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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

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December 19, 2021—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions (Dec. 18-26)

SAT

4:00 PM Patrick Dougherty

SUN *Rosary for peace after 9:00 Mass*

7:30 AM Rose Marie Derks

9:00 AM Douglas Dorn

10:30 AM The People of the Parish

MON

7:30 AM Patricia A. Mueller

TUES

5:15 PM LeRoy Mason

WED

8:30 AM Bonnie Meyer

12:00 PM **At St. Clare Hospital:** Joanne Kozel

THUR

10:15 AM **At St. Clare Meadows: For Peace**

5:15 PM Barry Berg

FRI *Christmas Eve*

4:00 PM **(Church and School)** For the People

6:00 PM For the People

9:30 PM For the People

SAT *Christmas Day*

10:00 AM For the People

SUN *Rosary for peace after 9:00 Mass*

7:30 AM Buster and Barb Bonham, the
Members of the Bonham and Gehrt
Families and Jim Kinesella

9:00 AM Mark Reitz

10:30 AM The People of the Parish

The main body of the church is equipped with a Hearing Loop. Have your hearing aid T-coil turned on or ask an usher for a Loop



Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/

Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: vSg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
[cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
[cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-
14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-
18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/
Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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Our parish Mass is televised Sundays at 10 AM; Cable Ch. 10 or (Charter) Ch.43 or streamed from our website. www.barabocatholic.org.

Bulletin Announcements

We ask that bulletin announcements be sent to the Parish Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday for publication the following weekend.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to attend a preparation session if this is a first child or if it has been three years since the last child was baptized. For more information contact Becky, 356-5353.

Sacrament of Marriage

The policy for the Catholic Dioceses of Wisconsin

requires a six month minimum preparation process before the marriage. To schedule a wedding call the Parish Office at 356-4773.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning 9:00 -9:30 a.m., Monday 6:50-7:20 a.m. or anytime by request. Communal celebrations are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Homemade Cookie Sale in the Holy Family Room after all weekend Masses!

Sunday (19) 8:00 AM **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**, Cafeteria
6:30 PM **Confirmation 1**, Holy Family Room

Monday (20) 6:50 AM **Private Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Reconciliation Room
12:00 PM **Eucharistic Adoration**, Church (until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday (22) 6:00 PM **Men's Group: Wild Goose**, Holy Family Room

**St. Joe's
Week at a Glance
(Dec. 19-26)**

Parish Membership

We welcome new members to our parish family. Contact the Parish Office to register or register on –line at stjosephbaraboo.info. Click on “Church” and look for “Parish Registration” and “Time & Talent”.

Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

To join our Prayer Chain, or to request prayers, a prayer shawl, or Holy Communion, please contact our Homebound Communion Coordinator at 356-4773.

HELP IS AVAILABLE For Those In a Crisis

Pregnancy - Catholic Charities Pregnancy Crisis Center
1-888-485-7385



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needs your help in assisting families who are struggling financially. To make a donation mail a check to the Giving Tree, PO Box 70, Baraboo, WI 53913.



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Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, “Light” has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

In the Gospel, we follow Mary on a quick journey to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Both women are unexpectedly expecting: Elizabeth -- older and without a child for so long; Mary -- young, unmarried, and hearing the news from an angel. Elizabeth is filled with joy at the sight of Mary and greets her, “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Mary recognizes the presence of God and responds in prayer. This prayer is called the Magnificat. Even John the Baptist responds to Jesus by stirring in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. *Elizabeth recognizes the presence of God in Mary. Do others recognize the presence of God in you? Do you recognize the presence of God in yourself?*

Sharing the Sunday Scriptures with Youth, Maryann Hakowski

Fourth
Sunday of
Advent



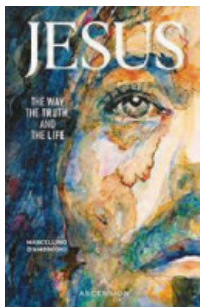
Life Long Faith Formation



“Evangelization is a requirement of love. In the first place, we must evangelize out of a sincere love for God, ‘who desires all men to be saved and to come to the

knowledge of truth’ (1 Tim 2:4). Second, out of love for others implies that we sincerely desire their good, and especially their ultimate good, which is eternal life with God in heaven, which can only be obtained by faith in Jesus Christ. And finally, our own salvation is also at stake. For Jesus says to us: ‘Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven’ (Matt. 10:32-33).”

Go Make Disciples; A Common Vision for Evangelization, Bishop Donald Hying



The richness of the Catholic Faith is simply breathtaking! Yet the many and marvelous gifts in the treasury of Catholic Tradition -- such as Mary, the saints, the Eucharist, and the Creed -- all flow from and point back to one single figure: Jesus Christ.

He is the vital center of it all-- indeed

the heart of our Faith.

One of the constant themes of all the popes for the past sixty years has been the need to re-center everything in Catholic life on the person of Jesus. This, of course, is the key to effective evangelization.

Each and every Catholic is called to help bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world that desperately needs him.

Come! Invite others! As we take a new and fresh look at Jesus- who he is, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation.

Thursdays, beginning January 6th, 1:30 or 7:00 pm in M & M Hall. If you would like a workbook, please use the form that was available last week or put your name on an envelope with \$20 inside so we can order them in advance.

Parish & Community Announcements



THIS SUNDAY! Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast. After all Sunday Masses. Proceeds from this month's breakfast will be donated to the St. Joseph Youth Group. Suggested offering is \$6 per meal.

COOKIE SALE THIS WEEKEND! The annual cookie sale put on by Marietta Reuter and her crew will take place after Masses this weekend. \$10 per plate in the Holy Family Room.



BLESS OUR PRIESTS COLLECTION

Make sure to remember the retired priests of our diocese by making a gift to the Bless Our Priests collection. This collection is used to directly support all retired priests welfare including the rising cost of healthcare, long-term care and medical costs. Please return your gift in the envelopes available at all Masses this weekend. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese!

MEALS ON WHEELS - ST. JOSEPH PARISH will be delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of January starting January 3rd and ending January 28th. If you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals for a week through this program, please contact Gwen Finnegan at (608)393-8545. Thank you!

USHERS Save the date! **Sat. Jan. 15**

Refresher/Training morning for all current ushers and interested parishioners with a gift of hospitality who want to serve as an Usher. Updated guidelines and review of new emergency procedures will be some of the topics covered. Refreshments served. Sat. Jan. 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Martha and Mary Hall. **RSVP** to Teresa Kash 608-963-1637 or teresamkash@gmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Please send January dates that will not work for you to kathys@stjosephbaraboo.com by December 28th.

BINGO

NEW YEAR'S EVE BINGO!

Friday, Dec. 31st

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RETROUVAILLE

Are you struggling in your marriage? Retrouvaille is a weekend retreat offered to married couples to help re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. The retreat provides tools to help couples with communication, forgiveness, and trust. It teaches a dialogue process of meaningful communication. The next retreat offered in our area will be January 7-9, 2022. Cost is \$200. There are partial scholarships available from the Diocese of Madison. Registration ends January 3rd. For more information or to register, email: 2035@helpourmarriage.org or call 414-502-7685.

HELP WITH ANNULMENTS

In an effort to improve our diocesan ministry to divorced Catholics and those in irregular marriage situations, our diocesan Tribunal has expanded its services to include a Pre-Petition Case Advisor. This advisor explains the Church's teaching on marriage, makes a personal assessment of any moral and canonical remedies available, and assists in petitioning for an annulment.

Amy Klarkowski, the Moderator of the Tribunal . Chancery for the Diocese of Madison from 2014 to 2019, will serve in this capacity.

If you have questions about marriage nullity or how to petition for a declaration of nullity, contact Ms. Klarkowski directly at 608/821-3068 or email amy.klarkowski@madisondiocese.org

Your information will be kept confidential and services are at no cost to you.



FARMERS HOTLINE The Catholic Rural Life Conference has established a Wisconsin phone hotline for farmers for mental health services.

Please see <https://>

www.midwestfarmreport.com/2020/07/02/farm-center-now-offers-24-7-hotline/.

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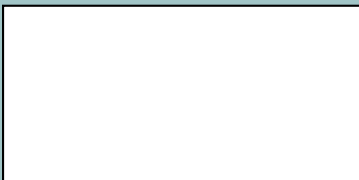
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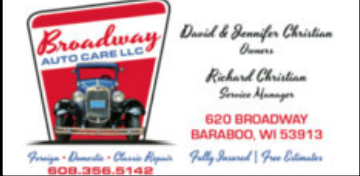
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