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Readings for the week of January 09, 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
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 ©LPi

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Mass Schedule**Monday, January 10**7:30 am **Irene Pavelec**
by Carol Metcalf**Tuesday, January 11****Leroy & Nancy Koll**
by Jim & Jacki Koll**Wednesday, January 12**8:00 am At St. Alexander
10:30 am At Nekoosa Court
Elizabeth (Betty) Michels
by Family & Friends**Thursday, January 13**7:30 am **Shirley Hartje**
by Chuck O'Connor**Friday, January 14****Kim Skerven**
by Nekoosa Port Edwards
Knights of Columbus**Saturday, January 15**5:00 pm **Drew Shymanski and
Otto & Jean Schiller**
by Debbie Shymanski
Armando Gomez
by Jerry & Darlene Johnson
Richard Kinney
by Marge Kinney & Family**Sunday, January 16**7:30 am **For the People of Sacred
Heart & St Alexander**
Lucille Gessert
by Del & Darlene Nelson
10:30 am **Jerry Roe** by Sandra Roe
Jim & LaVina Christensen
by Family & Friends

**Please Note: Times listed for the
weekdays/weekend are public
Masses with the Sunday 10:30am Mass
live-streamed for your viewing.**

Liturgical Ministers**Saturday, Jan 15 & Sunday, Jan 16****Lectors**Sat 5:00 pm Darlene Johnson
Sun 7:30 am Carol Arendt
Sun 10:30 am Carolyn Schloemer**Altar Servers**Sat 5:00 pm Jack Wiedmeyer
Owen Wiedmeyer
Sun 7:30 am Jonathan Wenzel
Andrew Wenzel
Sun 10:30 am Matthew Koehler
Grant Pulvermacher**Ushers**Sat 5:00 pm Marty Cattanach, Jim
Fisher, Jim Koll
Sun 7:30 am Scott Linzmeier, Terry
Shymanski, Dan Thomas
Sun 10:30 am Jerry Kizewski, Paul
Gellerup, Pete Kolar**Rosary Leaders**Sat 5:00 pm Volunteer Needed
Sun 7:30 am Cheryl Erickson
Sun 10:30 am Carolyn Schloemer**SCRIP**Sat 5:00 pm Patty Heeg
Sun 7:30 am Natalie Wenzel
Sun 10:30 am Pam Bilderback**Financial Engineers**

Jerry J, Darlene, Patty

Altar Linen Cleaner ~ January

Cheryl Erickson

Vacuum Cleaners ~ Jan 10 - Jan 15

Bob & Lucy McGinley

Year-end contribution statements are now available for you to pick up in the church entrance by the canopy. Please do this to help save the parish the cost of postage. Thank you!

Please note: The Diocese of La Crosse will mail year-end statements for any contributions made to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

**CHANGE IN ENVELOPE
PACKET - UPDATE**

Starting with the envelope packet that you received shortly after Christmas, there will be one extra envelope included. In order to make it easier for those who cannot make it to church, or if you missed a Sunday while on vacation or will be gone for an extended period of time, or for any other reason, there will be one self-addressed envelope to Sacred Heart that you can use. **You will find that envelope as the last envelope in your packet.** Simply put your donation in that envelope, put your envelope number on outside of self-addressed envelope (found on upper right hand corner of your regular envelopes), put a stamp on and send it in. You don't have to include the regular Sunday envelope. It is that easy! You can use the self-addressed envelope at any time.

Please remember our Sacred Heart Foundation when making or changing your Will.

SCRIP Is available at the parish office weekday mornings, Monday - Friday, and after all weekend Masses. Please pay with correct change or check.



New Hope for Unborn Babies? Pray for our Supreme Court Justices! Is the end near for Roe v. Wade? Could the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy be overturned? The Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court could have that outcome – but we must pray. Read about the nationwide initiative of fasting and prayer at diolc.org/respect-life, where you can also download a flyer with photos of each of the Justices. Post it on your refrigerator and remember to pray and sacrifice for each of them by name! A ruling is expected by June.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi

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Colleen Voit.....715-570-3273

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm;
 Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 am

Sacraments

Reconciliation.....Saturday 4:30 pm
 or by appointment.
 Baptism contact Father John
 Marriage.....Contact Fr. John
 6 months in advance

Sacred Heart Income

Friday, Dec 24 & Saturday, Dec 25

Adults\$6054.00
 Offertory.....\$1133.29
 Other Income: Votives\$9.00
 Diocesan EFT..... \$100.00
 Total Received This Week.....\$7296.29

Dioc/Non-Operating Income

Religious Retirement..... \$50.00

Sacred Heart Income

Saturday, Dec 25 & Sunday, Dec 26

Friday, Dec 31

Adults\$4722.00
 Electronic Contributions: (Jan 6)..... \$
 Offertory..... \$595.00
 Other Income: Votives \$34.00
 Bequest/Memorial..... \$25.00
 Other Income \$10000.00
 Total Received This Week \$15376.00

Dioc/Non-Operating Income

Religious Retirement..... \$145.00

Sacred Heart Income

Saturday, Jan 1 & Sunday, Jan 2

Adults\$6572.00
 Electronic Contributions: (Jan 6) \$
 Offertory..... \$451.35
 Other Income: Votives \$12.00
 Total Received This Week.....\$7035.35

Dioc/Non-Operating Income

Food Pantry \$20.00

Joint Parish, Deanery & Area News 3

ACS website www.assumptioncatholicschools.org
 Relevant Radio 93.9 online www.relevantradio.com
 Weekly bulletins are available online www.SeekAndFind.com
 Sacred Heart Masses every Sunday at 9am.....Public Access Channel



ACS Mission Statement: To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition.

Religious Education News...From the desk of Mrs P Wettstein

Religious Education Classes this week:

Gr 1 – 5 3:30 – 5:00 pm
 Gr 6 – 9 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Confirmation Retreat:

Gr 10 5 – 9 pm Sacred Heart Church Basement

All Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Meetings for the month of January have been canceled.

DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Have you thought about becoming a substitute teacher for Assumption Catholic Schools?



- Pick and choose when and where you work
- Anyone with a college degree is eligible
- Perfect for retirees and recent graduates
- A positive Diocese of La Crosse background check is required

If interested, please contact the school(s) listed below or ACS Central Office at 715.422.0904 for an application packet.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Elementary (K-2) 715.422.0980
 St Vincent De Paul Elementary (3-5) 715.422.0960
 Assumption Catholic Middle School (6-8) 715.422.0950
 Assumption Catholic High School (9-12) 715.422.0910

Mission Statement

Be part of the family—St. Alexander Parish “Do not neglect hospitality for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.”
Hebrews 13:2

Prayer Chain

Carol Kuehl 715-887-3938

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 am †Paul & Barbara Quayhaxk
By Deacons of the Wisconsin Rapids Deanery

Sunday, December 16

9:00 am †Richard Kalscheur
By Charles Oertli Family
†Tom Lila by the Lunch Bunch

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30pm at Sacred Heart or by appointment.

Baptism, Marriage & RCIA Contact:
Fr. John Swing

OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 19, 2021

Total Operating Budget...\$174,796.00
Adult Envelopes.....\$2,175.00
Offertory Plate.....\$217.50
Votives.....\$6.00
Diocesan EFT.....\$100.00
Memorial Christmas Flowers.....\$10.00
Christmas Envelopes.....\$210.00
Total Support this Week.....\$2,718.50

Please Note: The fifth Sunday plate collection goes to St. Pat's Mission.
Next Electronic Contribution (EFT) will be February 3, 2022

OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 24, 25, 26th, 27-31, 2021

Total Operating Budget...\$174,796.00
Adult Envelopes.....\$840.00
Offertory Plate.....\$6,684.00
Votive Candles.....\$16.00
Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor.....\$40.00
Christmas Envelopes.....\$865.00
Total Support this Week.....\$8,445.00

Please Note: The fifth Sunday plate collection goes to St. Pat's Mission.
Thank You.

Next Electronic Contribution (EFT) will be February 3, 2022

Liturgical Ministers

Weekend of January 16th, 2021

Lector

Sun. Linda Quayhaxk

Ushers

Sun. James and Jason Leverance

Elevator

Sun. Jason Leverance

Scrip

Sun. Toni Joosten

Money Counters

Sun. Joyce Durrant, Linda Quayhaxk

Servers

Sun. Carter Pavloski

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

In December you donated:

- \$150 for SWEPS Food Pantry

OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

January 2, 2022

Total Operating Budget...\$174,796.00
Adult Envelopes.....\$1,400.00
Offertory Plate.....\$183.00
Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor.....\$40.00
Total Support this Week.....\$1,623.00

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Thank You.

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FOR BOTH PARISHES CONT:



Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages! When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of “post sessions” provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!



SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORSHIPS

January sanctuary lamps are sponsored:

• In Memory of
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by Jean Kluender

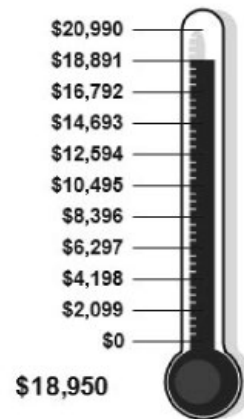
• In Memory of the Deceased
Members of the Armatoski and Marchenkuski Families
By Dan & Mary Armatoski



ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

In memory of
Blaine & Lorraine Skerven
by Family

Thermometer Chart



Thanks to everyone who has donated to our St. Alex. DAA parish goal of \$20,990. Let's try to get 100% parish participation and strive to reach our goal by the end of January.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

The idea of a natural right is to preserve life, not to kill it; and a so-called "constitutional right" to abortion cannot supersede the natural right to life.

FORMED

This week as we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. It is a good time to remind ourselves of what this Sacrament is all about. In "*Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism*" renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism and provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life! Check it out this week on Formed.org.

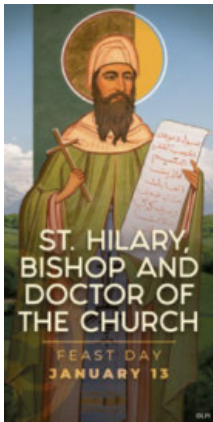
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Baptismal Bib Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPi



St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



Vocations Corner— What Are You Looking For?

The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "Come and you will see!" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. What are YOU looking for? So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me, Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, at 3710 East Ave. S. PO

Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at 608.791.2667. God bless you!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration Night

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

from 4:00-6:00 PM

at Our Lady Queen of Heaven School

You will need to bring a few items with you on

Registration Night:

- Your child's birth certificate
- Your child's immunization records



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