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November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am
Monday 8:00am Communion Service
Tuesday - Saturday 8:00am

Confessions
Tuesday– Saturday 7:00am –7:45am
Saturday 8:30am –10:00am and 3:00pm–3:45pm

Parish Center and Chapel Hours
 Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 4:30pm
 Friday 8:00am - 12:00 noon

BULLETIN DEADLINE
 Friday 12:00 noon, 1 week prior
 bulletin@holynamewausau.com

Sacrament of Baptism
 Contact Father Martin for preparation classes. These are required for parents and recommended for Godparents.

Sacrament of Marriage
 Contact Father Martin 6 months in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 Contact Father Martin for information

Anointing of the Sick
 If you would like the Anointing of the Sick before a scheduled surgery, or if you're at home or nursing facility, please contact Judy. If you would like Father Martin to visit you while at the hospital, be sure to leave our church name upon registration.

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Mass Intentions

November 29th - December 5th

29	Monday	8:00 am	Communion Service
30	Tuesday	8:00 am	† John and Joyce Stepanik
1	Wednesday	8:00 am	† Amanda Zebro
2	Thursday	8:00 am	Nick Townsend Blessings
3	Friday	8:00 am	† Mark Martin
4	Saturday	8:00 am	† Ronald Osterbrink

Second Sunday of Advent

4	Saturday	4:00 pm	† Grace Olejniczak
5	Sunday	8:00 am	† St. Catherine's Council
			† Living and deceased members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish
		10:30 am	† Joseph Gantner

November 29th - December 5th

The Church Blessed Sacrament Candle
 Dedicated to: Nate Newman
 Dedicated from: Grandma

The Chapel Blessed Sacrament Candle
 Dedicated to: Sister Rita Adlkofer
 Dedicated from: David and Mary Gouin



From the Pastor's Desk

Praised be Jesus Christ! My most prized possession in this world is an old journal that I've been filling with quotes and anecdotes for nearly 25 years. Someone must have suggested the practice when we were still in the seminary, and I am grateful that I was in the right place at the right time to hear it. I treasure this book because it contains many of the spiritual gems that have helped me as a person and as a priest. Some of the quotes I've used so often that they're committed to memory. Others I come upon from time to time when I'm preparing a homily or a presentation and I remember the wisdom that inspired me to write them down in the first place. Because some of these quotes don't get shared as often as they deserve, I thought this would be a perfect forum to let them have their moment in the sun. The first has to do with death, which is fitting because November invites us to pray for our dead as a preparation for our own death someday.

"How does a man know when it is his time? The answer is simple. There comes a moment when you no longer resist the inevitable and you accept the fact that billions have preceded you and that your death is not more important than theirs. That is when you know the hands of the clock have frozen on the hour, minute, and second that were appointed as your time and nothing you do will restart them. That is how you know now and forever that your time has come but has already ended, and oddly enough, the realization is not all bad." (House of the Rising Sun, James Lee Burke).

What makes Jesus Christ unique is His ability to give life when death appears to reign, to shed light where darkness claims victory, and to sustain hope when all hope should be lost. The following quote alludes to the reality that children must pass through many struggles, but doing so can bring a deeper hope than if they'd never suffered at all:

"Richard is a young boy growing up in turn of the century upstate New York, sheltered in a loving Catholic family. His happy world consists largely of illusions. These are shattered as Richard learns about Things As They Are – a remorseless succession of encounters with the casual brutality of schoolboys, the faithlessness of adults, the silence of God, and the cruelty in his own heart. Yet Paul Horgan finds courage and beauty in the ruins of Richards dream world. Hope is also part of 'things as they are,' and Horgan's subtle, powerful vision makes this classic tale of lost innocence a tale that resonates deeply in the soul," (taken from the back cover of the aforementioned book).

Suffering can be a shocking thing the first time we endure it. Once we've gone through some things, we sense that we've paid our dues and now we can coast. But that is simply not the case – the world we live in is not a place of peace, at least not for very long. What deepens our faith, hope, and love more than anything else is ongoing struggles. Most of us aren't overly surprised that we're not perfect – we get that. But what does weigh on us is the futility of trying to become a better person. Sometimes we give up because it just doesn't feel like we're making any progress. The next two quotes remind us that the holiness comes through trials – in this world there is no true love without suffering (it will be different in Heaven – love is free of suffering there). But we should never give up.

"The greatest grace God can give someone is to send him a trial he cannot bear with his own powers – and then sustain him with his grace so he may endure to the end and be saved," (Saint Justin Martyr).

"Should you fall even fifty times a day, never on any account should that surprise or worry you. Instead, ever so gently set your heart back in the right direction and practice the opposite virtue, all the time speaking words of love and trust to our Lord after you have bcommitted a thousand faults, as much as if you had committed only one. Once we have humbled ourselves for the faults God allows us to become aware of in ourselves, we must forget them and move forward," (Saint Jane Frances de Chantal).

One of the greatest surprises is how many saints there are living in our world. These are typically ordinary people who have extraordinary faith and live it in very unassuming ways. A friend passed along the following quote, which reminds us that many of God's "little" people are actually living remarkable lives:

"There are many Beth's in the world, shy and quiet, sitting in corners 'till needed, and living for others so cheerfully that no one sees the sacrifices 'till the little cricket on the hearth stops chirping, and the sweet sunshiny presence vanishes, leaving silence and shadow behind," (Little Women, Louisa May Alcott).

These beautiful insights have been waiting patiently in my quote book until now. As we begin Advent, one possible spiritual practice is to recite the "Christmas Novena" prayer, which runs from the Feast of Saint Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas. It's supposed to be prayed 15 times per day and for those of you who choose to do so, you can pray it for the return to the sacraments of those who have fallen away. And speaking of sacraments, this is a great time to make a good confession. Check out the increased availability for your confessing convenience! Oh, and here's the aforementioned Christmas Novena:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, (here mention your request), through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

May God stretch our hearts so that we're ready for Him when He comes!

Your friend in Christ,
Father Martin

November 28, 2021 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

STEVE ANGRISANO
THE ADVENT
MERCY TOUR

BEGIN ADVENT WITH ONE OF THE CHURCH'S MOST ACCLAIMED MUSICIANS, COMPOSERS AND STORYTELLERS. JOIN STEVE ANGRISANO AT ST. ANNE PARISH, WAUSAU, AT 6:30 PM NOV 29, NOV 30, DEC 1. COME FOR ONE NIGHT, OR ALL THREE. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday-28	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday-29	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4c-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday-30	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday-1	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday-3	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday-4	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday-5	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday-6	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Scrip News



Scrip Order Fulfillment Dates:

Order by:

- Monday, Nov 22 [Order will be ready:](#) Thursday, December 2
- Thursday, Dec 2 [Order will be ready:](#) Thursday, December 9
- Thursday, Dec 9 [Order will be ready:](#) Thursday, December 16
- Monday, Dec 13 [Order will be ready:](#) Monday, December 20

Last day to place a special order: Monday, December 13!

Use SCRIP gift cards for Christmas presents or shopping for gifts. You can order Amazon and other cards to use for online shopping. Many great local cards are available! Check online at <https://shopwithscrip.com/> to see all the options available. Call the parish center by 10:00 Monday morning to get your cards on Thursday! 715-842-4543.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**December 5th and 6th
Second Sunday of Advent**

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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Lectors	Roger Ellis	Beth Howe	Karie McAuliffe
Servers	Jack Mergen Ben Mergen	Nick Townsend XXXXXXXXXX	Daemon Kitzrow Alivia Kitzrow
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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

November 28th - December 6th

Sun-28
 Mon-29 Choir practice 7:00 C
 Tue-30
 Wed-1
 Thurs-2
 Fri-3
 Sat-4
 Sun-5 St. Nick at the end of 10:30 Mass

HOLY NAME PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Report for November 21, 2021

Weekly Collection Not available at time of print

Annual Appeal as of November 19, 2021

Our Target.....	\$59,840.00
Amount Received	\$30,003.00
Remaining.....	\$29,837.00
Percent of goal received.....	50.14%

Thank you for your generous contribution!



Because of the ongoing Covid-19 situation in Marathon County, we have decided to keep *Christmas Cheer This Year* the same as we did last year. This is much safer for everyone overall.

Instead of asking parishioners to purchase toys/clothing/gifts to help our parish families in need, we are asking you to instead consider making a monetary donation to *Christmas Cheer*. That way, we are not endangering the health of our beloved parishioners by asking them to frequent public shopping establishments, thereby putting themselves at risk.

Once the monetary donations have been totaled, we will order **SCRIP** and divide the Scrip cards up between the families, based upon the number of children in that family. The parents can then purchase the toys/clothing, etc., for their children using the Scrip cards. Beside the safety benefit of handling CCTY this way, Holy Name of Jesus Parish will benefit from the SCRIP sale! It's a win-win!

It is our fervent hope that *Christmas Cheer This Year* can return to its normal format next year in 2022. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

HOW TO HELP

1. Make a monetary donation via cash or check.
2. Make checks payable to "Holy Name of Jesus Parish" AND put "Christmas Cheer" on the memo line or write a note.
3. Mail your donation to:
 Holy Name of Jesus Parish
 1104 S. 9th Avenue
 Wausau WI 54401
 ~ OR ~
4. Drop off your donation at the Parish Center.
 ~ OR ~
5. Put your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Cheer" and put it in any collection basket at Mass.
 ~ OR ~
6. Contact Judy at 715-842-4543 to make other arrangements.



**DONATION DEADLINE:
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

Advent meditations: If you'd like to receive a daily Advent meditation from Father Rocky, please go to relevantradio.com and scroll down to "Advent Inspirations." It takes 15 seconds to sign up and then you'll receive a daily email that will help you prepare for Jesus' birth. Check it out!



**St. Catherine's Council Christmas Party
 Tuesday December 7th in Simmons Hall
 5:30 Social and 6:00 Dinner**

The meal will be catered in due to COVID, however desserts are welcome! We are sponsoring gifts to the Women's Community this year ! They are in need of acrylic paints for art posters, shampoo and conditioner, dryer sheets and other personal products. Following dinner we will be entertained with singing and a Christmas game that should be enjoyable to all. Please plan to attend. New members are always welcome. Masks are recommended. Use the elevator entrance

Advent Confessions:

The best preparation for Christmas is a soul that is washed clean by the Lord in the sacrament of confession. Saturday, December 4th will be a wonderful opportunity to come (bring the whole family) and experience the mercy of Jesus. Father Joe Richards and I will hear confessions from 8:30-11:30 a.m. that morning. Please come out, especially if it's been a while. The world is desperate for God's grace and you can be an instrument by humbly accepting God's healing by making a good confession. Between two priests, we can hear upwards of 40 confessions per hour. Let's hit 100 that morning!

Advent Confessions II:

I'll extend my hours on Saturday afternoon for December 4th, 11th, and 18th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. to accommodate the holiday crowd. Please come early and lighten your spiritual load!



**Church Decorating for Christmas
 Help is needed on Sunday, December
 19th following 10:30 Mass to put up
 trees and decorate the Church for
 Christmas. High School and College
 kids especially welcome!**



SAVE THE DATE

**GATHER WEEKEND DECEMBER 18TH AND 19TH
 JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS FOR LIGHT RE-
 FRESHMENTS IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE AFTER ALL THE
 MASSES THAT WEEKEND.**



Religious Education



2021-2022 Religious Education
Families Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 1 Class
- Dec 8 Students MUST attend Immaculate Conception Mass
- Dec 15 Class & Reconciliation Service Gr. 3-10
- Dec 22 Class
- Dec 29 No Class - Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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Newman Catholic MS/HS: 1130 W. Bridge Street, Wausau, 715-845-8274

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1st Reconciliation Retreat & Sacramental Celebration

Saturday, December 11th
8:00 am Mass—11:00am

First Reconciliation will be celebrated Saturday, December 11th. The retreat and celebration will begin with 8:00 am Mass.

Following Mass we will have a snack and then proceed with a mini-retreat. Following the retreat the children will celebrate their First Reconciliation. To bring together the lessons that were taught at home as a family, we strongly encourage parents to go to reconciliation with their children on that day.

Please feel free to call Stacie at 715-842-4543 with any questions or concerns regarding this date.



Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Instructed by Father Martin

Holy Name School, Religious Education Office.
1:00-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the following Tuesdays.

December 7th
January 18th
February 1st

March 1st
April 5th
May 3rd



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