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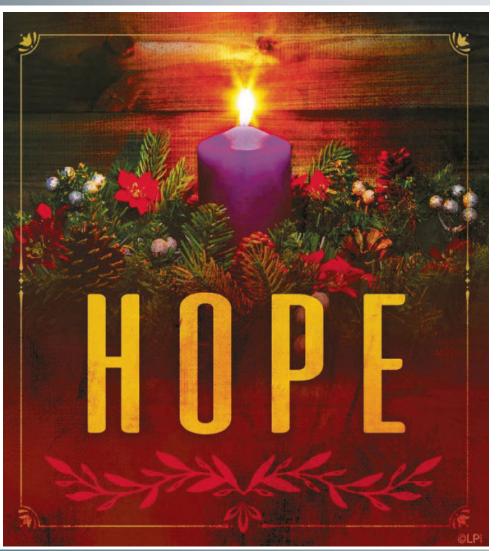
FOUR PARISHES ONE FAITH

First Sunday of Advent

DID YOU KNOW? In the month of October, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help build the kingdom of God by providing 948 meals, 143 pantry visits and \$642 in utility assistance. Our Thrift Store also gave out free items to ten households totaling \$1,123.



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NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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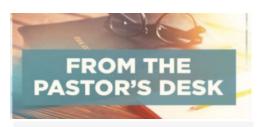
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Walk In the Light

Happy New Year! Yes, the start of Advent is the beginning of the Church's year. The readings of last year were referred to as Cycle C. Cycle C takes most of its readings from the Gospel of Luke. Now we will return to Cycle A readings which focus on the Gospel of Matthew. It is a 3-year cycle where Cycle B is Mark readings. What happened to John? His Gospel comes through every year at special times such as in the Christmas season, some in Lent, more in the Easter season. As Mark is the smallest Gospel, readings from John are incorporated in that year, too.

We begin this year with a reading we've heard before. Swords into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks. But most important, nations shall not train for war. We seem to do just the opposite. Humans continue to fight. We continue to manufacture weapons. I am thankful our religious leaders continue to call for peace. Surprisingly, there are people who "war" against those calling for peace. They may not use weapons of war, but their words are just as deadly. Peace is not an agreement not to fight. It means accepting all people with charity and love. Let us prepare for peace, not war.

Please Note For Any 2022 Year-End Donations

Please mail any year-end donations by Friday, December 23 so that the Cluster Administration Office receives them by December 30. Thank you!



Rockell Strand

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Lou Wood was held at St. John the Evangelist Church on November 15, 2022.



A Mass of Christian Burial for Lila Robarge was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on November 18, 2022.



MASSES, INTENTIONS, COMMUNION SERVICE

Monday, November 28

7:00 am SJ Communion Service

Tuesday, November 29

5:30 pm SJ t Ronald Kieffer

Wednesday, November 30

8:15 am HT † Theo Heino

8:30 am SJ For Laura Medere & Family

Thursday, December 1

7:00 am SJ t Betty Shaide

8:30 am SJE † David Chadwick

Friday, December 2

6:45 am OLL † All Souls Rorate Caeli Mass

7:00 am SJ Special Intention

8:15 am OLL Canceled

† Bob Enderle & Diane Enderle 10:00 am Brentwood

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Saturday, December 3

4:00 pm OLL t Casey Weber

4:30 pm SJ t Karen Gargulak

Sunday, December 4

8:30 am HT † Magdalene "Max" Marshall

9:00 am SJ t Louie & Lucille Saffert

10:00 am OLL t Lillian Dvorak Kodesh

11:00 am SJE For the People of Our Cluster

1:00 pm SJ

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5:30 pm SJ Canceled

ADVENT CONFESSION

An additional opportunity for confession is available during the Advent Season to make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord!

> Mondays November 28 - December 19 6 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church 111 W. Marshall St., Rice Lake, WI

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, November 28 8:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6:00 pm Vocation Holy Hour 6:00 pm Confessions 6:30 pm Enhancement Committee Meeting	SJ Atrium OLL SJ SJ
Tuesday, November 29	
8:15 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 3:20 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting	SJ Atrium SJ Atrium SJ
Wednesday, November 30 6:00 pm A Family of Faith	SJ
Thursday, December 1 8:15 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:00 am Newborn & Hospice Project 5:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting	SJ Atrium SJE SJ
Friday, December 2 No events	
Saturday, December 3 9:00 am First Reconciliation Retreat & Sacrament 10:00 am Confessions 3:00 pm Confessions	SJ SJ SJ

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Sunday, December 4

11:00 am St. Nicholas Potluck

2:00 pm Spanish Adoration Canceled

2:00 pm Red Cedar Choir Performance

4:00 pm Red Cedar Choir Performance

7:00 pm Welcome Formation (Women)

7:00 pm Welcome Formation (Men)



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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ST NICK TO VISIT OUR LADY OF LOURDES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 at 11 AM!

In addition to the regular hospitality and fellowship at Our Lady of Lourdes that follows the 10 am Mass on Sunday, December 4, there will be a potluck meal to celebrate Saint Nick!



• All in the cluster are welcome. Please bring a dish to pass and join in the fun!

Saint Nick will make an appearance to hand out traditional treat bags to believers of all ages. Families and children will have an opportunity for a photo with St. Nick before he dashes off. Please plan to join in this wonderful tradition!



St. Joseph Catholic School, in partnership with Knights of Columbus Council 2137, is hosting its annual Christmas tree fundraiser.

Self-serve sales are in the Rice Lake True Value Parking lot (formerly Rainbow Home Center) across from the fairgrounds.

The trees will be on sale for \$50 until they run out.



Parishioners are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their family's Nativity set to Mass(es) for a special blessing. Pope St. John Paul II began the tradition of inviting all the children of Rome to bring their Baby Jesus figures to St. Peter's Square for a special blessing. The tradition includes carrying the blessed figures home to be gift-wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree. On Christmas morning, families can unwrap the infant Jesus figurine first and prayerfully place him in the manger.



This Advent, hear the story of

The Veil Removed

Wednesday, December 7 | St. Joseph Church 111 West Marshall St., Rice Lake, WI 54868

Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 5:00 pm Presentation, Adoration and Confession to follow

Chris Magruder, Executive Producer of The Veil Removed film, will share the short 5-minute film and talk about all the good news and learning tools that have come from producing the film. "As a cradle Catholic, I continue to be surprised by the beauty and magnificence of the faith. When I began learning what happens behind the veil at Mass, my whole Mass experience changed. It is the Lord's desire to remind all people of the beauty and the truths of the Mass and thus The Veil Removed has been



www.theveilremoved.com Removed

ADVENT WORD AND SONG | Dec. 14 | 7-8 pm St. John The Evangelist Church

Take some time away from holiday stress, and join us for a prayerful evening of Advent music and reflection!

We will sing together, listen to Scripture and Advent readings, as well as enjoy a little quiet prayer time.

It will be a mid-Advent reminder to be the light in the darkness this Advent Season!

All are welcome! Please add this special event to your Advent calendar!

First Sunday of Advent

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every one of us. It is one of longing and yearning for a fulfillment that lies beyond us. We long for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you consider how you will prepare for the Advent season, please remember St. Vincent de Paul. As a volunteer in our pantry, kitchen or as a Conference member, your heart will discover the full meaning of how Christ asks us to live. Any amount of time you can give as a volunteer is appreciated, especially during this Advent season. To volunteer, call Pat at St. Vincent de Paul Society, 715-234-2372, PO Box 11, Rice Lake WI 54868.

Welcome.

Four Parishes One Faith Parishioners Transformed at Welcome Weekend! Sign Up For The Next One!

n October 1-2 and October 8-9 the Four Parish, One Faith Catholic Community, consisting of Holy Trinity (Haugen), Our Lady of Lourdes (Dobie), St. John the Evangelist (Birchwood) and St. Joseph (Rice Lake) hosted a Welcome Weekend Retreat. The Welcome Weekend is an overnight retreat that is hosted by men and women, separately, of the parishes. The retreat consists of great food, amazing hospitality and fellowship with people in your parish area and incredible witness talks about how God has transformed and changed the lives of the people we know around us. There were 12 men and 17 women who spent 6 months preparing and hosted the retreat at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center. During those 6 months of preparation, the teams met weekly on Sunday night for 2 hours each week. During the weekly meetings, they journeyed together, like a pilgrimage, through the Welcome Team Guide which includes reflecting on the Gospels, sharing about generosity, the prayer process and how to be an effective witness of our Catholic faith.

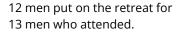
The Welcome Program is owned by Dynamic Catholic and exists to change lives and transform parishes. Taken from the Web site: dynamiccatholic.com/ welcome, "Most of the people you see every day feel like something is missing in their lives. Welcome is an incredible experience that helps them discover what that something is — and what to do about it. It's run by parishioners for parishioners, and it's re-energizing parishes across the country."

The retreat was an incredible experience for both men and women who attended. The Men's Welcome Weekend had 13 men in attendance and the women's weekend hosted 23. Two major things happened with each of the men and women who attended the retreat weekend. First, they were all transformed. Each of the people who attended had a significant trigger moment on the retreat weekend where they felt the Lord's presence. Second, the retreat experience used those He (Christ) transformed, through the 6-month formation/pilgrimage journey, to breathe new life into the Four-Parishes. The benefits of this retreat are twofold. The Welcome experience helps to renew our parishes for those who put on the retreat and for those receiving it. It is a process that invites people to receive the Welcome Weekend and then to next "gift"

the Welcome Weekend. As each retreat takes place, a 6-month formation journey will follow with those who attended the retreat. Each person who attends the retreat is given time to discern if it be God's will for them to continue through the formation and be a part of the next men's or women's team to host the next retreat.

Four-Parishes, One Faith Catholic Community is using Welcome as one way to create a dynamic, full-of-life and vibrant community. Our next Welcome Weekends, which are open to adults (18+) in the Four-Parish One Faith Catholic Community to attend, are scheduled for March 25-26 (Men's Weekend) and April 1-2 (Women's Weekend). For questions about Welcome contact Director of Evangelization and Discipleship, Roland Flasch at rflasch@stjosephricelake.org or 715-234-2032.







17 women put on the retreat for 23 women who attended.

MEN'S Evenings of Reflection

On the first Monday of every month Monday, December 5, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

St. Joseph Church Basement 111 West Marshall St. Rice Lake, WI 54868

Dec. 5 - Reflection Topic

What are the basic norms of a healthy Catholic life and how can I tell if it's working?

Presented by Chris Hurtubise

What is Men's Evening of Reflection?

Calling all men - brothers, fathers & Fathers, and grandfathers - YOU are invited for fellowship and small group reflections once a month on the first Monday with other Men.

Come to one evening or come to all. The evenings will include speakers that are relevant to men and we aim to share how to live out our faith as men. To Honor our Blessed Virgin Mary

Rorate Caeli Mass

Friday, December 2 Our Lady of Lourdes 6:45 AM Mass Friday, December 16 St. Joseph 7:00 am Mass

This Advent honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at our Rorate Caeli Mass on Friday, December 2 and 16. These Masses, offered only during Advent, are celebrated in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Traditionally they are celebrated at sunrise and are lit only by candlelight.

Rosary, Confessions, Fellowship and a short talk from Father Ed and Father Adam will follow. The morning will conclude around 8:30 am.

What does "Rorate Caeli" mean?

It comes from the Bible, from the prophet Isaiah 45:8: "Drop down dew, you heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour."

Holy Trinity to form Enhancement Committee for Future Building Enhancements

• We are seeking parishioners to be a part of a 1-year commitment to look at the church interior and discuss changes that could be made for the better to the church and parish community. We would like to have a conversation about the carpeting, painting, devotional areas and other ideas for updates to the church.

This group would comprise two parish council members and about four parishioners. The goal would be to meet 4-8 times during next year to decide on the best changes that could be implemented. If you are interested, please contact Tim Deering at tdeering@stjosephricelake.org or 715-234-2032.

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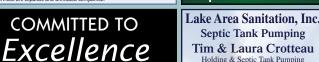
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