

Welcome To
Most Precious Blood Parish

712 South Pearl Street
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Diocese of Green Bay

January 23 & 24, 2021



Our Mission: Growing lives in Jesus Christ to live His Gospel

Our Vision: Loving all through Jesus Christ by ~ Worshiping, Welcoming, Serving and Forgiving



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Un poco más adelante, vio a Santiago y a Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que estaban en una barca, remendando sus redes. Los llamó, y ellos, dejando en la barca a su padre con los trabajadores, se fueron con Jesús. - Mc 1, 19-20

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DAILY & WEEKEND MASSES

Reconciliation is offered before

8:00am Daily Mass from 7:30am-7:50am

Mon.	Jan. 25	8:00am	+Hildegarde Fermanich
Tue.	Jan. 26	8:00am	+Bud & +Mary Wagner
Wed.	Jan. 27	8:00am	+Harland & +Veronica Beyer
Thu.	Jan. 28	8:30am	+Jim Prentice
Fri.	Jan. 29	8:00am	Niza Bella
Sat.	Jan. 30	8:00am	+Jim Prentice
		3:45-4:30pm	Sacrament Of Reconciliation
		5:00pm	+Robert Dessort
Sun.	Jan. 31	8:00am	MPB Parish
		10:00am	Special Intention

Pastor

Father John Kleinschmidt
frjohn@mpbparishnl.org

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- Tina Noel, *Parish Operations*
- Alicia Salinas, *Parish Secretary*
- Kristin Russell, *Family Ministry*
- Joan Stemler, *Religious Education & Youth Ministry*
- Marie Gorman, *Principal*
- Suzan Dyer, *School Secretary*

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Holy Hour
Every
Tuesday
@ 5:00PM



Eucharistic Adoration
Friday,
February 5
8:30AM until
Benediction
at 6:00PM

Pope Francis' Intention for January

That men and women of faith may be awakened by the Holy Spirit to share their relationship with Jesus Christ with others.

Bishop Ricken's Intention for January

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Honor a loved one, stop by the Parish Center and request a Mass Intention.

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Observances for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Tuesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Wednesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Sarbelius & Barbea

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week



Pastoral Column

The Law of Divine love is the Standard for all Human Actions

(by St. Thomas Aquinas)

It is evident that not all are able to labor at learning and for that reason Christ has given a short law. Everyone can know this law and no one may be excused from observing it because of ignorance. This is the law of divine love. As scripture says, The Lord will quickly execute sentence upon the earth.

This law should be the standard for all human actions. In the case of products of human manufacture, each product is considered right and good when it conforms to a standard. So also each human act is considered right and virtuous when it conforms to the standard of divine love. But when a human act does not conform to the standard of love, then it is not right, nor good, nor perfect.

This law of divine love accomplishes in a person four things that are much to be desired. First, it is the cause of one's spiritual life. For it is evident that by the very nature of the action what is loved is in the one who loves.

Therefore whoever loves God possesses God in himself; for scripture says, Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. It is the nature of love to transform the lover into the object loved. And so if we love God, we ourselves become divinized; for again, Whoever is joined to God becomes one spirit with him. Augustine adds, "As the soul is the life of the body, so God is the life of the soul." Thus the soul acts virtuously and perfectly when she acts through charity, and through charity God lives in her; indeed, without charity she cannot act; for scripture says, Whoever does not love, remains in death. If a person possesses all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but lacks charity, that person has no life. For it matters not whether one has the grace of tongues, or the gift of faith, or any other gift such as prophecy; these do not bring life without charity. Even if a dead body should be adorned with gold and precious jewels, it nevertheless remains dead.

The second point about charity is that it leads to the observance of the divine commandments. Gregory the Great says that charity is not idle. For charity is present if one is occupied about great things; but if one is not so occupied, charity is not present. We see a lover do great and difficult things because of the one loved, and that is why the Lord says, Whoever loves me will keep my word. Whoever keeps this command and the law of divine love fulfills the whole law. A third point about charity is that it provides protection against adversity. For misfortune cannot harm one who has charity; rather it becomes useful to that person; as scripture says, All things work for good for those who love God. Furthermore, misfortune and difficulties seem pleasant to the lover, and our own experience verifies this.

A fourth point about charity is that it truly leads to happiness, since eternal blessedness is promised only to those who have charity. For all other things are insufficient without charity. You must note that it is only the different degrees of charity, and not those of any other virtues, which constitute the different degrees of blessedness. Many of the saints were more abstemious than the apostles, but the apostles excel all the other saints in blessedness because of their higher degree of charity.

MPB in Action



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

**4th Sunday
Jan. 30 & 31**

Saturday, Jan. 30 @ 5:00PM

Lector:	Jean Skewes
Musician:	Bill Schmidt
Cantor:	Maureen McHugh
Usher/Greeter:	Pat Glocke

Sunday, Jan. 31 @ 8:00AM

Lector:	Pam O'Brien
Musician:	
Cantor:	Becky McClone
Usher/Greeter:	Fred Zaug/Michael Siewert

Sunday, Jan. 31 @ 10:00AM

Lector:	Jim Russell
Musician:	Kate Fannin
Cantor:	Fannin Family
Usher/Greeter:	Brian Kurszewski

Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

- 1. Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.
- 2. Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
- 3. Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.
- 4. The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.
- 5. Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
- 6. The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
- 7. The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.
- 8. You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
- 9. What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
- 10. Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12)



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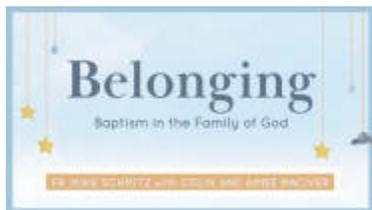
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RURAL LIFE

2021 ESSAY & DRAWING CONTEST



DRAWING OR ESSAY CONTEST

For students in Grades 1-8, create a picture or write an essay (200 words or less) on the topic: **How do farmers and rural communities support their neighbors during a pandemic?**

Include your name, address, grade and school/parish on the **back** of your 8.5 x 11 in. drawing or essay. One entry per person. **Please submit your drawing or essay by Feb. 12, 2021.**

Send all entries to:

Peter Weiss
Catholic Charities & Living Justice Mission Team
1825 Riverside Dr.
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Green Bay, WI 54305-3825

You can also email entries to pweiss@gbdioc.org.



CATEGORIES:

Grades 1-3
Grades 4-5
Grades 6-8

Winners receive a Culver's Gift Card and their entries will be published in the Rural Life Issue of The Compass.



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Wednesday, Jan. 27

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We are open on Wednesday 9am-4pm. (Located in the basement of MPB Church. Donations can be dropped off at the Church throughout the week.

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If you need immediate assistance please call 920-982-2346, and we will do our best to provide any support we can.



Put a smile on the face of a Senior ...

VOLUNTEER NOW!

Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services is looking for Volunteer drivers to deliver meals to seniors in the New London Area Mondays and Thursdays.

Meals are picked up at the Washington Center in New London at 10:30a.m. If you are interested, please call Denise Roman, Volunteer Coordinator @ 715-802-3582 for more information.

This week at MPB

Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30	Sunday 31
Rosary 7:30 AM Daily Mass 8:00AM	Rosary 7:30AM Daily Mass 8:00AM KofC 6:00PM Officers Meeting- Bridal Room	Rosary 7:30AM Daily Mass 8:00AM	Rosary 8:00AM Daily Mass 8:30AM	Rosary 7:30AM Daily Mass 8:00AM	Rosary 7:30AM Daily Mass 8:00AM Reconciliation 3:45-4:30PM Rosary 4:30PM Mass 5:00PM	Rosary 7:30AM Mass 8:00AM 10:00AM

Growing in Faith



School News

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"I offer you all I do today."

"I pledge allegiance to the flag."

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Every morning students and staff gather for a 'Morning Meeting'. This starts with a Scriptural Reflection. We then pray, say The Pledge of Allegiance, recite our Mission and share any announcements. Our gathering together helps us to bond as a school family.



Starting February 1st we will begin enrolling new families who may qualify for a tuition voucher to attend **Most Precious Blood Parish Catholic School**. Current families do qualify but need to reenroll.

Please call the school for details!

Footballmania Winners

The regular season has ended and so has this fundraiser! Thank You for helping us raise funds for a new reading program.

Vande Walles Chocolate Bars

An order is placed and the 'Honor Box' is on the way back!

Dates to Remember

- ✠ **Thursdays:** 8:30am School Mass
- ✠ **MAPS testing:** throughout January
- ✠ **Catholic Schools Week :** Jan. 31-Feb. 6

Blessings,
Mrs. Marie A. Gorman
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Religious Education

Upcoming classes

January: 27 (B)

February: 3 (A), 10 (B), 24 (A)

Group (A): Grades 3, 5, 7, 9

Group (B): Grades 4, 6, 8, 10

Grades 1, 2, and 11 meet weekly

Class Times

All classes are held on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm—7:30 pm, *except for Session 1 for 1st/2nd grade, which is from 4:00 pm— 5:30 pm.*

We continue to meet face-to-face in accordance to Emergency Order #1, mandated by Gov. Evers, and the directives of the Diocese of Green Bay. As a religious institution, we are not obligated to adhere to the initiatives of any school district. For families who are not comfortable with this arrangement, we can offer an online learning option. As always, we continue to be dedicated in bringing the life of Jesus Christ into the hearts of our students and families.

Questions? Contact Joan Stemler

Why pray the Rosary?

(Taken from Fr. Donald Calloway's book 10 Wonders of the Rosary)

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that focuses on the life of Jesus Christ! The repetition of the Hail Mary's calms anxiety, comforts a burdened heart, and brings peace to the unsettled soul. It promises supernatural help and courage! It has the power to change the course of history - to change the world!!

Pope Benedict XVI stated: "The rosary is a spiritual weapon in the battle against evil, against all violence, for peace in hearts, in families, in society, and in the world."

Along with Pope Benedict XVI, many saints remind us, too, that the Rosary is more powerful than any bomb, any sword, any machine gun, or any modern weapon! It is powerful against Satan and all his evil demons. In fact, Satan and the devils have an overwhelming fear of the rosary! It blinds and confuses them so they can't do their evil works.

As I continue to read amazing stories of the victories praying the Rosary has had in changing the course of history and bringing peace, I can't help but encourage all people, families, and communities to pray the Rosary on a daily basis! And, if possible, even more! The Rosary has proven to have a greater effect on public life than on any organization or political leader! Think about that!! Couldn't we use much spiritual help and protection today with the events taking place in our great nation? God is greater than all things and when we turn to him, he comes through! Pray the Rosary EVERY day with much reverence and it will bring peace!

If you need guidance in how to pray the Rosary, you can do a search on YouTube and find many resources. There are also apps you can download from Google Play. Choose one that works for you and start praying it on your way to work, with your spouse, your children, your grandchildren, your friends and neighbors, and It will bring blessings beyond your imagination! Start today!



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