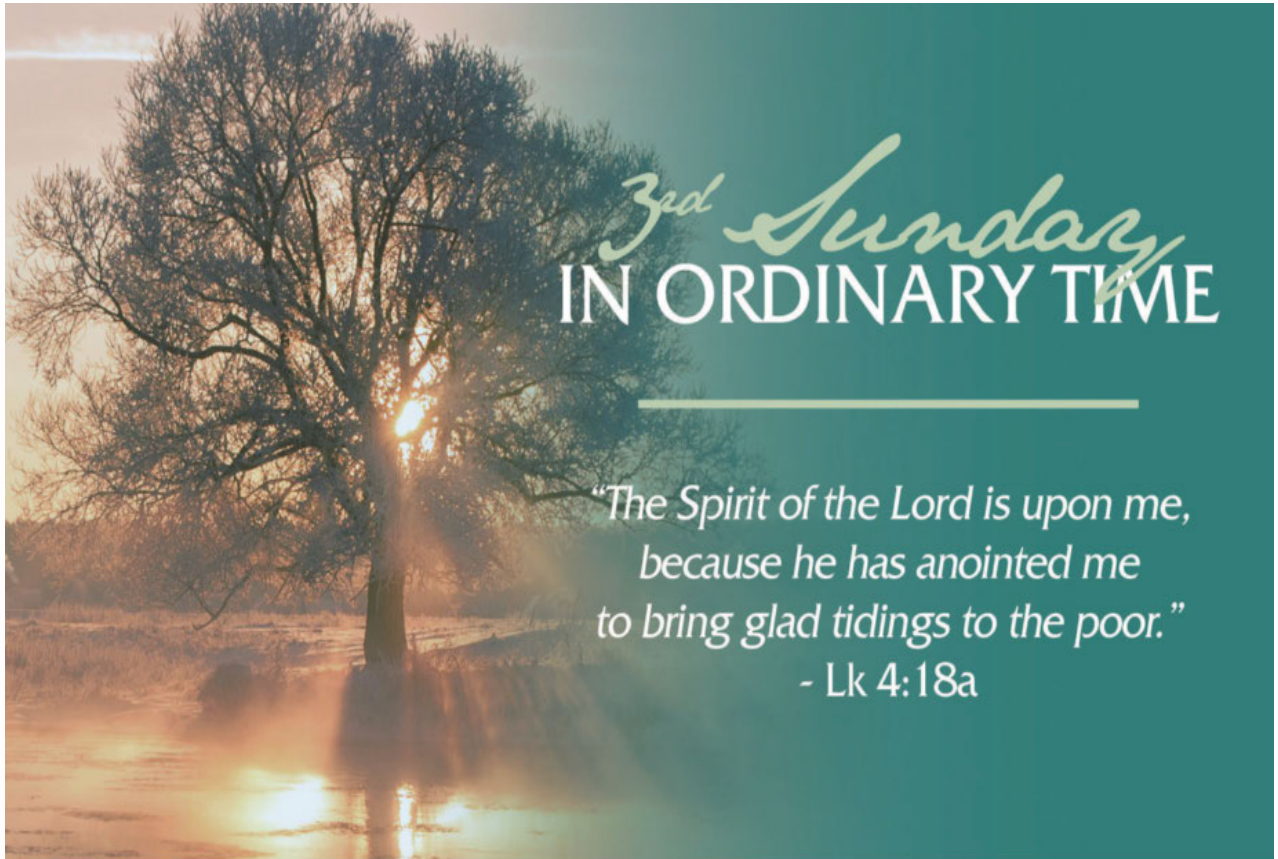


*Welcome to:  
January 23, 2022*

*Saint  
Francis of Assisi Parish*

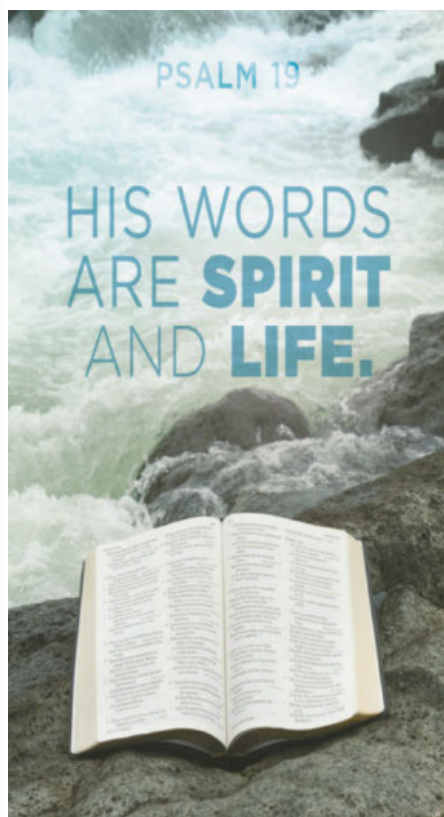


*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.”*

*- Lk 4:18a*

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



PSALM 19

HIS WORDS  
ARE **SPIRIT**  
AND **LIFE.**

*Come &  
Adore!*

**Adoration - Music - Reconciliation**

Following the 6:30 PM Mass  
on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:30PM at Waldo



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

Dear Parishioners,

What does your bible look like? Is it used but not abused. Years ago, when I helped pass out bibles to one of our classes, I preached that the bible is to be used but not abused. If it looks like new and is still in the box it came in, evidenced by the dust that it has not been touched, that is not good. If it serves as a door stop in your room, abused that is not good. If it looks like a favorite book, that has been read many times, looks used but not abused, that is great. How is your bible looking?

This Sunday is Word of God Sunday, As Pope Francis points out, we celebrate the Word of God which unites us to our Jewish and Protestant brothers and sisters. Bishop Ricken has suggested the following resource: <https://mailchi.mp/7c988adf0bc2/threshold-opportunities-for-2022?e=52e62270cb>. I suggest that you have your bible in an visible and useable place in your home. Maybe by your prayer chair, or on your night stand if you read it first in the morning or last at night, or on the coffee table. That it is good for our visitors to not only see that we have a bible but that it looks used and not abused.

What kind of bible to get? First of all, you need to make sure that it is a Catholic bible. Some are clearly marked as such, but to make sure you can always look on the inside page for the "Imprimatur" with a bishop's name next to it, +Most Rev... What is a Catholic imprimatur? imprimatur, (Latin: "let it be printed"), in the Roman Catholic church, a permission, required by contemporary canon law and granted by a bishop, for the publication of any work on Scripture or, in general, any writing containing something of peculiar significance to religion, theology, or morality.

Second, look for a translation that works best for you. Our scripture readings in church are the New American Bible (NAB). I use the "The Catholic Youth Bible: "The Study Bible", or the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). It depends what I am doing, praying or studying, and which office I am in. I also suggest that if you are reading the bible in a year to use the " Great Adventure bible." For children, there are children bibles as well, with some great pictures in them. There are also large-print bibles. Choose what works best for you, and you need not limit yourself to just one.

Where to buy a bible? You can always go online, but if you want to take a road trip, I suggest if you are looking for a good Catholic bible go to *Greatest Gift* in Two Creeks, *Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help* in Champion. or the *Cathedral Book & Gift Store* in Green Bay. If you do visit them, feel free to say that your pastor suggested you go there. (If you go to the one in Two Creeks it is in the Rush's old general store and in the Lutheran church next door. I remember going to that store when I was a child and can tell you exactly where the freezer with the ice cream was. It is not there anymore. The bibles are in the upper room where the hardware and shoes were. It is nice trip down memory lane.) All good places that have good catholic bibles and will help answer your questions. I encourage you to check out your bible, put it in a place in your house where you will use it, and if you need a new one, get one!

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. As Catholics, we are called to respect all life from womb to tomb. As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving. The USCCB also sponsors an annual, nationwide novena called **9 Days for Life**, which encompasses the liturgical observance of the Day of Prayer. Each day for nine days, a different intention is featured, accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information as we pray for the respect and protection of every human life. Visit [respectlife.org/9-days-for-life](https://respectlife.org/9-days-for-life) for more information on the annual campaign.

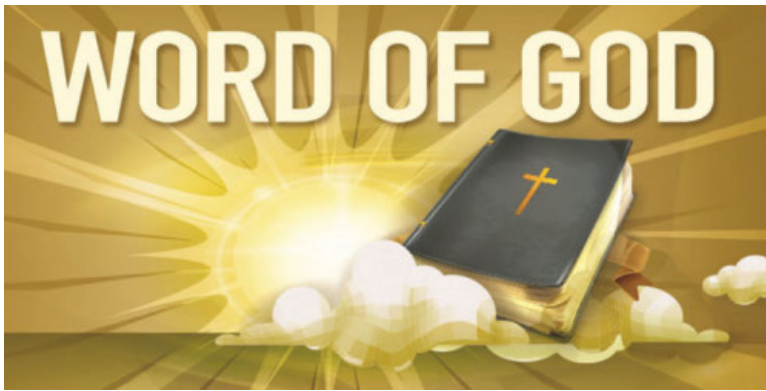
One more way we come together as a community here in Manitowoc is through our donation to the Diaper and Bassinet project, supporting "The Crossing of Manitowoc County" The Crossing of Manitowoc County is a non-profit, Christian-based organization with a mission to provide emotional, educational, material, and spiritual support to clients, empowering them to become strong and resilient families. Their programs are designed to serve both women and men facing pregnancy in the variety of situations presented in our community: teens and twenty-somethings, men and women, married and unmarried. The Crossing offers a variety of services including a medical clinic that provides free limited obstetrical ultrasound examinations. All of the services are free, confidential and non-judgmental. The goal is to help clients make an informed decision by helping them to understand what they are feeling and what their options are. Supporting this organization in our area is a great statement of our stand against abortion. This is a great way for us as Catholic church to team up with local organizations to share in ministry in our area. Thank for you support of life.

Pray for a great respect for all life from womb to tomb.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Doug" with a stylized flourish underneath the name.

Fr. Doug





## BIBLE BLESSING

The holy Bible is the inspired word of the Lord. As Catholics, we believe this is the book of the church, the sacred literature of God's people. Our church encourages us to read and reflect frequently on the pages of our Bibles so that we may be continually formed into committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

Let us continue the ancient practice of asking the Holy Spirit, who inspired these writings, to help us as we study and pray these Scriptures. May we listen to the word of God in these texts and find our nourishment and strength in its message.

We ask that you pray for God's blessing. Hold your bible close, and please respond: "Come Holy Spirit."

*Pause for a moment of silence.*

Presider:

May the Holy Spirit encourage us to give greater honor to the holy Bible, enthrone it in a place of honor in our homes, and commit to frequent reflection on its pages.

**All: "Come Holy Spirit."**

Presider:

May the Holy Spirit instill in us a deep desire to know God's word so that we will grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

**All: "Come Holy Spirit."**

Presider:

Through the Holy Spirit, may our reading of Scripture lead us to a deeper faith, a more lively hope, and a more fervent love for the Lord and his holy church.

**All: "Come Holy Spirit."**

Presider: Let us pray:

Saving God,

you have revealed your life and your love  
through the lives of our ancestors in the faith.

From Abraham and Sarah, Moses and David,

to Mary and Joseph, to Peter and Paul, you have spoken your word and called your people to fuller life.

We honor your presence in these Scriptures,

and we pray that the words of our sacred book may become  
more deeply the living word of God, forming our thoughts, desires, and actions.

We ask your blessings on us as we use these Holy Bibles

to study and reflect on the Word of God.

✠ in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R/Amen**



## MICHAEL JANCZAKOWSKI

### SEMINARY

St. Francis de Sales Seminary  
3257 S. Lake Drive  
St. Francis, WI 53235-3702

*Pre-Theology I*

### BIRTHDAY

June 18

### PARISH

St. John the Baptist Parish,  
Howard

### CONTACT

mjanczakowski@aol.com

### INTERCESSOR

**St. Thérèse of Lisieux.** During my discernment, she has shown up a couple times, and I want to start journeying more closely with her.

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?

In the morning, I would pray the rosary. In the afternoon, I would take a nap. In the evening, I would read a good book.

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

The Fifth Glorious Mystery — The Coronation of Mary. Our Lady's privileged place as Queen of Heaven is what makes the rosary so powerful, so this mystery gives me a lot of confidence in her.

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

When friends visit, I always take them to Lambeau Field. The place is simply iconic. Even if people do not like football, they know what an impact Lambeau and the Packers have had on American culture and on the town of Green Bay. Our fan-based ownership of the team is especially inspiring for visitors.

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

At Mass, the Scriptures and the Bread of Life feed God's people. First, we learn in the Old Testament about God's relationship with the people of Israel, and we pray with the Israelites through the Psalms. Then, in the New Testament we hear about the fulfillment of that relationship and how we ought to live as Christians. This time of reading and reflection nourishes us with hope and a compulsion to draw closer to God. Next, the priest offers Jesus in the Eucharist to the Father, and the Father offers Jesus back to us in holy Communion.

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

A very important priest during my college years was Fr. Thomas Saucier, OP. I remember walking into the Newman Center one time and feeling deeply compelled to speak with him about my interest in the priesthood. He was the first person to affirm my vocation, and he also walked with me as I began dating in college. I think Fr. Thomas' biggest impact was his "normalization" of the discernment process. For me and many other men, the choice between marriage and priesthood can become unnecessarily heavy. Fr. Thomas helped me rejoice in the Lord's gifts of life and free will, and his humor never failed to lighten things up.

I still remember when Fr. Thomas introduced me to some Dominican novices at the Newman Center. He pulled me to the front of the congregation before Mass started and pointed at each friar in the pews (as if white-robed men were difficult to spot). I think we all got the point.

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

Have you ever seen an older brother care for his younger siblings alongside his mother? He does so with some semblance of autonomy but always as an extension of the care and vision of his mother, who is often the primary caregiver to her children. I think of the relationship between the priest and Our Lady in a similar light. Our Lady's great love for our heavenly Father compels her to care for his spiritual children and, indeed, she accepts them as her own spiritual kids. But God also calls upon priests, his spiritual sons, to share in nurturing the family of God. Thus the two work together, mother and son, keeping the children of God safe and healthy during their pilgrimage toward heaven.

I am also intrigued by Mary's relationship to the tabernacle. As we see in the Old Testament and in our churches today, the tabernacle is a physical place where God's presence manifests in a special way. Our Lady's womb, which carried God incarnate, is not so different; Mary was a tabernacle of our Lord. Might we see the priest, who is a custodian of our Lord, Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, as a special servant to this living tabernacle, to the one who first bore the church's greatest treasure? I think this is something worth pondering.





**A note from Fr. Ben ...**

Hello everyone! Most of you reading this have probably heard how good and even necessary silence is for one’s prayer life and spiritual health, and I’d like to speak more on that. A small disclaimer before moving forward: for some people, achieving physical silence is impossible due to their unique physiology, but this is a very small percentage of the population. And when I encourage silence, I speak more importantly of a silent spirit, “internal silence,” which is attainable by everyone, even that small percentage that actually cannot achieve physical silence. But if we can remove as many external sources of noise as possible, that will greatly help in our journey towards internal silence. Having said that disclaimer, this is *Stuff I Learned in Seminary Part 25: True Silence*

One of my old professors taught me to always define my terms. “True Silence,” then, is when one has achieved a state of total inner silence and receptivity to God. This disposition of spirit is so important that throughout the history of the Church, contemplative orders sprang up and flourished until recent centuries. Their deep, interior life of prayer provided an invisible but critical support to the whole world. Now that they have shrunken immensely, the world has plunged into chaotic noise, sin, and death—as Pope St. John Paul II described it: a culture of death. It makes sense: True silence means greater communion with the God of life, which in turn leads to a flourishing of life. If that foundation of true silence is undermined, then the ultimate result is a culture of death. Now, I do not say this to make us all depressed! I say it as a rallying cry, to push us all back towards rediscovering and embracing true silence. True silence may not be as easy to find as it once was, centuries ago, when life was still not perfect but certainly simpler and quieter. But it is not totally lost to us! We can still find it, and I would argue we need to find it. So that brings me to “How?”

Entering true silence is a skill that must be acquired and trained. I’m almost out of space this week, so in a future column I will give more tips and suggestions. But for now, something that everyone can do, is the most fundamental thing: **pray for trust in divine providence, and ask for the gift of true silence.** Even if we remove all external noise, our minds will keep running with the hundreds of different things going on in our lives. We must learn to let these thoughts come and go, without fixating or remaining on a single one of them, all for the sake of achieving true silence. There are other tips that I’ve learned on my journey which I want to share with you, so please stay tuned!

God bless,

Rev. Ben Johnson

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Received Week of 1/16/22

Envelopes	\$15,286
Collection Basket	\$1,695
ATP	<u>\$13,932</u>
Total This Week:	\$30,913
Support Required/Week:	\$40,480
Difference this Week:	<b>-\$9,567</b>
Year-to-Date Required	\$1,173,920
Year-to-Date Support	<u>\$1,007,291</u>
Difference this Year:	<b>-\$166,629</b>
Last Year-To-Date Support:	\$1,076,563

**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.

**2020-2021 PARISH  
ANNUAL MEETING**

The parish annual meeting was held on January 12, 2022. A recording of the parish annual meeting and a PDF of the slide presentation is available on our parish Facebook page, website, and YouTube channel.

Our parish annual report is printed on page five of this bulletin and is also available on our website.

Hardcopies of the slide presentation and annual report are available at the parish office.

Parishioners may ask questions via the following methods:

- Email the parish office at: [info@sfamanitowoc.org](mailto:info@sfamanitowoc.org)
- Call the parish office during normal business hours (920) 684-3718.
- Postal mail to the parish office.



**Saturday, January 22nd – Weekday**

4:00 PM G †Mary Ann Hernet  
4:00 PM W †Dale & Mary Ellen Robinson

**Sunday, January 23rd – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM W †Joan Heinzen  
8:00 AM G †Roger Hoffman  
9:00 AM M †Walter Specht  
9:30 AM W †Danny Kochan  
Harold & Evelyn Kummer Wedding Anniversary  
10:30 AM G †For the Parish  
6:30 PM W †William & Florence Fritsch

**Monday, January 24th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Jim, Bill, & Mark Surfus

**Tuesday, January 25th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Matthew Kubis  
8:00 AM W †Guido “Vic” Barbarossa  
6:30 PM G †James Zinkel

**Wednesday, January 26th – Weekday**

6:45 AM G †James J. Sauer

**Thursday, January 27th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †L/D Mbrs Diana Smith Family  
8:00 AM W †Carol & Gilbert Krcma

**Friday, January 28th – Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Robert DeRoche III

**Saturday, January 29th – Weekday**

4:00 PM G †Richard Dryja  
4:00 PM W †Rita Frank

**Sunday, January 30th – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM W †Guido “Vic” Barbarossa  
8:00 AM G †L/D Mbrs Hoffman Family  
†Rosie Miller  
9:00 AM M †Sophie & Edwin Peaschek  
9:30 AM W †Karen Preston Kraemer  
10:30 AM G †Robert Bonk  
6:30 PM W †For the Parish



**Eternal Rest to Our Loved Ones**

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

Nancy Crowley

Marlene Braunel

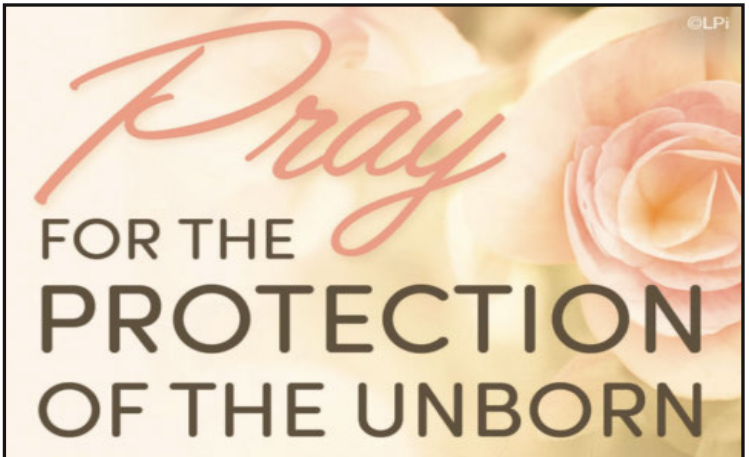
Kirk Kopetsky

Rosemary Holschbach

James Thomas Sr.

Joseph Markovics

May all the faithful departed  
rest in peace.



**In Memory of...**

For the week of January 23rd , 2021

*Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**Kenneth & Sylvia Mc Glin**

*at the Grand Site*

*Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**Special Intention**

*at the Marshall Site*

*Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**Jane Janssen**

*at the Waldo Site*

*Tabernacle Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**James J. Sauer**

*at the Adoration Chapel*

# CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY & CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM



## MAINTENANCE JOB OPENINGS

### Cemetery & Mausoleum Services Supervisor (full-time):

The person in this position oversees and implements all aspects of burial and entombment services, coordinates maintenance of cemetery and mausoleum grounds, manages property, vehicle and equipment maintenance.

### Services & Mausoleum Assistant (full-time):

Under the direction of the Cemetery & Mausoleum Services Supervisor, performs burials, entombments and inurnment duties and participates in the overall upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery grounds and mausoleum facilities. Assumes duties of Cemetery & Mausoleum Services Supervisor in the person's absence.

Interested applications should send resume to:

**mark.legreve@sfamanitowoc.org**  
by the deadline of Monday, January 23

## Upcoming Feast of Saint Blaise

This year, because of the coronavirus pandemic, we are not going to be touching persons with candles. Instead, we will give the blessing with the candles within the Mass, extending hands over the entire assembly and saying the blessing as prescribed in the Book of Blessings.

**Join us on January 29/30, 2022 for the Blessing of Throats.**

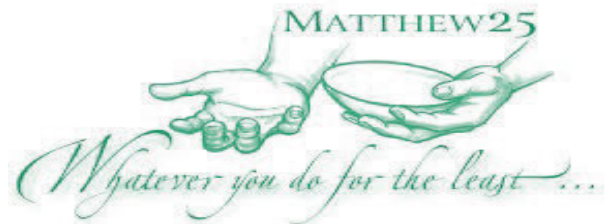
## St. Francis of Assisi Parish has an immediate need for Lay Leaders of Prayer

Do you have a love of scripture, a passion for liturgy, and/or a desire to serve the homebound?

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is seeking volunteers to be trained as Lay Leaders of Prayer to offer Liturgy of the Word with Communion services at area nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

We provide the training and in turn we ask you to commit one hour each month to leading prayer at one of these facilities.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Ruthann Ross in the Parish Office.



## Boys & Girls Club Seeks Community's Help to 'Fill the Club'

*As it is a part of our parish mission to continue to "serve one and others in an ever-changing community", we invite you to consider supporting the efforts of the Boys and Girls Club of Manitowoc County.*

The Boys and Girls Club of Manitowoc County, which plans to open soon in a newly renovated space at 3651 Dewey Street, Manitowoc, is seeking the community's help to "Fill the Club."

The club is collecting items that include things like blankets, winter apparel for kids, sports equipment and supplies. If you are interested in supporting this effort, a full list of specific items being sought can be found at: [bgcmanitowocounty.org](http://bgcmanitowocounty.org) and by clicking on the "Fill the Club" banner. Items can be dropped off at the club by Feb. 1.

Source: Herald Times Reporter, January 11, 2022



# ANNUAL REPORT

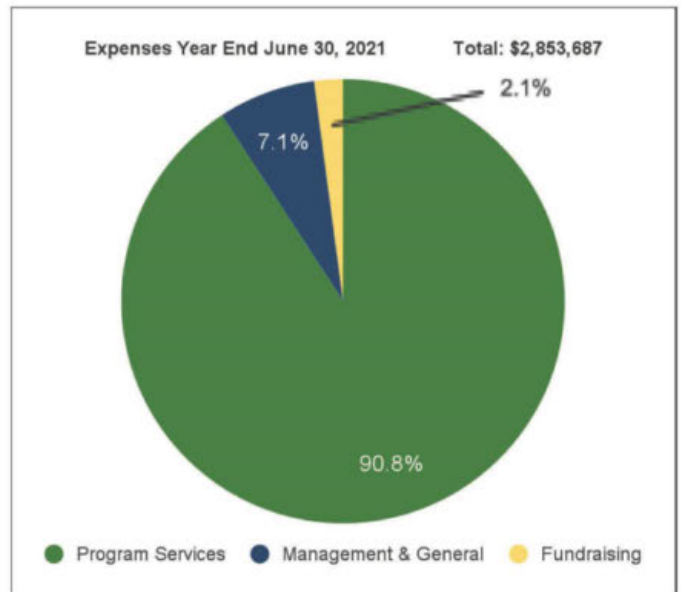
(Fiscal year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)

CENSUS	2020-2021	2019-2020	CENSUS	2020-2021	2019-2020
Total Households	3,651	3,736	Sacraments:		
Giving Households	1,626	1,750	Baptism	45	50
% of Total	45%	47%	First Communion	123	*1
Average Gift	\$1,303	\$1,236	Confirmation	31	48
New Families	28	59	Weddings	15	*8
Religious Ed Students	109	213	Funerals	157	149
SFA School Students (PK-8)	314	482	*Sacraments moved to the next fiscal year due to COVID-19 regulations and restrictions.		
Parish Students at Roncalli	113	112			

## WILLS, BEQUESTS, & MEMORIALS

Revenues exceed expenses by \$296,165. Income received from wills, bequests, and memorials was up \$1,267 from the prior year for a total of \$355,685. Contributions would not have covered expenses and we would have experienced a loss of \$59,520 had these wills, bequests, and memorials not been received.

Thank you to all parishioners who remember the parish, school, or cemetery in their wills and as a memorial of their lasting legacy. This money is designated to be used in major capital needs and ongoing future needs of the parish.



(For more detail, when the final audited financial statements are available they will be posted on our website at: [sfamanitowoc.org](http://sfamanitowoc.org).)



**RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:**

# LEARNING ON THE JOURNEY

**A WINTER SERIES ON CATHOLIC FAITH, PRACTICES AND PERSPECTIVES**

**TUESDAY NIGHTS:  
JAN. 18 - FEB. 22 | 6-7 P.M.  
SOCIAL TO FOLLOW  
AT RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL  
2000 MIRRO DRIVE, MANITOWOC**

**PRESENTATIONS BY:**

- TIM OLSON, M.A., PRINCIPAL EMERITUS**
- PAUL SCHWEIGL, TH.D.**
- DEACON FRANK BIRR, M.T.S.**
- CALLIE HYNEK, M.A.**
- REV. DAVID BEAUDRY, M.A.**
- TAYLOR GEIGER, VOCATION COORDINATOR**
- DIANNE VADNEY, M.T.S.**

**NO READING, NO HOMEWORK, NO COST.  
ATTEND AS MANY OR AS FEW AS YOU LIKE.  
NEW THIS YEAR:  
CHILD CARE AVAILABLE EACH NIGHT!**



**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 - HYNEK  
SACRAMENTS OF HEALING - BEAUDRY

**FEBRUARY 1:** VATICAN II - SCHWEIGL  
THE HISTORICAL JESUS - OLSON  
BEYOND THE RESURRECTION - VADNEY  
BLESSED MOTHER: CO-REDEMPTRIX, MEDIATRIX, 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 OR MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED - VADNEY  
CHRIST THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN - GEIGER  
LENT - BIRR



**Registration:** Not required, but greatly appreciated, for planning purposes (especially for families utilizing child care).  
920-682-8801 | [theology@roncallcatholicschools.org](mailto:theology@roncallcatholicschools.org)





# RONCALLI

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**Enrollment  
opening  
soon!**

Enrollment will soon be opening for Roncalli Catholic Schools. All three locations – Roncalli Elementary School, Roncalli Middle School, and Roncalli High School – will begin the enrollment process at the same time. Parents, please take note of the procedure for the 2022-23 school year as it will again be handled in an online format. Roncalli Catholic Schools remains steadfast in providing a high-quality, faith-based education option for students in Manitowoc, Two Rivers, Sheboygan and surrounding areas.

Due to the investment of parishes and generous benefactors who have made a commitment to Roncalli Catholic Schools, no student will be denied an education based on economic challenges.

Enrollment opens with current Roncalli Catholic Schools students at 8 a.m. on Feb. 1 online at <https://roncallicatholicschools.org/enrollment>. Current students will be directed to the enrollment process.

On Feb. 17 at 8 a.m., online open enrollment will then begin to accept applications for current families

**YOU CAN BE A JET!**  
Start your faith-filled educational journey

**Enrollment opens soon!**  
Current students: Beginning Feb. 1, 2022  
New students: Beginning Feb. 17, 2022

*roncallicatholicschools.org*

**Questions?**

For questions concerning enrollment, to schedule a shadow or tour opportunity, or for families who speak Spanish, please contact Shannon Pritzl, director of admissions, at 920-686-8145 or [shannon.pritzl@roncallicatholicschools.org](mailto:shannon.pritzl@roncallicatholicschools.org). Elementary school inquiries also may be directed to Nicole Hamann, financial specialist, at [nicole.hamann@roncalli@roncallicatholicschools.org](mailto:nicole.hamann@roncalli@roncallicatholicschools.org) or 920-901-9241.



Scan our enrollment QR Code

enrolling a new student (e.g. a 3K student), any past students who did not attend a school within Roncalli Catholic Schools this current academic year, and new students who would like to become a part of the Roncalli Catholic Schools community; existing students also will be able to continue enrolling without going through the application step. Application requests and enrollments will be processed in the order which they are received. Upon acceptance, parents/guardians will then be

notified of how to enroll a student.

Beginning Feb. 17, families will be charged a non-refundable \$100 enrollment fee covering all of their children for the 2022-23 school year.

Families who qualify for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program should take note of the application period of Feb. 1-April 21, 2022 for the 2022-23 school year. For more information regarding School Choice, visit: <https://schoolchoicewi.org/school-choice-faq-for-parents/>.



## St. Clare Corner ~

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 1, 1:00 p.m. at the Grand Social Hall. Guests are welcome.



Speaker: Representative from St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please don't forget to bring food items for their pantry.

~ Vicki

lenaertsgv@yahoo.com (920) 860-9150

### WORD OF LIFE:

“Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.



January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, well over 60 million lives have been lost.

Abortion Statistics - Current United States Data - Total number of abortions in the U.S. 1973-2018: 61.8 million+

- 186 abortions per 1,000 live births (according to the Centers for Disease Control-which is lower than the actual count because high abortion states California and New York do not report numbers to the CDC)
- U.S. Abortions in 2017: ~862,320 (Guttmacher Institute)
- Abortions per day: 2362+ (GI)
- Abortions per hour: 98+ (GI)
- 1 abortion every 37 seconds (GI)
- 13.5 abortions / 1000 women aged 15-44 in 2017 (GI)

These statistics include only surgical and medial abortions. Because many contraceptive measures are abortifacients (drugs that induce or cause abortions), it is important not to overlook the number of children killed by chemical abortions. Since 1965, an average of 11 million women have used abortifacient methods of birth control in the United States at any given time. Using formulas based on the way the birth control pill works, pharmacy experts project that about 14 million chemical abortions occur in the United States each year, providing a projected total of well in excess of 610 million chemical abortions between 1965 and 2009. (Statistics taken from ALL.org; more facts and information can be found there.)

We invite you either to say a prayer or to do an act of reparation today for our nation's collective involvement and condoning of abortion.

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## January 23, 2022

- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



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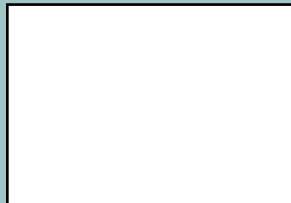
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1121 N. 14th Street ~ Monday 5:00 a.m.-Thursday midnight

### 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.