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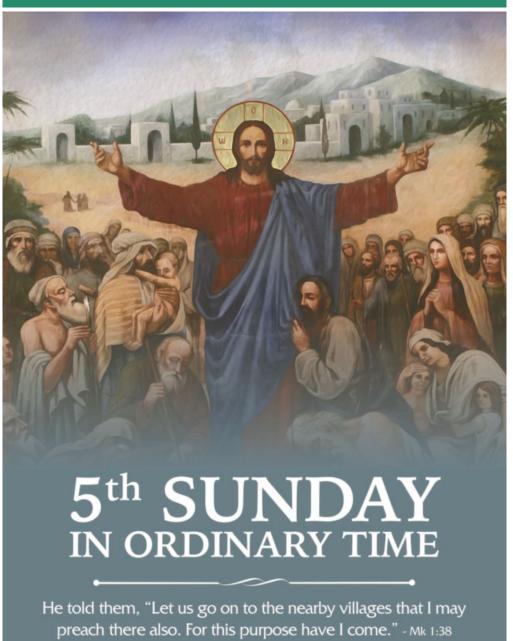
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# PASTORATE 8

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you all. Thank you for your active participation in the pastorate survey regarding the new name of our future parish. We received a total of 267 responses, reflecting your enthusiasm and interest in this important decision.

The survey results are in the table to the right. As you can see, the top three choices are Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish, Our Lady of Angels Parish, and Our Lady of Lourdes Par-

ish. These names reflect our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our heavenly patroness and protector, and our desire to honor her under different titles and aspects.

The transition team will submit these three names to Bishop Hying, who will make the final decision on the name of our future parish. We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide him in this process, and we pray for his wisdom and discernment.

We expect to receive the bishop's announcement by the end of February, and we will share it with you as soon as possible. We look forward to celebrating our new identity as a united parish, and we thank you for your patience and cooperation.

We are happy to announce that the calendar of Mass intentions for 2025 is now open. You can request Mass intentions for your loved ones, living or deceased, for any occasion or intention.

You can now request Mass intentions online at https://pastorate8.org/mass-intentions. This is a convenient and secure way to submit your requests and make your donations. You can also call or visit the parish office to request Mass intentions in person.

On Saturday, February 3, we will celebrate the feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint of throat ailments and diseases. St. Blaise was a bishop and martyr who healed a young boy who was choking on a fish bone.

On this day, we will offer the traditional blessing of throats after each Mass. We invite you to receive this blessing as a sign of God's healing and protection. We also ask you to pray for St. Blaise's intercession for all those who suffer from throat problems or any other illness.

May God bless you all,

Fr. Miguel

Name	Average Ranking	
Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish	5.71	
Our Lady of Angels Parish	5.10	
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	7.73	highest score.
Holy Innocents Parish	2 = 2	lowest
Saints Joachim and Anne Parish	3.49	score.
St. Thomas More Parish	3.48	
Saint Isaac Jogues and the Black Robes Parish	1.75	



ANNUAL CATHOLIC
APPEAL
ANNOUNCEMENT
WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 3 AND 4

On February 10 and 11, Father Miguel, Fr. James, Fr. Pedro, & Fr. Osvaldo will lead the in-pew process for the Annual Catholic Appeal in their Churches. Those who have not made a pledge by mail will be asked to do so at this time. You will also be sent a special edition of the Catholic Herald on February 8 where you will have the opportunity to make a gift, as well.

Please read the annual appeal tabloid that is in your bulletin today or at entrances of the Church. It provides a detailed explanation of the use of the funds that you are asked to give. This appeal funds many ministries throughout the diocese and helps many in need.

Each household is asked to prayerfully consider making a gift. In doing so, please consider making a pledge, payable over six months.

One member from each household will be asked to fill out a commitment envelope during mass. Thank you in advance for your support of our parish, the diocese and the work of the church throughout the world.



Annual Free Throw Contest on Sunday, February 4 at Bridges Elementary School in Prairie du Sac. The contest is open to ALL boys and girls ages 9-14 (ages determined as of January 1). Registration will start at 11:15 AM and the contest is set

will start at 11:15 AM and the contest is set to begin at noon.



# St. Aloysius Mass Intentions

# Monday, February 5

- ♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Philip Schnur
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Ralph J. Bindl (Family)

# Tuesday, February 6

- ♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Jon Schnur
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Rex Boss Family (Russ & Mary Reddemann)

# Wednesday, February 7

- ♦ 7:00 AM † Dean Pfaff (Dondi & Margaret Nelson)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Margaret Fuchs (Family)

# Thursday, February 8

- ♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Christopher Dusang
- ♦ 8:15 AM Special Intention for Liam Krejchik (John & Mardell Krejchik)

# Friday, February 9

- ◆ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Pia Del Bello (Elisa Schnur)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Ruth Trausch (Sondra Gorius)

# Saturday, February 10

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Erna & Raymond McNeely (Scott & Lisa Enerson Family)
- ♦ 4:30 PM † Brian Hineline (Family)

# Sunday, February 11

- ♦ 8:00 AM † Betty Hutter (Joan Cole)
- ♦ 10:30 AM Living & deceased members of the Pape & Baier Family (Family)
- ♦ 12:30 (Español) Por los miembros vivos y difuntos de la Parroquia

# **Nursing Homes Mass Intentions**

# Wednesday, February 7 Maplewood Assisted Living

♦ 10:00 AM † Bernice Marx (St. Norberts CCW)

# Friday, February 9 Maplewood Nursing Home

♦ 10:00 AM † Brad Eckart (Family)



# DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of January 28, 2024 Collections......\$ 11,983.00

Needed for Budget......\$ 9,326.92

Difference: \$ 2,656.08

#### Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 317,317.54

Needed for Budget..\$ 289,134.52

Difference: \$ 28,183.02

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Margaret at 643-2449 or go to
divinemercyparish.org/giving



or mail it upon request.

To save postage and paper WE WILL NOT BE MAILING 2023 STATE-MENTS. If you would like your 2023 contribution statement, please contact Margaret in the office. She will either email

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# ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK



# SEVEN SUNDAYS IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH

This Sunday, February 4th, and for the next 6 Sundays, we will be praying the Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph

just before Mass.

The Seven Sundays Devotion celebrates the seven joys and sorrows that St. Joseph shared, as Head of the Holy Family, with the Blessed Mother. The first Sunday reflects on the sorrow St. Joseph endured in contemplating "putting Mary away" privately and the immense joy he enjoyed when the sublime mystery of the Incarnation was revealed to him by an angel.

The Seven Sundays Devotion culminates on Sunday March 17th, the Sunday before the feast of St. Joseph. We offer the Seven Sundays Devotion for the preservation of the reign of God's Truth in our families, our Church, our country and our world. Plan to come a little early to take part in this beautiful devotion.

# WINTER WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS

It is time to consider the possibility of Mass cancellations due to foul weather. If Mass will be cancelled, we will contact those of you who have internet access via email and ask that you pass the information on to your neighbors and those parishioners that may not have internet. If your internet address has changed or if we do not have your email address, please place it in the collection basket and label it "Mass cancellation email address". If you do not have internet and would like to be called when Mass is cancelled, please call Mardell Krejchik at 608-742-3364 to be placed on a calling list. Also, please be aware of our senior members and offer to help them enter the church safely whenever the opportunity arises. May God bless you all as we care for and assist one another.

### COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

# Saturday, February 3

3:30-4:15 PM Confessions 4:30 P.M Mass

# Sunday, February 4

9:10-9:25 AM Rosary 9:15-9:30 AM Confessions 9:30 AM Mass

St. Mary's Prayer Chain (608) 493-2337

# COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN

# TUESDAY, February 6

**7:35 AM -** Rosary

8:00 AM - Mass

8:30 AM - Faith Discussion

9:00 AM - Refreshments

#### MASS THIS WEEK AT DURWARD'S GLEN

The February 6th Mass is being offered for the repose of the Souls of Charles and Florence Krejchik by John and Mardell Krejchik.

# A BRUNCH FOR VERN AND MARIE

Vern and Marie Weisensel will be moving to Prairie du Sac the end of January and we are having a farewell brunch in their honor after Mass this Sunday, February 4th, 2024. Vern and Marie have been active in our parish since time immemorial and are very dear friends to many in our parish family. Everyone from the parish is invited to join together for brunch to wish Vern and

# ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

# Saturday, February 3

♦ 4:30 PM † Charlie Fuchs (Jeanne Fuchs)

# Sunday, February 4

◆ 9:30 AM † Ted Breunig (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

# Tuesday, February 6 Durward's Glen

♦ 8:00 AM † Charles and Florence Krejchik (John and Mardell Krejchik)

# Saturday, February 10

◆ 4:30 PM † Marty Richardson (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Marie well in their new home.



Durward's Glen

# Sunday, February 11

◆ 9:30 AM Special intention for Liam Krejchik and †
 Charity and Anthony Krejchik
 (John and Mardell Krejchik)

# Tuesday, February 13 Durward's Glen

♦ 8:00 AM † Edwin Uselmann (Vern and Marie Weisensel)



# Liturgical SCHEDULE

		SACRISTANS	MASS SERVERS
Sat. Feb. 3	4:00pm	Volunteer needed	Landon Ambrose
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed	Calvin Breunig
Sun. Feb. 4	8:00am	Myah Brickl	Jack Brickl
Sat. Feb. 10	4:00pm	Cora Brickl	Landon Ambrose, Jack Brickl
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed	Noah Endres
Sun. Feb. 11	8:00am	Volunteer needed	Logan Schoepp

# St. Norbert Mass Intentions

# Monday February 5

◆ 8:00 AM † Randy Roger Kippley (Elizabeth Bellissimo)

# Tuesday February 6

♦ 8:00 AM † Annella Gilles (Del and Judy Endres)

# Wednesday February 7

♦ 8:00 AM † Bernard Breunig (Pat Breunig)

# Thursday February 8

♦ 8:00 AM † Bob Gilles (Del and Judy Endres)

# Friday February 9

♦ 8:00 AM † Vince Ballweg (Family)

# Saturday February 10

- ◆ 4:00 PM † Buster Reible (Bonnie Reible Family)
- ♦ 8:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the St. Norbert Parish Family

# Sunday February 11

♦ 8:00 AM † Steve Frey (Shane and Connie Frey)

# **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Thank you to the following individuals who volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels this past week: Diane and Les Endres Jeanne Fuchs, Dianne Raschka, Yolanda Piedra, Miriam Maiguez, and Mary



Yolanda Piedra, Miriam Maiquez, and Marvin and Harriett Breunig. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer.

# **BAPTISM**

Little Tessalina Noel Schmitt was baptized this weekend. Congratulations to the proud parents, Chris and Melissa (Hubbard) Schmitt, and a warm St. Norbert's welcome to Tessalina Noel.

# FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

The St. Norbert Finance Council will meet on **Wednesday**, **February 7** at 6:00pm in the Church Hall. If you have



anything to add to the agenda please contact Ed Breunig at 608-434-2996 or Fr. James.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The St. Norbert Parish Council will meet on **Thursday, February 8** at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. If you have anything to add to the agenda, please contact Brad Walsh at 608-212-2323 or Fr. James.

# **CCW MEETING MINUTES**

The St. Norbert's CCW will meet on **Sunday, February** 11 after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall. All ladies of the Pastorate are invited and encouraged to attend.

### **THANK YOU**

A very special thank you to Jerome Ballweg and Doug Ballweg for taking care of the tree branches that came down in the latest snow storm.

# THANK YOU KNITTERS!!



Thank you to everyone who helped with the making and collecting of the baby booties for the Women's Care Center. Your time and talent are appreciated. Shoutout to Flaxen Fleece for help in spreading the word, donating materials, and being our collection site. It was wonderful collaborating with you. May God Bless the babies that will wear these baby booties.

### ST. BLAISE

February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. Fr. James will offer the St. Blaise blessing after ALL Masses the weekend of February 3 and 4.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Please join us for Adoration. We have Adoration Thursdays following the 8:00am Mass until Benediction on Fridays at 7:45am. Please contact Julianne Brickl at 608-698-2961 or Mary Markielewski at 608-516-1335 if you would like to become a volunteer or a substitute for Adoration.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to request a Mass, please place your request in the collection basket, labeled "Mass intentions" with your PRINTED request; phone number, email address or mailing address; and a \$10 stipend payable to St. Norbert. Or you may mail your request to the Parish attention Mass request. Or feel free to contact Juanita via email or by phone. You may also order online at https://pastorate8.org/mass-intentions

# **CONFESSIONS**



**MONDAYS - FRIDAYS:** Starting a half an hour before each of the daily Masses.

**THURSDAYS:** 5:00 - 7:00pm.

**SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS:** Starting one hour before each of the Masses.

## GO MAKE DISCIPLES TIP OF THE MONTH

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We especially focus on examining our hearts, confessing our sins,



and reflecting in the significance of Christ's death. Here are some ideas for prayer, fasting and almsgiving:

# Prayer

- \*pray a decade of the Rosary
- \*pray an Our Father for our priest
- \*read and reflect on a Bible story

# **Fasting**

- \*fast from a meal or snacking
- \*fast from complaining
- \*do things the first time your asked

# Almsgiving

- \* choose an item of clothing or a toy to donate
- \* do an extra chore
- \* send a card to someone

### TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for anyone who contributed to the parish in 2023 are available on the table by the main entrance.

Please pick yours up as soon as possi-

ble to help the parish save on mailing expenses. If you have trouble finding your statement, please contact Juanita. Remember the Capital Campaign donations are mailed separately.

# ST. BARNABAS

# St. Barnabas

# Mass Intentions

Sunday February 4

♦ 9:00 AM † Henry Castaño (Marina)



♦ 9:00 AM Holy Spirit (Marina)



# **GRATEFULNESS DURING HARD TIMES.**

Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out. Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial. We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the

things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others. Before Lent begins in a couple weeks, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take

for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about

your Father's work.

#### TAX STATEMENTS 2023

If you would like to receive your Tax Statement, please contact **Margaret Nelson at 608 643 2449** to request your statement to be emailed, mailed or you can pick it up at St. Aloysius, Sauk City.



# OUR COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL

MENTAL HEALTH SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP **MEETING** 

Thursday St. Aloysius Church basement



We will begin with dinner, followed by prayer, reading and discussion focused on how our Catholic faith promotes mental health and addresses needs along the journey of recovery and sup-

port of those with mental health challenges.

All are invited and welcome to attend.

# Saint Aloysius Cereal Drive!



Students at St. Aloysius School are collecting unopened cereal boxes for this year's Do Good Wisconsin's Annual Cereal Domino Challenge!

Our school will film our best BOX DOMINO FALL after all are collected. We hope to collect over 100 boxes this year and beat our record! Boxes will be donated to the SP Food Pantry on National Cereal Day - March 7!













# **Cereal Collection**

When: January 29 - February 23

Where: St. Aloysius School Office or St. Aloysius Church Lobby

We are looking for **5 volunteers** who are comfortable, able, and healthy! to help on the Food Pantry distribution on

> **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17** 9am - 10:45am

Contact the Parish Office at 608 6432449 if you would like to volunteer.

Please consider reading 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory with a fun group, facilitated by Nick & Kay Ringelstetter, beginning at 9 AM on Wed, Feb. 21 for 6 classes from 2/21-3/27 in Room C of the parish basement. We will be going though the book and consecrating ourselves to Jesus in the Eucharist on Palm Sunday. The lessons



and final Prayer of Eucharist Consecration are private moments, but we are hoping that our sharing and learning weekly as a group will help us to remain focused and committed. This unprecedented spiritual resource presents profound truths, extraordinary prayers, inspiring stories, journeys with Saints, a daily virtue to adopt---all in an easy-to-follow daily format. Dynamic Catholic, in coordination with the U.S. Bishops Eucharistic revival, plans to use this book for their online BEST LENT EVER https://www.dynamiccatholic.com and the book can be ordered from their site.

Please consider joining others to embark on this journey, using this extraordinary spiritual guide to lead you to the essence of what it means to be Catholic. It will take your spiritual life to unimaginable new levels and change your life in the most marvelous of ways.

Please contact grandparentsdivinemercy@gmail.com\_if you plan to join us on Wed., 2/21 at 9 AM in Room C in the parish basement at St. Aloysius.

Please, pray for our Religious Education and St. Als School students who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend (previous retreat canceled due to weather conditions)

Henry Breunig Eli Breunig Brooks Mitchell Brecken Craig Charlie Breunig Olivia Pletzer Nora Deines Wilson Wuerger Hunter Reo Brooks Ludwig Walter Brunken Ronan Reuter Harry Punke Kensi Hruby

Ivy Schwichtenberg Cooper Fiene

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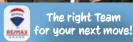
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