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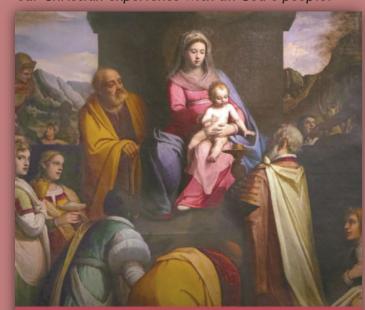
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Sunday Mass Schedule		
Sat. 5:15 pm & Sunday 7:00, 8:45 & 10:30 am		
Eucharistic Adoration —Fridays 8:30 am—Noon		
Prayer Chain , Rich Musolf 608-397-9548		

Our Mission Statement

The St. Patrick's Parish Family through the power of the Holy Spirit seeks to provide for the Catholics of Onalaska and surrounding area:

An environment of worship and prayer in which the parish community is nourished by God's word and the sacramental life of the Church, and an opportunity to share our faith through education, fellowship and service programs; to continually grow in our relations with God and one another; and to share our Christian experience with all God's people.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-

16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

[1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

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

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

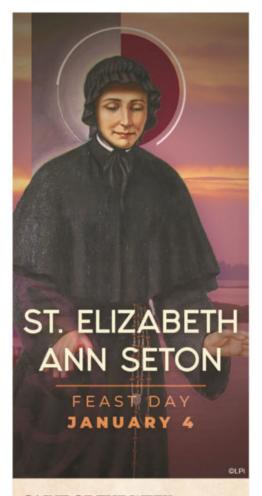
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." From the Desk of Msgr. Steve

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Homage is to show special honor or respect in public. Thus, we see with Kasper, Melchoir and Balthazar the recognition of who Christ is as they bow down to worship this child. They present the gifts proclaiming he is truly God, truly man, and truly savior. Today is a celebration of Christ making known to the world who he is, and asks how do we respond? We are living in times when people are embarrassed by their faith. Believing in Christ is becoming "politically incorrect." More proclaim to be spiritual instead of proclaiming faith in Christ, the Bread of Life. Yes, sadly many in the world are not paying Christ homage anymore. Saints Melchoir, Kasper, and Balthazar however teach us to take courage as they paid him homage acknowledging Christ's great presence. Because of this they received the reward of Sainthood. Remember there was another king, Herod. His sinful way of life would not allow him to recognize Christ as king, and nor do we recognize him as saint. The feast of the epiphany shows Christ to the world. Will we pay him homage?

Tonight, we have the privilege of having the traveling Icon of Saint Joseph, which was blessed by the pope, in our Church. St. Joseph is the protector of the church as well as families. As we begin this year of 2022, we will have a prayer service in recognition of St. Joseph beginning at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend. Adoration will be held during and after the prayer service. You are free to enter and leave as you desire.

Happy New Year and God Bless, Msgr. Steve and (woof) George

Epiphany Blessing of the Home

Home Blessing Packets will be available during the Epiphany Masses. To bless your home, the leader inscribes the initials of the three Magi above the exterior doorways using the blessed chalk, the following prayer is prayed: (Inscription for the year 2022: 20 + C + M + B + 22) Blessed be this doorway. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us as we welcome them with respect and kindness. May all our comings and goings be under the seal of God's loving care. May we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, Jesus, Who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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

Pilgrim Icon and Prayer Service

Sunday, January 2, at 6:00 pm, we will offer a prayer service as part of the Pilgrim Icon Program. The prayer service will coincide with Sunday adoration. The K of C Pilgrim Icon Program began 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. If you have unused ADESSE tickets, please return them to the parish office. Thanks for all your help and support on this very important fundraising

LET'S MAKE ADESSE XXXII
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event. The first drawing will be January 10, 2022.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January	2,	Epiphany	of	the	Lord
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7:00 am Thomas Luehne 8:45 am Dee Osweiler

10:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Brandt and Sing Families

Monday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 am Michael Kunda, Sr.

Wednesday, January 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 am Dee and Ozzie Osweiler

Thursday, January 6, St. Andre Bessette

8:00 am Orlin L. Clark

Friday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penefort

8:00 am Brennan Bonner

Saturday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the

Melchoir Volz Family

5:15 pm Beverly Sage

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

7:00 am Eugene and Stephen Hauser

8:45 am George Krall

10:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the

Jakowski and Farley Families

St. Patrick's 2022 Liturgical Calendars

are available at the entrances.

Please help yourself.

Visit us online at

www.stpatsonalaska.com for Mass Schedules, online giving information, religious education updates and more!

Calendar of Events

1/2	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration and Icon of St. Joseph Prayer Service
1/3	6:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
1/4	7:00 pm	Social Justice
1/5	8:30 am	Marian Mantle Prayer
	9:00 am	Quilting Group
	1:00 pm	Sunday Scripture Study Group
	6:00 pm	1st-5th Religious Education
1/6	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
1/7	8:30 am	Hour of Reparation
	8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel
1/8		•
1/9	7:00 am	K of C Breakfast
	5:00 pm	Scout Troop 19
	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel

Online Mass Opportunities

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

December Usher Schedule

Jim Olson

5:15 AM: Bob Kulig 7:00 AM: Mike Hilton
Rose Kulig Dennis Sobkowiak
Dave Malak Linda Sobkowiak
Andrew Weigel Timothy Spencer

8:45 AM: Jeff Foellmi 10:30 AM: Chris Richgels
John Faas Mike Richgels
Randy Puls Matt Fernolz
Steve Schauer Joe Bucheger

Our parish is very much in need of additional ushers. If you would like to serve your parish as an usher, please contact our liturgy planner, Steven Nott.



Altar Flowers/Decorations

In Memory of:

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Vieregge and Karis Families
John Wilson and Grant & Nancy Ashby
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Ray & Jean Javenkoski, Jack Jansky, and Jay Toth
Charles T. Hanson

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Kathleen Kreibich John and Kathy Karis Robert and Sue Wilson Helen Cook John and Debi Jansky Delores Hanson

Stewardship

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

December 19, 2021

Adult Env\$14807.00	Vigil Lights 146.00
Offertory 960.00	Education Center 70.00
Online Giving 7100.50	Parish Projects 470.00
Christmas Flowers. 108.00	Imm. Conception 42.00
Christmas 1095.00	Solemnity of Mary 25.00
Casa Hogar 20.00	,

Thinking of doing online giving? 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.

Want to view your parish contributions or your Parish Records?

Go to https://lacrosse.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/. Click on New User and fill in appropriate information to request access to your parish record and current giving information.

Diocesan Annual Appeal update as of 12/20: Received: \$109,522.69 75% of Goal

Under Goal: \$37,077.31

Communion Homebound Program

We are currently conducting a review of our Communion to the Homebound program. If you are currently volunteering as a homebound communion minister and have NOT yet been contacted by our Ministry Coordinator, Steven Nott, this indicates that we do not have you in our current records. Please contact Steven and let him know. If you would like to join our communion to the homebound ministry, or if you know of someone unable to attend Mass who would like to receive communion, please also contact Steven Nott at liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com or 608-783-5535, ext. #.

Where's George

George (the dog) has been hiding in

the bulletins for the past few months. Have you found him? Starting in the new year, George will be offering a weekly reward for finding the lost dog. When you find George, email or call Joan at the Parish Office. Leave your name, phone number, and

where you found George hidden within the pages of the bulletin. Your name will be entered into a weekly drawing for a small prize from George. Be on the lookout for George to make his weekly appearance.

Take Note:

Please be careful in your check writing as we enter the new year. If a check is incorrectly dated, our bank will not take it.

Welcome to 2022!

K of C Free Throw Competition

The Knight's will be holding their annual Free Throw Competition on Friday, Jan. 14th, at the St. Pat's School Gym. Registration & warmup is from 3:15-3:55 pm. Competition starts at 4pm. This event is open to Boys & Girls, ages 9 to 14. Registration forms are available at the Scrip table. If you have any question contact Mike Carney at mccarney918@charter.net or 608-385-8380.

Breakfast is Served!

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast next Sunday Jan. 9th, after all three masses. Breakfast is served



from 7:30 to 12 noon. Breakfast consist of Pancakes, French Toast, Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs or Egg & Cheese Omelet, Sweet Roll, Apple Sauce, Milk, MYSTIC MONK Coffee, and Juice. GLUTEN FREE Pancakes & French toast available upon request. All this delicious food for just \$8 adults, \$5 child, \$20 family, children under 6 are free. This months 50/50 will be split between the Guardian Angel Scholarship Tuition Fund, and the lucky parish member or guest who buys the winning ticket. The Dec. winner was Gordo. You do not need to be present at drawing. Please plan to join us. If you haven't come to breakfast before or for a while, Please check us out.



Baptism Preparation

Planning your first child's baptism at St. Patrick's? The next Baptism Preparation Class is on Monday, January 3, 2022. Classes will meet from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Rossiter Gathering Space. Deacon Frank and Andrew will be covering the importance of Baptism and what it looks like to raise kids in the faith. Classes meet every other month on the first Monday of the month. Contact the parish office or Andrew at youth-dir@stpatsonalaska.com to register for upcoming class dates. Future class dates are March 7, May 2, July 11, and September 12, 2022.

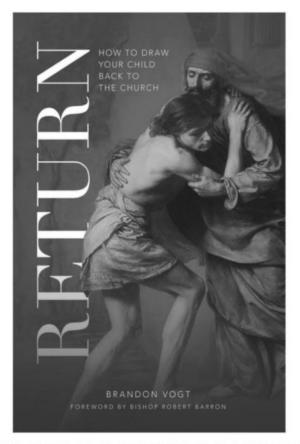
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THIS NEW YEAR RESOLVE TO HELP YOUR LOVED ONES $RETURN\ \mbox{To}$ to their catholic faith.

The statistics are troubling: 6.5 people leave the Catholic Church for every one that joins, and 50% of young people who were raised Catholic are no longer Catholic today. The Catholic Church is hemorrhaging young people.

Behind these statistics are countless stories of wounded families. Millions of mothers and fathers are longing for their prodigal children to come home to the Church, crying: "Where did we go wrong?"

The passive wait-and-see approach is no longer an option. We need a different strategy. We need to understand the real reasons why our young people drift away, and we need a game plan to bring them home. **We need Return.**

Everyone is invited to join us. In order to make this program more accessible, this class will be offered in multiple parishes. Each week you can go to the class that best fits your schedule.



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