

## *Catholics Along the Au Sable River*

consisting of the following parishes

Catholic Community of Holy Name & St. Matthew, Roman Catholic Community of Keeseville,  
St. Margaret's Parish

**MAILING ADDRESSES:** P.O. Box 719, Au Sable Forks, NY 12912 or 1804 Main Street, Keeseville, NY 12944

### **Nativity of the Lord, 12/25/21**



**Feast of the Holy Family  
Sunday, December 26, 2021**

**Glory to God in the highest!  
On earth, peace to those on whom His favor rests.**

#### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

##### **Saturday anticipated Mass**

4:00pm @ St. John the Baptist Church, Keeseville

##### **Sundays Masses**

8:30am @ St. Margaret's Church, Wilmington

10:30am @ Holy Name Church, Au Sable Forks

*The Rosary is recited 30 minutes before Mass.*

#### **ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 2:00—2:30pm, Holy Name Church

3:15—3:45pm, St. John the Baptist

**Sunday:** by request

prior to 8:30am, St. Margaret's

after Mass at Holy Name Church

#### **DAILY MASS AND PRAYER SERVICES**

**Mon. & Tues.: I.C., Keeseville**

8:00am, Rosary

8:30am Mass

**Thursday, Holy Name, Au Sable Forks**

4:00pm, Eucharistic Holy Hour

5:00pm, Evening Prayer

5:15pm Mass

**Friday, Holy Name, Au Sable Forks**

8:15am, Morning Prayer

8:30am Mass

**Sunday, I.C., Keeseville**

1:00—4:00pm, Eucharistic Adoration

**Note:** See "This Week's Happenings" and  
"Mass Schedule" for any changes.

**Parish Offices:** Au Sable Forks, Pleasant Street, Mon. thru Thurs. 8:30am-1:30pm, phone: 518-647-8225  
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**Sacramental Life**

Daily Mass, Holy Days: see weekly schedule

**Baptism**

Parents are to contact the pastor at the parish office to make arrangements for instruction before choosing godparents or seeking to set a date.

**Marriage**

Couples should contact the pastor to discuss preparation. Pre-Cana instruction is necessary. Contact should be made at least 6 months before a desired date. No date may be set until after meeting with the pastor.

**PARISH STAFF:**

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**“WHAT HAS HAPPENED DURING 2021?”**

As 2021 comes to a close many people will be glad to welcome 2022 leaving behind another tough year fighting the COVID pandemic, hoping that 2022 will be a brighter year. The new masks mandates in our diocese and across the State will remind us that we are not out of the woods yet!

Much has happened in 2021! However, we don't want to forget the blessings we have received. At the top of the list has to be the development and distribution of the COVID vaccine that has helped us to return to some of our regular activities. It may not work 100% of the time and we may still contract the virus but, the ill effects are greatly diminished. The Omicron variant reminds us that human beings are very vulnerable and we must be careful of our own health and that of others.

With all our challenges and difficulties, our nation continues to function as a model of democracy in the world. The 117th Congress was seated on January 3rd and the President of the United States of America was inaugurated on January 20th. We continue our prayers asking God to bless our nation and to guide our leaders so that working together they may help us to build a better world.

The schools were able to open with students and teachers able to return to their classrooms. We must still take precautions and sometimes people have to quarantine due to exposure to the virus. However, we are doing better. Students were able to play sports and have adapted to wearing the masks when necessary. The AVCS Girls Soccer team brought home the State Championship. Congratulations girls!

Many summer activities returned this year even if they were limited. It was good to be outside and enjoy family and friends in smaller groupings.

It was wonderful to see so many people back at church again. We have returned to wearing masks because of the rise in active cases of the virus in our area. It is good to gather together as the Body of Christ, to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. The Holy Father has continued his travels to remind us of the universal nature of the Catholic Church. Despite concerns caused by wars, the pandemic and health issues, Pope Francis traveled to Hungary, Slovakia, Iraq and Greece. Due to ill health, his trip to the Environmental Summit in Scotland was canceled.

As we celebrate Christmas let us remember that we are all God's creation. God loves us all. He watches over His creation for He truly loves us and desires our salvation. He sent His only begotten Son into the world. Emmanuel, God with us, today, tomorrow and forever. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## MASS SCHEDULE:12/27— 1/2

**Monday, 12/27:** 8:30am, I.C.

Emil Karkoski

By Jill Maleson

**Tuesday, 12/28:** 8:30am, I.C.

Intentions of David Lauzon

By Fr. Kris Lauzon

**Wednesday, 12/29: No Mass**

**Thursday, 12/30:** 5:15pm, Holy Name

Barbara Benway

By Paul Benway & family

### Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

**Friday, December 31, 2021**

**4:00pm, St. John's**

All Souls

By Ronald Stanford

**7:00pm, Holy Name Church**

Sarah Richards

By Fr. Kris Lauzon

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

**10:30am, Holy Name Church**

George Nolan

By Margaret Bombard

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

**4:00pm, St. John's**

People of the Parishes

By Fr. Kris Lauzon

**Sunday, 1/2:** 8:30am, St. Margaret's

Dorothy Malkin

By Barbara Nelson

**Sunday, 1/2:** 10:30am, Holy Name

Dorothy Dubay

By Wayne & Sherry Dubay

### THANK YOU!

Our thanks to the many people who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. While we have had to return to masks in public buildings we are thankful that the pandemic has not stifled those who help with getting the churches ready and ministering for the well being of our faith community during these holy days. God bless you for your generosity.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:

Margaret LaBombard, Luke Garcia, Joan Plumadore, Paul Savage, Sr., Isaiah Deslauriers, Tim Smith, Michaela Rose Bushey-Devins, Aaron LaMay, Mike Rafferty, Timothy Booth, Al Bombard, Sam Burchill, Dann Sally, Anne Rooney, Lisa Caito, John Pattno, Joshua Haywood, Chris Whisher, Deacon John Ryan, Tammy Kessler, Kathryn Kipp, Wilford Hesler, Brian Bezio, Jeff Stars, John Cummings, Sue Rosio, Dylan Sorrell, Steven Siskavich, Taylor Allen, Pat Latourelle, Sue Ashline, Pauline Crahan, Morgan Gilbert, Evelyn Coolidge, C. Brooke Champine, Patricia Frank, Zoey Daniels, Amy Votraw, Tammy Bola, Nancy Bombard, Bonnie Rondeau, Mary Thwaites, Lynn LaDieu, Lorraine Donahue, Bryan Deyoe, Joseph Malskis, Jr., Danny Witherwax, John Champine, Polly Brelia, Lata Annayya, Sue Pulitzer, Joan F. Lukasiewicz, Matthew Inga, Chris Angevine, Cheryl Stone-O'bert, John Olsen, Aliana Randall, Margaret Bombard, Robert & Maureen Camp, Sandra Bezio, David Nadeau. If you are aware of people who would like to be added to the prayer list ask them to please call the parish office in Au Sable Forks (518) 647-8225. Please, continue to pray for the needs of those on our prayer list.

### FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Growing up we always went to Mass on New Years Day and I always thought that it was because it would be a good way to start the New Year by thanking God for the many blessing He has given us and asking for His continued blessings in the year ahead. That seemed very logical to me and a good thing to do.

As I became more familiar with my Catholic Faith, I became aware that January 1st was a Holy Day of Obligation in the Church, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Why is this date so important especially as it comes just one week after the feast of Christmas? There are several reasons. **1)** Our belief that Mary is the Mother of God confirms our belief that her son, Jesus, is indeed God. The second person of the Blessed Trinity. **2)** It comes on the 8th day after Christmas concluding the solemn celebration of the Octave of Christmas. **3)** It is a great way to begin a New Year by remembering God's blessings and asking His help in the year ahead.

As Catholics we have been greatly blessed by God especially with our salvation in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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