

*Welcome to:*  *Saint Francis of Assisi Parish*  
*September 29, 2024*

## *Happy Priesthood Sunday!*

We are so grateful to have you as  
our priests! Thank you for your  
*"yes"* to serving God and His  
Church.



Fr. Doug LeCaptain Fr. Jason Blahnik Fr. Matthew Colle

### **Blessing of Pets**

**Friday, Oct 4th Waldo Church**

**3:30PM, Grassy Area**

**Saturday, Oct.5th**

**10:00AM Waldo Grassy Area**





## A Note From Fr. Doug...

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend Father John Luong, OVM is glad to have the opportunity to visit our parish on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Fr. John Luong, OMV is a FOCUS National Chaplain and is a religious priest of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV). He was ordained in 2012 by Archbishop José Gomez in Hawaiian Gardens, CA. Prior to his role at FOCUS, he served for six years as Vocation Director for the OMV in Boston and six years as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary in Alton, IL.



FOCUS is a national organization serving college students at more than 232 campus/locations including eight international locations, 23 parish venues and nine digital expansion campuses. More than 970 FOCUS missionaries invite college students into a relationship with Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Luong is excited to be with you soon and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org).

Fr. Jason will also be preaching on FOCUS at the other Masses. Fr. Jason worked with FOCUS when he was campus minister at UW-Oshkosh. There will be fliers in the pews as an opportunity to support this important ministry to college students.

September 29th is the feast of the archangels. Can you name the 3 archangels? Gabriel, Raphael, and Michael. Since we invoke Michael at the end of our Mass, here is some further insight about him.

**St. Michael the Archangel four Main Roles in Catholic Teaching** (source: Catholic online)  
We recognize that St. Michael has four "offices" or roles.

- **Leader of the Army of God:** St. Michael is seen as the commander of heaven's forces, leading the angelic host in their battle against the powers of darkness. He serves as a model of spiritual warfare, reflecting the ongoing struggle between good and evil.
- **Angel of Death:** St. Michael is regarded as the angel of death, accompanying the souls of departed Christians to heaven. At the moment of death, he offers the souls an opportunity for redemption, thwarting the devil's attempts to claim them.
- **Weigher of Souls:** St. Michael is often depicted holding balanced scales, symbolizing his role in weighing souls during the Last Judgment. This signifies his involvement in the divine judgment of humanity.
- **Guardian of the Church:** St. Michael serves as the guardian of the Church and the Chosen People. Throughout history, he has been revered by military orders of knights and is considered the patron saint of various cities and countries.

Do you have the prayer memorized yet?

Fr. Doug

Fr. Doug LeCaptain

P.S. It's our feast day next week! We are celebrating with our Gala on October 4th, and Francis Fest on October 5th.

### St. Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our safeguard against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do Thou,  
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,  
by the Divine Power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.





## A Note From Fr. Jason...

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, I wrote to the men of the parish about *That Man Is You*. *That Man Is You* is a men's ministry curriculum that we used last fall and spring. We met on Saturday mornings for 26 weeks. It was good, but the core team that presented it wanted to improve on what we were doing.

This has led us to renaming the group. This ministry is now called *The Forge*. A forge is where metal is made and sharpened. Our scripture verse is Proverbs 27:17, "Iron is sharpened by iron; one person sharpens another."

Men, mark your calendar for our first meeting, Saturday, October 19 at the Waldo Social Hall. We will begin with breakfast at 6:30 am and end by 8:00 am. Saturday meetings will be monthly. The material we will be using focuses on growing male leadership and discipleship. It is appropriate to men with families, those who are beyond child raising, and those who are single.

In addition to the Saturday morning meeting, we are looking to have offerings for men on weeknights as well. More information about that will be forthcoming.

We would like to see all the men who came to *That Man Is You* join us in October, as well as other men who are invite to join us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jason Blahnik



Thank you for welcoming  
FOCUS National Chaplain  
Fr. John Luong, OMV to St. Francis of Assisi  
the weekend of September 28-29, 2024

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Fr. Jason will also be speaking about FOCUS  
at some of the Masses this weekend.

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Received Week of 9/22/24

Envelopes	\$14,800
Collection Basket	\$ 2,637
ATP	\$ (100)
Special Envelopes	\$ 409
QCD IRA Transfer	\$ 1,910
Total This Week:	\$19,656

Support Required This Week: \$41,635  
Difference this Week: (\$21,979)

Year-to-Date Required \$499,620  
Year-to-Date Support \$388,660 77.8%  
Difference This YTD: (\$110,960) 22.2%

### Congratulations To Our Raffle Calendar Prize Winners:

9/22/24	\$50	Lyn Brouchoud
9/23/24	\$25	Michael & Debra Zupek
9/24/24	\$25	Jackie Pfeifer Peterman
9/25/24	\$25	Cedric & Lauren Balzan
9/26/24	\$25	Robert Pietroske
9/27/24	\$25	Vicky Richmond
9/28/24	\$50	Pauline Rusch

Raffle prize checks will be mailed within two weeks  
of the winning date. Prize winner names will be  
posted on the parish website, Facebook page, and  
weekend bulletin. A running list of winners is posted  
on the parish website.

Any questions, please call the parish office at  
(920) 684-3718. Thank you for your support!

**SAVE THE DATE:**

## Parish Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, October 15th**

**6:00 p.m. Meeting**

**Waldo Site Church**

**Social to Follow**

Meeting will also be livestreamed





**Saturday, September 28th- Weekday**

4:00 PM G †Harold Trainor  
†Tom Meyer  
4:00 PM W (Living) Anne & Jenny Benson  
†Jane Janssen

**Sunday, September 29th -****26th Sunday in Ordinary time**

7:30 AM W †Deceased Members of the Alfred  
Scherer Family  
8:00 AM G †Mark Witczak  
9:00 AM M †William & Dorothe Jarosh  
9:30 AM W †For the Parish  
10:30 AM G †Delores Boeckman  
12:00 PM W †For the Parish (Mass in Spanish)  
6:30 PM W †For the Parish

**Monday, September 30th - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †John Svatek

**Tuesday, October 1st - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Special Intention  
8:15 AM W †Beverly Gerl  
†Jannine Loritz  
5:00 PM W †L/D Mbrs. St. Clare Society

**Wednesday, October 2nd - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Carol Wester  
8:15 AM M †Mary Wellner

**Thursday, October 3rd - Weekday**

6:45 AM G †Bernie Sturm  
†Florence Kocian  
9:00 AM W †Jim & Patty Kirchen

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**Friday, October 4th - Saint Francis of Assisi**

6:45 AM G †Leo Dondlinger  
†Mary Madsen  
8:15 AM W †Allan Schelfhout  
†Dr. John T. Goswitz

**Saturday, October 5th- Weekday**

4:00 PM G †Erwin Lambert  
†Betty Orth  
4:00 PM W †Lenor Endries  
†Salomon King

**Sunday, October 6th -****27th Sunday in Ordinary time**

7:30 AM W †Stan Junk  
8:00 AM G †Doug Stankey  
9:00 AM M †Charles & Cecilia Maurer  
†George & Marilyn Wanish  
9:30 AM W †Jane Townsend  
10:30 AM G †Allan Schelfhout  
†Jane Rieck  
12:00 PM W †For the Parish (Mass in Spanish)  
6:30 PM W †For the Parish

**Eternal Rest to Our Loved Ones**

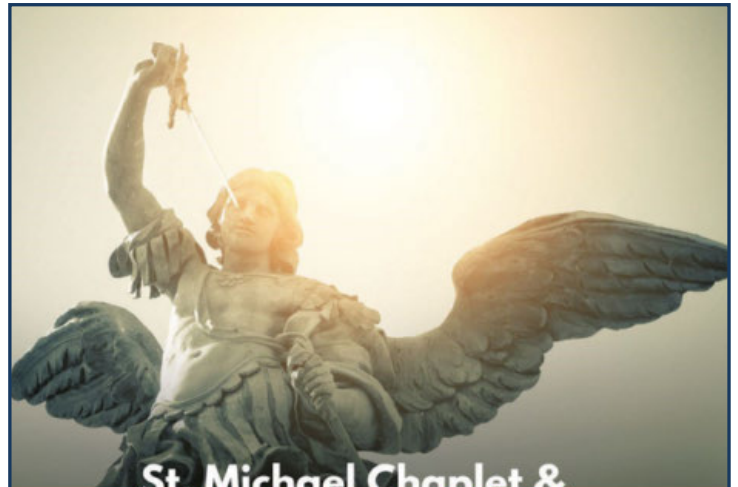
*We extend our sympathy to the families & friends of:*

**Betty Jean Hoffman**

**Dorothy Kreie**

**Michael Peterman**

*May all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**St. Michael Chaplet & Angel Food Cake**

Following the 6:30PM Mass  
on Sunday, September 29th  
7:35-8:15PM  
Emmaus House, Waldo Campus

On the Feast of St. Michael,  
join us in praying the Chaplet of  
St. Michael the Archangel and enjoy  
some angel food cake and berries.  
All ages welcome!

**In Memory of...**

**For the week of September 29th, 2024**

*Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**Tom Meyer**  
*at the Grand Site*

*Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**Special Intention**  
*at the Marshall Site*

*Sanctuary Candle is for:*

**LaVerne St. Pierre**  
*at the Waldo Site*

*Tabernacle Candle is for:*

**Special Intention**  
*at the Adoration Chapel*

# It's Priesthood Sunday Sept 28-29th

## The Vocations Ministry asked our priests some questions...



**Fr. Doug**

**Q. Who was the most surprised by your vocation/calling?**

My parents. I was living in Minnesota for several years, working as a software engineer for a major computer firm, and they knew I was dating a wonderful gal. They didn't know much about my involvement at my parish and in my prayer life. On my visits back it was usually all about farming and family that I hadn't seen, I didn't talk about my discernment. After I decided to go to seminary, I came back one weekend to share the news with them. I think I caught them off guard and they just didn't know how to respond.

**Q. How would you describe the vocation of priesthood to a non-believer?**

Vocation of priesthood is like putting a job and marriage together in one. I guess growing up on the farm and seeing my folks living and working together all the time is an example of marriage and job being the same. In my vocation as a priest I am in a way married to the church and I work for the church. In the Catholic Church, priests are ordained, set apart for service to God. This ordination is often referred to as a "spiritual marriage" to the Church and is often used metaphorically to express a deep commitment and devotion to the Church and its mission.

**Q. How (early) do you prepare for a homily?**

Sunday homilies, I start on the Sunday before, reading and praying over the gospel, Lectio Divina. Usually on Monday I do Lectio on the first reading, then do some scripture background. On Wednesdays we have a homily help group that regularly meets. It gives me feedback on last week's preaching and thoughts about the gospel in the coming week. Then Thursday or Friday I try to put down my focus and main points. During the week in my daily ministry I am always looking for good examples that speak to the gospel. By Friday or Saturday I practice the homily a few times, usually out loud. I take this ministry seriously as that is the only time I get to break open the word with a large number of parishioners. For weekday masses I try to read the readings the night before, and spend my morning prayer time on one of the readings for mass.

**Q. Who was the most surprised by your vocation/calling?**

Me. I did not think I was mature or holy enough to be a priest nor did I want to be a priest. After experiencing the call, I did a 180. I was convinced God would make me holy enough and I could not imagine being anything else.

**Q. How would you describe the vocation of priesthood to a non-believer?**

I'd show them the Crucifix and explain the empty tomb. My vocation as a priest is to introduce or reintroduce people to Jesus, his life, his love, and his power.

**Q. What's your favorite sacrament to celebrate?**

Baptism. Everyone present is filled with joy! It also permanently reorients the life of the new Christian which can be explained by the acronym JOY: Jesus, others, you.



**Fr. Matt**



**Fr. Jason**

**Q. Who was the most surprised by your vocation/calling?**

My mother was the most surprised by my vocation.

**Q. How would you describe the vocation of priesthood to a non-believer?**

A priest is one set apart by God to do God's work. The two primary missions of a priest is to preach about who God is and to lead the worship of that God.

**Q. What's your favorite sacrament to celebrate?**

My favorite sacrament to celebrate is the Eucharist.

**Thanks be to God for our priests!**



# HAS YOUR CHILD LEFT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?



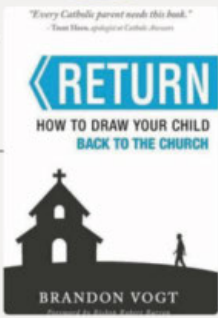
IF SO, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR BOOK STUDY

- Weekly gatherings on Thursdays from 12-1 PM
- Begins Thursday, October 17th / Ends December 12th
- **Location Change: Now located in the Damascus Center in the Emmaus House (1122 N 14th Street)**
- Light lunch will be served each week

Our book study will be on the book **Return** by Brandon Vogt. (Book provided at no cost.)

Come learn how you can find peace in the midst of pain. Join others who have similar experiences. Also, learn how you can start to build a bridge with your child that (with God's help) will lead your child back to the Church.

To learn more, contact Michael Jerger at (920) 652-7804 or [michaeljerger@sfamanitowoc.org](mailto:michaeljerger@sfamanitowoc.org)




## ATTENTION PRAYER SHAWL MINISTERS:

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting is October 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the dining room of the St. Joseph House living room (former the Waldo rectory).

*If you might be interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact any member or Laurale Stern, coordinator, for more information at: [lauralestern1@gmail.com](mailto:lauralestern1@gmail.com) or (920)683-3966.*

## Attention Rosary Makers:

The next meeting will be held on October 3rd, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the St. Clare room at the parish office. Please bring any completed rosaries. New members are always welcome.

**If there are any questions, please contact:**  
**Dawn Holsen at (920) 682-2864 or email to:**  
**[dawnh2420@comcast.net](mailto:dawnh2420@comcast.net)**





Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

# FRANCIS FEST 2024

## October 5th

**Mass at 4pm (Waldo Church)**  
**American & Mexican Food 5pm until gone**  
**Trivia, Fun & Games 6pm**

**All ages welcome!**  
**Social Hall on the Waldo Campus**  
 For more details visit [www.sfamanitowoc.org](http://www.sfamanitowoc.org)



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## LUNCH & LEARN: PRAYER

**FRIDAYS: 11:45-12:30PM / EMMAUS HOUSE, WALDO**

Join us monthly for a "Lunch and Learn" series on different prayers. A simple lunch will be provided with a 15-20 minute talk to begin at 12PM. No cost to attend, though free will offerings accepted for lunch.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 | NOVENAS

Join us in learning more about Novenas, an ancient devotion that consists of 9 days of prayer, often prayed in preparation for a feast day or for a specific intention. Discover some of the most commonly prayed novenas as well as Novenas for particular intentions. Also learn about ways to more easily integrate praying Novenas into your rhythm of prayer.

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Future "Lunch and Learn" Dates:  
 November 15, December 13, January 17, & February 21.

## ~ St. Clare Corner



Dear Ones,

It's that time again! As we approach October, the month of the Rosary, it is also time for our monthly meeting. The St. Clare Society meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday, October 1st at Froedtert Holy Family Hospital in the Manitowoc Room, beginning with the Rosary at 1:00 p.m. followed by speaker, Emily Jerger, reflecting on her experience with the Eucharistic Pilgrimage this past summer. We are looking forward to hearing all about that event. All ladies of the parish are cordially invited to attend. We would be happy to have you join us to find out what we are all about.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Hail Mary prayer came together slowly over a few centuries. Early versions just added the name of Mary to the message delivered by the angel Gabriel. Hail Mary full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Luke 1:28. Then, around 1050, the words from the visit with Elizabeth were added. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Luke 1:42. In 1261, Pope Urban IV added the name of Jesus to the end of Elizabeth's words. In 1555, St Peter Canisius published the final petition Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, and 11 years later, added Now and forever, Amen. Official approval was given in 1568. A beautiful prayer repeated 53 times when we recite the Rosary. It is a simple, beautiful, and focused meditation, especially when adding the mysteries.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on Tuesday, October 1st. Remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry.

Blessings through Mary and St. Clare,

Pat Korlesky, President

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# RONCALLI

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On September 10, 2024, the Roncalli Elementary School kindergarten classes visited Woodland Dunes Nature Center in Two Rivers. They explored the forest ecosystems, walked through wetlands, and discovered the plants and animals that make Woodland Dunes their home. Take a look at our future ecologists at work!





# Readings for the Week

## September 29, 2024

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50  
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56  
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12  
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24  
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

### Word of Life:

Over the years, the FDA has bent the law and shown disregard for women's health when it comes to chemical abortion. In 2000, mifepristone was first approved using an 'accelerated' review process that is supposed to be only for new drugs that treat serious illnesses and are better than existing treatments. But pregnancy is not an illness, and abortion drugs are riskier than surgical abortion.



All women are invited to  
 attend the Green Bay  
 Council of Catholic Women  
 (GBDCCW) Southeast  
 Vicariate V  
 Fall meeting:  
 Tuesday, October 8th  
 St. Peter the Fisherman  
 Parish, Two Rivers

Registration begins at 5:30. Your \$5 registration fee will include a raffle ticket for a special prize. 6:00 p.m. Mass to follow the meeting, celebrated by Fr. Dave Pleier.

Our meeting opens with a speaker from The Crossing, Manitowoc, Director Belinda Esquinas. The meeting will update diocesan women's activities and feature reports by our local women's groups. These are always informative and inspiring and give us lots of fresh ideas. A delicious lunch from the ladies of St Peter the Fisherman closes the evening. We look forward to seeing many of you and do invite your friends!

For further information, please call Vicki Lenaerts at (920)860-9150, email to: lenaertsgv@yahoo.com or call Roxanne Dyzak at (920) 323-3243.

### Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:

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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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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.

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### **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.

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

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