Parish of the Precious Blood

January 16, 2022





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Give me some good reasons why going to Mass every Sunday is absolutely necessary.

Sunday Mass fulfills God's law. The Third Commandment is, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day" (Ex 20:8; see also

Dt 5:12). The Christian Sabbath is Sunday, and Catholic's keep the Sabbath holy by fulfilling the obligation to attend Mass (Canons 1246-1248; Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2174-2178). The Commandment is not a suggestion or a request; it is a command or an order. The law makes compulsory what we should want to do on our own.

Sunday is a Day of Thanksgiving. Eucharist means thanks. It is right and just to give thanks to the Lord our God, and the Mass is the best prayer to offer thanks. God graciously blesses us with everything that we have: life and health, food and shelter, family and friends, intellect and talents, opportunity and resources – and faith. These gifts are so awesome that we ought to be overflowing with gratitude and eager to give our thanks and praise. The ideal is to give thanks every day. Weekly thanksgiving is a bare minimum. If we give thanks only intermittently or rarely we fail to adequately honor the Giver of the gifts.

Community Prayer is Essential. From the beginning of the Church the community "devoted themselves ... to the breaking of the bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Christians pray together by nature, and the Mass is the premier form of communal prayer. Some make the unfortunate claim: "I can pray by myself and I do not need to go to church." Usually the more negligent a person becomes with their Mass attendance, the more negligent the person becomes with their private prayer. There are two pillars to a well-rounded prayer life, communal and private, and to do one or the other exclusively is to be imbalanced. The more a person prays privately, the more the person should want to worship with the community, and the more a person worships with the community, the more a person should want to pray privately.

Weekly Eucharist is Solid Spiritual Food. Most people are healthfood conscious. It is important to eat properly every day to avoid hunger pains, weakness, malnutrition, and disease. It is the same with our spiritual life. We need to be spiritual-food conscious if we wish to avoid emptiness, spiritual weakness, vulnerability to temptation, and sickness due to sin. The Mass begins with the Liturgy of the Word.. Peter accurately observed, "Master, you have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68). The second half of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Jesus declared, "My flesh is real food, and my blood true drink" (Jn 6:55). Spiritual malnutrition begins when we go without Word and Sacrament for longer than a week.

See you at Mass.

Fr. Dave

2nd Sundar, IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - In 2:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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SANCTUARY LAMP



Holy Rosary Church Reginald Ouillette by His Wife, Teresa Ouillette

St. Denis Church In Prayerful Memory of Dick Levesque by his Family

St. Mary Church For the Health of Our Family *by Riola Morin & Family*

OUR LADY LAMP



Kenneth Murchison, Sr. *by The Murchison Family*

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In Loving Memory of DALE CORBIN & MICHAEL POISSON by Sharon Corbin & Families	In Memory of ALBAN & CARMEN THIBODEAU by The Thibodeau Family	In Loving Memory of SHAWN BERNARD by His Dad, Charles
In Loving Memory of KENNETH G. MURCHISON, SR. by the Murchison Family	In Loving Memory of REGINALD OUILLETTE by His Loving Wife Teresa	In Loving Memory of ALBERT POWERS by His wife, Lorraine & Family
in Loving Memory of GILBERT GUERRETTE by his Loving Wife & Family	In Loving Memory of LAWRENCE, HILDA & PATRICIA BOSSE By Jim & Nancy Chandler	In Loving Memory of LINDA PAGE by Norman & Family
in Loving Memory of LIONEL, DORIS & RAYMOND BLANCHETTE by Their Children	In Loving Memory of MACKENZIE CHAMBERLAIN & THE BEAUPRE FAMILY	In Loving Memory of NAPOLEON & ANNA BOUCHARD & PETER & ALICE JACQUES by Rena & the Grandchildren
In Loving Memory of SANDRA BEAUPRE by her Loving Husband Gordon & Family	In Loving Memory of ARLINE ST.PETER by Her Husband, Alphy & Family	In Loving Memory of CLARE HITCHCOCK & MICHAEL ROBERTSON by Alan & Sherry
In Loving Memory of SONIA & DANIEL LABBE by Donna Labbe	Maurice and Anita Soucy and Loved Ones By Their Loving Family	In Loving Memory, DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW LONG by Mom, Julia & Nieces

Group Prayer & Devotions Are Suspended Unless ($\sqrt{}$) Check marked.

HOLY ROSARY, CARIBOU

Thurs:

6:30 p.m. ACTS-Women: *No Meeting 7:00 p.m. Burning Bush Group *No Meeting

√ 1st Friday: Adoration & Confession

6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:15 p.m. Prayers & Benediction

1st Saturday:

9:30 AM-12:00 PM Followers of the Cross— Parish Center

9:30-10:15 Rosary & Confession 10:15 Mass 3:00 p.m. First Saturday Devotions & Rosary **Sunday:**

6 PM Women's Faith Sharing Group—Parish Center **ST. MARY'S, PRESQUE ISLE**

√ Confession is offered after Daily Mass.

Tues:

- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group
- 2:30 p.m. Rosary Team
- Weds: 9:00 a.m. Rosary making
- ✓ *First Friday Adoration is now being held at St. Mary's after the 8:30 AM Mass on the First Friday of each month.
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 - 9:00 a.m. Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Sat: 2:30 PM First Saturday Devotions & Rosary.



ST. DENIS, FORT FAIRFIELD

- ✓ Confessions Every 3rd Sunday after Mass and after Thursday daily Mass. Weds. 9:30 a.m. Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.
 - Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Faith Sharing
- ✓ 2nd Fri. at 3:00 PM—Adoration & Confession

√ **Sun:** 10:15 a.m. Rosary

- **<u>ST. MARK, ASHLAND</u>** √ Tues: & Fri: at 9 a.m. Rosary
 - ✓ Weds. 2 PM Faith Sharing—Church Hall
- OUR LADY OF THE LAKE,

PORTAGE

√ Sun:

8:30 a.m. Rosary before Mass **Tues:** 6:30 p.m. Rosary

SACRED HEART, N. CARIBOU

- Weds: 10:00 a.m. Rosary √ Sat: 5:15 p.m. Rosary
 - before Mass

As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live. st JOHN PAUL II



Mass Schedule

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

Saturday, Jan 15: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time #933 4:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Irene Labrie (Mother of Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie) by Bob & Yvette Lagassie 4:00 PM St. Mary ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest 4:00 PM St. Theresa ** Ada Plourde by Gil & Jeanine Morneault 5:30 PM Sacred Heart ** Sandra Beaupre by Sister Pat & Bud Casperson 6:00 PM St. Catherine ** Jan Brewer (30th Anniversary) by Dee & Sheena 6:00 PM St. Joseph ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest Sunday, Jan 16: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time #933 9:00 AM Holy Rosary ** Bert Ouellette by Don & Cindy Blanchette 9:00 AM Our Lady ** For the People 9:00 AM St. Mary ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest 10:30 AM St. Mark ** Don Laveway (5th Anniversary) by His Wife & Family 11:00 AM St. Denis ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest 11:00 AM St. Louis ** Edmond & Eva King by Shirley King Monday, Jan 17: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot 8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Deputy Sheriff Matthew Long by His Mother 8:30 AM St. Mary ** Julie Cyr by Diane & Scott Smith Tuesday, Jan 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 8:30 AM St. Denis ** Gerard Guimond by Garnet & Rita Rochford & Family 8:30 AM St. Mary ** Irene Labrie (Mother of Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie) by Stella Carlstrom Wednesday, Jan 19: 6:00 PM St. Mary ** Ada Plourde by The Family of Fred & Orilla Forsman Thursday, Jan 20: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr 8:30 AM St. Denis ** Doris Bernard by David Bernard & Family 6:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Patricia Plourde by The Burning Bush Prayer Group Friday, Jan 21: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** For The Health of Gloria Hebert by Ladies of St. Anne Holy Rosary 8:30 AM St. Mary ** The Jeraime Baker Family by Malani Baker Saturday, Jan 22: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time #936; Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 4:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest 4:00 PM St. Mary ** Phillip Cassidy by Diane & Scott Smith & Family 4:00 PM St. Theresa ** Oreille & David Dufour by Jackie & Bob Stevens 5:30 PM Sacred Heart ** Alfred Cote by Alfred Cote Family 6:00 PM St. Catherine ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest 6:00 PM St. Joseph ** David Caron Jr. by Mom, Dad & Family Sunday, Jan 23: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time #936; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin 9:00 AM Holy Rosary ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest 9:00 AM Our Lady ** Gloria Belanger by Her Family 9:00 AM St. Mary ** For the People

10:30 AM St. Mark ** Anna Garrity by Wakefield Girls-Sis, Betty & Joanne 11:00 AM St. Denis ** Rosaire Guimond by Garnet & Rita Rochford & Family 11:00 AM St. Louis ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**



Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

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 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



ST. SEBASTIAN FEAST DAY JAUNARY 20

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

BACK TO MASS PROJECT



In an effort to encourage parishioners to return to the practice of attending Mass in person, we will be offering only <u>one</u> Livestreamed Mass per weekend . The location will rotate between Holy Rosary, St. Mary's and St. Denis. Below is a schedule of Livestreamed Sunday Masses for

December & January. Weekday Masses will continue as usual.

Livestreamed Sunday Mass Schedule:

Sun., Jan. 16 at 9 AM ~ Holy Rosary, Caribou Sun., Jan. 23 at 9 AM ~ St. Mary, Presque Isle Sun., Jan. 30 at 11 AM ~ St. Denis, Fort Fairfield Sun., Feb. 6 at 9 AM ~ Holy Rosary, Caribou

The Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry is in need of Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing, Spaghetti and Macaroni. Thank you for supporting our efforts to feed the hungry.



It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint. But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

> Please pray for those who have recently passed away from the Parish especially... Vaughn White ~ Holy Rosary, Caribou Funeral Mass will be held May 27, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church, N. Caribou





JANUARY 2022

Jan. 2 - Faith Formation class day

Jan. 9 - Faith Formation class day

Jan. 23 - Faith Formation class day

Jan. 30 - Faith Formation class day

FEBRUARY 2022

Feb. 6 – Faith Formation class day Feb. 13 – Faith Formation class day Feb. 27 – Faith Formation class day

Faith Formation Students who have completed at least 10 of the 13 lessons for the first semester of Faith Formation will be recognized at Mass the weekend of January 23rd. Please have your Catechist review your workbook and submit your name to your Site Coordinator:

Cindy Gagnon— Holy Rosary, Caribou Stella Carlstrom—St. Mary, Presque Isle Michelle Eastman- St. Mark, Ashland & Our Lady, Portage Edward Schupbach— St. Denis, Fort Fairfield Meagan Malena—St. Louis, Limestone

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. God Bless you in your studies!



The **Presque Isle Knights of Columbus** will sponsor a **Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday**, **Jan. 23rd** from 9-11 AM at the K. of C. Hall. The cost is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children 12 and under. This is a fundraiser for the Knight's Scholarship fund.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY Jan. 2, 2022:

Collections Last Week :		
First Collection	\$	21,545
Second Collection	\$	2,002
Total:	\$	23,547
Total Collections YTD:	\$	431,977
Collections Budget:	\$	411,400
+/- Budget	+\$	20,577
Total of Weekly Collections		
this time last year	\$	430,000
Current Weekly Average	\$	15,999
2021 Weekly Average	\$	15,926
2020 Weekly Average	\$	17,783
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Up Coming Second/Special Collection		
Jan.	16	Maintenance Fund
Jan.	23	Church in Latin America
Jan.	30	Fuel Fund

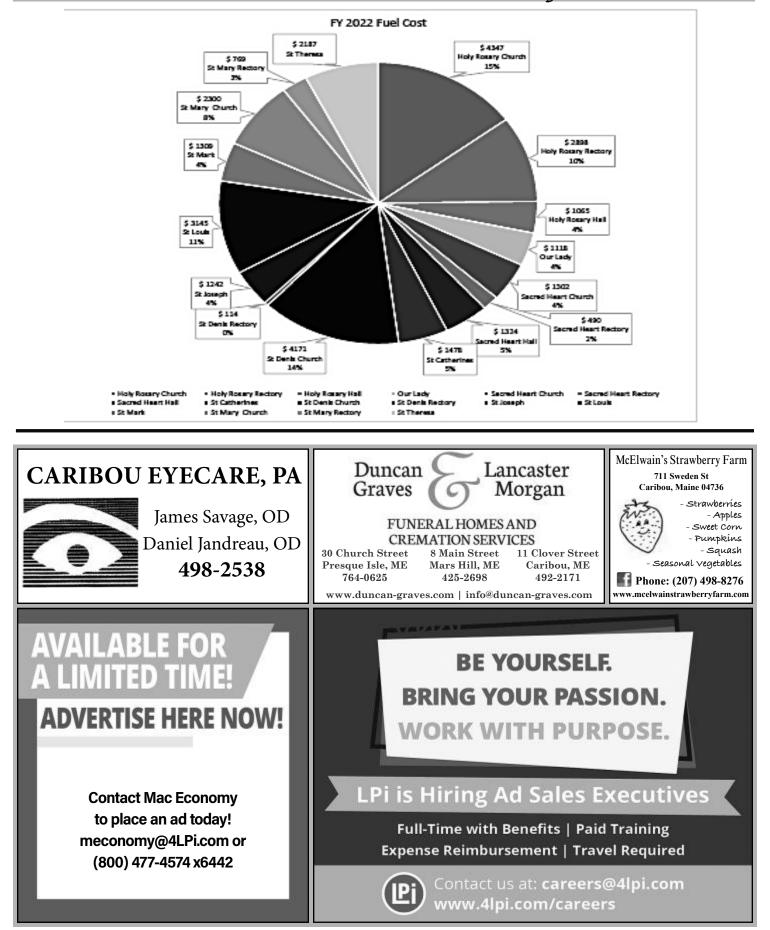
Christmas Flower donations were gratefully received in memory of the following....



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