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The Holy Family
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Dear Parishioners,

As we turn the page into 2026, I want to wish each of you and your families a truly blessed and happy New Year.

This time of year, the world loves “resolutions.” Gym memberships, new diets, new planners, new versions of ourselves. There’s nothing wrong with wanting to improve, but the world’s idea of a resolution often sounds like: “Try harder. Be stronger. Reinvent yourself.” And then, when we stumble (as human beings do), the whole thing quietly dissolves by mid-January.

The Christian view is steadier, more realistic, and far more hopeful. A Catholic “resolution” is less about reinventing ourselves and more about returning to the Lord. Not “new me,” but “Lord, make me Yours.” The saints did not become saints by perfect streaks and flawless discipline. They became saints by daily conversion, by getting up again, by confessing when they fell, and by letting grace do what sheer willpower cannot.

So what might a Catholic New Year’s resolution look like?

Maybe it’s not a dramatic makeover, but a simple spiritual anchor:

- Pray every day, even if it’s brief and imperfect.
- Get to Sunday Mass faithfully, and add one weekday (or more!) Mass when possible.
- Make a good confession regularly, not as a punishment, but as a cleansing and a strengthening.
- Read Scripture a little each day, letting God’s Word shape your thoughts more than the headlines do.
- Practice charity at home first, where it costs the most and matters the most.

Small, steady, grace-filled steps. Holiness is usually built with quiet bricks.

And providentially, the Church gives us a perfect way to begin the year: January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. While the culture begins the year with noise and recovery, the Church begins it with worship. We start the year not with a slogan, but with an altar. Not with “I will,” but with “God is faithful.”

This Holy Day matters because it reminds us of something essential: time belongs to God, and so do we. Placing the first day of the year under Mary’s maternal care is not sentimental. It is profoundly practical. A mother teaches her children how to live. Mary teaches us how to receive Christ, how to trust,

how to persevere, how to say “yes” when it’s easier to say “later.”

So I ask you: please make Mass on January 1 a priority. Begin 2026 the way Christians have always begun the future, by putting God first. If you’ve been carrying burdens, bring them. If you’re grateful, bring that too. If you’re anxious about what lies ahead, place it in the hands of the Lord, and ask Our Lady to help you keep your heart steady. May God bless this New Year for you with deeper faith, stronger hope, and a love that grows practical and joyful. And may Mary, Mother of God, keep you close to her Son all year long.

God bless you,

Father Miguel



	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31	THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH SAUK CITY	7:00 AM Daily Mass 8:15 AM Daily Mass No Vigil Mass	8:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM Spanish
ST. NORBERT'S CHURCH ROXBURY	8:00 AM Daily Mass 5:00 PM Vigil Mass	9:00 AM
ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK CHURCH MERRIMAC	4:30 PM Vigil Mass	9:30 AM
ST. BARNABAS CHURCH MAZOMANIE	-----	9:00 AM

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, December 29

- ◆ 7:00 AM Living members of the Neal and Ellen Schoepp Family (Neal & Ellen Schoepp)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † Susan McGrath Forman
(Kathy McGray-Ray)

Tuesday, December 30

- ◆ 7:00 AM Living members of the Neal and Ellen Schoepp Family (Neal & Ellen Schoepp)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † Mike and Catherine Weiss (Family)

Wednesday, December 31

- ◆ 7:00 AM † Henry Bell (Mike & Janet Wedwick)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † Orville Endres

Thursday, January 1 Holy day of Obligation

- ◆ 8:00 AM For all living and deceased members of the Mary, Mother of Mercy Pastorate
- ◆ 10:30 AM † Alvin W. & Annabell A. Wipperfurth
(Annabell Wipperfurth Estate)
- ◆ 12:30 (Español) † Mario Alberto Lerma Ruiz
(Aleida Ruiz)

Friday, January 2

- ◆ 7:00 AM † Joanne Breunig (Family)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † Maureen Baum (Joan Hicks Family)

Saturday, January 3

- ◆ 8:00 AM † John M. Wedwick (Mike & Janet Wedwick)
- ◆ 4:30 PM For all living and deceased members of the Mary, Mother of Mercy Pastorate

Sunday, January 4

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Dick Patterson (Family)
- ◆ 10:30 AM † Shirley Wedwick (Mike & Janet Wedwick)
- ◆ 12:30 (Español) † Mario Alberto Lerma Ruiz
(Aleida Ruiz)

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Thursday, January 1 The Pines

10:00 AM Canceled

Friday, January 2 Maplewood Nursing Home

10:00 AM Special Intention for Robert Egbert & Danielle Egbert (Marty Egbert)



In Memory or Honor of

The Haas-Henseler Families

Bud Ederer, Herb and Lucy Ederer, Andrew and Claudia Schwartz

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Joe and Marian Ballweg, Pat Ballweg, Alan Ballweg

Bob and Mary Ann Shower, Harold and Dorothy Kirch, Ralph and Catherine Kirch, Marty Breunig

Werner Ballweg, Inez Ballweg, Alice Ballweg, Fran Michels-Beuthin, Florian and Emma Ballweg, Melvin and Eileen Eberle, Ron Eberle, Rosalia Eberle, Gus Louis

Greg Endres, Rose Endres

William Lenerz, Howard and Florina Lenerz, Larry Lenerz, Doug Lenerz, Alfred Roelke, Denise Roelke, Cyril Ripp

Ray & Sharon Clavnsnitzer

Norman Hicks, Maureen Baum, Kristine Hicks, Joseph & Valeria Eckstein Family, George & Charlotte Hicks & Family

Lester Breunig, Roman E. & Agnes C. Breunig

Roger Ruhland, Lloyd Ruhland, Nip & Florence Hellebrand, Jody Coy

For Connor and Jada Murray Family and caregivers

Karen Breunig

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of December 14, 2025

Collections.....\$15,150.29

Needed for Budget.....\$ 9,615.39

Difference: \$5,198.98

Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 263,549.28

Needed for Budget..\$ 230,769.36

Difference: \$32,779.92

If you would like to give electronically please contact Margaret at 643-2449

SANCTUARY CANDLE

GLORIA NOLDEN
(FROM TOM AND SHARON MEYER)





ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 27

- ◆ 4:30 PM Special intention for Maria del Carmen Romero Lopez-Reynoso & Family (Tod and Julie Fleming)

Sunday, December 28

- 9:30 AM Special intention for Dave and Dawn Helt (Anonymous)

Tuesday, December 30 Durward's Glen

- ◆ 8:00 AM **Mass is Cancelled**

Wednesday, December 31

- ◆ 4:30 PM Special intention for Margaret Nelson (John and Mardell Krejchik)

Thursday, January 1

- ◆ 9:30 AM Special intention for Fr. Pedro (Anonymous)

Saturday, January 3

- ◆ 4:30 PM Special intention (Jim and Diane Kirch)

Sunday, January 4

- ◆ 9:30 AM Special intention for the Consecrated Women of the Society of Jesus Christ the Priest (Tod and Julie Fleming)

Tuesday, January 6 Durward's Glen

- ◆ 8:00 AM Special intention for Emily Krejchik (John and Mardell Krejchik)

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, December 27

- ◆ 3:30-4:15 PM Confessions
- ◆ 4:30 PM Holy Mass

Sunday, December 28

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- ◆ 9:10-9:25 AM Rosary
- ◆ 9:15-9:30 AM Confessions
- ◆ 9:30 AM Holy Mass
- ◆ 10:30 AM Coffee and Doughnuts

Wednesday, December 31

- ◆ 4:30 P.M. Holy Mass

Thursday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- ◆ 9:30 A.M. Holy Mass

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

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH:

This Sunday, we will have coffee and donuts after the Sunday 9:30 Mass for all our parishioners and visitors. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat while visiting with friends, old and new! All are welcome.

Parishioners appreciated the cold baby Jesus endured at His birth when blessing the creche on Sunday, December 14, 2025. The temperature was in the single digits. Hot coffee and refreshments were enjoyed by all after the blessing in St. Mary's Hall.



Christmas Flowers Memorials

IN MEMORY OF/SPECIAL INTENTION

Lester & Mildred Reuter; Albert & Lila Rietmann (By Randall & Jane Rietmann)

Living & Deceased of the Johnson & Krejchik Families (By John and Mardell Krejchik)

Mary Beth Hellenbrand; Pat Todd (By Al and Kris Koberstein)

Gwendolyn and William Gloeckler (Parents) (By William K Gloeckler)

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE JANUARY 2026 AND BEYOND:

We are in dire need of Mass intentions in January with 8 Masses still available and many in the months beyond. If you have deceased loved ones or a special intention for a living friend or relative, please consider offering a Mass for them. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most efficacious prayer that we can offer for our living and deceased loved ones since it is the Holy Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. To reserve a Mass in December and beyond at St. Mary's or Durward's Glen, please contact Mardell Krejchik, at 608-742-3364 or calca-b89@yahoo.com or simply put your request in the collection basket at the next Mass. Please include your telephone number in case there are questions and your email address if you would like a receipt emailed to you. Thank you so much for your continued support by offering Mass intentions. God Bless

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025:

Mass is Cancelled

MASS THIS WEEK AT DURWARD'S GLEN

Mass is cancelled for this Tuesday, December 30, 2025.



With Fr. Simon Tipps

MEN'S 3-DAY RETREAT

at Durward's Glen

More details to come, but
MARK YOUR CALENDARS—you
will want to attend!

FEBRUARY 13-15,
2026.



WOMEN'S 3-DAY RETREAT

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JANUARY 23-25 | 2026

DURWARD'S GLEN



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is "Knowing your
identity as a beloved."
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Donna at
(608) 477-0765 or go to
the web site:
holyfamilyhealing.org

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A HELPING HAND TO DURWARD'S GLEN



We are in the final days of the **Matching Fundraiser** and we are 75% of the way to the goal; please help us get to the top! A very generous donor has offered to match dollar for dollar any donations received from now through December 31, 2025 up to \$100,000. That means your donation will be doubled for Durward's Glen's benefit. Any donation

post-marked on or before December 31, will be included. These funds will enable Durward's Glen to offer retreats at low rates allowing more people to benefit from them and will enable us to make needed capital improvements such as electrical wiring, new windows, roof replacement, etc. To donate to Durward's Glen, call us at (608) 356-8113, mail your check to Durward's Glen Retreat Center, W11876 McLeisch Road, Baraboo, WI 53913, or scan the QR code below. (All donations are tax deductible.)



Please keep in mind that we welcome faith-filled retreats, family gatherings, business conferences, priestly retreats, and even wedding receptions at Durward's Glen. We are here to serve our community and the Catholic faith community.

To reserve an event at Durward's Glen, email theglen150@gmail.com or call (608) 356-8113.



CHRISTMAS

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Dr. John Sehorn



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We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!

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FORMED**NOW**



Liturgical SCHEDULE

SACRISTANS

MASS SERVERS

Sat. Dec.27	4:00 pm	Volunteer needed	Dennis and Devin Ballweg
	8:00 pm	Reagan Breunig	Eli Breunig
Sun. Dec.28	8:00 am	Meg Brickl	Jack Brickl
Wed. Dec. 31	5:00 pm	Martha Weiss	Carl Weiss
Thur. Jan. 1	9:00 am	Volunteer needed	Caleb and Calvin Breunig
Sat. Jan. 3	4:00 pm	Volunteer needed	Noah Endres
	8:00 pm	Volunteer needed	Dennis and Devin Ballweg
Sun. Jan. 4	8:00 am	Volunteer needed	Logan and Matthew Schoepp

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday, December 29

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Ralph and Ethel Kippley
(The Kippley Family)

Tuesday, December 30

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Rollie Mack (Bill and Alice Brickl)

Wednesday, December 31

- ◆ 8:00 AM Special Intention for Joan Sauvey
(Mary Sauvey)
- ◆ 5:00 PM † Patricia Breunig
(Del and Judy Endres)

Thursday, January 1

- ◆ 9:00 AM † Helen Neumaier
(The Grandchildren)

Friday, January 2

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Brandon Drone
(Pat and Jackey Drone)

Saturday, January 3

- ◆ 4:00 PM † Roland Mack
(Mark and Mary Pertzborn)
- ◆ 8:00 PM † Agnes Ballweg
(St. Norbert CCW)

Sunday, January 3

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Donald Mack (St. Norbert Parish)

ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will not have Adoration on Thursday, January 1, 2026. Our regular Adoration schedule will resume on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Happy New Year!

Adoration volunteers are reminded to take their gift from the table by the choir.

Dearest Brethren,

It's that time of year again: time to make a new resolution; time to look at what we did wrong and avoid it in the future; time to look at what we did right and continue to improve. But the reason behind it all is not simply so that we can be better, or feel better about ourselves. Each and every one of us is called to holiness from the moment of our Baptism, and it is the love of God that gives us the strength to walk the path we must, overcoming obstacles, set-backs, and temptations. May Our Lord and the Blessed Mother give us the courage to begin the New Year with our eyes fixed on Heaven, and our hearts placed in God alone. Happy New Year!

And a very special thank you to everyone who generously gave their time and effort to make the Christmas Masses at St. Norbert so wonderful; especially our servers, sacristans, choir members and musicians, and to all those who helped decorate the church and organize the Christmas Pageant. Thank you also for all the cards and gifts that you have so kindly sent me! May God bless and reward all of you!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James

DONATIONS FOR 2025: Anyone that would like to have a donation to the parish included in the 2025 calendar year for tax purposes is reminded that December 31, 2025 is the last day to have the donation included for the year. This weekend, December 27 - 28, is the last weekend to donate at Mass for 2025. Donations sent by mail need to be postmarked by December 31, 2025. After December 31, 2025 all donations will gladly be accepted for 2026.



EUCHRE/CARD

Everyone is invited to come and play cards on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Church Hall starting January 7.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, January 1, 2026 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and it is a holy day of obligation. Masses here at St. Norbert for the holy day will be Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at 5:00pm (Confessions 4:00 - 4:50pm) and Thursday, January 1, 2026 at 9:00am (Confessions 8:00 - 8:50am). A list of all the Masses in our Pastorate is printed in the bulletin.

ADORATION VOLUNTEERS, COMMENTATORS, GO MAKE DISCIPLES MEMBERS, MONEY COUNTERS, AND ROSARY LEADERS

Remember to pick up your gift from Fr. James and the Parish on the small tables by the choirs steps after Mass.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

St. Norbert Church is responsible to furnish volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels the weeks of February 2 and February 9, 2026. If you are able to help during this time either as a runner or as a driver, please sign up on the sheet on the register by the main entrance. Meals are ready for pick up at the Sauk Prairie Hospital between 11:20 - 11:30am (please call [Nutritional Services at 608-643-7239](tel:608-643-7239) both when you arrive and when return.) Please note the pick up location is the West Employee entrance (W2).



MASS INTENTIONS: We are currently scheduling Masses for October - December 2026. We have no weekend Masses available in 2026. 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 \$20 stipend payable to St. Norbert. You may also mail your request to the Parish attention Mass request. Or feel free to contact Juanita via email or by phone.

CCW MEETING

The St. Norbert CCW will meet on Sunday, **January 4** after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall. Ben O'Brien will be at the meeting to discuss his book *The Proving Grounds: A Catholic on Ladder 17*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. All are welcome to attend.

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Nolan Breunig and Sarah Isreal

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND TAKE DOWN**

All are invited to help take down the indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 4 after the 8:00am Mass.

**FLOCKNOTES**

Please watch your emails for Flocknotes from Fr. James, Fr. Miguel or even the Diocese of Madison. We do ask that if you are unsure if the parish has a current email or cell number for you on file please contact Juanita.

BULLETIN INFORMATION OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bulletin announcements or information for the January 11 bulletin are due Monday, January 5 by noon to Juanita.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

As part of the Go Make Disciples initiative, members of St. Norbert's parish group have provided a Parish Prayer Intention Book. This book can be found in the back of the church. Please feel welcome to write down your own intentions; as general or detailed as you'd like. Also take a moment to page through the book and pray for other parishioners' intentions, maybe before or after Mass, or during Adoration. We can all benefit from more prayer in our lives and more care for each other. Please reach out to any member of the Go Make Disciples group with questions.

**CALLING ALL LADIES!!**

The St. Norbert's CCW wants you!

New to the Parish, recently confirmed or not already a member? Add your contact information and let us know what group you want to be a part of!

Already a member of the CCW? Update and/or help us confirm your contact information is accurate.

Use the QR code to sign up online or sign up using the sheets in the back of church!

Questions? Email stnorbertyccw@gmail.com or call CCW President, Tara Breunig, at 608.370.1071



SECURITY UPDATE: As a new security measure at St. Norbert members of the security team will be locking all doors of the church, except the front entrances (C1 - C3), about 5 minutes after the start of Mass. Please note: no one is being locked inside the church. Anyone can leave the building at any time using the crash bars on the door; but if you need to get back in, you would need to use the front door, which will remain always open during Mass. This is to ensure that anyone entering the church at unusual times can be properly observed for the safety of all.



St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 28

- ◆ 9:00 AM Special Intention for all the Altar Servers at St. Barnabas Church

Tuesday, December 30

- ◆ 5:30 PM Special Intention for The Chlebeck Family (Luksik Family)

Thursday, January 1

- ◆ 9:00 AM Special Intention for Daniel Bayer and Family (Bill & Mary Beth Bayer)

Sunday, January 4

- ◆ 9:00 AM Special Intention for Matthew and Patti Bayer and family (Bill & Mary Beth Bayer)



During Fr. Cristian absence in his retreat in Spain, please call Fr. Miguel at 608 448-6061 in case of emergency or contact the St. Aloysius Parish Office at 608 643 2449



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Fr. Cristian Valenzuela 608-795-4321

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Mary Gust 608- 795-2555

CEMETERY

Karen Lawler 608 795 2748

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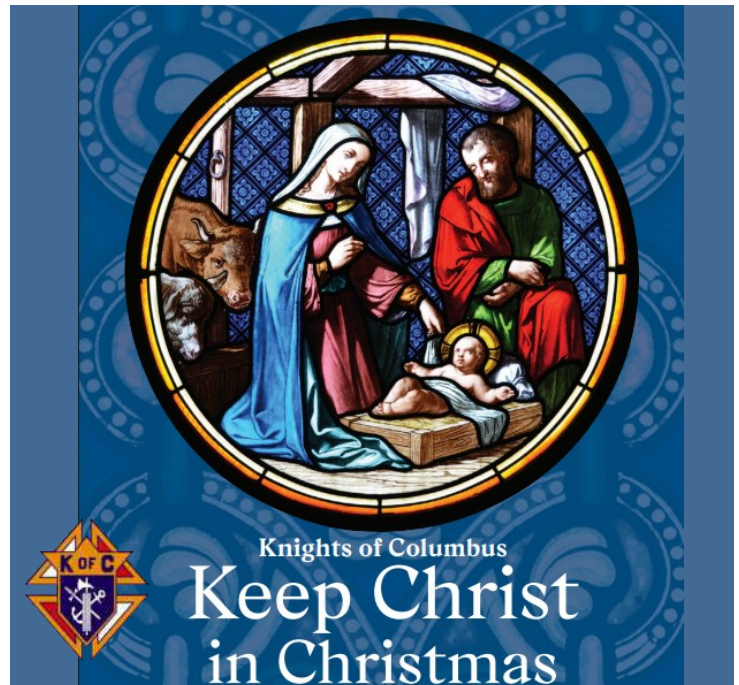
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If you would like one, please contact: Daniela Saldaña at:

daniela.saldana@divinemeracy-parish.org

or call the Parish Office at
608 643 2449

THANK YOU!!



Knights of Columbus

Keep Christ in Christmas

Knights of Columbus Council 7811 are hosting our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Kids in grades K-8 can compete. Entry forms and paper can be found at the entrance of St. Barnabas. Entries are due by Sunday, January 4th.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.



First Friday of the Month

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Confession

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

Every THURSDAY

Confessions
Holy Mass

7:30 am
8:00 am



“Man should tremble, the world should quake, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest.”

ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL NEWS

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"Saint Aloysius is a Catholic education community whose ministry provides opportunity for all students to develop their spiritual life and academic potential."



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM LITTLE BLESSINGS PREK STUDENTS!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas! Our Little Blessing PreK students spent the weeks leading up to Christmas break enjoying some holiday traditions, such as baking cookies and singing carols. They took a trip to the office to see Baby Jesus and the beautiful Nativity scene up close!



COCOA CONCERT CELEBRATIONS!

Mrs. Magnuson treated our 3rd-5th graders to a special post-concert celebration. This was to thank them for all their hard work during the many skipped recesses and extra practice times. They enjoyed an afternoon of snow play, hot cocoa, and a Christmas sing-a-long! Great job, everyone!





Three Kings Come to Visit

Three visitors came from afar to preach the Good News - the King is born today! Parishioners, Steve and Sandy Fuchs, visit our classrooms every December to spread the joyful spirit of Christmas. This year, they dressed up as the three kings (joined by Sue Kohlbeck), sharing the story of the Nativity with the students. Above, you'll see the shining, smiling faces of our 4th graders with the three wise men! We are grateful for the enthusiasm they bring every winter and their generosity to the students and staff alike! Merry Christmas!



**WE RAISED OVER \$300
FOR OUR NURSING HOME
VALENTINE'S DAY GIFTS.**

**THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO
DONATED AND MADE THIS
A CLOSE COMPETITION!**

Our Christmas Movie Madness fundraiser came to an end on Friday, December 19. The students joined together in the gym for a movie and popcorn party.

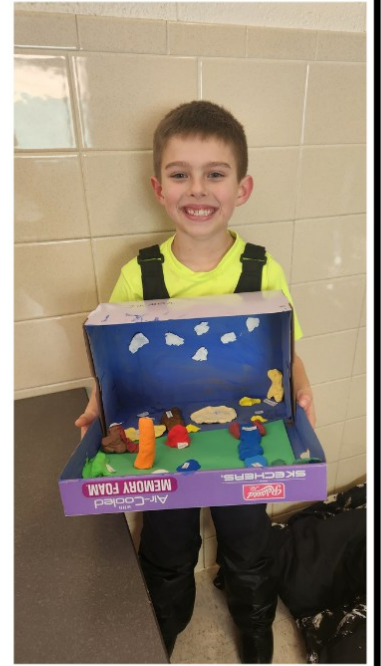
The winning movie: King of Kings! What an amazing way to celebrate Christmas as a school - sharing in the life of Jesus!





SHAPING THE EARTH: LANDFORMS COME TO LIFE!

The third graders have been working hard, studying natural landforms in science class. As a final project, each student created a fantasy land with multiple landforms. They used paint, modeling clay, and, most importantly, their hands! Each project is a little different from the next, just like each one of them!



CHIMING & CAROLING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON



Our chime choir (6th-8th grade) visited the nursing homes and the libraries for a mini Christmas concert before break. In addition to that, our Mass Choir (3rd-8th grade girls) went caroling as well, visiting several community gathering spaces. They shared their crisp notes and wintry hymns with grace and beauty.

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in Memory of
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