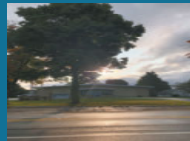




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Mass Schedule: Confession 30 Min before Mass

Tues and Thurs 6:00 pm (SP) Wed 8:00 am (SP)
 Fri. 8:30 am (SH)

Saturday 4:00 pm (SH) 6:00 pm (SP)
 Sunday 8:30 am (SH) 10:00 am (SP)

Holy Day: See bulletin.

Benediction: First Friday Confession at 8am With
 8:30am Mass followed by benediction (SH)
 First Saturday Confession at 7:30am with 8am Mass
 followed by benediction (SP)



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
 - Mt 2:10-11

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Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

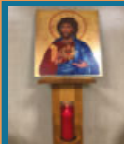
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
 Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
 Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
 Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a
 and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Observances for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
 Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
 Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
 Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
 Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

St. Matthew's , Wausau on January 9th at 3:30pm
 will celebrate Sunday Mass followed by communal and individual prayer for healing and health. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available prior to Mass from 2:00 to 3:25.

SACRED HEART



The Altar and Sacred Heart candles are in memory of Janet Wadzinski and Ed & Mary Ann Wilichowski



Mass Intentions:

Saturday, January 1, 2022 • *Mary the Holy Mother*
 4:00 pm Sacred Heart Parish Family
Sunday, January 2, 2022 • *The Epiphany of the Lord*
 8:30 am † Norbert & Dolores Bergs/Bill Bergs
Wednesday, January 5 • **Mass at St. Patrick's**
 8:00 am † Ed & Mary Ann Wilichowski/Family
Friday, January 7 • *Weekday Mass*
 8:30 am † Janet Wadzinski/Family & Friends
Saturday, January 8 • *The Baptism of the Lord*
 8:30 am † Angie Szymanski/Stan Szymanski
Sunday, January 9 • *The Baptism of the Lord*
 8:30 am † Sacred Heart Parish Family

Ministry: SACRISTIAN: Tammy
SELECTION: Ken Muelling USHER: Volunteer
 Sat Piano: Sue
LECTOR: Amy Knetter USHER: Brian Knetter



The 2022 Calendars are at Sacred Heart. Thank you to Peterson/Kraemer for once again sponsoring them.

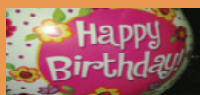


St. Patrick Cookbooks are available for purchase at both parishes for \$20.00 each. Will make a great gift.



Sacred Heart will be collecting toiletries for the Warming Center. The basket is at the west door.

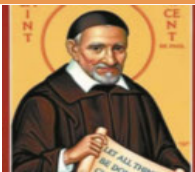
January 5 Roger Lepak
 January 7 Ken Fischer



Collection: December 19, 2021

Adult.....	\$	2537.00
Plate.....	\$	262.00
Votive.....	\$	96.00
Total.....	\$	2895.00

DAA Goal for 21-22 is \$11,000.00
 We have received \$5635.00 towards our goal from 19 members.



Thank you to Bob Barden from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He spoke to us on December 12 for our Advent Mission. Information is available on the bulletin boards.

SAINT PATRICK

Further Education Grants Available:

The St. Patrick Catholic Council is offering four \$500 grants for any youth parishioner of St. Patrick's attending a 2 or 4-year technical school, college, or university pursuing an undergraduate, associate, or technical degree during the 2021-2022 school year. Recipients will be chosen January 8 and 9, 2022. Application forms are available at the back of church or by contacting Holly Stankowski at hollystankowski@gmail.com

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, January 1 • *Mary, The Holy Mother of God*
 6:00 PM St. Patrick Parish Families
Sunday, January 2 • *The Epiphany of the Lord*
 10:00 AM St. Patrick Parish Families
Tuesday, January 4 • *Weekday Mass*
 6:00 PM † Duane Schara
Thursday, January 6 • *Weekday Mass*
 6:00 PM † Mary Stankowski
Saturday, January 8 • *The Baptism of the Lord*
 6:00 PM † Gerald & Grace Fitzgerald
Sunday, January 9 • *The Baptism of the Lord*
 10:00 AM St. Patrick Parish Families

Ministry for January 8

Lector: Matt Baumann **Music:** Ann Ehster
Usher: Volunteer & Gerard Kaiser

Ministry for January 9

Lector: Mike LaQua **Music:** Ann Ehster &
Usher: Lynette LaQua Jackie & Tom Martin



Due to manufacturing error, there will be no 2022 calendars from Beste Funeral Home.



We will continue to collect donations for the Wausau Warming Center and Circle of Joy. Baskets are located under the side table at the church entrance. Thank you.

Collection: December 12, 2021

Adult.....	\$	1,195.00
Plate.....	\$	82.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$	70.00
Christmas.....	\$	25.00
Votive.....	\$	148.00
Total.....	\$	1,520.00

January 3, Lee Novitzke
 January 4, Kathryn Haupt



January 2, Trace & Elizabeth Rieck



GOSPEL MEDITATION
January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Jubilee House is happy to announce that we will again be offering our community meal each Thursday from 4:30 - 6pm starting January 6th. However we are in need of volunteers to assist the groups supplying the meals. Shifts are from 2-5pm and 5-7pm. If you would like to join our service mission by volunteering once or twice a month contact: Judy Tapper at 715-848-6120 or gjtapp@charter.net



Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual —

adapted for 2022 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home:

20 + C + M + B + 22.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “22” at the beginning and the “21” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world.

The timing for the chalking of the doors varies somewhat in practice. In some places, it is done on New Year’s Day. More commonly, it is performed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany — the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Most often the chalking takes place after Epiphany Mass, and can be done at any church, home, or dwelling. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the father of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer, or more elaborately, including songs, prayers, processions, the burning of incense, and the sprinkling of holy water.

Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Our homes are also the place where many of us will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God.

The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

Chalk blessing. How do I use both reason and faith to find my way to Jesus?

There will be chalk, holy water and instructions available at both parishes.



Question of the week? Mary reflected on the things the shepherds told in her heart. What do I reflect on in my heart on this first day of the new year

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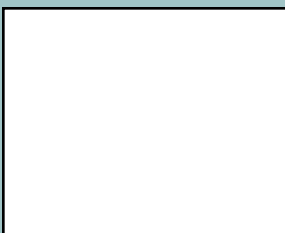
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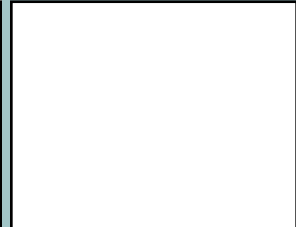
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