

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

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Welcome to Saint Nicholas Catholic Church! We are happy to have you with us to worship today! If you are visiting, we would be happy to get to know you and invite you to continue to favor us with your presence and prayers. New members are always welcome! Please call the parish office if you are interested in becoming a member of our parish. God bless!



Scripture Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about nany things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

July 17, 2022

Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am & 10:30 am Tuesday 5:45 pm Thursday 8:15 am Livestream: <u>https://www.youtube.com/stnicholasparishwi</u> Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am



Weekend of July 23rd & 24th

Lectors:

4pm – Michelle Huss 7am – Beth Treml, Volunteer Needed 10:30am - Tammy Sheriff, Volunteer Needed Sacristans: 4pm – Volunteer Needed 7am – Jackie Murphy 10:30am - Pat Von Haden **Mass Servers:** 4pm – Matthew Murphy, Jack VanCamp 7am- Casey Ostroski, Landon Otto 10:30am - Adelyn Zellmer, Jasder VanderLinden **Music:** 4pm - Kelly Bekkers-Graham 7am – Shannon Helms, Jennifer Jochman 10:30am - Anne Thelen, Jeananne Greenwood **Ushers:** 4pm - Dennis Van Asten, Merlin Van Asten, Jim Greiner 7am - Dick Marx, Lee VanderLoop 10:30am - Terry Vanden Berg, Troy Vanden Berg, Grant Williamson

Do you have a family member or friend who is ill and/or hospitalized and in need of a visit? We are here for you! Please call or email us so we can help at 920-788-1792 or email gvanness@stnicholasfreedom.org





Welcome! Anola Ann, daughter of Chad & Caríssa Verhasselt

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Tues, July 19 Holy Hour 4:30pm

Thurs, July 21 Scrip Sales 2-4:00 pm





Wedding Bands I Deana Kortz & Travis VanCamp

In Memory of...



The Sanctuary Candle Burns in Memory of Jim Brockman & Living & Deceased Family Members



The Host & Wine is in Memory of Jim Brockman & Living & Deceased Family Members





Sunday, .	<i>June 26, 2022</i>
Envelopes:	\$ 12,502
Loose:	951
Total:	\$13,453

June EFT Total: \$13,083 June WeShare Total: \$3,050

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education registration is open for this coming fall! You can find information regarding our program and links for registration at: <u>https://www.stnicholasfreedom.org/religious-</u> education

As a reminder preparation for First Communion begins in 1st Grade and preparation for Confirmation begins in 9th Grade. Please call 920-788-1451 with any questions.

New Evangelization Office Update

Kathy Brennan, our New Evangelization Coordinator, has resigned from her position at Saint Nicholas. We would like to send a huge "*Thank You*" to Kathy for her many years of guidance in her ministry with us! She has brought us new insight and ideas of which we are very thankful.

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to head our New Evangelization program. This person will design, develop, execute, and evaluate the K-12 religious education program and assist the youth ministry program coordinator. The coordinator will practice a rich spiritual and intellectual life to strengthen and give focus to these endeavors. Additionally, he/she will assist with Baptismal preparation, adult programs, and support and help with parish events.

If you are interested in applying for this position, or know of someone who would be a good fit, please contact Nikki at 920-788-1492 or businessmanager@stnicholasfreedom.org



Thank you to the volunteers who came in to help us move the school library. All of your help made quick work and we had the whole library moved in less than 2 hours! Thank you for supporting St. Nicholas Catholic School.

St. Nicholas Committee Needs

We had great response in asking for volunteers to help our cemetery board and building and grounds committee!

Other opportunities at Saint Nicholas:

Living Justice Committee Head

Blood Drive Coordinator

Leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sacristan

This summer we are looking for carpenters to help construct walls for our new school library area and our 5th grade classroom. Plaster, drywall, and walls are our biggest needs. We may need help with a few windows and doors as well.

Please call the parish office at 920-788-1492 or email us at: <u>maintenance@stnicholasfreedom.org</u> if you have any questions or would like to help us out!

St. Nicholas Golf Outing

The Annual St. Nicholas Golf Outing will be held at Fox Valley Golf Course on Sat., July 30, 2022! Gift baskets are needed for raffle, game prizes, and auction items. Please drop off your baskets by Sun., July 24th at the parish office or you may leave them in the back of church. Thank you for helping with this parish fundraiser!

Parish Directory

St. Nicholas is partnering with Harmann Studios for our next Parish Directory! We invite you and



your family to have your picture taken at St. Nicholas over the summer.

<u>Dates</u>

Tues, July 26th thru Sat, July 30th Tuesday, Aug 16th thru Sat, August 20th

<u>Times</u>

Tuesdays – Thursdays: 1:45pm to 7:45pm Fridays: 11:45am to 5:45pm Saturdays: 9:00am to 3:00pm

How to schedule

Online: by scanning the below QR code on your phone or by going to *stnicholasfreedom.org* and

scrolling down to the Parish Directory section. Link can be found there.

Other: Call Joe Hinshaw at 920-788-1492 ext. 303 or by emailing him at ihinshaw@stnicholasfreedom.



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FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSIONS



SCHOENSTATT WAYSIDE SHRINE REFUGE OF SINNERS N4664 Old Ireland Way Freedom, WI 54130

3:00 PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month: July 17th August 21st September 18th October 16th All are welcome!

For more information and other upcoming events, please visit the shrine website at www.refugeofsinners.org or call Tom and Mary Murphy at 920-788-4729.







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Parish Office Hours Monday – Thursday: 8am – 4pm Friday – Closed Office Voicemail is available at all times

New Evangelization Lisa Kater, Secretary 920-788-1451 ne@stnicholasfreedom.org Kathy Brennan, Coordinator of NE kbrennan@stnicholasfreedom.org St. Nicholas School920-788-9371Abby Linwood, Principal
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Reconciliation - Confessions Saturdays 3:00 – 3:30 pm or by appointment – please contact Fr Walter Stumpf

Prayer Chain – Please call Donna Hildebrand – 920-733-4602 or **Cindy Pynenberg** – 920-832-0322

Intercessory Prayer with Adoration every Tuesday & Wednesday 8:45am – 9:45am All are welcome!



Be Ready for God to "Stop By"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to *be* a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - July 17, 2022 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God's unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis)." While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the "details" of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and within ourselves requires still more.

We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible in someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us! ©LP



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