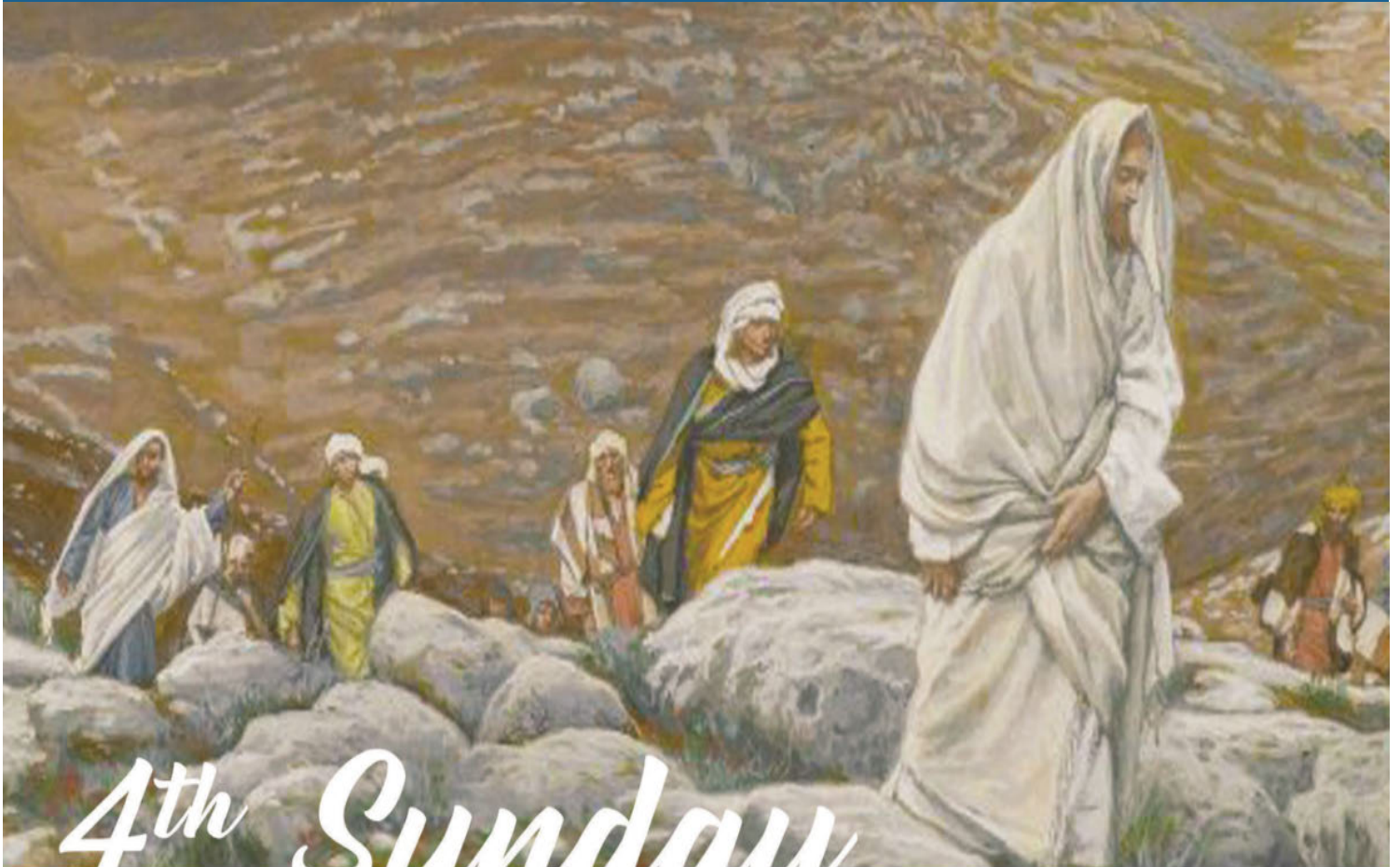




ST. THOMAS MORE

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

January 30, 2022



4th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.
But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, confirm our commitment to our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. We center on the Eucharist and the embodiment of Catholic family values. We commit to love of neighbor: hospitality and compassion; nurturing and enrichment; empathy and social justice, emphasizing the contemporary needs of the church and the poor.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

DEACON LINCOLN'S LOG



Being Angry with God

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up and drove [Jesus] out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill... to hurl him down headlong... but he passed through the midst of them and went away.
Lk. 4:28-30

Is it OK to be angry with God? Even to yell at him? In the Gospel reading for this weekend (Lk. 4:21-30), we hear the story of Jesus' rejection at his hometown in Nazareth. Jesus has just proclaimed that he is the Messiah and has come to fulfill all the promises of God. He will bring joy, freedom, vision, and justice. The people of his hometown hear this message. They want this fulfillment now. They want those promises to be fulfilled in the way they want them fulfilled. Jesus' neighbors and friends have very clear expectations of what the Kingdom of God should look like, and they want Jesus to make that happen immediately. But Jesus doesn't work that way. He points out that the Kingdom doesn't always come when and how we want it. It is *God's Kingdom, after all. We cannot understand or control it.* So the people respond with rage. Instead of patiently waiting in faith for God's plan to bear fruit, they attack Jesus and attempt to kill him. **But Jesus is able to take their rage. It does him no harm.** He simply walks away to continue his work in fulfilling God's plan of salvation for them. Our anger can't harm God. His love does not flinch when we yell at him. He simply keeps loving us and working for our good. So, if you are mad at God, let him know. He will stay faithful to you. The very people who try to kill Jesus are the ones he saves on the cross. Our anger doesn't make God stop loving us. Like a screaming child, God holds us in his arms until we can calm down.

Peace,
Dcn. Lincoln Wood,
Parish Pastoral Leader

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Feb 5 & 6	5 pm	8 am	10 am
AV		Andrew Minorik	Rod Roovers	Joel Pfaff
Greeter		Chuck Bender Mary Keller	Katrina Counter	Chuck & Marilyn Shork
Cross & Gift Bearer		Jay & Darci Minorik Lynndale Ihm	Martin O'Donnell	Curt & Jennifer Simon Mike & Tina Huelsbeck
Altar Server		Annalise Minorik		Noah Donnermeyer Kolbe Donnermeyer
Lector		Kelly Voss	Jenni Oeftger	Andrew Russell
Sacristan		Carolee Iwanski	Nancy Arnold	Debbie Hintz
Usher		Norm Coenen Mark Keller Lee Planert Dave Tesch	Brian Conrad Roy Conrad Daniel Hoff Gene Lanser	Robin Adamski Mike Choudoir Rich Murrow

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Monday, January 31
2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13
Ps 3:2-7
Mk 5: 1-20

Tuesday, February 1
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3
Ps 86:1-6
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 2
Mal 3: 1-4
Ps 24: 7-10
Lk 2: 22-40

Thursday, February 3
1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12
1 Chr 29: 10-11b, 11d-12
Mk 6: 7-13

Friday, February 4
Sir 47: 2-11
Ps 18: 31, 47, 50-51
Mk 6: 14-29

Saturday, February 5
1 Kgs 3: 4-13
Ps 119: 9-14
Mk 6: 30-34

Next Sunday, February 6
Is 6: 1-2a, 3-8
Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8
Lk 5: 1-11

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

For Adults:

What do you do when a message you are trying to deliver "falls on deaf ears"?

For Children:

Are there times when you have not listened as well as you could to what someone was telling you? Why didn't you?

PRAYER & WORSHIP



LET US PRAY

Prayer Line Requests

Call: Carol at 749-1072 Text: Carol at 858-3302
 Email: Carol at stmprayerline@stmccath.org
 You may also submit any prayers to our virtual prayer basket at <https://forms.gle/u2KLWMqKfV3abbzW6>

Rosary

Join us in praying the rosary. We will be practicing social distancing and the wearing of masks. All are welcome to join in prayer. We will be meeting every Wednesday & Friday after 7am Mass.

Sanctuary Light

This week the sanctuary light up near the tabernacle is burning for Tom Grace.

Pray for the Sick

Virginia Bartelt, Clara Baumann, Fr. Gerald Falk, Jim Fulcer, Don Fulcer, Jim Spaude, Carol Watson, and Rita Zalewski

Mass Intentions

Jan 29	5:00pm	Charles Beecher
Jan 30	8:00am	For the People of St Thomas More
	10:00am	Johanna Jossen
Feb 1	7:00am	Rose Coenen
Feb 2	7:00am	Helen Gosz
Feb 3	7:00am	For the People of St Anthony's in Neopit
Feb 4	7:00am	Jaime Guzman
Feb 5	5:00pm	Lou Mauthe
Feb 6	8:00am	For the People of St Thomas More
	10:00am	Len Brasch

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Stewardship	Loose Cash
Budget YTD 21-22 (7/1-1/28/22)	\$495,828.00	\$7,254.00
Actual 7/1-1/28/22	\$427,626.49	\$8,380.11
Actual 7/1-1/27/21	\$458,940.59	\$5,074.51

Mass Attendance

	Sat, 5pm	Sun, 8am	Sun, 10am
Jan 22 & 23	75	87	188

Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

Date	Ticket #	Amount	Name
Jan 16	631	\$25	Louie Ulman
Jan 17	449	\$75	Liam Jansen
Jan 18	338	\$20	Paul Anderle
Jan 19	216	\$20	Jay Minorik
Jan 20	563	\$20	Norman Coenen
Jan 21	193	\$20	Barb & Louie Valle
Jan 22	433	\$20	Betty Conrad

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NEWS & EVENTS



Thank you to Carol Paltzer, Linda Kohl, Phyllis Gabrielson, Barb Ulrich, Estell Kowalewski, Mary Lynch, Sharon Peters, Mary Fulcer, Donna Kilsdonk, Marilee Miller, Kiki Harke,

Marilyn Shork, and Mary Tesch for serving during the luncheon after the funeral service of Becky Fickel.

CELEBRATE

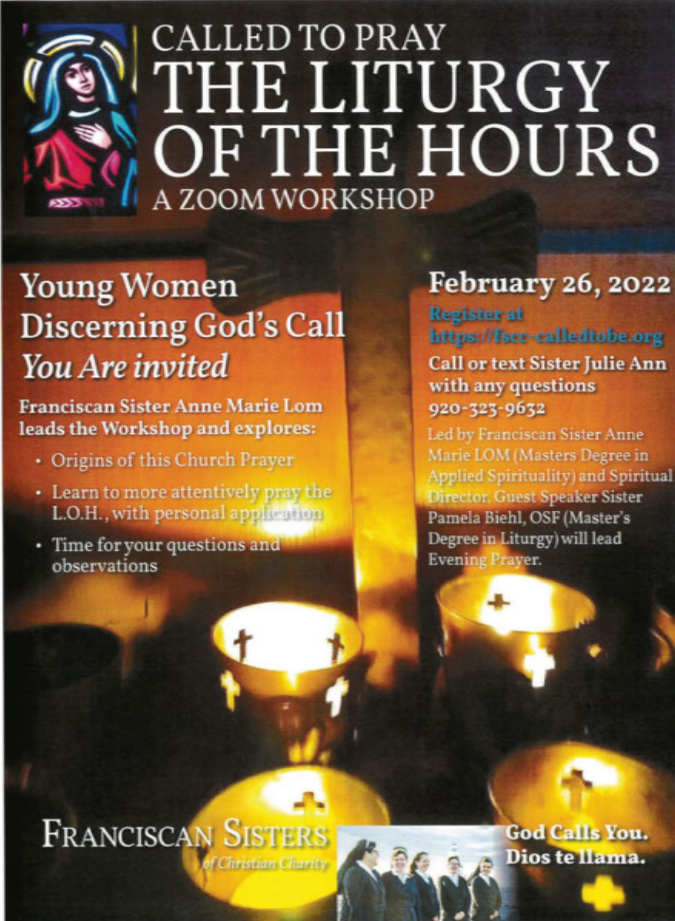
Celebrate with us on February 5, 2022 at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center as we host Xavier Catholic School System's largest single-event fund-raiser. The evening features a dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles and games, and the N.E.W. Piano Guys to cap off the evening! We cordially invite you to attend, to volunteer, or both. For ticket registration or to sign up as a volunteer, visit our website Celebrate2022.givesmart.com We hope to see you there!



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Franciscan Sister Anne Marie Lom leads the Workshop and explores:

- Origins of this Church Prayer
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- Time for your questions and observations

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Call or text Sister Julie Ann with any questions
920-323-9632

Led by Franciscan Sister Anne Marie LOM (Masters Degree in Applied Spirituality) and Spiritual Director. Guest Speaker Sister Pamela Biehl, OSF (Master's Degree in Liturgy) will lead Evening Prayer.

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**God Calls You.
Dios te llama.**



David, Kate, and David Jr. Liebelt
Gerard Menchak
Joseph & Anne Muhlebach
Chris, Rachael, Audrey, Louis, and Greta Peterson

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

We are very pleased to announce our Upcoming Offerings at St. Patrick Parish in Menasha:

****Feast of St Blaise Blessing of the Throat**
Sunday, January 30 at 8:30 & 10:30 masses
During Masses, a general blessing of the throat will take place after Communion.

****Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mass**
Wednesday, February 2 at 9am with a blessing of votive lit candles at the beginning of Mass. Votive candles can be taken home after Mass.

****Monthly Healing Mass**
Beginning Thursday, February 10, St. Patrick will have a Healing Mass every second Thursday of the month at 12pm (noon).

This year's Annual Bishop's Appeal features a few of our very own team members. Below you will find a brochure explaining the impact your support of the Bishop's Appeal has in our Diocese. Thank you for all you do for the Diocese of Green Bay!



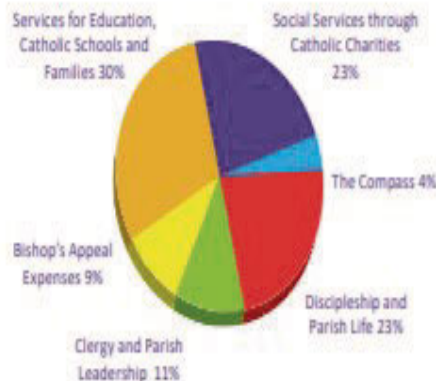
Through your generous support of the Bishop's Appeal you help:

- † Parish faith formation leaders and Catholic school educators receive the training to help our youth and families discover Jesus.
- † Counselors at Catholic Charities provide services such as financial, mental health and addiction programs to help heal and support people in need.
- † Parish evangelization efforts which include workshops, adult faith formation and retreats with a focus on teaching the Good News.
- † Provide workshops for couples entering into marriage or those looking to strengthen their marriage.
- † Children grow closer to God in his outdoor classroom at Camp Tekakwitha.
- † College students stay connected to our Catholic faith through the Newman Center at UW-Oshkosh and Campus Ministry at UW-Green Bay.

Our Promise to You

The 2021 Bishop's Appeal raised more than \$6.3 million. These funds were used, without exception, to support the ministries and programs of the Diocese.

It is our continuing pledge to you to use all the funds received during the 2022 Appeal to provide these services and meet the needs described on the Bishop's Appeal web site at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/appeal.



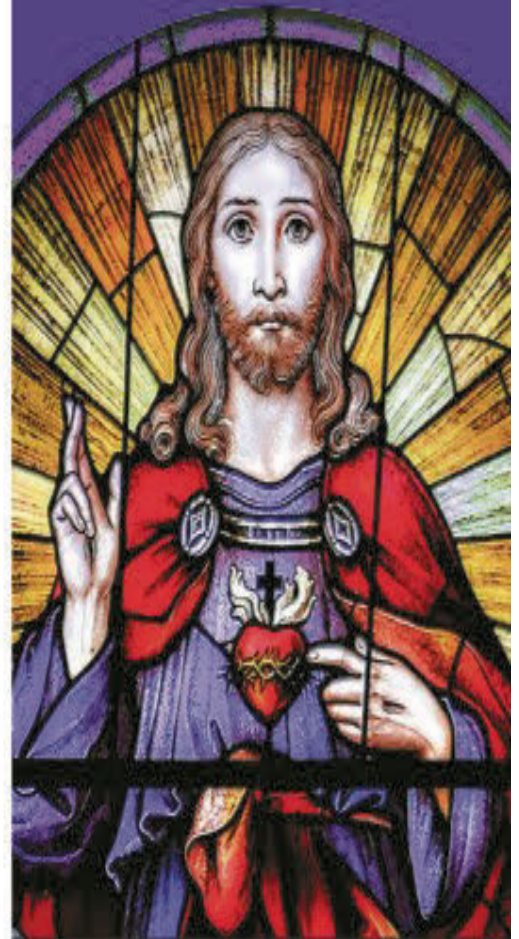
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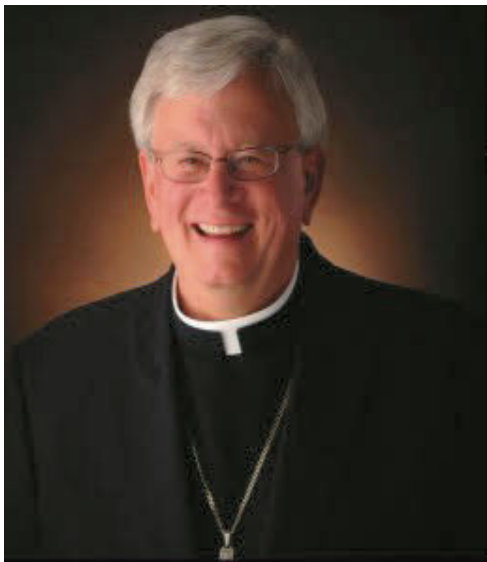
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HOPE



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For more than 50 years the Bishop's Appeal has been proudly supporting the many ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay.



A Message from Bishop Ricken

This is certainly a time for hope. In the past two years, we have been through so much and yet we have never let go of our hope in Jesus Christ.

It is with *Hearts Filled with Hope* that we help a young person discover Jesus. Because of your support of the Bishop's Appeal, we are able to help our parishes share God's love with people throughout northeast Wisconsin.

Thank you for your generosity. Please prayerfully consider making your gift to the Bishop's Appeal today.

HEARTS filled with HOPE

Forming People in the Faith

In Appleton, St. Thomas More Parish is helping people discover Jesus and share Him with people of all ages. This work begins with families. When we form families in the Catholic faith, we strengthen our Church and its people. Faith formation is a true foundation for us as Catholics.

Your support of the Bishop's Appeal gives parish leaders the tools and resources to help form others in the faith. It is with *Hearts Filled with Hope* that we serve those in need.



Because of your generosity to the Bishop's Appeal, parishes are able to lead people to Jesus.

"When you're investing in the Bishop's Appeal, you're investing in every single parish in the Diocese..."

- Andy Chmura, Missionary Discipleship Coordinator, St. Thomas More Parish

For Deacon Lincoln Wood, Pastoral Leader at St. Thomas More, the Bishop's Appeal provides the tools that enable parishes across the diocese to unite in mission and vision.



The Bishop's Appeal supports Catholic ministries including faith formation and so much more that help people discover Jesus and share His love with everyone they encounter.

Hispanic Ministry Grows

Fr. Jose Lopez works with Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Director Sr. Martha Escobar to serve our growing Hispanic community.

"We're part of the same team. The Bishop's Appeal, their support, the Diocese, our parish, we're part of the same family. Our only hope and desire is to lead souls to Christ."

- Fr. Jose Lopez, Administrator, Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Green Bay



STM AFGHAN GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAM FORMING

A Good Neighbor Team is a small group of people from a local church that partners with World Relief -Fox Valley to welcome and walk alongside a newly arrived refugee or refugee family. Good Neighbor Teams work with World Relief staff to prepare a house or apartment, gather basic household items and furnishings, and pray for the refugees' adjustment. Members of the Good Neighbor Team commit to visiting their refugee family at least once a week. These visits often provide opportunities to help practice English, orient to American culture, and meet other practical needs, but the primary goal is to offer genuine and mutual friendship. We are looking for 5-15 people interested in forming a Good Neighbor Team at St. Thomas More with a six-month commitment. Weekly time commitments for each team member will vary throughout the Team experience and depend upon the number of team members and the needs of the refugee family. If you are interested in joining our team, please give us a call or email for more information. Karen & Jerry Rickert, 920-915-5321, or jkrickert29@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Weekday Masses

Tuesday-Friday 7:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00pm-4:30pm

Sunday 9:15am-9:45am

or by appointment

Marriage

Contact Parish Office shortly after your decision to marry

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements

New Members

Register at the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm

Friday 8am-noon

1810-B N. McDonald St,

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Lincoln Wood,

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x124

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Patricia Verbrick,

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Deacon Donald Wetzel

Deacon Timothy Downey

Barb Tremel, Parish Operations

Administrator x120

Minka Bourner, Operations Assistant

x114

Chris Rosenbaum, RN, Parish Nurse

x116

Chuck & Ben Kaufman, Maintenance

x110

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