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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

January 22, 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

January 23rd - January 29th

23	Monday	8:00 am	Communion Service
24	Tuesday	8:00 am	† Tom Wanserski and Family
25	Wednesday	8:00 am	† Dennis Delsky
26	Thursday	8:00 am	† Donald Schoenfuss
27	Friday	8:00 am	† Kenny Sitko
28	Saturday	8:00 am	† Roger Baranowski

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28	Saturday	4:00 pm	† Eve Rheinschmidt and family
29	Sunday	8:00 am	† Helen and Elroy Strasser
			† Living and deceased members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish
		10:30 am	† Roy Schulz, Patty Schulz and Terry Ickowski

January 23rd- January 29th

The Church Blessed Sacrament Candle

Dedicated to: Joan Heinz
Dedicated from: Mary Sleeter

The Chapel Blessed Sacrament Candle

Dedicated to: Richard Westberg
Dedicated from: Romelle Westberg



From the Pastor's Desk

Praised be Jesus Christ! Until a week ago, I had never heard of Kaya Jones. And honestly, I'm okay with that. She was a member of the band "Pussy Cat Dolls," and I can honestly say that I was never a fan. For full disclosure, their song "Don't Cha" was very catchy, but also very representative of the terrible messages that their music celebrated. A week ago, a chapter of their life was revealed and it's a teachable moment for us all.

Our world is happy to celebrate silliness and sometimes downright sinfulness. Such things are never all that novel. For example, when music is risqué and it pushes the limits of morality, while we may internally groan, too few of us have the fortitude to turn it off and tell our young people to do the same. Poison in, poison out – that is the moral adage we perennially teach our children. But we have blind spots. Whether it's music or movies or trashy television shows, we have a weakness for things that entertain us even as they degrade us. We have an extraordinary ability to rationalize too, especially when it's something we really want. Looking back, how we let the Pussy Cat Dolls into our minds and hearts without remembering that they were young and oftentimes defenseless girls is something that ought to challenge us.

Kaya Jones, it turns out, was living a nightmare as a part of that band. She had two abortions during those years, which followed the first one she had as a sixteen-year-old (before she joined the band). Last week she shared with the world the hurt she felt as she endured slavery to her shame and guilt. In an interview Jones explained, *"It feels like you are a slave to your dream, literally, and the powers that be are holding the keys to the kingdom. You have no access to personal thoughts, space, choices, decisions,"* she explained. *"You are an owned commodity...the level of control is like, 'Who am I?'"*

Yes, sin does damage us, and in some cases, it may seem impossible to ever become the person we once hoped to be. But stories like Jones' resonate with us because they are reminders of the power of grace, that it is always superior to the power of sin. People like Kaya Jones do a world of good when they open their hearts and share the good news of redemption through the mercy of God and friendship with Jesus Christ. Said Jones, *"The Holy Spirit had put on my heart to share about the abortions I've had."* And you can imagine how unhappy the evil one is about that.

"Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more," (Romans 5:20) – this is one of the keys to salvation history and the hope that Jesus brought us. Saint Augustine famously wrote, *"Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future."* As we contemplate the end of Roe vs. Wade this weekend, we do well to thank God for all the good He has drawn from such a terrible chapter in our nation's history. 60 million of our fellow citizens died "legally," and there is much, much more hurt in our world because of it. But God can heal us, and people like Kaya Jones are powerful witnesses of what grace can do in the hearts and souls of those who trust in the Lord.

Healing is one of the keys to a happy life. We all get hurt, and only a percentage of our wounds are physical. When I was with my classmates earlier this month, we talked about how we offer Christ's healing as priests. One way is to be available for sacramental confession. When Christ removes sin and its effects of guilt and self-loathing, we receive a peace that is not of this world. If it's been a long time since you last confessed your sins, ask the Holy Spirit to give you the courage to go. When one member of the Body of Christ gets healthy through confession, the whole Body is better for it.

Other ways of healing come through movements such as Rachel's Vineyard, which is succinctly described on their website as *"a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing."* Recently, our diocese began to officially support their work. Such healing is what helped people like Kaya Jones and Abby Johnson find redemption, hope, and a new beginning.

As we meditate on the wages of sin (spiritual death) and the impact of God's grace (healing, hope, and reconciliation with God and His people), let's remember the men and women who heal our bodies through medicine. These have been challenging times for hospitals and we owe them our prayers as they search for stability. For those who recently attended our movie of the month, we were inspired by the story of Saint Giuseppe Moscati, one of the patron saints of medical workers. Among other things, Moscati's deep interior life allowed him to treat each patient as if it were Christ Himself. His empathy for the sick made him a highly sought doctor and an example to any who aspire to serve in the medical field. He's a great saint to get to know and you can do so by using Formed and watching the movie about his life.

We'll end our reflection about the perennial battles being waged in our world between the powers of light and darkness. While we know how the war ends, we'll be fighting the good fight until the day we die. We're never alone in that fight, as the saints from Heaven are pulling for us. Listen to Saint Giuseppe Moscati's beautiful words, which he wrote to himself as encouragement to get through the difficult moments in life:

"Love the truth, appear as you are, and without affectation and without fear and without human respect. Even if the truth costs you persecution, accept it; and if it means anguish, endure it. And if for the sake of truth you should have to sacrifice yourself and your life, then be strong in your sacrifice."

So let it be written, so let it be done.

May God's healing touch take away all fear, regret, and shame so that we may taste and see His goodness!

Your friend in Christ,
Father Samuel Martin

January 22, 2023 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, “Don’t lie when you pray.” He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It’s stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, “He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...” This isn’t just the Lord’s relocation up north. It’s his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we’re no longer lying when we pray.

SCRIP NEWS

St. Valentine Day is coming! Time to order your Scrip for gifting or shopping for that special someone! Many cards are available at the Scrip table every weekend after all Masses. Order forms are always on the Scrip table to order from MANY local and national dining and shopping businesses that Holy Name does not stock. Fill in the form, give it to the Scrip volunteer with your payment and pick up the order in church or at the Parish Center the following week.

Don’t forget to buy Scrip for your gas and grocery needs!

Scrip Hours: Mondays 8:00-4:00 and Thursdays 8:00 - 5:30
Scrip Office phone number: 715-842-4805 Ext 1
Scrip Office is located at 619 Stark Street. Wausau, WI 54403

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

There are millions of slaves on the earth today, including millions of children who will never see the inside of a classroom. Plan to learn something this month about Modern Day Slavery. **Visit: sistersagainstrafficking.org, website of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.**

Volunteers are the Heart of Hospice



Hospice volunteers can make a positive difference in the time patients have left on their journey. In the case of being a hospice volunteer, you are one who accompanies another on their journey at the end of life. This is not only a ministry to the dying, but also one of the most sacred journeys that you will ever take with another person.

Give a piece of your heart and become a trained Hospice Volunteer. For a small amount of time, you can make a BIG difference in someone’s life. Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services are in need of loving and caring individuals to work with terminally ill patients and their families. To become an Aspirus Hospice Volunteer or for more information, please call Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Service’s Coordinator at 715-847-2424 or visit our website www.aspirus.org/volunteers.

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Better Your Balance, Prevent Falls and Stay Independent.

Join the **Stepping On** program! Hear from guest experts on topics such as: Strength and balance exercises, medication and their fall risk, vision, in-home and community safety and much more.

When: Tuesdays, February 7- March 21 from 9:30-11:30 at SAFER Fire Department, **224225 Hummingbird Road, Rib Mountain. Cost: FREE.**

Pre-registration is required by calling the Aging and Disability Resource Center at: 888-486-9545



New Beginnings for Refugees in Wausau could use your help!

On-going needs:

Transportation, English language helpers, family first friend, sewing group, tea group and donation site volunteer Call 715-301-9719.



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
 January 28th and 29th
 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Lectors	Karie McAuliffe	Beth Howe	Mike Murphy
Servers	Jack Mergen Ben Mergen	Ella Lambrecht	Timmy Murphy
Ushers	Wally Legenza ●Matt Howe Jim Reel Steve Sleeter	●Scott Wanta Ron Hoffman ●Gary Townsend Ron Mroczenski	Bernie Ford Brian Brodjieski Pam Thompson Angie Cummings

Readings for the week of January 22, 2023

Sunday-22	Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday-23	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday-24	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Thursday-25	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday-26	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday-27	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday-28	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

January 22nd - January 29th

Sun-22	
Mon-23	NCS 5th and 6th grade basketball 3:30-5:00 G
Tue-24	Father has Mass at Wausau Manor 3:00 Summerfun Meeting 7:15 in School Office
Wed-25	
Thurs-26	Bible Study after Mass C NCS 4th and 5th grade basketball 4:00-5:30 G
Fri-27	Home School Co-op Group 9:00-1:00 School
Sat-28	
Sun-29	

Our sympathies and assurance of prayers to the family of

Linda Rhowmine

May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.



World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of Feb. 4th and 5th. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Please pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced and loved.



Hope provides confidential help, compassionate care and free services, to those faced with an unplanned pregnancy, possible STD, or dealing with a past abortion. We take time to build relationships and encourage individuals to make good choices. Our sexual integrity and sexual risk avoidance presentations also provide education for students in schools and youth groups.

Most importantly, we share the love and forgiveness found only in Jesus Christ. With your support, we are committed to building a community of grace that extends beyond the birth of their child. Operation Baby Bottle (OBB) provides support for the mission of Hope, and is a simple way for your congregation or group to get involved.

Please pick up a bottle as you leave church today, fill the bottle with coins, bills or checks, and then return the bottle to church by February 4th and 5th. You can also donate online at HOPEWI.ORG/DONATE



HOLY NAME PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Report for January 15, 2023

Adult Envelopes.....	\$17,117.00
ACH Weekly Deposit	\$ 1,460.00
Student.....	\$ 3.50
Offertory.....	\$ 1,318.00
<u>Maintenance.....</u>	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
Weekly Collection	\$19,910.50

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Consider Direct Deposit

We invite you to consider making your weekly contribution by electronic transfer. Your contribution would be transferred monthly for the amount you designate. You will continue to receive envelopes to put in the collection basket if you wish. Put EFT for the amount. You can find the ACH form on our website, or call the Parish Center at 715-842-4543.

IMPORTANT NOTICE First Quarter Envelopes

Due to production problems at the factory, our first quarter envelopes (January, February, March) will not be delivered to your home. We are asking that you **please put your donation in a blank envelope writing your name and envelope number on it. If you do not know your number, it was printed on your year end statement above your mailing name and address.** The distributor assures us that our second quarter envelopes will be delivered in time for April collections. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Parish Center 715-842-4543.

Annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend we are taking up a special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). More than thirty-seven million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



More than 30 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we watch the Super Bowl, help us be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, millions of dollars have been raised for local charities across the country through Super Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

As you leave Mass on Super Bowl weekend (Feb.11 & 12), we invite you to make a cash donation into the soup pots that will be located at each doorway. All the proceeds will benefit the Southwest Wausau Circle of Joy food pantry, which serves families in our Holy Name area.

We need YOU to help us Tackle Hunger!



2022-2023 Religious Education Upcoming Schedule

Jan	25	Class
Feb	1	Class
Feb	8	Class & 1st Communion Parent Mtg. #2
Feb	15	Class
Feb	22	Ash Wednesday
Mar	1	Class



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2023 Casa Hogar Mission Team



Why I am going to Casa Hogar...

I have gone to Casa so many times because of the joy and love that the kids bring into my heart. They come from so little, but are so grateful and giving. Each experience is unique and different, but the love for Jesus, the church, and Casa are very strong, and you see it everyday that you're there. *Taylor Haroldson*

I support the mission statement of Casa Hogar and how they provide homes for the children and the ability for them to gain practical skills in the real world and this is my opportunity to support them.

Taylor Townsend

We have wanted to go on a mission trip to Casa Hogar for years. Our grandparents have been on several medical missions there and have told us stories and showed us pictures. Their experiences have made us want to go for years so when the opportunity arose, we were happy to take it! We are so excited to be able to help and experience Casa Hogar for ourselves.

Karianna and Melayna Severson



2023 Spaghetti Dinner Thank you!

The generous hearts of the parishioners at Holy Name came through again! The spaghetti dinner was another successful event! With your support, we raised around 3,000. The proceeds of this dinner will help all those going to Casa Hogar in June.

Thank you to those who donated baskets for the raffle, cash and supplies for the dinner, the yummy desserts, volunteered to help, and all those who came and ate! This dinner could not have happened without YOU!

A special thank you to Lynne Strasser for decorating Simmons Hall and making everything beautiful.



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