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Deacon..... Deacon Rick Skifton
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Parish Administrative Assistant Kelly Lysne
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Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

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
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,
12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11
Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Cor 12:12-30 ©LPI

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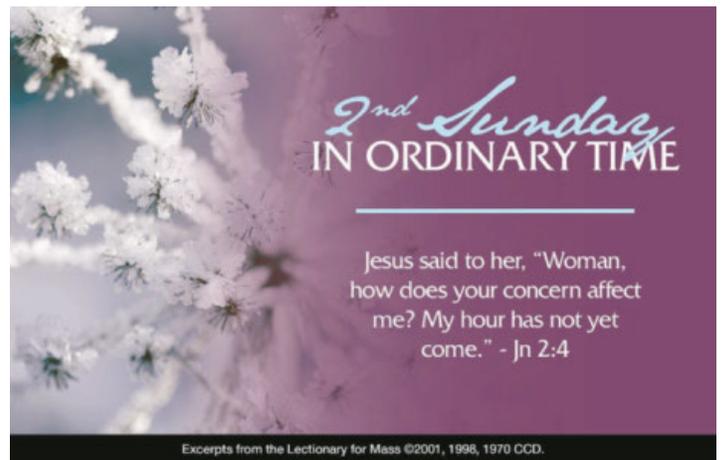


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Mass Schedule

Monday, January 17	7:30 am Jerry Blanchard by Marilyn Heeg
Tuesday, January 18	7:30 am Paul & Barbara Quayhackx by Nekoosa Port Edwards Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, January 19 No Public Mass	Jerry Roe by Sandra Roe
Thursday, January 20	7:30 am Madeline Stensberg by Family
Friday, January 21	Armando Gomez by Nekoosa Port Edwards Knights of Columbus
Saturday, January 22	5:00 pm Jerry Darr by Larry & Caroline Egland Jim Zellmer by Kris Zellmer
Sunday, January 23	7:30 am Kim Skerven by Elaine Wolfe 10:30 am For the People of Sacred Heart & St Alexander Floyd Baltus by Family & Friends Walter & Anna Wawrzyniak by Mary Battles

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



Greetings and Happy New Year!

On Behalf of the School District of Nekoosa, thank you for the wonderful generosity of your church family over the Christmas season. The "Angel Tree" sponsored by Sacred Heart provided toys and clothing to many of our school district's families—all wrapped so wonderfully and ready to be delivered. On top of that, generous donations from your parishioners helped purchase Christmas presents for families signed up later for assistance. What a blessing your church has been to these Nekoosa families!

We appreciate very much the generosity of your people and those who organized the ministry. Thank you!

Sincerely, Paul Liebherr/Family-School-Community Outreach

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Jan 22 & Sunday, Jan 23

Lectors

Sat 5:00 pm	Bobbie Schmidt
Sun 7:30 am	Kendra Shymanski
Sun 10:30 am	Nancy Brost

Altar Servers

Sat 5:00 pm	Aaron Jacoby Addy Jacoby
Sun 7:30 am	Onna Shymanski Finley Shymanski
Sun 10:30 am	Kaleb Lochner Ryan Gellerup

Ushers

Sat 5:00 pm	Marty Cattanach, Jim Fisher, Jim Koll
Sun 7:30 am	Dan Thomas, Al Taylor Terry Shymanski
Sun 10:30 am	John Ritchay, Bob Benkowski, Tom Wright

Rosary Leaders

Sat 5:00 pm	Diane Sailer
Sun 7:30 am	Chuck O'Connor
Sun 10:30 am	Volunteer Needed

SCRIP

Sat 5:00 pm	Volunteer Needed
Sun 7:30 am	Ann Taylor
Sun 10:30 am	Pam Skifton

Financial Engineers

Jerry L, Carol L, Mary Jo

Altar Linen Cleaner ~ January

Cheryl Erickson

Vacuum Cleaners ~ Jan 17 - Jan 22

Tricia Ostrum Family

*Additional Sacred Heart
Christmas Flower Memorials
in Memory of:*

Richard Sigler

by Donna & Steve Sigler

**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.

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.

JANUARY 18–25



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Prayer Chain Requests

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
 MarriageContact Fr. John
 6 months in advance

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.

Electronic Deposit for contributions is available. Forms are available on the bulletin board, in the ministry rack in the sacristy in church, and on the website.

Sacred Heart Income

Saturday, Jan 8 & Sunday, Jan 9

Adults\$6655.00
 Electronic Contributions: Jan 6\$4698.00
 Offertory..... \$671.50
 Other Income: Votives \$66.00
 Diocesan EFT..... \$190.00
 SCRIP (Nov/Dec) \$93.59
 Bequests/Memorials \$135.00
 Christmas Flower Memorials \$20.00
 Other Income \$1000.00
 Total Received This Week..... \$13529.09

Dioc/Non-Operating Income

Religious Retirement..... \$25.00

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 – 10 6:30 – 8:00 pm

We would like to thank Ken Hilgers for his inspirational presentation given to our Confirmation class this past Wednesday. We are grateful for the sharing of his knowledge and guidance in the faith journey of our young people!



You are very welcome to join our ACS school family at any time. If you would like to visit our schools and see what a day in the life of a Catholic school student involves, please call the ACS Enrollment office at 715-422-0900 to make a reservation.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 30 to February 6. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about our wonderful ACS schools!

Luminary Prayer Walk: Wednesday, February 2. Join us at 6:00 for a candle blessing and then a prayer walk around the SVdP property. Praying for the intentions written on the luminaries. Hot cocoa and cookies after the walk in the gym lobby.



Please Pray For The Following People Currently Serving In The Military

Lance Corporal Dayton Baumgart (US Marines),
 MSG Timothy Bohn (Deployed Overseas), Darin Christensen,
 Hospitalman Apprentice Craig Elsen (US Navy), ET2 Caleb Goodness (US Navy), Ensign Alex Knoop (US Navy), Dylan Kumm (US Air Force), SPC Adam S Miller, Benjamin Oleson (US Navy), 2nd Lieutenant Medic Jill Severson Bastman (Army Reserve), Master Sgt Adam J Smith (US Air Force), Lieutenant Commander Matthew J Smith (US Navy), 1st Lieutenant Samuel L Wettstein (US Marines), and Tim Wolf (US Army).

If you would like to submit a name and/or picture to the bulletin board please call Diane at 715.325.2730.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing! ©LPI

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, January 19
No Public Mass

Sunday, January 23

9:00 am †John Montag
By Brad Montag Family
†Gladys Boinski
By Fred & Joan Jesse

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30pm at Sacred Heart or by appointment.
Baptism, Marriage & RCIA Contact: Fr. John Swing

OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

January 9th—No financials due to vacation.

Total Operating Budget ...\$174,796.00
Adult Envelopes \$
Offertory Plate..... \$
EFT Giving..... \$
Total Support this Week..... \$

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 23rd, 2021

Lector

Sun. Dawn Blaser

Ushers

Sun. Ron Leverance, Steve Schroeder

Elevator

Sun. Steve Schroeder

Scrip

Sun. Stephanie Vela

Money Counters

Sun. Le Ann Gotz, Kerri Martinson

Servers

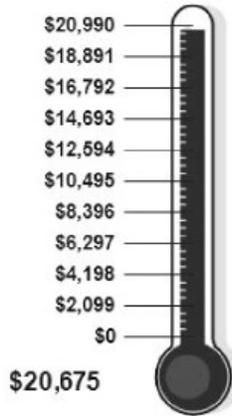
Sun. Evan Anatinaja



ST. PAT'S REMINDER

There are 5 Sunday’s in January which means St. Alexander Parish will be taking up the January 30, 2022 plate collection for St. Pat’s Mission. Please plan ahead to support this giving opportunity. Thanks so much for your continued support in our long relationship with this Mission.

St. Alexander DAA



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.

The 5:00pm Deanery Sunday Mass is currently held at:
St. Lawrence Parish

PCCW MEETING



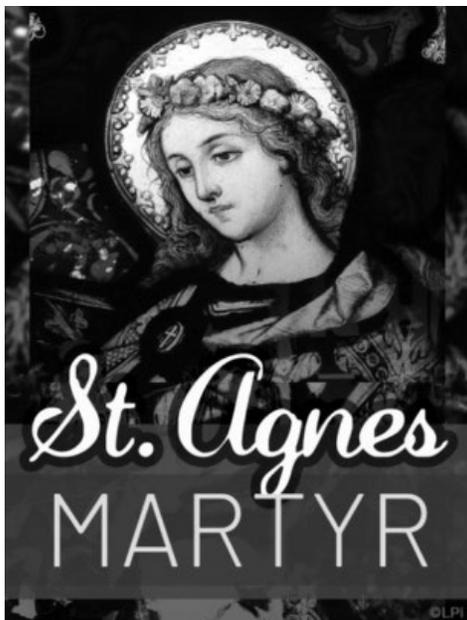
Our January PCCW meeting will be on the 17th at the Alexander House. It will be a potluck so bring a dish of your choice to share. All ladies of the parish are welcome. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. and will eat about noon.

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

FOR BOTH PARISHES CONTINUED:



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!





PRO-LIFE CORNER

"Abortion in the United States is fundamentally racist. Margaret Sanger founder of Planned Parenthood, was a KKK supporting, Hitler admiring, Eugenicist who started the "Negro Project" to curtail the black birth rate. Today around 75% of abortion clinics are in minority neighborhoods and black women account for a hugely disproportional number of abortions."

The Sacred Heart/St.Alexander Knights of Columbus 2021 Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds were donated to the Nekoosa/Port Edwards Special Education program recently.

Terry Whitmore, Nekoosa Schools superintendent and Brian Grill, director of special education accepted the \$2,629.65 check presented by Tootsie Roll co-chairs Dave Thiel and Dennis Kirslenlohr.



Faithful Departed Question: How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer: We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the

time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! ©LP

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



Adorers Needed! Spend an Hour with JESUS!

Come adore our Lord at the Mother of America Adoration Chapel at the Marian Center for Peace.

Go to adorationpro.org/mother & sign up for one of our open hours or to be a substitute adorer. Or call Dan (715-451-3180) or Marion (715-316-1285).



St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 - 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes. ©LP



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