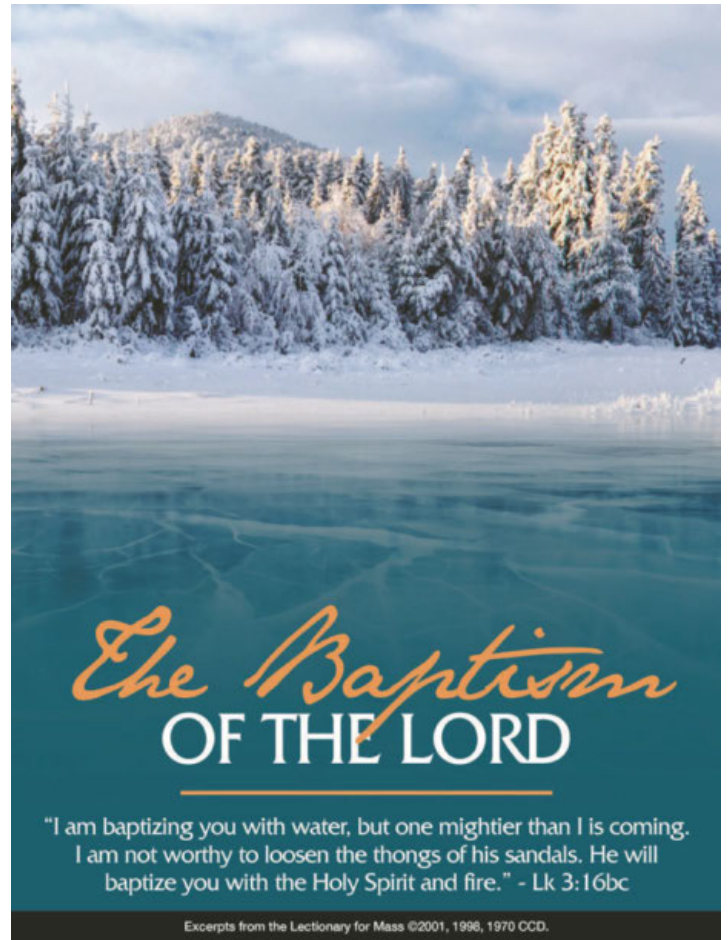




to our
**Parishes on the Prairie
Area Catholic Community**

- St. Donatus**, Brooten
- St. Alexius**, West Union
- St. Francis de Sales**, Belgrade
- Sts. Peter & Paul**, Elrosa
- Our Lady of the Angels**, Sauk Centre
- St. Paul's**, Sauk Centre



Weekend Mass Schedule

- Saturday 4:00 pm St. Donatus, Brooten
- Saturday 4:00 pm....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
- Saturday 5:00 pm....Our Lady's, Sauk Centre
- Saturday 8:00 pm....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
- Sunday 8:00 am....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
- Sunday 8:15 am....Ss. Peter & Paul, Elrosa
- Sunday 8:30 am....St. Alexius, West Union
- Sunday 10:00 am....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
- Sunday 10:15 am....St. Francis de Sales, Belgrade
- Sunday 10:30 am....Our Lady's, Sauk Centre

Reconciliation Schedule

- Thursday 4:00 pm....St. Paul's
- Saturday 3:00 pm....St. Donatus
- Saturday 3:00 pm....St. Paul's
- Saturday 4:00 pm....Our Lady's
- Sunday 8:00 am....St. Alexius

Websites

- www.parishesontheprairie.org
- www.holyfamilysc.org
- www.centreforchrist.org
- www.stclouddiocese.org

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 Fr. Rick Aubol, Parochial Vicar
 Dcn. Tom McFadden

Priest Emergency Number 320-429-5429

JANUARY 9, 2022



***“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”***

~ Luke 3:22 ~

The baptism of Jesus marks the inauguration of His public ministry. It was the beginning of His preaching, miracles, and healings. It also points to His death, and resurrection.

“Why did Jesus, as the sinless Son of God, receive baptism?” Here are a few reasons: to reveal His identity, to identify with sinners, and to publicly receive the Holy Spirit. For these reasons and more Jesus steps into the Jordan River, is baptized by his cousin John, and receives the divine blessing.

Jesus’ Identity. His divine blessing is accompanied by the voice of the Father in heaven who proclaims, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22). This mysterious utterance reveals Jesus as the Son of God, the One sent from the Father to accomplish the salvation of the human race. In this dramatic scene we are also introduced to the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Father is the One who begets the Son. The Holy Spirit, symbolized by the dove, anoints the Son and empowers Him in His mission to save the world.

Identification with Sinners. Jesus’ baptism is an expression of His complete identification with sinners. By submersion in the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is publicly seen as one in need of repentance and forgiveness. Though He had no personal need for baptism, because His love for us is so great, He chose to identify with us as a sinner. In this way, the mysterious events at the Jordan River foreshadow the saving acts of Christ’s death and resurrection.

Reception of the Holy Spirit. In the form of a dove, the Holy Spirit comes from above and anoints the Son of God. Jesus is joined by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the will of the Father - to redeem us from damnation in hell, to save us for perfect sanctification in heaven. The Holy Spirit will later descend upon the Church at Pentecost. And through baptism, He empowers us to fulfill the will of the Father as disciples of Christ.

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St. Donatus320-346-2428
St. Francis de Sales.....320-254-3305
Sts. Peter & Paul.....320-697-5537
OLA.....320-352-3192
St. Paul’s..... 320-260-8478

ST. DONATUS

301 EASTERN AVE, BROOTEN, MN 56316



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 15

4:00 pm

Lector: Becca Radermacher

EMs: Scott Jacobson, Judy Detloff,
Trisha Delhamer

Ushers: Tom Feldman & Lyle Felling

Servers: Kylie Weller & Aiden Radermacher

Counters: Audrey Radermacher &
Debbie Olson

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday

8:45 am-6:00 pm

Everyone Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 12

8:15 am †Evan Remer

Saturday, January 15

4:00 pm †Joe Feldman

Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas so special at St. Donatus this year-especially the choir for their extra time, the decorators, and all who helped with the different ministries. Also, thank you to all who donated the beautiful flowers in memory of loved ones. I was praying for them at the altar on Christmas.
God Bless, Fr. Theis

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

December 19, 2021-January 2, 2022

If you would like to see a detailed breakdown from each weekend, please see the church bulletin board for posting.

Adult.....	\$3,480.00
Loose.....	296.82
Christmas	5,980.00
Flower Donation	95.00
Fuel.....	260.00
Maintenance Fund.....	30.00
Votives	125.25
Insurance Claim	13,034.54
Community Donation.....	200.00
Solemnity	380.00
Immaculate Conception	100.00
Total	<u>\$23,981.61</u>

ST. ALEXIUS

11 OAK STREET, WEST UNION, MN 56389



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, January 16

8:30 am

Lector: Diane Spoden

Gift bearers: Shane & Amanda Deters
Family

EMs: Cindy Miller, Kelly & Marlys
Marthaler

Rosary: Jay Backowski

Sacristan: Cindy Miller

Servers: Mason Klaphake, Sawyer Deters,
Olen Minette

January Ushers: Tom & Blake Rousslang

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 am †Rose Radermacher

Sunday, January 16

8:30 am †Ralph Borgerding

The Christian Mothers would like to have a memorial made in loving memory of all unborn and born children.

Monument will be placed in St. Alexius cemetery. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please reach out to Laura Primus (H)-320-352-3187 / (C)-320-339-5463 or Cathy Winters (C)-320-293-2366. We would love to reach our goal of having monument ordered and delivered by Mother's Day, to incorporate a special blessing after Mass on this day. A special thank you from all the Christian Mothers.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

December 19, 2021-January 2, 2022

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Adult.....	\$5,557.00
Loose.....	1,415.00
Youth.....	77.00
Share to Care	30.00
Christmas	9,605.00
Immaculate Conception	15.00
Masses.....	40.00
Cemetery Upkeep.....	500.00
Votives	5.00
Manger Giving	151.00
Perpetual Care	350.00
Solemnity of Mary	350.00
Total	<u>\$18,095.00</u>

A big thank you goes out to Kenny Kraemer and Cindy Eischen, for honoring our Veterans that lay to rest at St. Alexius cemetery, by decorating the head stones of 30 Veterans with a Christmas wreath during the "Wreaths Across America" day.





Ministry Schedule

Sunday, January 16

10:15 am

Lector: Curly Braun

EMs: Dave & Joyce Schwinghammer,
Tonya Weller

Ushers: Jim Bayer, Aaron Liebl,
Davin Preble, Jeff Roelike

Servers: Volunteers

Counters: Jim & Sue Bayer

Rosary Leader: Corinne Bahe

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 10

8:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 11

8:15 am †Sandy Rooney

Friday, January 14

Belgrade Nursing Home

Not Open to the Public

10:00 am †Willie Rooney

Sunday, January 16

10:15 am †Alma & Joseph
Gruber

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

December 19, 2021-January 2, 2022

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Adult.....	\$4,930.00
Loose.....	480.00
Youth.....	17.35
Christmas.....	9,142.25
Catholic Charities.....	200.00
Fuel.....	1,050.00
Religious Retirement.....	450.00
Thanksgiving.....	50.00
Votives.....	88.00
Immaculate Conception.....	70.00
Mass Intentions.....	10.00
Solemnity.....	135.00
Parish Center Rental.....	50.00
Assumption.....	30
Online Giving.....	1,290.00
Total.....	<u>\$17,962.90</u>



Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas so special at St. Francis de Sales this year- especially the choir for their extra time, the decorators, and all who helped with the different ministries. Also, thank you to all who donated the beautiful flowers in memory of loved ones. I was praying for them at the altar on Christmas. God Bless, Fr. Theis

Catholic United Financial Meeting will be Monday, January 10, at 4:00 pm at the Parish Center.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 9, 2022

LISTEN

CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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News for BBE Parishes

- **Knight of Columbus Meeting** Monday, January 17, at 8:00 pm at the Parish Center in Belgrade.



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, January 16

8:15 am

Lector: Kathy Haider
 EMs: Joe Heinze, Stacy Stalboerger, Jeanne Illies
 Ushers: Neal Zenzen & Willie Boeckers
 Servers: Teresa Heinze & Katie Stalboerger
 Counters: Roxane Kampsen & Linda Hieserich

MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 13
 8:15 am Living & †Deceased Member of PCCW
Sunday, January 16
 8:15 am †Deceased Member of Cap Weller Family



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

December 19, 2021-January 2, 2022

If you would like to see a detailed breakdown from each weekend, please see the church bulletin board for posting.

Adult.....	\$3,235.00
Loose	332.00
Youth.....	35.00
Christmas.....	11,192.95
Fuel.....	525.00
Religious Retirement.....	120.00
Maintenance Fund	200.00
Votives.....	204.25
Immaculate Conception.....	75.00
Mass Intentions.....	20.00
Solemnity.....	98.00
Basement Rental.....	50.00
Coffee	13.00
Flowers	170.00
Cemetery Income	100.00
Elevator Income	150.00
Online Giving	225.00
Total.....	<u>\$16,745.20</u>

Adult Bible Study Session 6 will be Thursday, January 20 at 10:00 am in Elrosa.



Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas so special at Ss. Peter & Paul this year- especially the choir for their extra time, the decorators, and all who helped with the different ministries. Also, thank you to all who donated the beautiful flowers in memory of loved ones. I was praying for them at the altar on Christmas. God Bless, Fr. Theis

Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
 Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings of the Week Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

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
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 15

5:00 pm

EMs: Clara Post, Patty Odegard, Clare Rieland

Lectors: Tom Trutna, Clara Post

Servers: Gerald Haskamp, Sophia Arends, Cody Gregory

Ushers: Dave Meyer, Pat Robischon,

Benjamin Sonnek, John Weimerskirch

Rosary: Janet Zenzen

Gift Bearers: Shawn Rieland Family

Sunday, January 16

10:30 am

EMs: Lori Arends, Jane Wiener, Bob Borgmann

Lectors: Lindsey Bosl, Becky Wolbeck

Servers: Jason, Noah & Collin Borgerding

Ushers: Dennis Primus, Alan Wiener,

Peter Uphus, Steve Zenzen

Rosary: Phil & Jacque Polipnick Family

Gift Bearers: Scott Rutten Family

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 10

7:00 am †Angeline Schneider (Anniv.)

Tuesday, January 11

Getty Street Assisted Living

10:00 am †Kathy Funk

Friday, January 14

7:00 am †JoAnn Zenzen

Saturday, January 15

5:00 pm †Richard Peters

Sunday, January 16

10:30 am †Gary Peters



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

December 19, 2021-January 2, 2022

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Adult	\$18,485.00
Plate	3,147.00
Children	321.03
Votive	333.69
HFS	200.00
Food Shelf.....	165.00
Fall Collection	250.00
Misc Window Repair.....	200.00
All Saints	25.00
Immaculate Conception....	140.00
Thanksgiving	75.00
Christmas	25,810.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	1,155.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Religious Retirement	230.00
December ACH	4,615.00
Total.....	<u>\$55,171.72</u>

Our Lady of the Angels Stained Glass Windows!

Repairs are set to begin early this year. The Rose Window located in the choir loft needs repairs. We will have it re-leaded along with some extensive repairs. A few of the other windows will need some slight repairs. Estimated cost is \$18,000. Parishioners will receive a new envelope in their contribution packet to use and support this project.

Thank you!



News For SA/OLA/SP

- **Searching Souls** Join other searching souls every Monday at 6:30 pm at Centre for Christ for videos and small group discussions with a different topic each week to grow in our Catholic faith together! Call 320-761-3590 for more information or with questions! Like the Searching Souls Ministries Facebook page for more information.
 - January 10: The Baptism of the Lord
 - January 17: Enthronements
 - January 24: Saint Paul's Conversion Story
- **2022 Church Calendars** are available in the churches for pickup. Thank you to First State Bank and Minnesota National for covering the cost of these calendars.

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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 15

4:00 pm

EMs: Bob & Pam McLellan, Mary Ann Meyer,
Mary Lou Schaefer
Greeters: Mike Imdieke, Mark Haskamp
Lector: Sara Miller, Becky Winters
Rosary: Isabella Lamusga
Servers: Mason & Isaac Hokanson
Gift Bearers: Ushers
Ushers: Chuck Klaphake, Jason Klaphake,
Mark Schaefer

8:00 pm

EMs: Nick Pohlkamp, Janet Lahr
Greeters: *Need a Volunteer*
Lector: Katie Loxtercamp
Servers: Jacob Lahr
Gift Bearers: Ushers
Ushers: Blake Bromenshenkel, Paul Reitsma,
Jim Klaphake

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am

EMs: Curt & Monica Blaske, Amy Schneider,
Deb Anderson
Greeters: Ken & Mary Reuter, Traci &
Sienna Klaphake
Lectors: Jean Zwilling, Dennis Boeckers
Rosary: Frank & Mary Ann Ironi
Servers: Ben Klaphake, Elizabeth Herickhoff
Gift Bearers: Kevin & Kelsey Hierckhoff Family
Ushers: Wayne Bromenshenkel, Derek
Bromshenkel, Jeff Nienaber, Jerry Kulzer

10:00 am

EMs: Janet Kubinski, Joe & Becky Eibensteiner,
Mary K. Meier, Abby Henderson
Greeters: Mary & Mike Thomas, Julie Ritter
Lectors: Pam Gierke, Becky Eibensteiner
Rosary: Becky Eibesteiner or Charlotte Johnson
Servers: Sienna Klaphake, Brook Leagfeld
Gift Bearers: Ushers
Ushers: Paul Schmiesing, Chuck Reynolds,
Shawn Bromenshenkel

TODAY! St. Paul's Church: Decorations will be taken down on Sunday, January 9, after the 10 am Mass. Any volunteers willing to help would be greatly appreciated!

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Location: St. Paul's Church Basement Rosary at 6:30 pm; Meeting Time 7:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 11

8:30 am †Alphonse Loehr

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 am †Tina Kulzer

Thursday, January 13

8:30 am †Sandy Theisen (Anniv.)

Mass at Nursing Home –

Not open to the Public

10:15 am †Vic Wiener

Saturday, January 15

4:00 pm †Deceased Members of
the Peter & Rose Thoennes Family

8:00 pm †Linda (Stadtherr) Ley

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am †Norma Karasch

10:00 am †Loren Ritter

Rosary Leaders needed! We need volunteers to lead our Rosary at the weekend Masses. Individuals, Couples, Families are welcomed. Contact Carla Moritz 320-248-3455 if interested or the parish office 352-2196!

Gift Bearers Needed: If you would be willing to volunteer- individuals, couples or families- to bring up the Gifts at a weekend Mass, please contact Karen VonWahlde 320-980-2159 or call the parish office 352-2196.

It would be great to have more people involved in these Ministries.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

December 19, 2021-January 2, 2022

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Adult.....	\$24,200.38
Plate.....	9,726.52
Votive.....	307.65
Adoration Chapel.....	50.00
HFS.....	680.00
Bldg Maint Repair.....	360.00
Cemetery.....	25.00
Children.....	55.50
All Saints.....	10.00
Thanksgiving.....	420.00
Catholic Relief Services ...	125.00
Religious Retirement.....	310.00
Immaculate Conception....	435.00
World Mission Sunday.....	200.00
Christmas.....	31,833.13
Solemnity of Mary.....	2,020.00
Camp. for Human Dev.....	150.00
Central MN Magazine.....	20.00
Rice Bowl CRS.....	100.00
Food Shelf.....	100.00
Funeral Fund.....	50.00
Bishop's Appeal CRS.....	100.00
Migori Orphan Fund.....	650.00
Tornado Relief.....	50.00
December ACH.....	11,679.72
Total.....	<u>\$83,657.90</u>

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL & NEWS FOR ALL



Holy Family School Weekly Calendar Raffle

12/26	\$20	Chris Kerfeld, Sauk Centre
12/27	\$75	Stacy McClain, Sauk Centre
12/28	\$20	David & Ann Brang, Melrose
12/29	\$20	Vic & Dutch Wiener, Sauk Centre
12/30	\$20	Craig & Jenny Dold, Sauk Centre
12/31	\$200	Tyler Kellner, Osakis
1/1	\$20	Ron & Kisha Burgett, Big Lake
1/2	\$20	Lillian Welle, Sauk Centre
1/3	\$20	Dale & Julie Schlangen, Belgrade
1/4	\$20	Rosemary Michels, Sauk Centre
1/5	\$20	Mark & Emily Spanier, Madison
1/6	\$75	Bill & Deb Britz, Sauk Centre
1/7	\$20	Andy Anderson, Parkers Prairie
1/8	\$20	Jamie & Melissa Kleinschmidt, Sauk Centre

News for All Six Parishes

- **Bulletin News Deadline** Mondays at 12:00 Noon. Email Janae Nemmers at francisdesales@mediacombb.net or call her office and leave a message at 320-254-8218.
- **Schola**-Come and learn and practice (or just listen to) some of the rich treasures of the music of the Church with the schola in St. Paul's choir loft on Sunday, January 9, from 2:30-3:30 pm.
- **Save a Marriage**-Are you or someone you know, living in the pain of a marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help. The next program is January 14-16, 2022 in St. Cloud. Call 320-255-5314 or check the website www.helpourmarriage.org for more information. Preregistration is required. Space is Limited.
- **Baptism Instructional Class:** Monday, January 17, 2022 Time: 7:30 pm. Location: St. Paul's Church Meeting Room. If you are expecting your first child and/or it has been over 3 years since you have taken the class please call the parish office at 352-2196 to sign up.
- **A Message from the Parish Offices:** Thank you to Everyone who shared Christmas Wishes, Treats & Gifts. We Love our Parishioners!
- **Sauk Centre MCCL will be sponsoring a free bus to the State Capitol** on Saturday January 22. The bus will pick up at Sauk Centre Walmart at 9:15 am. This bus will also stop at St. Mary's in Melrose at 9:35 am and again at Charlies in Freeport at 10:00 am. We may be meeting in the Capitol with our Senators and Representatives after the Rally, but as of now I do not know for sure. To reserve a seat on this bus, please call Mary at 320-250-9904 or Jo Anne at 320-429-0074. Please dress warm and bring a bag lunch.

Parishes on the Prairie Area Catholic Community Prayer Corner

If you or someone you know in our ACC is sick or ill, please call our Parish Office at 320-254-8218 to add them to our Prayer Corner. Please pray daily for those in need of healing in our parishes.



*All those in Nursing Homes, family of †Vic Wiener, family of †Joe Middendorf,
family of †Molly Frank, family of †Bob Wessel, family of †Jerry Beuning,
family of †Helen Banal, family of †Jane Meyer, family of †Eugene Jennissen*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION



BBE Faith Formation

January 12: Class for Grades 7-11 and Grade 2 in Elrosa from 6:30-8:00 pm.

January 26: Class for Grades 7-11 in Elrosa from 6:30-8:00 pm.

February 2: Grades K-6 Parent & Student Classroom Lesson in Elrosa from 6:30-8:00 pm.

High School Youth Group (9-12) will meet Sunday, January 16 from 6:30-8pm. Come for snacks, games and prayer!

Middle School Youth group (6-8) will meet Wednesday January 19 from 6:30-8pm. Come for snacks, games and prayer!

*Forms for the Middle and High School rally at the end of January are due this week (January 12)!



St. Alexis Faith Formation

Youth group: tubing at Andes Tower Hills for everyone in grades 4-12, Saturday, January 15, from 1:30-5:00pm, meet at the church parking lot. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a friend. Adult chaperones and drivers needed. Questions, please call or text Christina 320-980-0475.



Elementary

First Reconciliation Retreat: Celebration of the sacrament of First Reconciliation takes place on Saturday, February 26 at St. Paul's Church, Refreshments: 8:30am; Lessons: 9-10:45; Reconciliation 10:45-noon.

Skating and Bon Fire with Friends: Join us for our annual family night Friday, January 21 at the Sauk Centre outdoor Skating rink. A bon fire, hot drinks and s'mores will be provided from 6-7:30pm. If you would like to help out, please contact Amy, 320-492-9539.

Offertory Gifts: Families are invited and encouraged to bring up gifts at spring Masses. To signup, follow this link www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4AACA72BABF94-offertory or contact Amy 320-492-9539.

EDGE: Jr. High Youth Group (6th-8th grade)

EDGE- Wednesday, January 12.

EXTRA EDGE- NEW DATE...January 21 (not January 14). We will be at the outdoor skating rink in Sauk Centre for Fire & Ice, from 6-8 pm.

Youth Rally for grades 6-12, Sunday, January 30 from 8 am – 5 pm, cost is \$20. Permission slips due back by Wednesday, January 19. Event is held at Cathedral High School. Day includes Mass with Bishop Kettler, speaker, games and discussion.

Gift Program

Wednesday, January 19 & Sunday, January 23 (students only)

Confirmation

Y1-Next class is Wednesday, January 12, at 7 pm.

Y2- Next class is Wednesday, January 19, at 7:45 pm.

MISCELLANEOUS

Continued from page 2...Priest Message

There is a profound parallel between Jesus' baptism and our baptisms. Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son; we too receive a new identity in baptism as adopted children of the Father. Because Jesus Christ freely shares His nature with us through the transforming waters of baptism, the Father also beholds us with delight exclaiming, "This is my beloved son, this is my beloved daughter with whom I am well pleased."

In our Father's hands,

☺ Fr. Greg

Ps. Steven, Fr. Jim, Fr. Rick, Fr. Jeremy, and I thank all of you who thought of us at Christmas. Your cards, gifts, and goodies were very much appreciated. We also thank those of you who made our churches beautiful with decorations, enhanced our liturgies with music, and provided many ministries to make our worship fitting for Jesus, the newborn King. Thank you all very much!

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- **Spiritual Adoption Program-4th Month Development** The baby's brain has begun maturing- a process that will continue until he or she is about 14 years old. The eyelids are now sealed shut and will re-open at 7 months. The taste buds are working. Nutrients consumed by his or her mother are passed on to the baby within an hour or two. Fine hair begins to grow on the head, eyebrows, and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to the baby's parents can be seen at this time. This month REM's (rapid eye movements) have been recorded-a sign of dreaming! Keep praying for the child you have spiritually adopted!
- **A Message from Kevin Soenneker:** Thank you to everyone for your Christmas Greetings, cards, and Prayers! Happy New Year and May God bless you!
- **A Message from Steven Wielenberg:** Thank you to everyone who sent Christmas cards and gifts this year. Please know of my prayers for all of you.

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