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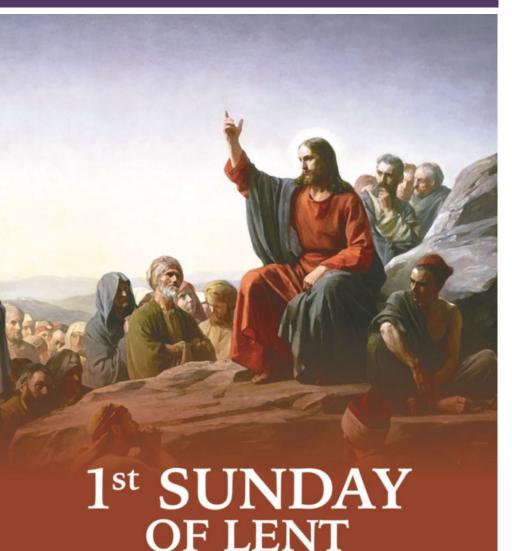
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"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

> 1st Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

² ST. ALOYSIUS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin our Lenten journey, a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal, I invite you to join me in the 1% Lenten Challenge. This simple yet powerful practice calls for us to intentionally dedicate just 1% of our day to prayer and conversation with God.

Why is this important? Just as a house without a solid foundation will crumble, our spiritual lives, without the bedrock of prayer, will struggle to withstand the storms of daily life. Jesus Himself repeatedly sought solitude and prayer to strengthen His relationship with the Father.

Throughout Lent, let us follow His example by carving out even 15 minutes per day – that's just 1% – for uninterrupted dialogue with the Lord. Perhaps it's early in the morning before the day's activities begin, during a lunch break, or in the quiet of the evening as you wind down.

How to get started:

- Choose a dedicated time and place. Consistency helps establish a rhythm of prayer.
- Engage with Scripture. Whether through the daily Mass readings, devotional guides, or Lectio Divina (meditative reading), let God's Word speak to you.
- Talk to God as a friend. Offer your burdens, gratitude, and intercessions for loved ones and the world.
- Rest in silence. Don't be afraid to allow space for God's quiet whispers to your heart.

This 1% Challenge during Lent is a small investment with profound potential. As we nurture our prayer lives, we become more receptive to God's grace, more attuned to His will, and more courageous in sharing His love with those around us.

To help you take the 1% Lenten Challenge, we have prepared some resources for you. In the church lobbies, you will find a 1% Challenge card that contains instructions for praying with Scripture, using the ancient method of Lectio Divina (divine reading). The card also has 47 Scripture verses that you can use for your daily prayer, one for each day of Lent and Holy Week.

Let's make this Lent a season of deeper spiritual connection. Remember, every time you dedicate even a few minutes to prayer, you are strengthening the foundation of your faith and growing closer to the heart of Christ.

May God bless your Lenten journey!

Fr. Miguel



FRASSATI FEST 2024!! CONFIRMATION RETREAT





Bishop Donald with Confirmation Students



Divine Mercy Parish Confirmation Students

A special THANK YOU to Eric Breunig and Kim Dischler for chaperoning at Frassati Fest this year and John Ramthun for leading our parish time.

ST. ALOYSIUS



St. Aloysius Mass Intentions

Monday, February 19

◆ 7:00 AM † Betty Hutter (Family)
◆ 8:15 AM † Teresa Hartman

(Merle & Lynee Fuchs)

Tuesday, February 20

◆ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Christopher Dusang

♦ 8:15 AM Special Intention for Pia Del Bello

Wednesday, February 21

♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Matthew Schnur

♦ 8:15 AM † Ruth Trausch (Sondra Gorius)

Thursday, February 22

♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Matthew Schnur

 ♦ 8:15 AM † Ralph J. Bindl (Dennis & Rose Schwoerer)

Friday, February 23

♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Christopher Dusang

 ♦ 8:15 AM Special Intention for DL (Kelsey Laczniak)

Saturday, February 24

♦ 8:00 AM † Dorothy Feddema (Scott and Lisa Enerson Family)

 ♦ 4:30 PM † Bernard Frey (Bev & Keith Foye)

Sunday, February 25

- ♦ 8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
- ◆ 10:30 AM † Fr. Joseph Bestler (Anonymous)
- ◆ 12:30 (Español) † Pedro Dominguez Luna (Family)

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Friday, February 16 Maplewood Nursing Home

◆ 10:00 AM Special Intention for Ellen and William Coan (Dave and Margaret Coan)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! TOTUS TUUS

is coming to Divine Mercy Parish July 14th - 19th. Grades 1-12.





This year we will be hosting the Totus Tuus Team.

We are looking for two host families for the team members. If interested please contact

sharon.schoepp@divinemercy-parish.org

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Special Intention (Anonymous)



Stations of the Cross During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed following the 8:15 AM Mass on Friday.



A BIG THANK YOU to all our parishioners who volunteered to help with the Food Distribution at the Food Pantry, on Feb. 17. May God and the Virgin Mary bless your willingness to help others.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of February 11, 2024 Collections.....\$ 10,217.52

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

Difference: \$ 890.60

Year to Date Total Collections... \$ 338,821.58

Needed for Budget..\$ 307,788.36

Difference: \$ 31,033.22 If you would like to give electronically please contact Margaret at 643-2449 or go to divinemercyparish.org/giving

ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK



SEVEN SUNDAYS IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH

This Sunday, February 18th, just before Mass, we will be praying the THIRD of the Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph. The Seven Sundays Devotion celebrates the seven joys and sorrows that St. Joseph shared, as

Head of the Holy Family, with the Blessed Mother. With the third Sunday, we honor St. Joseph's sorrow when his foster son, Jesus, was circumcised; and his quiet joy when his foster son was given the name Jesus. The Seven Sundays Devotion culminates on Sunday March 17th, the Sunday before the feast of St. Joseph. This year 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 and an increase of love and devotion in our hearts, for God in the Blessed Sacrament.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Family Faith Formation will meet this Sunday after Mass. Enjoy a video for the little ones and a visit with Fr. Pedro for the adults. All are invited and be sure to bring the whole family!

WINTER WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS

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.

Because of your generosity, we have 2 Masses available at Durward's Glen in June

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

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

Friday, February 23

5:30 PM Confessions 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

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

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN



TUESDAY, February 20

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 20th Mass is being as a special intention for Thomas Wilson by John and Mardell Krejchik.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE JUNE 2024 AND BEYOND

and many Masses at St. Mary's and the Glen in the months beyond. If you have deceased loved ones or a special intention 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 April and beyond at St. Mary's or Durward's Glen, please contact Mardell Krejchik, at 608-742-3364 or

<u>calcab89@yahoo.com</u> 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.

ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 17

 ♦ 4:30 PM † Karen Esser (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Sunday, February 18

◆ 9:30 AM Special intention (Nancy Breunig)

Tuesday, February 20 Durward's Glen 8:00 AM Special intention for Thomas Wilson

(John and Mardell Krejchik)

Saturday, February 24

 ◆ 4:30 PM ⁺ Bernard Breunig (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Sunday, February 25

◆ 9:30 AM † Charlie Fuchs (Jeanne Fuchs)

Tuesday, February 27 Durward's Glen 8:00 AM Special intention for Wayne Johnson (John and Mardell Krejchik)

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Liturgical SCHEDULE

	SACRISTANS		
Sat. Feb. 17	4:00pm	Reagan Breunig	
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed	
Sun. Feb. 18	8:00am	Volunteer needed	
Sat. Feb. 24	4:00pm	00pm Volunteer needed	
	8:00pm	Reagan Breunig	
Sun. Feb. 25	8:00am	Volunteer needed	Ca

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday February 19

 8:00 AM † Joseph Coquard (Philippe and Julie Coquard)

Tuesday February 20 • 8:00 AM † Esther Ganser (SNP)

Ash Wednesday February 21 • 8:00 AM † Fr. William Connell (SNP)

Thursday February 22

 8:00 AM † Annella Gilles (Rich Fassbender Family)

Friday February 23

 ♦ 8:00 AM † Carol Ziegler (Radl Family)

Saturday February 24

- 4:00 PM Living and Deceased of the Marvin and Theresa Ziegler Family (Kenny Ziegler)
- ♦ 8:00 PM † Bill Lenerz (Glenn and Lynn Breunig)

Sunday February 25

 8:00 AM † Roy Schoepp (Agnes Schoepp)

FELLOWSHIP

All are invited to join Fr. James and the Parish Council for some Fellowship in the Church Hall on **Sunday**, **February 25** after the 8:00am Mass.

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 possible 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.

MASS SERVERS

Eli Breunig Noah Endres Connor Breunig Caleb Breunig Eli Breunig

Carl Weiss, Matthew Schoepp

NEW MEMBERS

St. Norbert's Parish Family would like to welcome our newest members, David and



Kim Fiene, and their children, Cooper and Walter. May all of you find a happy home here.



EASTER FLOWERS

Anyone interested in donating an Easter flower in memory of or in honor of a loved one is asked to place a \$20 donation in an envelope and put it in the collection with your name, phone number and the person you are requesting the flower for, all clearly

printed on it by **Sunday, March 24**. Or you may contact Michelle at 608-393-6012 or Ashley at 608-669-8188.

SERVER PRACTICE

Fr. James invites all the servers in the Pastorate to a Server Meeting/Practice on **Sunday, February 25**. The meeting will start at 6:00pm, in the St. Norbert Church Hall and end at 7:00pm; dinner will be provided. See you there!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mondays after the 8:00am Mass Fridays at 7:00pm

BULLETIN INFORMATION OR ANNOUNCE-MENTS: Bulletin information or information is due at 5:00pm on Mondays to Juanita.

OLD PALMS A box is available on the register in church for old palms.



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, con-



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

Prayer

Fasting

*pray a decade of the Rosary *pray an Our Father for our priest *read and reflect on a Bible story *fast from a meal or snacking *fast from complaining *do things the first time you are asked

Almsgiving

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

CONFESSIONS

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



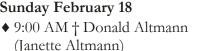
THURSDAYS: 5:00 - 7:00pm.

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

FISH FRY: St. Peter Parish, Ashton will host a Buffet style Friday Fish Fry on Friday, February 23, 2024, 4:30 - 7:30pm. Served in the School Hall. Carry outs available.

ST. BARNABAS

St. Barnabas Mass Intentions Sunday February 18



Sunday February 25

◆ 9:00 AM † Donald Altmann (Janette Altmann)

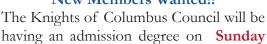
TAX STATEMENTS 2023

If you would like to receive your Tax Statement, please contact **Margaret Nelson at 608 643 2449** to request your statement to be emailed or mailed.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXEMPLIFICATION New Members Wanted!!





February 18 after the 8:00am Mass (starting at approximately 9:15am) at St. Norbert's in the Church. EVERYONE is encouraged and invited to come and observe the ceremony (it is only 30 minutes); following the ceremony there will be a social in the Church Hall to celebrate and honor the new Knights. Qualifications to be a Knight are very simple – 18 years old, a male and a practicing Catholic ~ that's it. All men in our parish are encouraged to join. The Knights help support our communities, our youth, our parishes, our Priests, families in need and many more great causes ~ AND we have fun doing it!! Join now! Contact Grand Knight Nick Ballweg (608-370-2220) with questions or for more information.



PARISH PRAYER INTENTION

BOOK : This book will reside 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.

Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our atten-



tion span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.

UR COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL





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DATE	Prize	WINNER
02/13	\$25 Cash KofC # 3099	Angela Ludwig
	\$25 Cash Dischler Heating &	Erin Salmon
	Cooling	
02/14	\$50 Cash Brickl Farms	Kelly Kendall
	\$25 gift certificate - C2 Juicery	Dan Kendall
02/15	\$25 Cash KofC # 3099	Jen Dischler
	\$30 Green Acres Gift Certificate	Adam Schill
02/16	\$50 Cash Meise Construction	Becky
		Rettenmund
	\$25 Cash Prairie Plumbing and	Joe Hinrichs
	Heating	
02/17	\$25 Cash KofC # 3099	John Breunig
	\$30 Gift Certificate - Fish Tales	Angela Ludwig

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Lenten 40 Days For Life campaign Help promote the Sanctity of Life and the end to abortion. Join this Spring's 40 Days For Life campaign by signing-up for the many 1 -hour vigil slots available Monday - Saturday (8am-8pm), from February 14 -



March 23. No special skills required - just peaceful prayer, fasting, and compassionate witness outside Planned Parenthood in Madison. To sign up / more info: go to vigilforlife.org or call John Bohn at (608) 628-7552

SCHOLARSHIPS DIVINE MERCY PARISH



Divine Mercy Parish will offer two scholarship of \$350.00 each. Students of the 2024 high school graduation class, who are confirmed members of Divine Mercy Parish and have plans to further their education can apply. Pick up the scholarship application in the side lobby of the Church Office, High School Office, or online: pastorate8.org Deadline: March 12

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KofC have two \$500 scholarships available for any 2024 Graduating Senior. Students can pick up an application form in the Sauk Prairie High School Guidance Office or you can contact Chad Brickl at 608-963-3335 or by email at chad.brickl115@gmail.com. Deadline: March 31



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and the book can be ordered from their site.

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