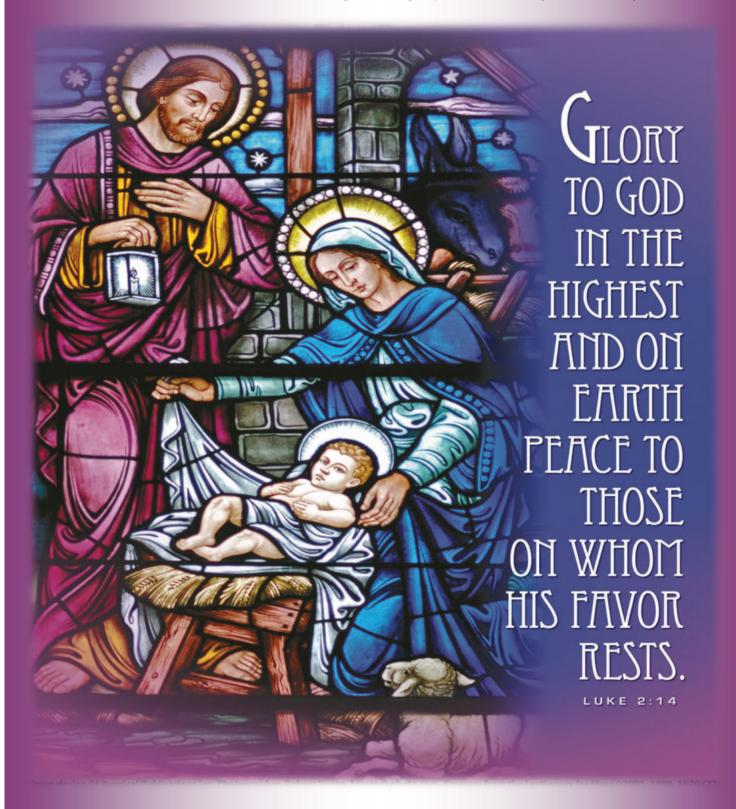
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Parish

December 25, 2021, The Nativity of the Lord December 26, 2021, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God;

World Day of Peace

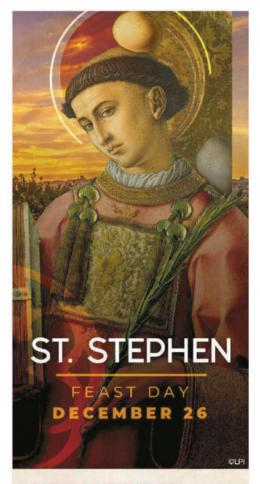
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

From the Desk of Msgr. Steve Christmas Greetings,

We celebrate The Nativity of the Lord and the Feast of the Holy Family. In these celebrations we recognize Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. With this recognition we realize the significance of each individual as a father, mother, son, and savior. Recognition is important, for it defines who they are not only as God's children but also as role models for us. Today there are so many blurred lines of political correctness that we have lost what it means to be a good role model. The Holy Family show us individuals who loved each other unconditionally by doing the will of God together within their lives. Because they were God's family first, they had even more love to give and share within their lives. We see this profoundly in the selfless giving of both Joseph and Mary. (The Visitation, the betrothal, the Flight into Egypt, Mary at the foot of the cross, etc.). As we move now into the new year of 2022, we need to recognize the Holy Family as role models and model ourselves after their selflessness as God's children.

I wish to thank the many hearts and hands who made our Christmas celebration possible, from cleaning to decorating, serving, and singing. Thank you all who have shared their time and talent.

Merry Christmas and God Bless, Msgr. Steve and (woof) George

Pilgrim Icon Program

The K of C Pilgrim Icon Program began a in 1979. Every few years the Supreme Knight chooses a new icon to share among the 16,000 Knights of Columbus



Chapters around the world. The new icon features Saint Joseph holding the Christ child. Our parish has the privilege of displaying this icon until January 8th, when it will move to another chapter and parish. This icon is on display next to the statue of the Virgin Mary near the north entrance to the church. For a detailed description of the Pilgrim Icon Program, please visit https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/249543/knights-of-columbus-saint-joseph-icon.

ADESSE XXXII

Our ADESSE calendar raffle sales drive is coming to an end. There is still time, however, to purchase and sell tickets. Tickets are available at the parish office anytime. Thanks for all your help and support on this very important fundraising event. There is still plenty of time to get your tickets in. The first drawing will be January 10, 2022.

LET'S MAKE ADESSE XXXII A GREAT SUCCESS!!

Welcome to St. Patrick's!

Baptized this weekend Henry William Sime





Wedding Banns

Haley Anderson and Nathan Lewis December 31, 2021

ACS News

On Monday, January 17, 2022, enrollment for the 2022-23 Aquinas Catholic Schools school year begins! If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. Current Aquinas families can also begin the re-enrollment process at that time. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Please join us for our upcoming open house dates at Aquinas High School & Middle School:

AHS: Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6pm AMS: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6pm

Social Justice Corner

The social justice committee would like to thank all who donated items and scrip cards to our recently completed and very successful Christmas giving tree. Because of your generosity and kindness, the adopted families can have a joyful Christmas. Many other families will feel your support through assistance from Catholic Charities, Onalaska Foundation, and Veterans Health Care Center in Tomah. Your thoughtful response to this year's Christmas initiative is greatly appreciated. We wish all a very blessed Christmas!

50th Anniversary Celebrants

If you and your spouse will be celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary during the year of 2022, please contact the parish office by Tuesday, December 28.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00 am Dee and Ozzie Osweiler

8:45 am Tom, Kathy and Ryan Noelke

10:30 am Nathan Wright

Monday, December 27, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents,
Martyrs

8:00 am Carol Drasler

Wednesday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am Margaret and Marlin Foellmi

Thursday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Gaylord Mueller and the Fred Brensel Family

Friday, December 31, St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:00 am Joe Shock 5:30 pm Brian Pederson

Saturday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am Margaret Foellmi NO EVENING MASS

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am Thomas Luehne 8:45 am Dee Osweiler

10:30 am Living and Deceaed Members of the

Brandt and Sing Families

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Calendar of Events

12/26 12/27	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel Choir Rehearsal
12/28		
12/29	8:30 am	Marian Mantle Prayer
	9:00 am	Quilting Group
	1:00 pm	Sunday Scripture Study Group
12/30	9:15 am	The Art of Living Study Group
12/31	Parish Office Closed	
	8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel
	3:00 pm	Wedding
1/1	Happy New Year	
1/2	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel

New Year Mass Times

Friday, December 31 5:30 pm Saturday, January 1 9:00 am Mass (No 5:15 pm Mass)

Sunday, January 2 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
**Home Blessing Packets will be available
during Epiphany Masses.**

Online Mass Opportunities

The 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be live streamed on our parish website.

The La Crosse Diocese Christmas Masses (in which some of our parish family participated in) can be viewed on WXOW/Channel 19 at 9:30 am, on December 25, 26, January 2, and 9.

St. Patrick's 2022 Liturgical Calendars are available at the entrances.

Please help yourself.





Altar Flowers/Decorations

In Memory of:

Terry Ott

Tom and Sue Gigstead

Raymond & Helen Peterson, David Peterson, Debra Buhr And Deanna Mason

Fred Brensel, Mr. & Mrs. Gaylord Meuller,

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Brensel & Family, Edwin Brensel

Steve and Rose Riniker, LeRoy and Helen Newton

Curt and Ruth Lambert Ozzie and Dee Osweiler

Colette and Joe Walter

Claude Deck and Henry & Pauline Vogel Family

Joseph and Gertrude Schmitt

From:

Linda Ott

Robbie and Kristina Sage Howard and Rose Horman

Constance Brensel

John and Mary Newton
William and Suzanne Schulz
Peter and Nancy Schreier
Jack and Kailey Walter
Coleen Deck and Jeff Atkinson
Richard and MaryLou Rochester





Altar Flowers/Decorations

In Memory of:

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Mobile Meals Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to create a "Team St. Patrick" to deliver meals to local area homes. Our team will be on delivery duty one week, every two months. It will take about an hour of your time. You can join as an individual or as a couple.

If you have questions or would like to join this very active and beneficial charity, please contact Steve Nott, Ministry Coordinator.

Communion to the Homebound

Are you ill or homebound and would like to receive Communion monthly or weekly? Do you have someone in the family who is struggling with a serious illness or has just been moved to a senior facility or a nursing home? Let us add you or your special someone to the people we pray for and visit. Please call or email Steve Nott at 608-783-5535 or liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com.

Registered Nurse Volunteer Needed

Hope Harbor in Winona is looking for a volunteer RN to review records and documentation once a month, and to occasionally consult with staff. Hope Harbor is a residential house that equips teen girls aged 12-17, and their families, with the skills they need to overcome destructive behavior patterns through a Christ-centered, biblically based approach. If you are interested, contact Steve Nott, Ministry Coordinator.

Stewardship

At the time of the bulletin publication, the current weeks stewardship figures were not available.

December 12, 2021

Adult Env\$17069.00	Vigil Lights 123.00
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Online Giving 11647.16	Parish Projects 20.00
Christmas Flowers. 720.00	Imm Conception491.00
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Thinking of doing online giving? Now is the time! For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 per organization. Go to our website, www.stpatsonalaska.com and click on the light orange tab to get started. It is a safe, convenient way to do your weekly giving. If you have questions, email or call Corrinne at the parish office.

Diocesan Annual Appeal update as of 12/17: Received: \$109,352.69 75% of Goal Under Goal: \$37,247.31

Where's George

George (the dog) has been hiding in the bulletin. Have you found him? Starting in the new year, George will be offering a reward for finding the lost dog. More information will be coming soon. Be on the lookout for George to make his weekly appearance.

Guardian Angel Scholarship Tuition Fund

Light up a child's life by filling up the Angel Tree! Angels are \$10

Education has always been one of the main missions of the Church. Throughout the centuries our schools have reached out to our young to educate the mind, heart and soul.

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