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Mass Schedule (See page 2 for details)

Mon-Fri: See Schedule on 2nd page
Sat: 4:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi
Sun: 7:30 am - Our Lady of the Lake
8:45 am - St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am - St. Francis of Assisi
(Extraordinary Form)
12:30 pm - St. Francis of Assisi
(Polish Mass)

Confessions (St. Francis)

Sat: 3:00 to 4:15 pm
Daily Confession 30 Minutes before
each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

All days: 6 am to 8 pm

Holy Rosary

Every Mass: One half hour early

Readings for the week of January 23

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8,
9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,
27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-
22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps
117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps
89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps
132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps
51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps
51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-
2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor
12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a*

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Our Lady of the Lake

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 23

7:30 am For parishioners of St. Francis & Our Lady of the Lake

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 30

7:30 am For parishioners of St. Francis & Our Lady of the Lake

Ministry Schedule (January 30)

Lector - Wendy Bruce

EMHC* - Bud Kass

*Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Please remember the following members of our parish in prayer:

The Sick: Leroy Zulawski, Bill Pecoraro, Jackie Hamm, Tom Brantmeyer

Recently Deceased: Karen Caple, Dorothy Zilinski, Delores Zulawski,

Alicia Maurer, Mary Bittner

Military Personnel: Major Jared Glasenap

Countering the Lies of Gender Ideology

Helpful Resources for Parents, Catholic School Teachers and Catechists Gender ideology is rapidly reshaping the culture, and causing confusion and serious harm. Gender ideology is a false system of beliefs about the person that claims human identity is fluid (can change according to feelings) and that human identity is self-defined. Fr. Paul Check presents understandable and foundational information in a session entitled "Pastoral Care and amid Confusion about Sexual Identity. Visit: diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry Another excellent, user-friendly tool is the Person and Identity Project. This site presents sound information, which helps to illuminate the truth about who we are, but also to counter the lies of gender ideology. This website provides tools for parents, schools and parish programs to see the depth of the gender theory's influence and the seriousness of what is at stake. Visit: personandidentity.com

Volunteer Needed - We are looking for a volunteer that would be willing to pick up a parishioner and bring him to the 4:30 pm Saturday Vigil mass. This man lives on HWY 58 5.5 miles south of the church. Anyone interested in this act of charity, please leave a message at the parish office so I can discuss details. Thank you. Paul Arbanas

Church is Fully Open

Below are a list of public Masses at St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of the Lake:

Saturday -	4:30 pm	SF
Sunday -	7:30 am	OLL
	8:45 am	SF
	11:00 am (Latin)	SF
	12:30 pm (Polish)	SF

Daily Confessions - 6:30 am to 7:00 am
Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open all days from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Important - All Parish Listening Session - Saturday January 29, 9:00-11:30 a.m. in Corr Hall. Pope Francis has requested each parish in the world hold a listening session in which the participants speak from their heart about their experience in the church. We are called to listen in charity to what we hear from the others and to discern what the Holy Spirit is speaking to us through the hearts and words of those journeying with us through life. Please call Deacon Heinzl (565-7771) and leave a voicemail if you will be attending so adequate seating and refreshments can be provided.

Local March for Life in Mauston - Sunday January 23 at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. Please come and walk around the Courthouse for 49 minutes for an end to abortion. Signs will be provided. There will be refreshments and snacks at St. Patrick Church after.

Retrouvaille Weekend - Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages! 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. www.HelpOurMarriage.org or 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!

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St. Francis of Assisi

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 24

7:00 am † Gib Saylor

Tuesday, January 25

7:00 am For Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lebinski & family

Wednesday, January 26

7:00 am † Jim McKee

Thursday, January 27

7:00 am For Amelia O'Loughlin

Friday, January 28

7:00 am For Mr. & Mrs. Joe Zaleski & family

Saturday, January 29

7:00 am Priest's intention

Sunday Masses for January 29 - 30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 29

4:30 pm † Louise May

Sunday, January 30

8:45 am For Therese McNally & children

11:00 am (Latin) Priest's intention

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

12:30 pm (Polish) Priest's intention

Server Schedule

Saturday, January 29

4:30 pm B. Texley

Sunday, January 30

8:45 am W. Van Hoof, B. Van Hoof, & P. Heintz

11:00 am Volunteer

Please remember the following members of our parish in prayer:

The Sick: Stacey Mia, Patricia Mayer, Sue Kaminski, Christine Van Hoof, Leo LaVoy, Roy Borden, Dominic Teumer, Frank Joseph Bryja, Deb Rubel, Patricia Jahnke, Benjamin Van Hoof, Betty Glavin, Linda Steiner Pipgrass, Wally Schumer, Marion Merkel, Bob Norton, Fr. Dan Zaleski, Pat Moore, Robert Durec, Jeffrey Moss, Johnathan Thill, Jim O'Loughlin, Sally Coleman
Recently Deceased: Christine Kaminski, Richard Van Hoof, Gilbert Saylor, Jason Blohm, Donald Siegler, Fr. James Lesczynski, Marcella Hirt, Margery Hirt, Louise May, Dorothy Wojciek, Peggy Kolk, Jean Hatch, Jim McKee, Roman Pikul, Richard Schultz, Isabell Rubel, Richard Lee Housworth Jr., Norman Kinnett, Rose Ann Kinnett, Mary Lechleiter, Mary Murphy, Eileen O'Loughlin, Francis King, Jeff Elliott
Military Personnel: Eric Ryan, Joshua Arbanas, Isaiah Dutschek, Lauren Hodal, Leo Arbanas, Raymond Van Hoof, Anthony Ledvina, Lawrence Ledvina, Augie Pintarro

Please remember St. Francis of Assisi Parish in your will or trust. Thank you!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
January 23, 2022 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there

bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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How God Guides Us

The Revelation of God's Guidance Follows Our Surrender

Have you ever found yourself saying when making a decision, "If God would just tell me what to do"? Actually, He is more than willing. Like any parent that would want to guide their child in the best path forward, we know and come to experience that God wants to guide us, and that He wants what's best for us—both now and in the long run. This is the ninth in a series of bulletin inserts on "How God Guides Us." It is reassuring to know that the Lord will guide us in all aspects of our life. For our part, we want to open our hearts and follow His direction as we come to understand the ways in which He normally guides us.

In considering a decision, and seeking God's guidance in this decision, we must initially do our part. It is good to undertake legitimate preparation, especially regarding big decisions: considering various possibilities, anticipating road blocks, weighing the pros and cons, etc. And all of this preparation needs to be done in the context of prayer.

Knowing that God wants what is best for us, there is a principle that is necessary to understand in order to receive God's guidance for the situation under consideration. The principle is: "revelation follows surrender." In other words, when asking Jesus for guidance, we need to truly desire His will in the matter. We will not receive Our Lord's guidance until we come to Him "without our mind already made up" about the direction to take.

It is important that we don't discount the desires of our heart. If we already have a strong leaning as to what we want the outcome to be, we must be honest and tell this to Jesus. These longings are different from things we simply want out of selfishness. God has placed desires deep in our heart that He wants to fulfill. His direction, as we come to understand it and He confirms it, will help us know the difference between what

we think we want and His true guidance. Remember that He really does want what is best and is good for us, what we really do want in the end!

God's direction will come to us after we express our willingness to follow His guidance in any given area. Therefore, what is needed is our surrender to God. Surrender is not being irresponsible or lazy, or having an attitude that we "don't care," or that we "could care less."

Surrender in this context of seeking God's guidance means having examined the possibilities with responsibility and a willingness to place the outcome in His hands, and to trust Him. We will ultimately come to a place of relinquishment, where we can say to Jesus, "I place this in Your hands, because I want what You want. I believe it is best for me."

We really aren't able to come to a place of surrender without first being convinced of God's goodness. In order to believe and trust God with a sure confidence in Him, we have to personally experience His benevolence, His perfect goodness. We open ourselves to identify and remember His goodness through times of quiet reflection, where Jesus gives us the grace to recognize how He has helped and guided us in the past, and His unchanging desire to faithfully protect and guide us now. With this, a firm conviction that He is truly worthy of our trust grows.

Having trust in God's goodness, and a willingness to surrender to Him, are necessary to receive Our Lord's guidance and follow Him. God will guide us. He cares about every detail in our lives. Ask the Lord to deepen your belief in His goodness and your desire to surrender to His guidance. Watch for the amazing effect it will have!

Remember the principle: Revelation follows surrender.

Visit diolc.org/deeper for the previous principles.

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