# Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm 8:00am and 10:30am Sunday 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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### April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### May 1st - April 7th

1	Monday	8:00 am		Communion Service
2	Tuesday	8:00 am	Ť	Jeannie and Bill Elizalde
3	Wednesday	8:00 am	Ť	In honor of the Holy Mother
4	Thursday	8:00 am	Ť	Beth Gorski
5	Friday	8:00 am	Ť	Sandy Hass
6	Saturday	8:00 am	Ť	Phyllis Hustedt

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 6 Saturday Sunday
- Chester and Irene Olds St. Catherine's Council
- Living and deceased members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish

4:00 pm

8:00 am

10:30 am † Gary Kurtzweil

#### May 1st - May 7th

The Church Blessed Sacrament Candle Dedicated to: Nate Newman Dedicated from: Grandma The Chapel Blessed Sacrament Candle Dedicated to: Elizabeth Jaegers Dedicated from: Mary Gouin



### From the Pastor's Desk

Praised be Jesus Christ! Happy First Communion weekend! We congratulate our children and their families for the priceless privilege of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. Our prayers support them in their desire to not only receive Jesus, but to be sincerely transformed by His love. We hope some of these children are the future saints of the 21st century. Speaking of saints, of all the stories I've heard over the years, one of my favorites was told years ago by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. He was asked once why he made a daily Holy Hour in front of the Tabernacle. He said it was because he heard the following story when he was a seminarian, and it made a lasting impact in his life.

She was a little Chinese Catholic girl, in a country where Catholics were and are only a demographic drop in the most populous country in the world, a country where Christians have been regarded for more than 100 years as dupes at best, agents at worst, of imperialistic Western powers. Their churches were marked for obliteration.

The little Catholic girl has been given a name—Li—but we don't know if that was really her name. In several versions of the story, she has no name at all. We don't know exactly where in China she lived either, perhaps the rural setting near Shanghai that is sometimes mentioned. Her age is usually given as 10 or 11, but we don't really know about that either. We know she lived in the twentieth century, and there is a strong likelihood that it was the mid-twentieth century, right after Mao Zedong completed his communist takeover of China.

Little Li never made it to adolescence; she was killed for her faith right in her village parish church. She has become a legend. Like so many of the early martyrs of the Church, she was a real soul whose story was taken up by other real souls looking for reasons to believe. Her story has been told, retold, and embellished by many tellers in an age hungry for faith, in a culture where terror and poverty have often reigned together, in a world riven by world wars, holocausts, and new weapons of mass destruction.

Many of the facts are uncertain except the most important one: Little Li—let's call her that—was a martyr of the Eucharist. She gave her life in an act of Christian heroism and devotion to the Eucharist that has inspired multitudes.

What would you do if you were a Catholic and government troops invaded your parish church, imprisoning your parish priest? What would you do if the soldiers broke into the tabernacle, took the ciborium, and scattered the Hosts on the floor in an act of desecration designed to both terrorize you and demoralize you, to threaten everything and everyone you knew and loved?

What would you do? Many people under such pressure buckled and joined the secularizing majority.

Here is what Li did: After nightfall, she slipped back into the church and observed a Holy Hour in front of the Hosts scattered on the church floor. After she finished the devotion, she carefully bent down and consumed just a single one of the Hosts with her tongue.

As a layperson in those pre-Vatican II days, little Li had been taught it was wrong to touch the Host with her hands. And she knew that in ordinary circumstances lay people were not supposed to consume more than one Host in a day. (She didn't know of the exception granted to prevent the desceration of the Eucharist.)

So, at great risk each time, Li patiently returned to the church night after night to observe her Holy Hour and consume another precious piece of the Body of Christ. There were 32 Hosts on the floor, so her nightly visits took just over a month. On the very last night, she was caught by a soldier guarding the church and killed.

The story of little Li became associated with Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the Catholic media personality whose television show, "Life Is Worth Living," drew as many as thirty million weekly viewers during the 1950s. Sheen was a tireless promoter of the Holy Hour as a Catholic devotion.

In his autobiography, Treasure in Clay, completed shortly before his death in 1979 at age 84 but not published until 1982, Sheen wrote about the sufferings of Chinese Catholics in the wake of Mao's revolution that established a Communist regime in China that has lasted to this day. Sheen wrote this:

"Elsewhere in China, a priest had just begun Mass when Communists entered and arrested him and made him a prisoner in a house adjoining the little church. From a window in that house he could see the tabernacle. Shortly after his imprisonment, the Communists opened the tabernacle, threw the Hosts on the floor, and stole the Sacred Vessels. The priest then decided -- to make adoration to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as much as he could day and night. About three o'clock one morning, he saw a child who had been at the morning Mass open a window, climb in, come to the sanctuary floor, get down on both knees, press her tongue to the Host to give herself Holy Communion. The priest told me there were about thirty Hosts in the ciborium. Every single night she came at the same time until there was only one Host left. As she pressed her tongue to receive the Body of Christ, a shot rang out. A Communist soldier had seen her. It proved to be her Viaticum," (Charlotte Allen, Benedict XVI Institute).

Jesus promised to reveal Himself "to the childlike," (Matthew 11:25), which means He wants our children to know how much He loves them. Little Li must have known that love in a personal and powerful way because she risked her life night after night in Adoration and the reception of Holy Communion. Let's ask Little Li to pray for our children and their families, that our parish will grow more fervent and grateful as we receive Jesus at Mass each week.

In closing, any time I hear people bemoaning the fact that the world is going to heck in a handbasket, I'm reminded of the deeply insightful words of J.R.R. Tolkien: "I am a Christian...so that I do not expect 'history' to be anything but a 'long defeat' — though it contains (and in a legend may contain more clearly and movingly) some samples or glimpses of final victory." Jesus promised that we'd see trouble in this world, and lots of it. But He also told us not to fear, for He has already overcome the world. Receiving Him in Holy Communion allows us to accept and embrace the cross in whatever form it comes. Little Li was ready for her moment in history. Are we?

May Jesus' love for our First Communicants help them to trust Him and to follow Him for all of their lives! Your friend in Christ, Father Samuel Martin

#### April 30, 2023 - 4th Sunday of Easter

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, "They recognize his voice." He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can.

#### World Day of Prayer for Vocations - April 30th, 2023



The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries

(priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

Catholic Daughters Court St. Rose #1062 will meet May 4th at **12 noon** for a potluck lunch at St. Therese. A May crowning, welcoming new members and a meeting will follow. Bring your favorite dish and a friend to see what we are about.

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE May 6th and 7th **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Lectors		
Doris Martin	Beth Howe	Shirley Fosbender
Servers		
Gracie Rogatzki	Ella Lambrecht	Alex Kapitz
Isaac Rogatzki		Lucas Kapitz
Ushers		
Bill Franzen	Matt Howe	Bernie Ford
Sally Medvecz	Jim Thompson	Brian Brodjeski
Jim Reel	Carl Westrich	Pam Thompson
Steve Sleeter	Marge Westrich	Patrick Baecker

#### Readings for the week of April 30, 2023

Sunday-30	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1
	Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday-1	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday-2	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday-3	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Thursday-4	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn
-	13:16-20
Friday-5	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday-6	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Sunday-7	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:
-	4-9/Jn 14:1-12

St Therese Parish Rothschild, currently has an opening for a full-time parish secretary starting as soon as possible. In addition to



secretarial duties, preparing of the



weekly church bulletin is needed. Qualified candidates must be proficient in Microsoft Office, Excel (for managing office activities and records), and Publisher. Please call the Parish Office at 715-359-2421 or email: secretary@sttheresecc.org with questions or for more information.



Parish service opportunity: Many people in our community struggle with mental illness and addiction to drugs. There is a new transitional shelter run by sincere Christians in Weston that is looking for both your prayers and your service. Called "Gospel TLC (Transformational Living Center), this is a wonderful opportunity for interested parishioners to volunteer or even to seek gainful employment. If you'd like to hear more about this remarkable initiative, please consider attending their fundraiser banquet on May 11th at Highland Community Church. Deacon Mike Maher and I attended an informational meeting for clergy and we were both impressed by the sincerity of faith and generosity of spirit exhibited by the people who are leading this initiative. If you're interested in attending their banquet, you can RSVP by emailing gospeltlcwausau@gmail.com or visiting gospeltlc.org. Please remember them and the people they'll be serving in your prayers.



### PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### April 30th - May 7th

Sun-30	KC's Corporate Communion Mass at 8:00 First Communion at 10:30 Mass
Mon-1	
Tue-2	St. Catherine's Council Banquet 5:30 SH
Wed-3	Cook-out for Religious Ed Teachers 5:30 PC
Thurs-4	Bible Study after Mass
	CGS Retreat and Conference Thur-Sat SH
	Night of Recollection 6:30-7:30 C
Fri-5	Home School Co-op Group 9:00-1:00 S
Sat-6	CGS First Communion 11:00 C
Sun-7	Marmee Mary Bohman Baptism
	after 10:30 Mass
	Confirmation last class 6:30

#### Summerfun Raffle Tickets

Please pick up your Summerfun envelope at the entrances of church. They are in alphabetical order and have your name and address label on them. Inside is this year's information letter and tickets. If you would like additional tickets to sell, stop by the Parish Center or take an additional pack.

Please help us by taking any family members, neighbors or friends to them. This will help the committee from driving to your home and hand delivering them!

Home Town, Flip IT, Property Brothers ... If you have ever wanted to be part of a house renovation, now is the time. We are starting the process of updating the 'Holy Name' house on 10th Avenue for future parish use.



The house needs a face lift! Most of the work is cosmetics and includes thorough cleaning, prepping for painting inside and out, light landscaping, porch repair, and so forth. We are looking for folks to Adopt a Room. Anyone can sponsor a bedroom (there are 6 in the house!) or another room. Adoption can include purchasing the paint for that room or painting it.

We don't have a budget for this project so we're relying on the generosity of our parish family.

Below gives you an idea of what we are looking for:

**Time** – cleaning, patching, and prepping walls for painting, hauling away 'junk'

**Talent** – painting inside and out, installing floor tile, repairing porch boards, installing 2 ceiling fans

**Treasure** – if you are unable to physically help, donating to the purchase of needed items

We'll be putting a board in the back of the church with a picture of the Holy Name house along with sheets containing needed items or tasks that you can take off the board and volunteer for.

If you can help, please contact the parish office at 715-842-4543 or Betty Thompson at 925.216.2668. Betty will contact you to coordinate dates and times to get in the house and get started. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

#### HOLY NAME PARISH STEWARDSHIP

#### Weekly Collection Report for April 23, 2023

Adult Envelopes	. \$ 6,137.00
ACH Weekly Deposit	\$ 1,570.00
Student	. \$ 3.00
Offertory	\$ 1,058.44
Maintenance	. \$ 325.00
Weekly Collection	\$ 9,093.44

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Our sympathies and assurance of prayers to the family of

Lawrence Connor

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



St. Catherine's Council will hold our yearly casserole, salad and desert Banquet Tuesday May 2nd in Simmons Hall Social at 5:30p.m., Dinner 6:00p.m.



Please bring whatever foods you choose to make. Members will be recognized for their council work and the Madonna Walk will be held. New members are always welcome as well as guests. Please use the Elevator Entrance.



### Holy Name of Jesus Evenings of Recollection

The evening of May 4th begins at 6:30 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a reflection from Father Martin. Each evening will offer the opportunity for confession and will conclude with Benediction at 7:45.

#### **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know is indefinitely or temporarily unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, we can help. Volunteers will bring you Communion and pray with you. For more information, please call Angie at 715-436-0133. or Judy at the parish office 715-842-4543. All calls and information are kept confidential. Thank You.

Country Store donations can be taken in at the South School Doors on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 6:00.

It's that time of year again to spring clean and donate your new and used items.



Household and Kitchen Items, Books, Knick Knacks, Tools, Toys, Movies, Jewelry, Religious Items.

#### **Items Not Accepted:**

Clothes, Exercise Equipment, Old TV's, Microwaves, Printers, Computers, Christmas Trees over 4 feet tall, Tree Stands, Paint or Chemicals of any kind. We don't want to pay to dispose of them.

Contact Kathy Oelke 715-359-8274 if you have any questions.



#### **Congratulations to our** 2023 First Communicants

Bennett Baecker Nolan Barth Adeline Boyle Amaya Meyer

Modesto Gonzalez Kopp Henry Isakson **Regan Kratwell** Mercedes Schultz Aryana Catarino Hernandez Brianna Catarino Hernandez

#### Welcome to the Table of the Lord!



The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC for short) is a biennial gathering of high school youth from around the United States in Indianapolis, IN. It is an opportunity for you to experience the true universality of the Catholic Church by praying, going to Mass, and experiencing Christ in Reconciliation and Adoration with other Catholics from around the country (approximately 25,000).

Participants also attend general and breakout sessions on topics relevant to living as a disciple of Christ in today's world.

For more information contact Stacie or visit the diolc.org/ ncyc.

#### What are Parents Searching For?

Join Dr. Bill Keimig to examine this important question in order to stir parents to want to come to Mass. Webinar—May 2nd and May 5th

You won't want to miss Dr. Bill Keimig, a sought after presenter on Franciscan at Home online learning. Bill will address this critically important topic in an interactive webinar on Tuesday, May 2nd from 6-7:30 pm or Friday, May 5th from 1-2:30 pm. Email Beth Johnson at johnson@diolc.org to register for this free webinar.

#### **Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus**

#### Why does Jesus give us Living Bread

Jesus loves us more than anyone, and He wants to dwell within us. Through Baptism, we become children of God. As part of His Family, Jesus wants to guide us on the right path- to live a life with joy and peace. He knows we need His help and this is how He strengthens us to follow Him, giving us the spiritual food that we need to have the power in order to follow His Way.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, I believe that You are the "living Bread" come down from Heaven. Please strengthen my belief.

In your own words thank God for the gift of your Baptism in which you became a child of God and are privileged to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

people, encouraging them to repent and be baptized in Acts 2:14a, 36-41.

This week, read how Peter

addressed the great crowd of



**NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS Need registration information?** Call and come visit your **Newman Catholic Schools:** Licensed Child Care

St. Michael: 615 Stark Street, Wausau, 715-848-0206 St. Therese: 112 W. Kort Street, Rothschild, 715-355-5254 Preschool, 4 Pre K

### St. Mark: 602 Military Road, Rothschild, 715-359-9662

St. Michael: 615 Stark Street, Wausau, 715-848-0206 Kindergarten – Grade 5

St. Mark: 602 Military Road, Rothschild, 715-359-9662 St. Anne: 604 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wausau, 715-845-5754 Grades 6 – 12

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

Central Office - 715-845-5735

#### Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to the wonderful group of men who coordinated, cooked, and served a delicious pancake breakfast that will benefit the youth of Holy Name. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed your breakfast.



## FORMED

### PICK OF THE WEEK

Via Lucis: The Stations of the Resurrection

Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice

for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that followed the Resurrection.



Reflections also available on the Amen App.



