother?

On the cross, Jesus said, "Behold your mother." He said that to John, the "beloved disciple," who represented all of us, his disciples. Our call as disciples of Jesus is to gratefully receive the gift that Jesus offers us and to let the Blessed Mother be our mother. We should entrust ourselves to her, rely on her intercession, and ask her to teach us the ways of the Lord. A priest is called to do at least that. He should entrust himself to the Blessed Virgin so she can help him be the disciple that Christ wants him to be.

In addition, a priest should seek a closer relationship with Our Lady. In Genesis, the Lord said that it is not good for man to be alone and that he would make a helper fit for him. Given the priest's call to celibacy, the Blessed Mother is the helper fit for each priest, each in his unique way, to help him be the man Christ wants him to be for his church. A priest should invite the Blessed Mother into all of his life and ministry.



A note from Fr. Jason...

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend our Mass Gospel is the story of the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth while she is six months pregnant with John the Baptist. This got me thinking about the Rosary. During my Immaculate Conception homily I told the story of my conversion. Mary and the Rosary were an integral part of that conversion. In case you were not at my Mass, the short version is that in trying to date this one woman in college, I needed to start to practice my Christian faith again. By the way, things didn't work out with her. But, instead of getting a date I fell in love. I fell in love with Jesus Christ and His Church again. I had never really known how to pray daily so I started with the Rosary. It was daily prayer that solidified my conversion to Jesus Christ. Daily prayer is life-changing prayer. It was Mary who assisted my conversion to her Son with her prayers. It is like she tied my hand to Christ's hand with the Rosary, that I might never leave Him or His Church again.

While I was away for these past four months, I had additional time to pray that I don't have while in the parish. With this additional time, I made the Rosary a priority. Most days I prayed four Rosaries. In the parish I usually only have time to pray one Rosary a day. The four Rosaries were for the following: one for the parish of St. Francis of Assisi (for you), one for the priests of the Diocese of Green Bay, one for my family, and one for myself. I would rotate the intentions each day so that I would pray a different set of mysteries for those intentions.

With each mystery I prayed for specific things. The Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth before the birth of John the Baptist is the second joyful mystery. The intention that I prayed for you and me, is that we might have a greater love for our neighbors, especially in our relationships with our own family members.

We know we are called to love, especially our family, but it can be hard. Often the closer we are to a person the more trouble we can get into with them. I think the reason is that since we are closer to them we are with them more and have more opportunities to rub each other the wrong way. That is why I pray for a better relationship with our family members. We need all the graces we can get. Mary loved her cousin. She showed this love through a concrete act of love, the Visitation. We can always use the intercession of Mary so that we might have the best relationship we can with those we are closest to.

Sincerely through the Sacred Heart,

Fr. Jason

Fr. Jason Blahnik

PARISH SUPPORT

Received Week of 12/05/21

Envelopes	\$38,460
Collection Basket	\$1,355
ATP	<u>\$10,410</u>
Total This Week:	\$50,225
Support Required/Week:	\$40,480
Difference this Week:	\$9,745
Year-to-Date Required	\$931,040
Year-to-Date Support	<u>\$718,518</u>
Difference this Year:	<u>-\$212,522</u>
Last Year-To-Date Support:	\$773,250

Liturgical Ministers
WE NEED YOU!

For Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

Also for:
New Years Eve & New Year's Day

Please call parish office if interested

Oplatki

Beginning December 3, 2021

Oplatek (Polish Wafers) are available in the parish office.

Free will offering accepted for a package of four wafers.



Saturday, December 18th - Advent Weekday

4:00 PM G †Mark & Jeffery Christensen
 4:00 PM W †Mary Ciche

Sunday, December 19th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM W †Victor, Agnes & Paul Zeman,
 Richard & Helen Fischer
 †Barbara Benter
 8:00 AM G †Henry & Lydia Jagodinsky
 9:00 AM M †Joseph & Viola Naidl
 9:30 AM W †Tom Sitkiewitz
 10:30 AM G †Dorothy & Vernon Holschbach
 6:30 PM W †For the Parish

Monday, December 20th - Advent Weekday

6:45 AM G †Lawrence Kaderabek

Tuesday, December 21st - Advent Weekday

6:45 AM G †Edith Hofslund
 8:00 AM W †Robert Heinzen
 6:30 PM G †Arnold Mott

Wednesday, December 22nd - Advent Weekday

6:45 AM G †Mary Ann Coppens

Thursday, December 23rd - Advent Weekday

6:45 AM G †Jack & Gary Laurent
 †Marian Sepnafski
 8:00 AM W †Raymond Krcma

Friday, December 24th - Advent Weekday

4:00 PM G †Mary Ann Hernet
 †Marvin & Arlette Rozanski
 4:00 PM M †Bob Cichantek
 †Maria Hue & Peter Van Nguyen
 4:00 PM W †Luke Tollefson
 †Jane Janssen
 7:00 PM G †L/D Mbrs. Leist & Krueger Families
 †Cornelia Reitmeyer
 10:00 PM W †Kevin Hoffman
 †William & Marjorie Luckow

Saturday, December 25th—The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 AM W †Susan Wallander
 †B.J. Rubick
 9:00 AM M †Irene Burton & Iva Kouba
 †Jay Budnik
 9:30 AM W †Leonard Bonk
 †Jeanette Leick
 10:30 AM G †Mary Lettenberger
 †Richard & Betty Walske

Sunday, December 26th -

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30 AM W †John Doolan
 8:00 AM G †Bob Fischer
 †Charles Spiering
 9:00 AM M †For the Parish
 †Andrew & Anna Wiczak
 9:30 AM W †James Vondrachek
 10:30 AM G †Roger Cornils

Eternal Rest to Our Loved Ones

We extend our sympathy to the families & friends of:

Zachary Posvic

Jean Braunel

Connie Staudinger

Leon Wollersheim

**May all the faithful departed
 rest in peace.**

**Please Note Printing Correction
 of Mass Location:**

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
 December 31st, 4:00 p.m. **Waldo Site**
 (correction to information in the Compass)

January 1st

9:00 a.m. Calvary Chapel Mausoleum

10:00 a.m. Marshall Site

In Memory of...

For the week of December 19th, 2021

Sanctuary Candle is for:

Lillian Neumeyer

at the Grand Site

Sanctuary Candle is for:

Robert & Marcella Brandl

at the Marshall Site

Sanctuary Candle is for:

Calvin & Gloria Yanda

at the Waldo Site

Altar Candle is for:

Russell Schenian & Ryan Schenian

at the Waldo Site

Tabernacle Sanctuary Candle is for:

Glen Hoffman

at the Adoration Chapel

Moving of the Statues at SFA - Marshall Site Church

At the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Marshall site (previously St. Mary's), we are considering moving some statues so that the symbols on each of the side altars match the statues and to make a Mary Grotto area. We hope to make these changes in time for the January 1st, 2022, celebration of Mary Mother of God, 10:00 a.m. Mass.

1. Currently on the top of the high altar, front, center, is a St. Mary statue, which helps to connect to the old name of this site.
2. On the left side altar, currently is a statue of St. Joseph, which we would like to replace with a Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue to match the "IHS" symbol.
3. On the right side altar, is a St. Mary statue which we would like to place in a grotto where the old confessional was on the right side of the church. We would place the St. Joseph statue from the other side on the altar which would then match the "SJ" symbol.
4. In the old confessional area, on the right side, we make into a little Mary shrine area, placing our statue there, votive candles and kneelers. (Store the tables elsewhere.)
5. This would also align the wood statues on the wood altars and the Mary statue made of plaster, in the shrine area by itself.



Currently, St. Joseph on the "IHS" the Sacred Heart of Mary is on the "SJ" Saint Joseph altar.



Old confessional area to become a small Mary Shrine area with votive candles and kneelers.



Relocate Sacred Heart of Jesus statue from the entryway to the "IHS" side altar.



Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Family Memorial

Holy Family Memorial is having a 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass in the chapel.

HFM will give attendance priority to the HFM patient visitors and employees. Seating is extremely limited.

For all masses in the HFM chapel we continue to follow the CDC hospital guidelines on social distancing, masking, and not allowing entrance to children 18 and under.

2021 Important Tax Planning Information

As we come to the end of our 2021 calendar year, please note, **according to the IRS laws**, your church contributions **must be to the parish office, in the collection basket at Mass on, or postmarked on or before Friday, December 31.** All checks sent by mail for your 2021 contributions must be postmarked December 31 or they cannot be posted to your St. Francis of Assisi Parish contribution statement, or counted as a charitable deduction on your 2021 taxes. The collection basket for the vigil of the Solemnity of Mary on December 31, will be processed for 2021. The January 1, Solemnity of Mary collection basket, will be included in your 2022 contribution statement. The date of receipt by the parish is the determining factor, not the date of the check.

If you'd like your contribution for 2022, we must receive it after January 1, 2022. Please call the parish office with any questions (920) 684-3718.

Parish Wish Advent/Christmas List

Any help that you could give to cover one (or part of one) of these expenses would be greatly appreciated. Contact Connie at (920) 652-7825 or email to: connie.heinzen@sfamanitowoc.org if you are able to assist us with covering these expenses or if you have any questions about an item. Thank you for your consideration.

Description of Item:	Cost:
Media Upgrade at Waldo Church (replacement & installation of projection/camera equipment)	\$15,000
Sound Upgrade at Waldo Church Sacristy	\$2,000
Sound Upgrade at Marshall Church	\$10,200
Devotional Candle Stands for Marshall Church (2)	\$600 each
Radio Broadcast Mass Sponsor (needed every Sunday)	\$310 each
Laptop for Business Manager, Priest, & Adult Faith Formation/RCIA, Maintenance Facilitator (4)	\$600 each
Printer for Parish Office	\$500
Microphone Boom Stands for Churches (5)	\$70 each
Microphones for Churches (4)	\$100 each
Digital Piano for Grand Site Church	\$3,000
Piano Tuning (4 needed to be done each year) (1 received)	\$100 each
Organ Tuning for Waldo Site Church	\$800
Digital Piano Repairs for Marshall Site Church	\$500
Piano Accompaniment Books (2)	\$145
Guitar Accompaniment Books (2)	\$100
Cricut Explore for Youth & Adult Faith Formation Programs (2)	\$400 each
Liturgical Living Box Sponsor (6)	\$50 each
Coffee Carts for Emmaus House (2)	\$100 each
Keurig Coffee Maker for Emmaus House & Religious Education Parent Lounge (2)	\$100 each
Wireless Bluetooth Speakers for Faith Formation (2)	\$50 each
Steubenville Youth Conference Sponsors (10)	\$250 each
Vacation Bible School Sponsors	\$400
Vacation Bible School Supplies	\$500
Catechesis of Good Shepherd Materials & Program Updates	\$800
Level 2 Atrium Materials	\$500
Supplies for Teaching the Mass to Elementary Youth	\$300
Financial Peace University Scholarships	\$400 each
Adult Faith Formation Books, Resources & Supplies	\$600
RCIA Books, Resources & Supplies	\$500
Grief Support Books, Resources & Supplies	\$300
20v Dewalt Circular Saw	\$200
20v Dewalt Angle Grinder	\$200
Salt Spreader	\$230
Toro Power Clear Snowblower (3)	\$760
Bosch Rotary Hammer	\$315
Damascus Center/Emmaus House - Bathroom #1 Remodel (\$500 received)	\$7,500
Damascus Center/Emmaus House - Bathroom #2 Remodel	\$7,500
Damascus Center/Emmaus House - Kitchen Remodel	\$15,000
Accent Chair for Calvary Cemetery	price range from \$500 to \$750
Cemetery Trees (10)	\$250 each
Cemetery Benches (14)	\$1,400 each (or any amount)
Walmart, OfficeMax, Hartman's, or Ace Hardware Gift Cards for Cemetery Office	\$25-\$100 (any amount)



Roncalli Middle School and Roncalli Elementary School to host preview events in January

Do you have a soon-to-be middle or elementary school student in your family? Roncalli Middle School and Roncalli Elementary School, part of Roncalli Catholic Schools, invite families with students in grades 5-8 and 3K through fourth-grade, or students who are considering a new learning environment for the 2022-23 school year, to upcoming preview events.

Roncalli Middle School will hold its Preview Night on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 with registration beginning at 5:45 p.m. Roncalli Elementary School will hold its Preview Morning Saturday, Jan. 8 with registration beginning at 9 a.m.

“These events will give students and their families an opportunity to learn more about what each school has to offer, and provide helpful insight about the middle and elementary school experience and environments,” said Shannon Pritzl, director of admissions. “I hope you will consider joining us at our upcoming preview events.”

Roncalli Middle School Preview Night will take place at the middle school, 2109 Marshall St., Manitowoc and Roncalli Elementary School Preview Morning will take place at the elementary school, 1408 Waldo Blvd., Manitowoc. Parents and guardians, along with their students, should enter through the main entrances for both schools. Pre-registration for the events is not required. Masking is currently optional. For more event details, continue to watch <https://www.facebook.com/roncallielementaryandmiddleschool>.

PRAYER NETWORK

The Prayer Network is in need of more people to pray petitions for our parish. There are no meetings involved. This is a good job for stay-at-home folks. You make one call per month.

If you wish to request prayers for someone, please contact Alice Haen at (920) 682-9163.

Alice is the coordinator of the parish Prayer Network. Only the first names of persons to be prayed for and a reason (cancer, health, family problems, etc.) are needed.



Christmas Flower Memorials

Shorty Muench	Lester & Eileen Mecca	Bud & Bill Lambries
Mickey Muench	John Zdanowski	Victor & Agnes Schultz
Gene & Betty Larson	Peggy Lorden	Albin & Margaret Martinson Family
Dave Larson	Jimmy Marlborough	August Krieser
Delmar Novak	Mike & Millie Ebert	Carol Soukup
L/D John & Helen Komoroski Family	Jim & Marilyn Johnson	D & B Andrastek
Clara Novak	Judi Roberts	Dick Krieser
Doreen Tadych	Jack Schamburek	Theresa Strauss
William & Irene Strouf	Grace Schamburek	Kostuhoske Family
David Maltby	Cyril Marlborough	Franci Family
Charles Quistorf	Helen Marlborough	Elizabeth & Joseph Sieracki
John Quistorf	Dorrell & La Verne St. Pierre	Ceil & Roy Peterson Sr.
Mark Quistorf	Arthur & Josephine Michalski	Roy Peterson Jr.
Marvel Alvarez	Cecilia Riebe	Matt & Florence Kocian
Thomas Dirkman	Jeanette Wernecke	Leonard & Rose Schermetzler
Paul J. Foreyt	Christine Lutzke	Albert & Sophie Rugowski
Steve & Anna Foreyt	Louie Lensmire	M/M Ray Wimmer Sr.
Wm. & Antonia Sleger	Larry Keehan	M/M Joseph Tienor
Jack Budnik	Melvin & Vi Hynek	Marvin Wimmer
Jay Budnik	Mercedes & Max Sosnosky	Marie Tienor
Kim Schweiger	Glenn & Lillian Helgerson	Brett Hoyt
Ray Sturzl	Ted Helgerson	Dale & Hilda Hite
Marion Goosen	Bob & Judy Risch	Harold & Betty Schultz
Lloyd Goosen	Harold & Lillian Seiler	William & Florence Fritsch
Rae Ann Brunette	Haupt Family	Joe & Irene Oswald
Marie Hanson	Sieracki Family	Nancy Carbon
Walter Levendoski	Alfred & Dolores Ryktarsyk	Louis & Peggy McKee
Betsy Oakley	Alvin & Helen Klopp	Richard, Lynn & Lois Gospodarek
Chad Levendoski	William Palmer	Marion Pribyl
Robert Levendoski	Sandy Palmer	Cathy Pribyl
Grace Vetter	Ryan Palmer	Carrie Pribyl
Micki Mand	Don & Delores MacMillan	Florence Reznichuk
Mary Becker	Tom MacMillan	Joseph Pribyl Sr.
Dorothy Bieda	Don Pelnar	Robert Reznichuk
Victor Burette	Jean B. Mueller	James & Virginia Shea
Matthew Burette	Kurt Kuehn Family	Esther Tittl
Mike Kaminski Sr.	Oran Bushman Family	Zeke Tittl
L/D Mbrs of the Kaminski & Burette Family	Henry Bushman Family	James R. Ziegelbauer
Joe, Viola & Kenny Naidl	Melvin Kautzer	Mary Ziegelbauer
Karen Naidl	Anntonette Kautzer	Robert & Mary Platteter
Luke Tollefson	Mary Ann Kautzer	Lillian Platteter
Jim & Mary Jindra	John Kautzer	Jerry Menges
Helen & Ben Mahlik Jr. Family	Edwin & Beatrix Zagrodnik	Al & Ruth Stephani
Bill Becker	Phillip & Serina Budnik	Bill & Elaine Menges
Chris Becker	Mary, Clara & Violet Kaufmann	Carmen & Ervin Stephani
Norman & Dorothy Brandt	Mary Witzak (Molitor)	Robert Boeckman
JoAnne Kronberg	Leonard (Curly) Witzak	Glen Myers
Alice & Paul Duruz	Bob Molitor	Wayne & Theresa Stevens
Alice & Albert Czekala	Catherine Chillar	Alan Myers
Gen & Dan Czekala	Quirin & Thelma Lensmire	Kim Stevens
Richard Stubbe	Alice & Clarence Fencil	Pearl & Leonard Stevens
Susie Nate	Donald Haag	Joseph & Rose Saul
John A. Johnson	John & Caroline Haag	
	Matthew & Anna Lambries	



SFA YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Monday, December 27th:

4:30 PM: Mass
(St. Norbert Abbey)

5:05PM: Vespers
(St. Norbert Abbey)

6:00PM: WPS Garden of Lights
(Green Bay Botanical Gardens)

Join us for an evening of prayer at the Abbey and a trip to the WPS Garden of Lights!
You can join us for just one part or all three parts of the evening.
Kids are welcome as well

Tickets for the WPS Garden of Lights MUST be purchased online in advance.
Please select the 6:00PM time slot when purchasing, for entrance between 6:00-6:30PM, allowing people time to grab a quick bite to eat before arriving at the Botanical Gardens.



Christmas Caroling
+prayer ministry

Monday, December 20th
6:15PM at the Grand Site

Caroling will take place in groups of 6-10 through the neighborhoods around the Grand Site and collecting prayer intentions. Prayer intentions will be sent back to our prayer team in the Church and will be lifted up in prayer in Adoration as they are received. Those participating will spend a few minutes in prayer upon returning from caroling as well, praying for collected intentions. A hot chocolate and cookie social will follow afterwards.

Join us as part of our caroling crews or our prayer team!



Remember Your Parish in Your Legacy

St. Francis has seen a decline in giving while at the same time expenses have gone up. Your parish would like to continue with expansion of many worthwhile programs and projects. Please ask how you can help by giving to St. Francis of Assisi Parish funds in your will, as a memorial, or today!

REST IN PEACE

Catholic cemeteries and mausoleums are reverent and prayerful places. They are adorned with special Christian symbols, monuments, and structures that make visitation a holy and serene experience. Choosing to be buried in a Catholic cemetery or entombed in a Catholic mausoleum is a way of remaining surrounded by the faith and members of the Church even in death. Just like the sacraments we receive throughout our life, such as Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage, God is calling to be present with us at the completion of our life's journey.

Most importantly, Catholic mausoleums and cemeteries are reminders of the promise of the resurrection. We hear about this promise in the Gospel of John:


"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die." – John 11:25-26

As Catholics, we know that death is not the final destination. Instead, death is a transition to an even greater awakening that can only be realized in the presence of God. *"Life has changed, not ended"*

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4th
SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

RONCALLI

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Roncalli High School to host winter theology series

Roncalli High School, part of Roncalli Catholic Schools, will hold "Learning on the Journey: A winter series of courses on faith, practices and perspectives" beginning in January 2022 at the high school.

The series is open to the public and there is no admission fee. All sessions will be held at the high school, 2000 Mirro Drive, Manitowoc, from 6-7 p.m. with a social to follow. Wine will be served. Attendees should enter through the Fine Arts Center doors. Babysitting services will be provided. Registration is not required, but appreciated, especially by families who will be bringing children. Please contact 920-682-8801 or theology@roncallcatholicschools.org.

Participating event presenters include:

- Tim Olson, M.A, principal emeritus
- Paul Schweigl, Th.D.
- Callie Hynek, M.A.
- Dianne Vadney, M.T.S.
- Taylor Geiger, vocation coordinator

- Deacon Frank Birr, M.T.S.
- Fr. Dave Beaudry, M.A.

Each session will feature four speakers. The lineup for the series is as follows:

January 18:

Catholicism 101 (Schweigl)
Atheism, Agnosticism, and Theism (Olson)
Feminine Genius (Hynek)
Lost Scriptures (Beaudry)

January 25:

History Behind the Nicene Creed (Schweigl)
Liturgy 101 (Birr)
St. Maximilian Kolbe: Love and Sacrifice (Hynek)
Sacraments of Healing (Beaudry)

February 1:

Vatican II (Schweigl)
The Historical Jesus (Olson)
The Resurrection and Beyond (Vadney)
Blessed Mother: Co-redemptrix,

Mediatrrix, Advocate (Hynek)

February 8:

The Saints (Birr)
Scientism and the Search for God (Olson)
Mary: Model and Mother (Geiger)
Vatican II: On Sacred Liturgy (Beaudry)

February 15:

Thomas Merton (Schweigl)
The Beauty and Challenge of Marriage (Vadney)
Reflections on the Lord's Prayer (Beaudry)
Proper Discernment (Geiger)

February 22:

Islam (Schweigl)
Mass: What You May Not Have Known or Noticed (Vadney)
Christ the Divine Physician (Geiger)
Lent (Birr)

Attend as many or few sessions as you'd like. No reading or homework required.

Schools to host preview events in January

Do you have a soon-to-be middle or elementary school student in your family? Roncalli Middle School and Roncalli Elementary School, part of Roncalli Catholic Schools, invite families with students in grades 5-8 and 3K through fourth-grade, or students who are considering a new learning environment for the 2022-23 school year, to upcoming preview events.

Roncalli Middle School will hold its Preview Night on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 with registration beginning at 5:45 p.m. Roncalli Elementary School will hold its Preview Morning Saturday, Jan. 8 with registration beginning at 9 a.m.

Roncalli Middle School Preview Night will take place at the middle school, 2109 Marshall St., Manitowoc and

Roncalli Elementary School Preview Morning will take place at the elementary school, 1408 Waldo Blvd., Manitowoc. Attendees should enter through the main entrances for both schools. Pre-registration for the events is not required. Masking is currently optional. For more event details, watch <https://www.facebook.com/roncallielementaryandmiddleschool>.

Readings for the Week

December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



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- Youth track from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (new!)
- Keynote with national speaker Tori Petersen
- Panel discussion with local pro-life leaders
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- Pro-life rosary
- Respect Life Mass with Bishop Ricken

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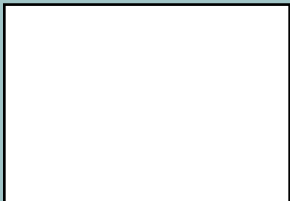
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