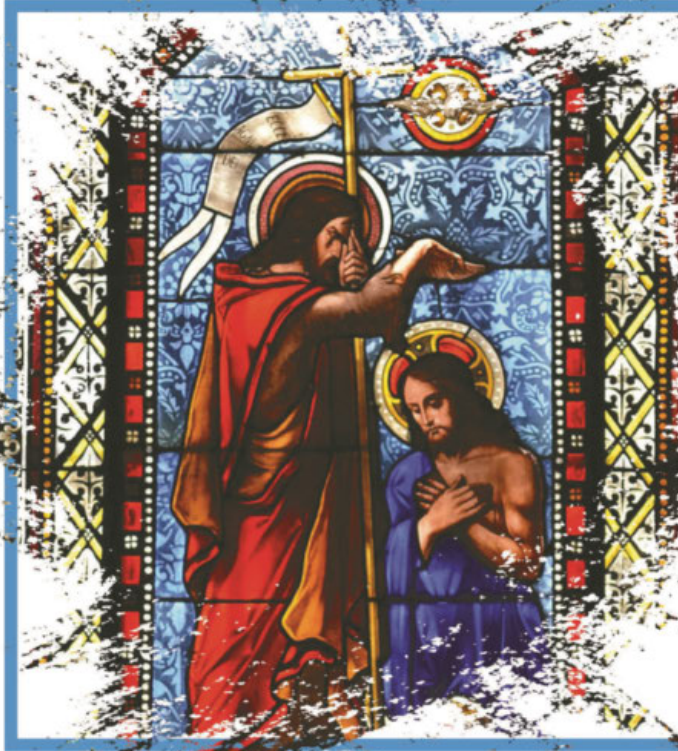


*Welcome to:  
January 9, 2022*

*Saint  
Francis of Assisi Parish*



HEAVEN WAS  
OPENED AND THE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
DESCENDED UPON  
HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD

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# **Parish Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday,  
January 12, 6 p.m.  
Grand Church &  
Livestreamed**





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

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Do you know the date of your baptism? Fr. Mark Melizva knew his, when he lived here, we celebrated his Baptism with a run to our favorite local ice cream place. As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, I want to challenge us all to recognize our Baptism, our beginning in our faith, and also our Confirmation, our confirming what our parents chose for us in the faith. I think they are both reasons to affirm our belief, review our commitment to practicing the faith, and to celebrate those sacraments.

Thank you to all who helped move the statues at the Marshall site. If you have not seen the new set up, I encourage you to check it out and to spend a few minutes at the new Mary grotto area. A few things to keep in mind:

- The St. Mary statue is still front center on the high altar, which helps to connect to the old name of this site.
- On the left side altar is our Sacred Heart of Jesus statue which matches the “IHS” symbol under it. Once we move the Christmas trees, you will easily see the symbol.
- On the right side altar, is a St. Joseph which matches the “SJ” symbol under it.
- In the old confessional area on the right side, we made a small Mary shrine area, placing our statue, votive candles, and kneelers there.

Again thank you to all that helped this to happen!

We remain vigilant on safety guidelines from COVID. The CDC has updated the guidance for isolation and quarantine for individuals who have tested positive or been identified as a close contact. In summary, based on what they know about the Omicron variant, the CDC has shortened the recommended time for isolation from ten days for people with COVID-19, to five days. That is, if someone who has COVID for five days and is then asymptomatic (without any symptoms), they may end isolation and continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days.

Additionally, the CDC has updated the recommended quarantine period for those exposed to COVID-19 (close contacts.) For people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second vaccination dose (Moderna dose or more than two months after the J & J vaccine) and not yet boosted, the CDC now recommends quarantine for five days followed by strict mask use when around others for an additional five days. Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to be quarantined following an exposure, but should wear a mask when around others for ten days after the exposure. We are working to follow these guidelines in the parish. As presiders we are wearing our mask, except for when we are in the sanctuary, and always when distributing Communion.

As of last Wednesday, nine of our sixteen diocesan counties are in a critically high activity rate for COVID-19, positive cases have increased by 100 cases to 3,916, and weekly deaths decreased from 59 to 37 persons over the past week. Let us wisely and prayerfully make our choices regarding COVID and all keep praying for an end to this pandemic.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Doug" with a long, sweeping underline.

Fr. Doug

P.S. Our parish annual meeting will be held this Wednesday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. in person at the Grand church and will also be livestreamed.





## NICHOLAS HUZA

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### INTERCESSOR

**St. Jerome.** He was zealous for defending the truths of the faith, translated the Bible into Latin, and is the patron saint of librarians. So, he is a fitting patron for my first year of seminary.

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?

I would probably write. I think it is a fun way to be creative and spend time.

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

The Fourth Glorious Mystery — The Assumption. I am drawn by the beautiful image of the Assumption being a joyful reunion of Mary with her Son at the end of her life.

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

If someone is lucky enough to arrive in Greenville during the summer months, you would definitely have to grab yourself a cone at The Twist, a local ice cream shop. There, every cone is massive. A small ice cream cone looks like a medium, and a medium looks like a large. Need I say more?

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

The Mass is where God meets man in a profound way. When the priest prays the words of consecration, the bread and wine truly become the body and blood of Christ. We not only stand in the presence of God, but we also receive the body of our Lord, in the Eucharist. This is why the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. The Eucharist is God himself. This is an incredible blessing.

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

When I was in middle school, my parish priest was very involved in the religious education of the students. Once a week he would teach a class about some part of the Catholic faith. It was in this way, that I was able to see our priest more often than just Sundays at Mass. It helped me see priests are normal people with normal interests. This changed my view of the priesthood as something boring to a real possibility to consider.

During my freshman year of high school while on the March for Life, I met a young priest who had only been ordained for little more than six months. This was probably the first young priest I had ever met. He was a joyful witness to the priesthood and the Catholic faith. Seeing the witness of a young priest helped me see that the priesthood was a calling filled with joy and affirmed me in God's call to discern priesthood.

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

How could a son forget his mother? Christ loved his Blessed Mother. Priests are conformed to Christ by virtue of their ordination. So it follows that in order to become more like Christ, one must also love the Blessed Mother. This devotion does not detract from the relationship with God, rather, it helps us grow closer to him. Our Lady wants nothing more for the priest than for him to grow closer to and become more like her Son.

The same way a mother nurtures her child so that he may grow physically, Our Lady's intercession and prayer help her children grow in the life of grace. Since we are the spiritual children of Our Lady, it would be an absolute shame to neglect her. This devotion to Mary provides bountiful assistance to the priest striving to grow closer to our Lord. Like at the wedding at Cana, when times get tough, our Blessed Mother sees this, prays to God for him on his behalf, and presents those struggles to our Lord. If Our Lady could help form Christ in those quiet years at Nazareth, she can help form the priest to be more and more like him.



**A note from Fr. Jason...**

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you had a blessed Christmas. I was very glad to be able to celebrate the sacraments with all of you, to preach the Word of God, and just to be with you.

This time of year is very special for me. It is around this time that I celebrate the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. I was ordained on January 3, 2009 on the memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus, 13 years ago.

Overall the past 13 years have been a good life, minus the recent bout with depression. The depression was not brought on by being a priest. Depression is just sometimes depression, usually an unbalanced mix of chemicals in the brain. As with every life, married, working in the world, there are some ups and downs. These are a part of being a human being. Jesus says to us to take up our cross daily and follow him. I especially think of that when I am praying the fourth sorrowful mystery of the Rosary, Jesus carrying His cross.

The thing that I enjoy most about being a priest is celebrating the Sunday Holy Mass, this is especially true if I have a good homily, less so if I think the homily is a stinker. I am given the privilege to be an indispensable part in the coming of Jesus, body and blood, soul and divinity, to His people. He loves me and you so much that He would have died on the cross for us if we were the only person to exist. Now that is love, infinite love, the love of God

The priesthood is a pathway through life of committed love. We love God in a very specific way and we love our neighbor as well. It is something that I recommend every single Catholic man and boy should discern. While not a perfect life, it is a good life. Spending your life in service of God and His people is definitely a life worth living.

Sincerely through the Sacred Heart,

*Fr. Jason*

Fr. Jason

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Received Week of 12/26/21

Envelopes	\$27,700
Collection Basket	\$6,973
ATP	<u>n/a</u>
Total This Week:	\$34,673
Support Required/Week:	\$40,480
Difference this Week:	<b>-\$5,807</b>
Year-to-Date Required	\$1,052,480
Year-to-Date Support	<u>\$883,854</u>
Difference this Year:	<b>-\$168,626</b>
Last Year-To-Date Support:	\$938,065

Received Week of 1/02/22

Envelopes	\$42,353
Collection Basket	\$2,195
ATP	<u>\$6,991</u>
Total This Week:	\$51,539
Support Required/Week:	\$40,480
Difference this Week:	\$11,059
Year-to-Date Required	\$1,092,960
Year-to-Date Support	<u>\$935,393</u>
Difference this Year:	<b>-\$157,567</b>
Last Year-To-Date Support:	\$1,010,282

**PARISH SUPPORT  
YEAR-END STATEMENTS**

Please note that we will **not** be mailing out parish support year-end statements through the postal mail this year.

If you would like a copy of your year-end parish support statement, please contact the parish office at (920) 684-3718 or send an email to: [info@sfamanitowoc.org](mailto:info@sfamanitowoc.org) and we will send one to you.

Thank you.



**Saturday, January 8th –Christmas Weekday**

4:00 PM G †Mildred Orth  
4:00 PM W †Thomas Dirkman

**Sunday, January 9th – Baptism of the Lord**

7:30 AM W †Delores Yohanek  
8:00 AM G †Lydia Jagodinsky  
9:00 AM M †Cecelia Tadych  
9:30 AM W †L/D Mbrs. Braun Family  
10:30 AM G †For the Parish  
†Leroy Olson  
6:30 PM W †Christine Duenkel

**Monday, January 10th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †L/D Mbrs. Nguyen Family

**Tuesday, January 11th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Rita Frank  
8:00 AM W †Beverly Gerl  
6:30 PM G †Gudio Vic Barbarossa  
Peter & Therese Yank

**Wednesday, January 12th – Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Arlen & Stanley Adamski

**Thursday, January 13th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †John Svatek  
8:00 AM W †Marianne Pekulik-Wilda

**Friday, January 14th – Weekday**

6:45 AM G †John Doolan  
For all poor souls

**Saturday, January 15th – Weekday**

4:00 PM G †For the Parish  
4:00 PM W †Debbie Gainey

**Sunday, January 16th – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM W †Paul Foreyt  
†Barbara Benter  
8:00 AM G †Artie Orth  
9:00 AM M †James Revolinsky Sr.  
9:30 AM W †Evelyn Reddin-Fodden  
10:30 AM G †Mary Lettenberger  
6:30 PM W †William Samz



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Rosemary Miller

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rest in peace.



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M. Grace Shimek  
Joseph Shimek

**In Memory of...**

For the week of January 9th , 2021

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*at the Grand Site*

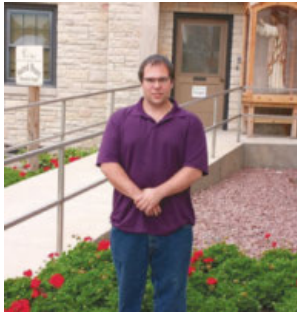
*Sanctuary Candle is for:*  
**Special Intention**  
*at the Marshall Site*

*Sanctuary Candle is for:*  
**Luke Raduenz**  
*at the Waldo Site*

*Tabernacle Sanctuary Candle is for:*  
**In Thanksgiving for Fr. George**  
*at the Adoration Chapel*

## RCIA CATECHUMEN AND CANDIDATES

Please continue to pray for our RCIA catechumen and candidates as they continue with their formation, and preparation to be received into the Catholic faith. Your prayers and support are an inspiration to them. Let's do all we can to welcome them to our community!



Jeremy Wheeler



Renee Maclaine



Paxton Simmons



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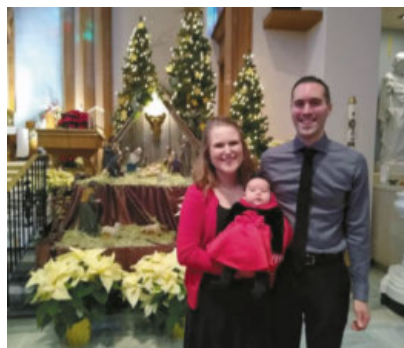


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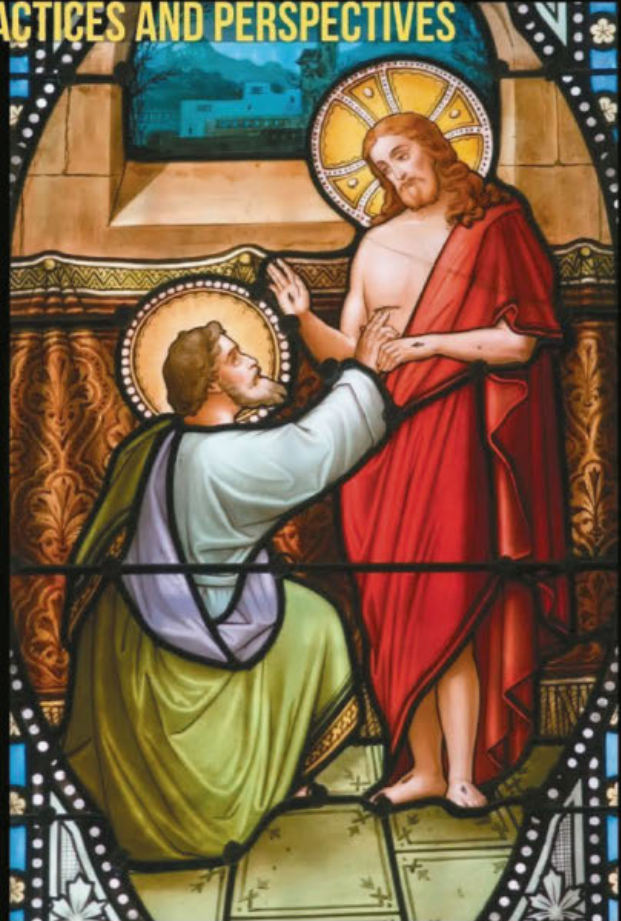
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**FEBRUARY 22:** ISLAM - SCHWEIGL  
CASE FOR CHRIST - VADNEY  
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LENT - BIRR

# Readings for the Week

## January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/  
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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- 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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Office of Marriage, Family & Pro-Life  
 Office of Living Justice

### LADIES CEW RESCHEDULED

*Are you looking to Be Still and spend time with Jesus?*

The ladies Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) has been rescheduled to March 4th-6th. The weekend will be a ladies "day" retreat weekend at St Francis of Assisi **Grand site 1416 Grand Avenue**. The retreat will begin Friday at 7:00 p.m. and ends Sunday at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The cost of the weekend is \$50.00 but don't allow the cost of the weekend to prevent you from coming. You can register online at [lakeshorecew.com](http://lakeshorecew.com), or pick up a brochure located at all St Francis of Assisi sites.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of the CEW rectors: Rector: **Joan Nickels** (920) 323-0837,  
 Asst: **Eileen Zdanowski** (920) 629-3905,  
 or **Lynn Krupka** (920) 905-9291

**MEN'S CEW DATES:** Dates for the Men's weekend will be February 4th-6th also at **St. Francis of Assisi Grand site at 1416 Grand Avenue**.

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### WORD OF LIFE:

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."



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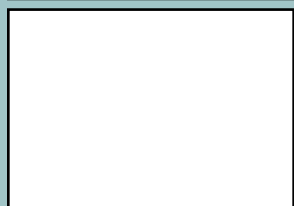
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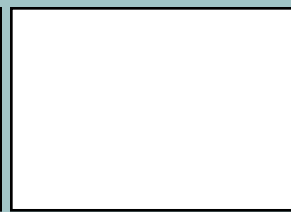


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## Parish Worship Sites:

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

### Priests

Fr. Doug LeCaptain...652-7808

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### Parish Deacons

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- 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.

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### 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

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

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### Sacraments

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

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

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### 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.

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### Want to become a Catholic?

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