

*Welcome to:  
December 26, 2021*

*Saint  
Francis of Assisi Parish*



## **Blessing a Nativity Scene at Home**

God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
You have made manifest your love.  
When our need for a Savior was great,  
You sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.  
To our lives He brings joy and peace,  
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,  
bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus  
and raise our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,  
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.



### A note from Fr. Doug...

Merry Christmas! What is missing from my nativity scene? Where is the baby Jesus? I bought this nice olivewood set on a trip to the Holy Land years ago. Actually, I bought it in Bethlehem at a gift shop. A few years ago, when I put it up during Advent, I put the baby Jesus some place to await Christmas and have not found him. So what to do?

This year for me, it serves as a good reminder that Christmas is all about Jesus. Last week, as I preached at the middle school, I was going to cancel Christmas vacation because everything they were planning had nothing to do with Jesus. I asked them to list what they were planning for Christmas break. They answered: no school, sleep in, Christmas cookies, new electronic gifts, and vacation. Nothing they said was related to Christ in Christmas. So, I told them I was canceling their Christmas break because it was not about Christ. (Rest assured, they are still having their Christmas break.) But let us all take a moment to reflect on the empty manger which serves as a great challenge to remind us of the importance of Christ in our Christmas season.

The missing Jesus also means I need to go looking, so I'm going to make a trip this September, back to the Holy Land, to Israel. I planned this trip two years ago, but with COVID delays, it has been rescheduled for this fall. If you are interested in a trip to the Holy Land to find Jesus (the trip will take place September 1-13) contact me for details.

It is good to gather in prayer, to celebrate Christmas and to place Jesus in the manger. But, before we do that, we have to empty out our stable and the surrounding area. Christmas is also a time of giving. I am so grateful to the many parishioners who were a part of the "Advent Giving and Sharing." Thanks to the crew that sorted the gifts and gift cards and distributed them in time for Christmas. Thank you for making room in the stable for Jesus.

So what about your stable at home? I encourage you to consider gathering as a family and share in placing of the baby Jesus and a blessing. (See our nativity blessing/prayer on the cover of this bulletin.)

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Fr. Doug

**Joy**  
TO  
THE  
**World**





## NICHOLAS KLIKA

### HOLY NAME OF JESUS HOUSE OF FORMATION

2589 S. Webster Ave.  
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*Kairos Year*

### BIRTHDAY

December 30

### PARISH

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### INTERCESSOR

**St. Thérèse of Lisieux.** There are not many people I would welcome continually making themselves present to me, but St. Thérèse has made that short list this summer. I would be foolish not to follow her "little way" and ask for her intercession for my discernment.

Visit our [gbvocations.org](http://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?

Prudent me would like to spend it contemplatively or with those around me, but chances are I would be alone watching an episode of *The Office*.

### What is your favorite mystery of the rosary?

The Third Joyful Mystery — The Nativity. This has been one of my favorite images for a while now of the sweet baby Jesus lying peacefully in the manger in the quiet night with Mary and Joseph looking lovingly back at him.

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

Technically, neither the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help nor the National Shrine of St. Joseph are in the city limits, so I cannot claim those as Green Bay "must sees." However, we do have a couple of good local burger joints, so if it is not a Friday in Lent, I would suggest going to either Kroll's or Al's Hamburgers.

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

The Mass is the celebration of the victory Christ won on the cross for us. We gather in communion to not only fulfill our Third Commandment duty to keep holy the Sabbath, but also to praise God through song, personal and communal prayer, and sacred Scripture. During Communion, Jesus miraculously makes himself present to us in body, blood, soul, and divinity in the form of the bread and wine so that we can receive him and he can dwell within us for our salvation. The Eucharist is the centerpiece of our Catholic faith.

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

I have been blessed for the past nine years to have Fr. Mark Vander Steeg as our parish priest at St. Bernard's. Through different youth ministry events and trips in high school, Fr. Mark was able to plant in me the desire from God to grow in relationship with him and start considering possible vocations.

The culmination of this came during COVID-19 when churches shut down and public Masses were canceled. St. Bernard's was moving to an online format and Father approached me asking if I would be willing to help with reading and serving the livestream Mass. I said "yes," seeing the opportunity to be one of the few non-priests who would still be able to receive the Eucharist. However, as the weeks went on, I began to feel a constant tug on my heart that there could be a deeper reason behind why I am here and that maybe God was trying to invite me, through Fr. Mark's invitation, to discern a call to the priesthood.

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

We always hear that Mary loves little children. This is because when little children are scared, they, without hesitation, turn to their mothers and fathers. They surrender all their fear and trust into their parents' hands. Priests should have that same faith in our Blessed Mother. A priest, in particular, cannot then pretend they do not need a relationship with Mary or to ask for her intercession, because even Jesus gave himself to his mother's will.

When God kept Mary free from the stain of sin in St. Anne's womb and preserved her virginity so she could give God a human face and human heart to love us in his son, Jesus Christ, he had the plan for Mary to be the mother of us all. Therefore, we should go to Mary with all our struggles or fears as one would their biological mother so that she can bring them to the foot of the cross for us and lift all our burdens. As a priest, you need to constantly rely on Mary and Jesus to be able to properly take care of the souls of your parishioners because it is our duty to lead those souls to heaven. We need to love Mary as the mother that she is and remember that she is the Queen of Heaven and Earth and to treat her as such. Never fear loving Mary too much because Jesus loved her perfectly.



### A note from Fr. Ben...

Dear Family, Merry Christmas!

I wish each one of you all the grace, peace, and joy of our Lord in this festive and sacred season! If you haven't read my column before, I like to use this space to share little nuggets that I gained from 8 years in the seminary. And so in honor of this special season, this is *Stuff I Learned in Seminary Part 24: "Xmas" Edition*.

I used to think it was inappropriate to write "Xmas" instead of Christmas. I figured people did this to dissociate Christ from Christmas—which of course should never ever happen! And unfortunately yes, some people do have that intention, but it's actually really ironic. See, when I was in my first years of seminary and took a Greek class, I came across the origins of "Xmas" and was very surprised to learn it's actually an old school, traditional Catholic thing. Yes—ironically, the term "Xmas" was invented, used, and understood by Catholics! Let me explain:

So in Greek, "Christ" is "Χρίστος" (pronounced "Christos") and this used to be common knowledge among Catholics. Although, of course, not everyone knew Greek, they would at least know some select terms that were important for liturgy and used in church architecture. Speaking of church architecture, that might be a place where you have encountered this already—have you ever seen what looks like an overlaid "X" and "P"? At our church on Grand Ave, we have that at the top of what used to be the high altar. These are actually not the English letters "X" and "P," they're the first two Greek letters of "Χρίστος." Throughout the life of the Church, this was common shorthand for the name of Christ, and it had preferred usage over writing "Christ" because Greek is one of the three sacred languages—the other two being Latin and Hebrew. This practice of using the overlaid "XP" dates all the way back to the first centuries of the Church, when Christians were heavily persecuted. These early Christians would actually place subtle graffiti "XP" on structures to secretly direct other Christians to where underground communities were, or where Mass was being celebrated. They would also mark or etch this on the graves of early Christians, to identify them while still hiding from persecution. The use of "XP" has continued even to this day—I even put it on my ordination card!—but within the past 70 or so years, many people have forgotten or were never told what it means. Similarly, the use of "Xmas" ("Christ-Mass") to mark the celebration of Mass on the Nativity of our Lord had been introduced and used by Catholics since at least the 1500's, but the use and understanding of it was lost alongside the declined use of "XP." In my opinion this is unfortunate, and today the argument has become all backwards. "Xmas" was not invented by the secular world, and part of me wants to reclaim the term! It is, after all, referencing the name of Christ, which is holy and to be revered.

So by all means, go forth and text your friends "Merry Xmas." But also share with them the history behind the term "Christos" and the Greek letter "X."

Have a very Merry Xmas, friends!

*Rev Ben Johnson*

Rev. Ben Johnson



## Important Dates to Remember For 2022

- January 12: Parish Annual Meeting, 6 p.m. Grand
- February 11: World Marriage Sunday  
Reaffirmation of Vows & Reception, 6:30-10 p.m.  
Waldo Site
- March 2: Ash Wednesday
- April 17: Easter
- April 30: Roncalli Auction
- July 7-11: Steubenville Youth Conference (open to  
any incoming freshmen through graduating  
seniors)
- August 12, 13, 14, Parish Picnic, Waldo Site
- November 5: Roncalli International Food Fair

Solemnity of Mary,

THE MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2022

Vigil

4 p.m. - Waldo

Feast Day

9 a.m. - Calvary Cemetery Chapel  
10 a.m. - Marshall



## 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:	-\$212,522
Last Year-To-Date Support:	\$773,250

### Received Week of 12/12/21

Envelopes	\$50,349
Collection Basket	\$2,496
ATP	<u>n/a</u>
Total This Week:	\$52,845
Support Required/Week:	\$40,480
Difference this Week:	\$12,365
Year-to-Date Required	\$971,520
Year-to-Date Support	<u>\$771,363</u>
Difference this Year:	-\$200,157
Last Year-To-Date Support:	\$825,977

December 19th deposit information was not available at the time of this bulletin printing. Please see our January 2 bulletin for this information. Thank you.

## 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.

## What is Your Legacy?

A **personal** legacy involves more than the financial assets you bestow on the younger generation. A **living** legacy is any step or action you take during your life and the way those actions affect how people remember you. Is St. Francis of Assisi part of your **lasting** legacy?

## Personal-Living-Lasting



**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 Witzcak  
 9:30 AM W †James Vondrachek  
 10:30 AM G †Roger Cornils  
 6:30 PM W †Scott J. Miller

**Monday, December 27th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Eugene & Betty Franz &  
 Don & Elaine Thone

**Tuesday, December 28th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Bernie Sturm  
 8:00 AM W †For the Parish  
 6:30 PM G †Joan Heinzen

**Wednesday, December 29th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Eldon Klein

**Thursday, December 30th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Nancy Hogue  
 8:00 AM W †L/D Mbrs. Rugowski & Schultz  
 Families

**Friday, December 31st - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Ray & Verona Arsineau &  
 Joe Zimmer  
 4:00 PM W †Wally Specht

**Saturday, January 1st -**

**Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

10:00 AM M †For the Parish  
 4:00 PM G †Aaron Zagorski  
 4:00 PM W †Walter Wester

**Sunday, January 2nd - Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 AM W †Jeanette Leick  
 8:00 AM G †Fritz Blashka  
 9:00 AM M †Gene Rezachek, Kevin Rezachek  
 & Jim Wilhelm  
 9:30 AM W †L/D Mbrs. Braun Family  
 10:30 AM G †JoAnn Skarivoda  
 6:30 PM W †For the Parish



**Eternal Rest to Our Loved Ones**

*We extend our sympathy to the families & friends of:*

Clara Lensmeyer  
 Kathryn Herman  
 Ann Matuszak

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 26th, 2021

*Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**Jim Wilda**

*at the Grand Site*

*Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**Bud & Bill Lambries**

*at the Marshall Site*

*Altar Candle is for:*

**Andrew & Anna Witzcak**

*at the Marshall Site*

*Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**Ted & Irene Becker**

*at the Waldo Site*

*Tabernacle Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**Arnie Patynski**

*at the Adoration Chapel*

## Faith Formation's Grade 1 through 5 Christmas Program: "Stations of the Crib."



### St. Clare Corner ~

Dear Holy Ladies, A little business even on this special weekend...

First, a great thank you to Christine Aguilar, Sue Cisler, Mary Roberts, and to all those who helped collect the supplies, mix, roll, bake, frost, and sell the dozens of Christmas cookies, and to those who donated bakery for the Christmas Bake Sale on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Many families will enjoy the results of your labor!!

Second, our Christmas Luncheon was a joyous occasion with good food, fellowship, and the Clipper City Chordsmen entertaining. We will use the list of donations you received as suggestions to be voted on by the membership at our February meeting. No disbursements will be made until then. Thanks to Pat Korlesky who coordinated the event at the Harrigan Parkside Gathering Place, and to Sue and Mary for arranging the entertainment.

Third, don't forget to give something holy for Christmas to your kids and grandkids. The Greatest Gift Catholic Store (out past the Two Rivers High School) has great suggestions: a statue or medal of their patron saints, a book, holy cards, etc. It's our job to be sure the flame of faith is passed on!!

And now, let us focus on the joy and wonder of these holy days. We have accompanied Joseph and Mary on their journey to Bethlehem, feeling their concern and their agony at the rejections for a place to stay to have the Blessed Child. But now, at last, they are in peace with their beautiful, healthy Baby Boy in their arms. There is no truer feeling of the presence of God than the moments spent holding a new baby. The miracle of birth is surely radiant in the faces of Joseph and Mary as they behold the Word made flesh Who has come to dwell among us. They share their Jesus lovingly with the shepherds as even the angels are awestruck with joy. Mary nurses her Little One and stills his newborn cries. We enter the softly lit stable, over the straw, welcomed by the new mother and father, feeling the peace and glory of the moment soak into us. Then, Mary holds the Baby out to us. As each of us takes Him into our arms, what gift do we offer Him with our tears? What gift do we ask of Him, the source of all gifts, on this most holy night? During this busy time, let us find some moments to spend in the stable and bask in the blessing and presence of the Holy Family.

Your officers, Pat Korlesky, Jean Kiefer, Judi VonDrachek, Christine Aguilar, and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a glorious New Year!! You have been a blessing to work with and we look forward to the months ahead.

Vicki Lenaerts, President  
[lennaertsgv@yahoo.com](mailto:lennaertsgv@yahoo.com)

(920) 860-9150

## 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](mailto: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 (\$12,000 received) \$3,000
Sound Upgrade at Waldo Church Sacristy	\$2,000
Sound Upgrade at Marshall Church	\$10,200
<del>Devotional Candle Stands for Marshall Church (2)</del>	<del>\$600 each</del>
Radio Broadcast Mass Sponsor (needed every Sunday)	\$310 each
Laptop for Business Manager, Priest, & Adult Faith Formation/RCIA, Maintenance Facilitator (4)	\$600 each
<del>Printer for Parish Office</del>	<del>\$500</del>
<del>Microphone Boom Stands for Churches (5)</del>	<del>\$70 each</del>
<del>Microphones for Churches (4)</del>	<del>\$100 each</del>
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
<del>Digital Piano Repairs for Marshall Site Church</del>	<del>\$500</del>
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) 1 received	\$100 each
Wireless Bluetooth Speakers for Faith Formation (2)	\$50 each
Steubenville Youth Conference Sponsors (10) 2 received	\$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
<del>Supplies for Teaching the Mass to Elementary Youth</del>	<del>\$300</del>
Financial Peace University Scholarships	\$400 each
Adult Faith Formation Books, Resources & Supplies	\$600
<del>RCIA Books, Resources &amp; Supplies</del>	<del>\$500</del>
Grief Support Books, Resources & Supplies	\$300
<del>20v Dewalt Circular Saw</del>	<del>\$200</del>
<del>20v Dewalt Angle Grinder</del>	<del>\$200</del>
<del>Salt Spreader</del>	<del>\$230</del>
Toro Power Clear Snowblower (3)	\$760
Bosch Rotary Hammer	\$315
<del>Damascus Center/Emmaus House Bathroom #1 Remodel (\$500 received)</del>	<del>\$7,500</del>
<del>Damascus Center/Emmaus House Bathroom #2 Remodel</del>	<del>\$7,500</del>
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)



## Christmas Flower Memorials

Arnold Malek	Angeline B. Tollefson	Joe & Bernice Gallenberger
Marion Malek	Diana Mrozinski	Scott & Joelle Backus
August Malek	James Szymczyk	David & Brian Marquardt
Angeline Malek	Alfred & Julia Palzer	Robert Davis
Uncle Jack & Jay Budnik	Irene Bishop	Ben & Dolores Bonfigt
Kenneth & Marie Robertson	Joseph & Mary Kellner	L/D of Anna & Charles Tisler Family
Stanley Hollen	Walter & Elizabeth Massman	L/D of Peter & Mary Frozena Family
Amanda Bauer	Charlotte Baker	Sister Anna Tisler
Jim Behnke	Jean Hill	Walters Dueno Sr.
Rose Hollen	Margaret Neuchter	Walter Dueno Jr.
Eileen Ramthun	Sylvan Oswald	Roland & Frances Dueno
L/D Mbrs of Arthur & Marilyn Schmatz	Jeanette & Donald Schermetzler	Roland Dueno Jr.
L/D Mbrs of Ahearn & Duffy Families	Tom, Steve & Don Jr. Schermetzler	Pat Dueno
Francis Duffy	Edwin & Lioba Sauer	Mary Rios
Bob Taylor	Diane Gilbertson	Alfredo Rios
Bernard & Theresa Mahlik	Sandra Barnes	Richard & Mary Jane Wilke
Garfield DeGrand	Vicki Lau	Rob Wilke
Christine Ziarnik	William Jarosh	Herbert & Agnes Holzschuh
L/D Mbrs of DeGrand Families	Frank & Ann Kutil	Arthur & Rose Wilke
L/D Mbrs of Ducat Families	Mr. Jule C. Zipperer	Jim & Betty Coffin
Bill & Jean Wilke	Jack Rugowski	Jimmy Marlborough
Elmore, Donald & Leona Heinz	Randy & Kathy Benthein	Cyril & Helen Marlborough
Judy & Tom Rathsack	Ralph & Catherine Benthein	Anton & Laura Oswald
Dolores Georgenson	Sigward & Alice Rugowski	Patricia Steffens
Ed VanderBloomen Family	Wallace Norkosky	Wes Emond
Donna Wiegand	Neuphrey & Clara Check	Dave Krcma
Franzen Family	Zeke & Esther Tettl	Irene Baumann
Kumbalek Family	Mildred Sather	Dean Heili
Charles Spiering	Katherine Czajkowski	Bob Hackl
Edward & Helen Spiering	Deceased Mbrs of the Tadych & Jagodinski Families	William & Esther Ingalz
Paul G. & Mary Mangin	Tina & Eddie Jagodinski	Ed & Cele Spurney
Eddie Rott	Robert Eaton	Edward & Katherine Spurney
Alvina & Edward Rott	Dominic & Helen Zagrodnik	Joseph & Delia Spatchek
Shirley Cigler	Florence Kocian	Robert Carriveau
Lila Foytik	Millie & Floyd Shimek	Daniel Carriveau
Ernie Peterman	Bob & Vivian Fricke	
Anna & Frank Peterman	Eugene & Rosemary Budnik	

*Any additional Christmas Flower intentions will be included in our January bulletins. Thank you.*



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at the parish office, 6:00 p.m. in the Grand Xavier Community Room. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 4th. Members do not need to attend meetings to be able to make and contribute shawls, although the meetings are a great way to meet others who share your interest in needlework.

**For more information, contact:**  
**Laurale Stern, Prayer Shawl coordinator**  
**(920) 683-3966 or lauralestern1@gmail.com**





**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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**STUEBENVILLE CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE:**  
**JULY 7 - JULY 11**



Open to current 8th-12th graders!  
Stay tuned for registration starting in late January!

Great speakers, opportunities for prayer and the sacraments, praise and worship music, social time, & more!

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**



**STAY CONNECTED TO UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:**


Facebook: [SFA Young Adult Ministry](#)  
 Instagram: [sfa\\_young\\_adults](#)  
 Text Reminders: Text @sfayam to 81010  
 Email Reminders: Contact Elizabeth Gruenke at [elizabeth.gruenke@sfamanitowoc.org](mailto:elizabeth.gruenke@sfamanitowoc.org) to receive email newsletters and updates.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
PARISH INVITES  
YOU TO:

**A REAFFIRMATION OF VOWS &  
BLESSING OF MARRIAGES  
AND RECEPTION**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH  
6:30-10:00 PM  
WALDO CHURCH & SOCIAL HALL




*Thank You!*

A Big Thank You to St Francis of Assisi Parishioners for your support of the Advent Giving Project. Despite the limitations due to the pandemic and supply issues, we not only met the goal, but exceeded it!

Because of your generosity, more than 550 individuals will have a gift under the tree this Christmas!


Thank you for your part in extending love and support to the Manitowoc Community!



**BLESSINGS TO YOU THIS  
CHRISTMAS SEASON**  
CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY and CHAPEL  
MAUSOLEUM

*Jerry (Toby) Schermetzler*     *Joan Kellner*

2601 South 14th Street Manitowoc  
Open Today 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.



**TAKE  
UP  
YOUR  
CROSS**

VIANNEY VOCATIONS - CONSIDER THE PRIESTHOOD

**BRING IN THE NEW YEAR  
IN A GREAT WAY!**

**JOIN US FOR MASS AT 9:00 ON  
SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1ST.**

**COME PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US  
AT 4:00 FRIDAY AFTERNOON  
JANUARY 7TH**

**CALVARY CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM  
2601 South 14th Street  
Manitowoc**

**“Manitowoc County’s  
ONLY Catholic Mausoleum”**

**RONCALLI**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**Production Tech Consultant**  
**position:** This is a part-time position. The desired candidate will act as a liaison among the various individuals involved in a theater production, including directors and the technical department, ensuring that all technical elements of the performance run smoothly. The qualified individual also will direct the maintenance and organization of all Fine Arts Center technical equipment. For the complete job description, please see the Roncalli High School Facebook page. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Fran Peter, Roncalli High School principal, at [fran.peter@roncallicatholicschools.org](mailto:fran.peter@roncallicatholicschools.org).

**Substitute teachers:** Requirements are to become VIRTUS trained, pass a background check and have a bachelor's degree. If interested, contact Fran Peter, Roncalli High School principal, at [fran.peter@roncallicatholicschools.org](mailto:fran.peter@roncallicatholicschools.org) or send a cover letter and resume to Roncalli Catholic Schools, 2000 Mirro Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220.

# Calvary Cemetery and Chapel Mausoleum

Founded in 1862



- Mausoleum Buildings are open 365 days a year • Comfortable and Private Chapel
- Traditional and Cremation Options • Inside and Outside Cremation Columbariums
  - Gianna's Garden (unborn children) • 25 acres plus 2 mausoleum buildings
- Qualified, Professional, Knowledgeable and Caring Staff • Cremation Vaults and Urns available for purchase



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If there are any questions,  
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After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.  
- Lk 2:46-47

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**DWELLING**

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

JOHN 1:14

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**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 get one call per month.

If you wish to request prayers for someone, please contact Alice Haen at or (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.

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- Taylor Geiger, vocation coordinator
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#### Sessions offered (Attend as many or few sessions as you'd like; no reading or homework required.):

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| <b>January 18:</b>  | Catholicism 101 (Schweigl)<br>Atheism, Agnosticism, and Theism (Olson)<br>Feminine Genius (Hynek)<br>Lost Scriptures (Beaudry)                              |
| <b>January 25:</b>  | History Behind the Nicene Creed (Schweigl)<br>Liturgy 101 (Birr)<br>St. Maximilian Kolbe: Love and Sacrifice (Hynek)<br>Sacraments of Healing (Beaudry)     |
| <b>February 1:</b>  | Vatican II (Schweigl)<br>The Historical Jesus (Olson)<br>The Resurrection and Beyond (Vadney)<br>Blessed Mother: Co-redemptrix, Mediatrix, Advocate (Hynek) |
| <b>February 8:</b>  | The Saints (Birr)<br>Scientism and the Search for God (Olson)<br>Mary: Model and Mother (Geiger)<br>Vatican II: On Sacred Liturgy (Beaudry)                 |
| <b>February 15:</b> | Thomas Merton (Schweigl)<br>The Beauty and Challenge of Marriage (Vadney)<br>Reflections on the Lord's Prayer (Beaudry)<br>Proper Discernment (Geiger)      |
| <b>February 22:</b> | Islam (Schweigl)<br>Mass: What You May Not Have Known or Noticed (Vadney)<br>Christ the Divine Physician (Geiger)<br>Lent (Birr)                            |



## Preview events slated for 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 fifth-eighth 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. at the middle school, 2109 Marshall St. Roncalli Elementary School will hold its Preview Morning Saturday, Jan. 8 with registration beginning at 9 a.m. at the elementary school, 1408 Waldo Blvd.

Pre-registration is not required. Masking is currently optional. Watch Facebook for event details.

# Readings for the Week

## December 26, 2021

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  
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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- Keynote with national speaker Tori Petersen
- Panel discussion with local pro-life leaders
- Breakout sessions and Q&A with Bishop Ricken
- Pro-life rosary
- Respect Life Mass with Bishop Ricken

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### Two Rivers Knights of Columbus Cornhole

**Tournament:** The Two Rivers Knights are holding a 32 team doubles Cornhole Tournament on February 5. There will be a seeding round robin for placement in a double elimination tournament for an upper bracket and a lower bracket. Each bracket will pay out \$100, \$75 and \$50 for the top three teams. Entry fee is \$40 per team. Food and beverages will be available.

### WORD OF LIFE:

“Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, ‘in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’ (PC 3). His ‘yes’ to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”



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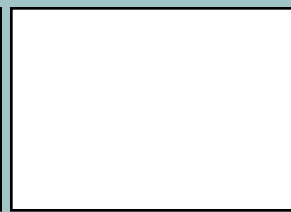


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# St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

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## Parish Worship Sites:

Grand Site, 1416 Grand Avenue ~ Marshall Site, 1114 S. 21st Street ~ Waldo Site, 1121 N. 14th Street

### Priests

Fr. Doug LeCaptain...652-7808

Fr. Jason Blahnik...652-7824

Fr. Ben Johnson...652-7810

### Parish Deacons

Deacon Bob Beehner

Deacon Mark Knipp

Deacon Alan Boeldt

Deacon Mark LeGreve

Deacon Mike Dolezal

Deacon Jeff Wallander

### Parish Team

Ruthann Ross - Pastoral Associate.....652-7804

Dcn. Mark Knipp - Worship Coordinator.....652-7815

Dcn. Mark LeGreve - Business Manager... ..652-7851

Deanne Kuenzi - Accounting.....652-7817

Patrick Brandel - Pastoral Planning.....652-7814

Connie Heinzen - Communications/Pastor Support..652-7825

Scrip Office - Ann Altergott.....652-7835

Michael Spaeth - Facilities Team Coordinator.....684-3718

Dan Berres - Music Coordinator.....652-7820

### Youth Faith Formation Team

Elizabeth Gruenke - Youth Ministry Coordinator.652-7821

Dianne Vadney - Family Ministry Coordinator.....652-7834

Chris Kouba - Elementary Religious Ed Coord.....652-7811

Sam Johnson - Youth Confirmation Coordinator...652-7865

### Roncalli Catholic Schools Team

John Stelzer - President.....682-8801

Adrienne Lundy - Elementary School Principal....683-6892

Steve Thiele - Middle School Principal .....683-6884

Fran Peter - High School Principal.....682-8801

### Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel:

1121 N. 14th Street ~ Monday 5:00 a.m.-Thursday midnight

### Catholic Cemeteries and Mausoleum

2601 S. 14th Street

Jerry Schermetzler - Family Services Manager.....684-3646

## We Welcome You to St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community

- Our most important involvement in the parish community is our presence at the Sunday Eucharist—the source and summit of our life in Christ”.
- Our parish Christian stewardship is based on prayer, service, and sharing. We are called to give back to God as generously as God has given to us.
- If you wish to find out more about our parish community, please contact the parish office, or complete this form and drop in the collection basket at Mass. You will be contacted by a member of the parish staff.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission to the office during the afternoon is by appointment only. There is a secure drop box near the front door entrance and bulletins are available outside.

### Mission Statement:

*The Manitowoc Catholic Community exists as a sacramental body of Christ, to love as Christ loved, by boldly proclaiming our faith, teaching our youth, spreading the Good News of Jesus, and serving one another and others in an ever-changing community.*

### Mass Schedule

Saturday: Grand site: 4:00 p.m.

Waldo site: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: Waldo site: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Marshall site: 9:00 a.m.

Grand site: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Monday-Friday 6:45 a.m. at the Grand Site

Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. at the Waldo Site

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Site

**Radio Broadcast Mass:** Sunday 9:30 a.m. WCUB 980AM  
Visit our Facebook page for livestream of our 4pm Saturday & 6:45am Weekday Masses. Video recordings of our Masses available on website and Facebook page.

### Sacraments

Reconciliation: Grand site: Saturday, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Grand site: Wednesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Waldo site: Saturday, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

### Baptism & Marriage

Please contact the parish office for more information on baptisms and marriage and to make arrangements.

### Anointing of the Sick

A communal celebration is offered three times per year. Individual anointing is available upon request.

### Pastoral Care of the Sick/Homebound

Please notify the parish office of family/friends who are homebound, in care facilities, or hospitalized.

### Want to become a Catholic?

Have you been questioning whether the Catholic faith is the path you should take? Then RCIA may be the answer! The RCIA journey will lead you to a fullness of faith in the Catholic Church. Please contact Ruthann Ross; our Pastoral Associate, in the parish office for more information.