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# *Baraga County Catholic Community*

## *“Three Parishes In One Family”*

### • OUR VISION •

We the members of Baraga County Catholic Community are three parishes in one family. We seek daily for the grace of God poured out in prayer and the sacraments to be the best version of ourselves both as individual believers and as a fellowship of the Body of Christ. We seek the lost by our hands-on outreach and unwavering evangelization efforts. Our one aim is to advance the kingdom of God by living the motto of Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga to do all we do for the greater glory of God, which is the “one thing necessary”.

# *First Sunday of* **ADVENT**

### **First Reading:**

“In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot ; he shall do what is right and just in the land.” (Jer 33:15)

### **Psalm:**

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

### **Second Reading:**

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. (1 Thes 3:12-13)

### **Gospel:**

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Lk 21:28)

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## Mass Schedules + Mass Intentions + Liturgical Ministers

(SH - Sacred Heart; SA - St Ann; HN - Holy Name)

### TUESDAY, 12/3/2024:

- ♦ 5:15 PM, SA, For Elsie Cadeau by Dennis and Julie Velmer

### WEDNESDAY, 12/4/2024:

- ♦ 8:15 AM, SH, For Marilyn Gauthier by Tom and Mary Ann Voskuhl
- ♦ 10:30 AM, Bayside, For the People at Bayside
- ♦ 12:30 PM, HN, For Dan Verbanac by Debbie and Bobby Hockings

### THURSDAY, 12/5/2024:

- ♦ 8:15 AM, SH, For a Special Intention by the Mervar Family
- ♦ 12:10 PM, SA, For Roland Clisch by Lynn Osterman

### FRIDAY, 12/6/2024:

- ♦ 8:15 AM, SH, For Michel and Elisabeth Pontis by Gaetan and Kerry Pontis
- ♦ 5:30 PM, SH, First Friday, For Lily Pontis by Gaetan and Kerry Pontis

### SATURDAY, 12/7/2024:

- ♦ 8:30 AM, SH, First Saturday, For Luke Elliott by Mom and Dad
- ♦ 4:00 PM, SA, For Randall Wolcott by Vern and Christy Miron

Lector: Sally Koskinen

EMC: (Body) Bob Koskinen, Sharon Kent  
(Blood) Richard Brodbeck, James Schwab

Altar Servers: Richard Brodeck, James Schwab

Ushers: Thomas Ross, James Koskinen

### SUNDAY, 12/8/2024:

- ♦ 8:00 AM, SA, For Michele Martinac by Mom  
Lector: Lois Kemppainen  
EMC: (Blood) Lois Kemppainen  
Altar Servers: Wayne Schwartz  
Ushers: Alan Kemppainen, Volunteer

- ♦ 10:00 AM, SH, For Ralph Van Wagner by Rosie Van Wagner and Family

Lector: Truman Hagbloom

EMC: (Body) John Mansfeldt, Karen Mansfeldt  
(Blood) Pam Nankervis, Clifford Nankervis

Altar Servers: Joe Gabe, Clifford Nankervis, Nate Sterbenz, Mason Stark, Edward Carmody

Hospitality: Karen Mansfeldt, John Mansfeldt

- ♦ 12:00 PM, HN, For Monica Griffin by Kathleen Glezen  
Lector: Nick Lindemann  
EMC: (Blood) Volunteer  
Altar Servers: Volunteer  
Usher: Nick Lindemann

Scheduler: Lois Kemppainen, 906-338-2488

The full Liturgical Schedule is on our website at [baragacatholic.org/liturgy-schedules](http://baragacatholic.org/liturgy-schedules)



## Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Name:

Noon—6:00 pm Monday

Saint Ann:

6:00 pm—11:00 pm Tuesday

6:00 am—5:00 pm Wednesday

Sacred Heart:

5:00 am Thursday—1:00 pm Friday



If you are interested in signing up for an hour of adoration, please call one of these contacts:

**Holy Name:** Agatha Cardinal (906) 201-4871

**Saint Ann:** Sue Massie (906) 353-6349

**Sacred Heart:** Jacque Velmer (906) 524-5307 or (906) 201-4720

## Reconciliation

Saint Ann

6:00pm Tuesday (after Mass)

3:00pm to 3:30pm Saturday

Sacred Heart

11:00am to Noon Saturday

Holy Name

11:30am to Noon Sunday

There may be exceptions to these times. The calendar on our website, [baragacatholic.org/calendar](http://baragacatholic.org/calendar), will show if there will be confessions. Please call Fr. Jins if you want to make an appointment for a different time.

## Prayer Candles (11/28/2024—12/4/2024)

### SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Statue: Our Parish Family

Under the Crucifix: Peace on Earth

### SAINT ANN

Blessed Mary Statue: Jerry Job by Bob and Sally Koskinen

St. Joseph Statue: Fr. Phil Naessens by Bob and Sally Koskinen

### HOLY NAME

For Deceased Members of Our Parish

## Prayer Corner

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Howard Soli, Cea Tembreull, Christa Hubbard, Kip Cole, Rich Wickstrom, Barbara Lusty, Eddie Clements, Joy, Melinda Cieslinski, Pat Rudebeck, Richard Velmer, Alice Maki, Dan Danaher, Jessica Tollefson, Chad Roy, Jerry Dompier, Louie Roy, Amanda Danaher, Amy Roy, Jeanette Wirtz

The full listing of all your prayer concerns is on our website, [baragacatholic.org/prayer-requests](http://baragacatholic.org/prayer-requests). Names rotate off this list due to space but they remain on the website indefinitely.

Please pray for Pope Francis and Bishop Doerfler. Also pray for our deceased priests and deacons whose anniversary of their death is this week: Fr. Cleary, Fr. Baranowski, Fr. Glaser, Deacon Wahmhoff, Deacon Anderson, Fr. Mockler, Fr. Jaklic, Fr. Sitko, Deacon Lemire, Fr. Herbst, Msgr. Cappel, Fr. Nomellini



### Sacred Heart School Team 50

Please consider joining TEAM 50, a group of parishioners dedicated to helping support our Catholic school by pledging \$50 every month to keep our school fiscally sound.

Tuition alone is not sufficient to support all the needs of the school, and we as parishioners are called to be partners. The children in our parish and school are the future of our Church. Parishioners who are willing to set aside \$50 a month (\$12.50 each week) as a donation to support our school will make it possible for many children to receive an outstanding academic education based on Christian values. We invite you to be part of that effort.

Donations can be made monthly, every two months, every three months, or semi-annually.

### End of the Year Faith Formation Schedule

December 4: Regular classes . K-5 will have practice for the Christmas Pageant. Parents please drop off and pick up your child at the church basement **NOT** at the school.

December 11: Christmas Pageant in the church for grades K-5. Parents please drop your child off at the church **NOT** at the school at 6:30. Program will start shortly after. Please join us in the church basement after the program for a short reception.

December 18: Regular classes/Penance Service. This will be our last class of the year.

January 8, 2025: Classes resume

Second grade students are preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation. Eleventh grade students are preparing for Confirmation. If your child or grandchild has not received these sacraments, it is not too late to bring them to Faith Formation.



Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

### Readings for the Week of 12/1/2024

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



### STEWARDSHIP RESULTS

	Budget	Actual	
<b>For 11/17/2024</b>			
<u>Sacred Heart</u>	\$3,279.62	\$3,202.00	under
<u>Saint Ann</u>	\$2,104.81	\$2,487.00	over
<u>Holy Name</u>	\$761.35	\$640.50	under
<b>For Fiscal Year-to-Date</b>			
<u>Sacred Heart</u>	\$68,871.92	\$69,012.00	over
<u>Saint Ann</u>	\$44,200.96	\$50,843.15	over
<u>Holy Name</u>	\$15,988.27	\$15,048.74	under

(totals include envelopes and loose collection)

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

— Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

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### *From Your Pastor*

#### **“Hope is Born Amid Darkness”**

**Dear Parish Family,**

As Advent begins, we're invited to kindle a light of hope. In a season often associated with joy and warmth, it's easy to overlook how Advent starts in the darkest time of the year, both in nature and in our spiritual journey. **The first Advent candle—the candle of hope—is lit to remind us of God's promise and His light, which shines through the deepest darkness.**

The Prophet Isaiah speaks of this hope in words that echo through the ages: **“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone” (Isaiah 9:2).** Advent calls us to live in anticipation of this light.

In our own lives, hope can sometimes feel fragile. We may face trials, losses, or uncertainties that weigh heavily on us. But Pope Francis encourages us to remember the nature of Advent hope, saying, **“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”** The Pope's words remind us that our hope isn't in fleeting comforts or immediate answers. Rather, our hope is in the person of Jesus, who draws near to us in every moment of our lives. Jesus came not only as a light in history but as a light that lives in each one of us, guiding us through whatever challenges we face.

So, as we light the candle of hope this week, let it remind us that we're not alone. We are part of a great story of salvation, of a God who fulfills His promises and brings hope even in the darkest times. **Let us bring this hope to others through our prayers, actions, and kindness, becoming bearers of God's light to a world in need.**

This Advent, let the candle of hope in your home—and in your heart—be a sign of trust in God's promise and a reminder that Jesus is coming to renew all things. Let this hope inspire us to continue forward, assured that His light is always with us.

**In Christ's Peace and Hope,**

**Fr Jins Joseph**

The ice was thin and soon the travelers, horses and sleigh were in an impromptu cold bath, not at all desirable; by great exertion the whole party was saved, Bishop Baraga and his companions having an additional covering in a coat of ice. Detroit Catholic Vindicator, 1856



### *For Your Information*

Gentlemen, please join us for the December Catholic Man Breakfast, Monday December 2, starting at 7AM at Lindell's in Lake Linden. We get Catholic guys together a couple times each month to foster fraternity, to build an essential Catholic community, and to grow in the spiritual life as Catholic men. We hope to see you there!

Holy Name Ladies Circle would like to thank everyone who attended the potluck and supported the bake sale. It was very successful.

There are three wooden chairs in the church hall at St. Ann's for anyone who wishes to take them for a free will offering. Contact any St. Ann parish council member.

KofC Council 2934 has beautiful Christmas cards and yard signs available for sale at each church. Net proceeds are used for charity in our community.

All three of our parishes are in need of additional lectors, extraordinary ministers of communion, ushers, and greeters. If you have an interest in any of these opportunities to serve our parishes, please contact Fr. Jins or the parish office.

The Bishop Baraga Educational Center and Museum will be open for special shopping hours on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for small business Saturday. They will also be open late on Thursday, Dec. 12, until 7 p.m. as well. Shop local and support Bishop Baraga's cause!

Join Fr. Robb Jurkovich on a Very Mary Christmas 7 day bus trip to St. Louis, Branson and Peoria.

**December 8-14, 2024. \$1475.00 per person dbl/ trip. occp. Includes transportation, taxes, 12 meals, hotels, shows, admissions, many graces. For more information call or email, Therese Gretzinger-Herally (920)676-5683, thegreatestgift5683@gmail.com**

### *Upcoming Calendar Events*

Monday, 12/2/2024:

- ◆ **10:00 am** — Rosary for Life, SVdP Pantry
- ◆ **6:30 pm** — Adoration for Youth, Sacred Heart
- ◆ **7:00 pm** — Prayer Meeting at Sacred Heart. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 12/3/2024:

- ◆ **7:30 pm** — Penance Service, St. Albert the Great, Houghton

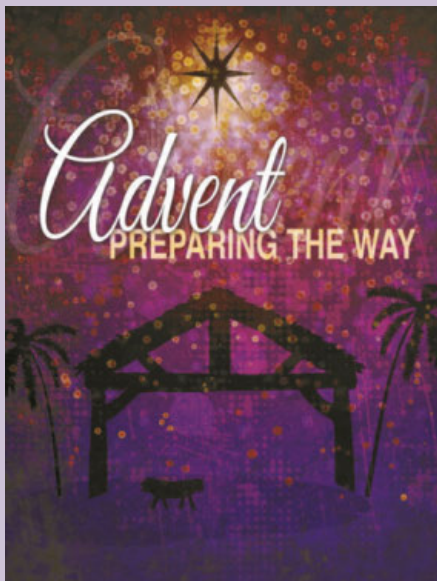
Wednesday, 12/4/2024:

- ◆ **6:00 pm** — Penance Service, Church of the Resurrection, Hancock
- ◆ **6:30 pm** — Faith Formation, Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, 12/8/2024:

- ◆ **9:00 am** — Sacred Heart Choir Practice
- ◆ **4:00 pm** — Let's Eat, St. Ann
- ◆ **6:30 pm** — Bible Study, Sacred Heart

*Faith Formation: Fr. Jins consecrated the students to Mary and presented each with a medal. The K, 1 and 2 students went to the church for adoration.*



Advent Pray25!

Go to <https://hallow.com/collections/1937/> to sign up with Hallow for free.

**UPCSA Update as of 11/20/24:**

Holy Name

Goal \$5,023; Pledges \$2,720 (54.2%), Participants 10 (23.8%)

St. Ann

Goal \$15,487, Pledges \$16,595 (107.2%), Participants 45 (39.1%)

Sacred Heart

Goal \$23,557, Pledges \$19,690 (83.6%), Participants 605 (32.6%)

**If you haven't sent in your pledge card, please get it to us as soon as possible. These totals include pledges as well as payments.**

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