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Mission Statement: To bring Christ's love to our Community through worship, education, service and outreach.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him,

were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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Angels of Hope



Who are these people?

The Feast of the Holy Family, an important Christmas feast celebrated by the church to build up the family, often has the opposite effect on us. Rather than helping us look upon our own families as holy and sacred it paints a picture of

perfection and defeats us before we even get started. In fact, the picture of the Holy Family is "so perfect" not even the original Holy Family could be as perfect as the Holy Family we celebrate. That is a serious problem because the whole point of the feast is to help us celebrate our own families and embrace the invitation to incorporate elements of the Holy Family into the families of which we are a part no matter what they look like.

The Feast of the Holy Family ought to help us understand that the family is:

- A place where we learn to love unconditionally and to be loved.
- A place where we learn how much we need one another no matter who we are.
- A place where we learn to respect one another and the role we have in the family unit.
- A place where we can safely discover who we are and be accepted for who we are.
- A place where we can grow in wisdom we all have a lot to learn.
- A place where we can make mistakes and believe we are still loved.
- · A place where there is room for a lot of growth for all the

members.

In Luke 2:49-52 it states:

"And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" but they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

When I reflect on this exchange, I ask myself who really needed to grow in understanding and wisdom? Was it mom and dad or a 14 year old boy who decided it was a good idea to wander off from his family (for several days no less) and not let anyone know about it? Families are a place where we make foolish decisions (no matter who we are) and we believe we are still loved. The above picture, I suspect, reflects a little more closely, what our own families are like; parents trying to understand a teenager and a teenager thinking he is ready to be out on his own. The scriptures tell us Jesus needed to grow in age and wisdom – don't we all need that?

The Holy Family is to be reflected in our own families with all there graces and flaws. Jesus had so much to learn as he grew to understand who he was and who\what the Father called him to be. What he taught to his disciples and so many others did not come out of a vacuum but out of a "holy family", just like ours – really!

Blessings on your holy family – may you all grow in wisdom and favor before God,

Fr. Howard

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 27th, Friday, December 31st, and Monday, January 3rd. **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** (Not a Holy Day in 2022.) Friday, December 31st at 4pm & Saturday, January 1st at 9am

Parish Calendar							
Sunday December 26	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph8:00am Mass† Leo and Dorothy Schweitzer9:30am MassThe Living and † Deceased Members of Holy Angels	Thursday December 30	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 8:00am Mass † Thomas and Alex Jansen				
	11:00am Mass † Dan McMahon		Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I, Pope				
Monday December 27	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Parish Office Closed 7:30am Mass † Terry Aceto	Friday December 31	Parish Office Closed 8:00am Mass † Bill and Darlene Albrecht Vigil: Mary Mother of God 4:00pm Mass † Ruth Katzenberger				
Tuesday December 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 8am-8pm AdorationChurch	Saturday January 1	The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9:00am Mass The Living and † Deceased Members of Holy Angels Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord				
Wednesday December 29	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr 10:00am Elevate Family Support Mission Rm.5:30pm Mass† Anneliese Gyurisics 6:00pm Prayer Vigil for Life Shepherds Drive		4:00pm Mass † Groth and Miller Families				
		Sunday January 2	Epiphany of the Lord8:00am Mass† Jack Nehmer9:30am Mass† Brandyn Brooks11:00am MassThe Living and † Deceased Members of Holy Angels				

Get Involved

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds. No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life. Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki Archbishop of Milwaukee

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GAME NIGHT FOR TEENS!

The holiday season gives us a unique opportunity to gather with family and friends, and even wear ridiculously festive sweaters while we do so. In that spirit, we are offering a **Christmas Party and Game Night** for teens on **Wednesday**, **December 29** from 6:00-8:00pm in the Church Hall. It's a chance for people to get together and play all kinds of different board games and card games - we've replenished our stock recently so there is no shortage of options! And of course there will be food - please come on out and, if you have one, make sure you wear your most festive Christmas sweater! Contact Brian at <u>maseb@hawb.org</u> or 262-343-2370 with questions!

GREIFSHARE AT HOLY ANGELS

GriefShare is a Christian based 13 week grief support group hosted by Holy Angels. We will be hosting our first sessions starting on January 18-April 12. You have a choice of two sessions on Tuesdays; 1:30-3:00pm or 6:30-8:00pm both are held at the Holy Angels Parish Office. For more information, please contact Marie Joers 262-353-3181 joersm@hawb.org.

GriefShare Facilitators: If you have previously lost a loved one to death and feel you are ready to help others through their grief journey, then please call or email Marie to learn more about the different volunteer opportunities with our GriefShare ministry.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREAT

We are pleased to announce that we have retreats coming up: one for men and for women. The women's retreat will be from **March 25-27**, and the men's retreat will be from **April 8-10**. Both will be held at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc. The Retreats are titled: "Healing in a Wounded World." Hannah Bergland will be going with the women on the women's retreat, and our parish liaison to the retreat center, Joe Balistrieri, will be going with the men. Transportation to and from the retreat center is provided. The retreat goes from 6:45 pm Friday-Noon on Sunday. All meals are included. It consists of talks, daily Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration. The cost for retreat is \$130 but there are funds available if cost is an issue. Please don't let the cost dissuade you from attending. If you would like more information or to register, please contact Hannah Bergland at berglandh@hawb.org.



Michael Letto, Steve Harter, Helen Thelen, and Michael Wolford were recently born to Eternal Life.

Please keep Michael, Steve, Helen, Michael and their families in your prayers.

END OF CALENDAR YEAR REMINDER

Per IRS regulations, charitable contributions MUST be applied to the year in which they are received or postmarked. That means: The 2021 Parish books close on December 31st. If an envelope was postmarked in 2021 and we didn't receive it until 2022, it will still be applied to 2021. However, any contributions received or postmarked AFTER December 31st will be posted for 2022, no matter what date is on the check. <u>No exceptions!</u>

	Parish Contributions			
	Last Week	Month to date	Year to date*	
Budgeted	\$40,000	\$80,000	\$553,000	
Actual	<u>40,204</u>	<u>71,647</u>	<u>488,426</u>	
Over/Short	+ 204	- 8,353	- 64,574	
	*From Julv	1, 2021 - Decemb	er 5. 2021	

School News

HOLY ANGELS SCHOOL—K3-8th Grade

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<u>Student of the Week for December 13-17</u>: The Virtue for the month of December is Respect: recognizing the worth and dignity of every single human person. "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12

K3—Wyatt Samuel K4—Marielle Jaeger K5—Ryker Harrington & Rhett Wollner

1st—Olivia Shanders 2nd—Carson Wietor 3rd—Hannah Petri 4th—Noah Moore 5th—Jadyn Assmann 6th—Jack Walter 7th—Brady Johnson 8th—Morgan Winkler

Congratulations to the Recent Calendar of Ca\$h Winners: Kelly Neumann, Jean Ristow, Sean Scheihing,

Rick Laforest, Eve Bichler

Christmas Wishes

On behalf of our parish school, I would like to wish each of you a very happy and holy Christmas season! Each one of us has one or two Christmas carols which speak to our hearts in a special way. By far, O Holy Night is my favorite Christmas carol. This year, in particular, the song seems to speak to my heart and mind in a unique way. A catch phrase in the first verse reads, "A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices." One cannot pick up a newspaper or glance at a news website without reading about the hardships of our global society. In every corner of our world, we find poverty, war, disease, famine, and families suffering. Just like the first Christmas, it appears that our world is once again in a "weary state."

At Christmas, however, we remember and rejoice at Christ's coming to a weary world. Our faith teaches us that we must have trust in Divine Providence. We must not succumb to the weariness of our society's misfortunes. We must be a "thrill of hope" to the poor, to those living in war, those affected by disease and famine, and to all children who are our most precious resource. This Christmas, I pray that each member of our parish and school community has the strength to face the challenges in our daily lives with a heart of love and peace.

Please know that I am most grateful for your presence within our community. The teachers, staff, and I would like to wish you all a blessed Christmas and a joyful, Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all when return in the New Year. We will continue to build relationships, nurture goals, and celebrate our many gifts in the fresh, new year ahead. May the Blessed Mother Mary watch over you and your loved ones this sacred season.

<u>Gifts From the Heart:</u> Gifts from the Heart is back and we are looking for donations!!!! We are looking for electronics, kids toys (Lego sets, sports stuff, fun art supplies, games, etc). If you have a business and want to promote it, we love gift baskets of your products as well. And don't forget gift cards too!!! If you have any questions, please contact Amy Barnes: 262-707-5603 or email: <u>dabmfamily@gmail.com</u>

Upcoming Events:

JAN 3...Classes resume 7:45am 10-15...HA Basketball Classic Tournament-Grade 8 17-22...HA Basketball Classic Tournament-Grade 7 18...P/T/S Conferences (request) 4-6pm 24-28...Meals on Wheels Week 29...Family Fun Night at Holy Angels 5-7:30pm 30...Catholic Schools Week Open House 10:30-12:30pm 30...K3/K4/K5 Round-Up 10:45am

FAITH FORMATION-CHILD THROUGH ADULT

CONTACT INFORMATION

The Faith Formation office is closed until Monday, January 3, 2022. We hope that everyone has a blessed and safe holiday celebration.

The Faith Formation Staff would like to welcome all that are new or visiting Holy Angels! We are a flourishing formation program, and we currently serve 280 students in grades K5-11. We have separate programs for our K5-8th graders, our 9th and 10th graders, and our 11th graders, this is our Confirmation prep program. We have a wonderful team of volunteer catechists who help us create and nurture disciples and help children grow in knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith. It is never too late to sign your child(ren) up for our faith formation classes. If you are interested, or want more information about our programs, please contact Hannah. Her contact information is above. Thanks, and Merry Christmas!

There are no faith formation classes, or Children's Liturgy of the Word on 12/26, or 1/2. We will see everyone back on January 9!

NEWS AND NOTES

RACIAL JUSTICE REFLECTIONS: "SHAKE US FROM OUR SLUMBER"

When our eyes do not see the gravity of racial justice, Shake us from our slumber and open our eyes, O Lord.

When out of fear we are frozen into inaction, Give us a spirit of bravery, O Lord.

When we try our best but say the wrong things, Give us a spirit of humility, O Lord.

When the chaos of this dies down, Give us a lasting spirit of solidarity, O Lord.

When it becomes easier to point fingers outwards, Help us to examine our own hearts, O Lord.

God of truth, in your wisdom, Enlighten Us. God of hope in your kindness, Heal Us. Creator of All People, in your generosity, Guide Us. Racism breaks your heart, break our hearts for what breaks yours, O Lord.

Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures. Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. We pray in faith. (Dr. Martin Luther King)

We wish you a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with awakenings. For more info or to volunteer, email racialjustice@hawb.org.

FOR RENT

There is a two-room and an efficiency apartment available for immediate occupancy at the Holy Angels Convent Apartments. The Convent Apartments are located on 9th Ave. and are open to those 60+ years of age. Apartments include air conditioning. There is a washer and dryer on the same floor, basement storage, and a community room. For more info: please call Mike at 262-353-3662.

LOCAL JOB OPENING

Saint Frances Cabrini Parish and Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish, are seeking a shared Director of Administrative Services. For more information or how to apply please head to: <u>https://www.saintfrancescabrini.com/current-job-opportunities</u>

SOCIABLE SINGLES

A Social Group for single, widowed and divorced over 60 in Washington, Ozaukee and surrounding counties. Sociable Singles provides opportunities to share activities and make new friends. A Newsletter including a Monthly Calendar of planned events is sent to members monthly. For more information and a complimentary Newsletter, call Kathi at 414-416-4624.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CAPUCHIN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Right now we cannot take groups to volunteer at St. Ben's but they have opened up for individual volunteering! If you are interested in volunteering with Capuchin Community Services, please go to their website and click on "Ways To Help" to volunteer. St. Ben's has various volunteer service work available at St. Ben's Community Meal and St. Ben's Open Door Ministry. House of Peace also has various service work available with their Emergency Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, or Special Events and Projects. We encourage you and your family to help the Capuchin carry out the works of mercy. Any questions, please contact John Ritger at 262-334-4394.

EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CORNER

Sunday Family Connection: Today's Gospel describes a time of anxiety in the life of Jesus' family. We can imagine their panic and worry as they discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan returning to Nazareth. The Holy Family journeyed with family members and friends because traveling alone was dangerous. When they found Jesus at the Temple, Jesus spoke like a typical adolescent, unsympathetic to his parents' concern. Yet his words teach an important lesson about reducing anxiety in our family life. In essence, Jesus says, "If you had remembered who I am, you would have known where to find me." In their panic, Mary and Joseph had forgotten what had been told to them before Jesus' birth, that their son was the Son of God. Knowing a person well helps reduce our anxieties for them because we can better predict how they will behave, and we know their capacity to handle the challenges life might present to them.

As you gather as a family, have fun playing the game "How well do you know me?" Take turns trying to stump one another by asking family members questions about yourself, such as "What is my favorite memory of a family vacation?" "Given a choice, what dinner menu would I pick?" "If I could travel anywhere in the world, where would I go?" One member of the family might prepare and read the questions aloud as each person writes down the answers. Family members then take turns guessing the answers, playing this game as a quiz show. Observe that one thing about families is that we learn to know each other well.

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1 ©LPi



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses: 4:00 pm (Sat.), 8:00 am, 9:30 am (in person and live streamed) and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses: Monday at 7:30am, Wednesday at 5:30pm, Thursday and Friday at 8:00am

Rosary: Monday after 7:30am Mass, Thurs & Fri at 7:30am

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 8am-8pm in the Church. The Church is open for individual prayer during the week.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 8am in the Church or by appointment.

I want to schedule an Infant Baptism: Contact Deacon Mark, Deacon Dave or Fr. Howard. Baptisms usually occur during Saturday or Sunday Masses. Baptisms can be scheduled after the 11am Mass on Sunday however, the "during Mass" option is preferred. Attendance at a baptism class is required prior to the baptism of your first child. Call Deacon Mark with questions.

I want to schedule a Wedding: Arrangements are to be made with a Priest or Deacon at least 6 months before the wedding.

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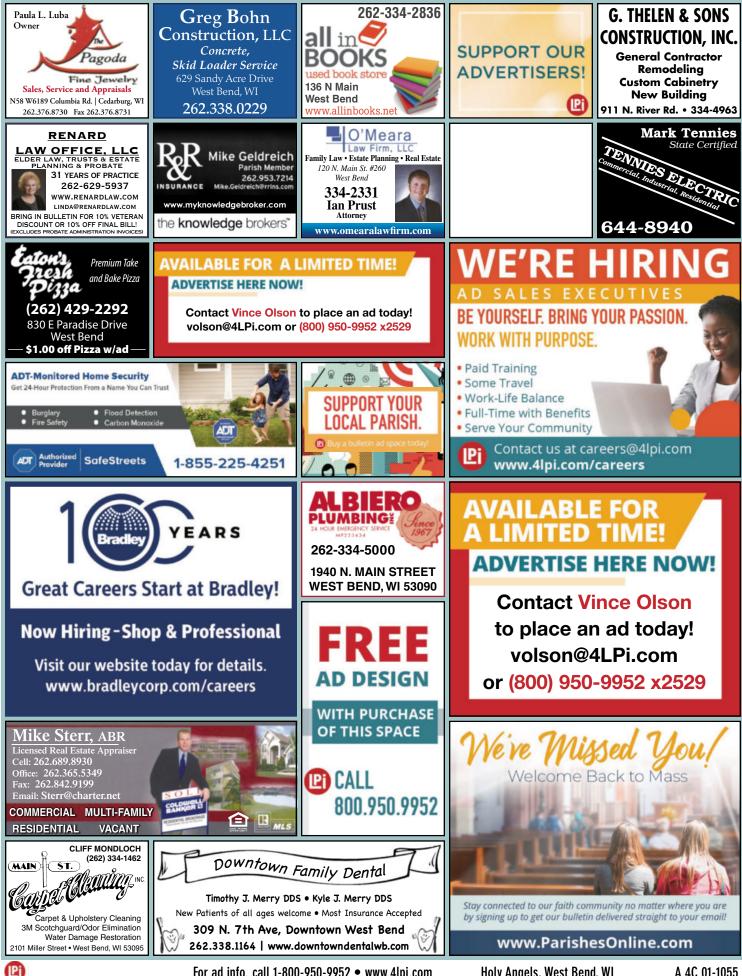
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