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Congratulations to our newly Confirmed! May God guide you always!

Holy Family & St. Mary's-Alane Artac, Elizabeth Revier, Mason Learman, Emma Schlough pictured with Fr. Leo.

St. Anthony's Confirmandi with Fr. Leo-Zaida Brock, Lindsey Schultz, Avery Rueth, Jace Prior, Tony Lindner and Ethan Beyerl.

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Parish Mass Schedules

Saturday, 4:00 PM
Holy Family, Willard

Saturday, 6:30 PM
St. Anthony, Loyal

Sunday, 8:30 AM
St. Mary, Greenwood

Sunday, 10:30 AM
St. Anthony, Loyal

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King Who rules heaven and earth forever.

THANK YOU: I hope that you had some time to spend with your family. I make video call to my family in India and my Mom used to ask me when are you coming back to visit us? I am happy at least the technology helps us to see people's face and talk to them. Many people shared their cookies and candies with me. I received some wishing cards too. Thank you for your love and concern towards me. The love you share with me on this Christmas time makes me to work more with dedication for the good of you, my dear people and parishes. Kindly continue to pray for me and my parents.

JANUARY 1ST: The first day of January is the beginning of the calendar year and that is the day we honor our heavenly mother and we celebrate THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. We honor our Mary because she is the Mother of our Lord. We begin the first day of NEW YEAR 2021 with the blessing of our Lord and Mary. I want to bless you all with the words when God said to Moses to bless the people through Aaron and his sons (a priestly blessing).

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace" . Numbers 2: 22

CONFIRMATION: On December 12th we had the sacrament of Confirmation. I thank the grandparents, parents and sponsors who really had concerns and care towards these Children. I appreciate and thank the teachers who were taking class for them.

I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

God bless you
Fr. Leo Johnson

New Year 2021 Mass Schedule
New Year Eve: 4:00pm at Holy Family Church, Willard
6:30pm at St. Anthony's Church, Loyal
New Year Day: 8:30am St. Mary's Church, Greenwood
No Morning Mass at St. Anthony, Loyal

LIVE streaming Mass:
New Year Mass at 6:30pm from St. Anthony's Church, Loyal. Visit https://stanthonyloyal.org/

2020-2021
Diocesan Annual Appeal Targets
St. Anthony Parish: $31,000.00
St. Mary's Parish: $14,670.00
Holy Family Parish: $7,150.99

Early Bulletin Deadline
Sunday, January 3rd Bulletin…...deadline Monday, December 28
Please have your information for the bulletin in the office by the deadline OR BEFORE. Thank you!

KSKJ Lodge 136 is collecting non-perishable food donations for Greenwood Food Pantry which Gross Motors will match. There is a tub in the entry of the Parish Center by the Library door. Please consider donating something to help others this holiday season.

St. Mary's Scrip is back at Forward Bank Monday thru Friday. Also, still looking for a coordinator!!
If interested, please contact Holly Pachan at 715-965-1826 or Sue Pakiz at 715-267-7257 or 715-410-2384.

MASS SCHEDULE *SA=ST. ANTHONY, SM=ST. MARY, HF=HOLY FAMILY*

Monday, December 28
Mass Intention: For All Parishioners

Tuesday, December 29
Mass Intention: Holy Family: † Isabelle Bauernfeind by Bob & Joanne Trunkel

Wednesday, December 30
8:15 am SA Fr. Leo Mass † William & Ethelyn Theisen by family/friends

Thursday, December 31 New Year's Eve
4:00 pm HF Fr. Leo Mass The Well Being of Rev. Msgr. Matthew Molnar by Bing & Diane Perko
6:30 pm SA Fr. Leo Mass † Robert Bauer by family/friends

Friday, January 1 New Year's Day
8:30 am SM Fr. Leo Mass † James Lindner by family/friends
No morning Mass at St. Anthony

Saturday, January 2
4:00 pm HF Fr. Leo Mass † Deceased parents of Jim & Mary Cichosz
6:30 pm SA Fr. Leo Mass † Cathy Bonkoski by Mike & Carol Bauer

Sunday, January 3
8:30 am SM Fr. Leo Mass † Ronald Klinke by Jeannine Kitzhaber
10:30 am SA Fr. Leo Mass † Darwin & Janet Brasier by Dave & Kim LaBarge

Please hold in prayer those enduring serious illness in our parishes: Delbert Langreck, Leroy Lezotte, Mike Hackel**,** Jack Abel, Ed Selz, Beth Kaiser, Joelle DeVries, Paul Bayuk, Audrey Gregorich, Irene Wilke, Jim Thiel, Kathy Coughlin, Judy Yurkovich, John Bayuk, Mark Lezotte, Brian Ortner, Barb Postl, Jacob Pekol, Jack Trunkel, Geri Syth, Rod Blazvick, and Lewis Lindner.

St. Anthony's STP Pork Sale is running now through January 8, 2021. Processed by Pinter's Packing Plant in Dorchester, WI. Pork will be delivered in a refrigerated truck on February 13/14, 2021. You pay when you receive your pork. Please feel free to ask your family, neighbors, etc. if they want to order too! Proceeds will go towards educational & operation funds for the school. Order forms are in the back of SA church, Fourmens & House of Spirits. Drop them in the collection or send back to St. Anthony's. Please call the school or rectory office with questions. Thank you!

The following **St. Anthony alumni** earned a place on the **honor roll** at Loyal Public School. Mya Beyerl, Seth Genteman, Katlyn Lindner, Brody Miller, Matthew Szymanski, Zaida Brock, Tony Lindner, Anna Lindner, Sarah Miller, Connor Genteman, Samuel Lathrop, Aiden Smrcka, Raelyn Rueth, Parker Smith, Payton Tsai, Leia Beyerl, Laila Prior, Summer Smith, Anna Smrcka, Cain Toufar, Kaden Horn, Avery Rueth, Paige Smith, Riley Waldhauser, Seth Duell, Evan Kautzer. We offer them our sincere congratulations.

St. Anthony PCCW is looking for a President and Vice President for the 2021 year. Please contact Millie Larson.

St. Anthony SCRIP is available by calling the school at 715-255-8636 or the rectory at 715-255-8017.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Stewardship Numbers not available by print time. These will be published with next week's collection numbers.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Anthony School
Have a relaxing Christmas vacation!
Tuesday, January 5: Classes resume
STP Pork Sale - Forms may be picked up at the St. Anthony Church rectory, at the back of St. Anthony church, House of Spirits, or Foremen's Farm & Home. Sale ends on January 8

St. Mary's School
Thank you to everyone for your support! We pray that you have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

SECOND CHANCES THRIFT STORE - GIVING WREATH With Christmas quickly approaching we have decided to place a wreath on our front door. We invite you to donate from our wish list: Peace (White ribbon)- $10, Kindness (Blue ribbon) - $25, Love (Red ribbon) - $50, Generosity (Gold ribbon) - $75, Faith (Silver ribbon) - $100. We will add ribbons in the color of your gift choice to our wreath. Even though it has been a rough year for everyone, let's pull together and make our giving wreath beautiful as a symbol of our support for each other. Please stop in the store or you can mail your donation to the House of Mercy, 141 Main Street, Loyal, WI 54446. All donations will go directly to the House of Mercy to support our families this Holiday season! Thank you for your continual support!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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First Reading Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9-9
R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the nations his deeds.
Sing to him, sing his praise,
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.
R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Glory in his holy name;
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!
Look to the LORD in his strength;
constantly seek his face.
R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

You descendants of Abraham, his servants,
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He, the LORD, is our God;
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.
R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

He remembers forever his covenant
which he made binding for a thousand generations
which he entered into with Abraham
and by his oath to Isaac.
R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading. Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go.

By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age --and Sarah herself was sterile-- for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy.

So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel **Luke 2: 22, 39-40**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**
When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses,
they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
At the words that follow up to and including
"and became man", all bow.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS please stop into church anytime during daylight hours and pick up your Church Stewardship envelopes. We would like to have them all picked up before the New Year. Thank you!
ST ANTHONY PCCW RED COOKBOOKS for sale at cost of $10.00 are at Carrousel Beauty Salon, Fourmens in Loyal, House of Spirits or call Mary Kay Behnke at 715-897-5227.
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