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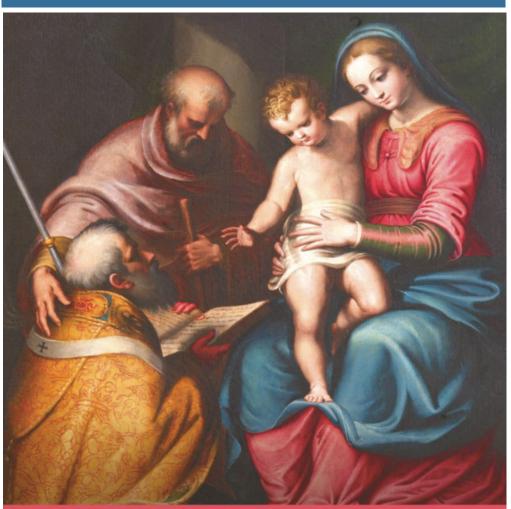
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THE HOLY FAMILY

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The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

The Holy Family December 31, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this message finds you well and filled with the joy of the Christmas season. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the Christmas cards and gifts that you have sent me. I am truly blessed to have such a generous and loving parish family.

I also want to thank all those who participated in the Christmas weekend Masses, especially the choir and Ben Ruefer, our choir director. Your beautiful voices and music lifted our hearts and minds to God and enhanced our celebration of the birth of our Savior. You have given us a wonderful gift of praise and worship.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who donated to Giv-

ing Tuesday. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we were able to raise more than \$10,000 for a local Catholic family in dis-



tress. Your donations will help them pay for their medical bills, utilities, and other expenses. You have shown them the true meaning of Christmas: God's love made visible in our actions.

As we enter the new year, I invite you to join me in prayer for a smooth and successful merger of the parishes in our pastorate. This is a time of change and challenge, but also of opportunity and growth. We are called to be one in Christ, to share our gifts and talents, and to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Let us trust in God's providence and guidance, and let us support each other with love and respect.

May God bless you and your families with peace, health, and happiness in the new year. You are always in my prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely,

Fr. Miguel

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Since it falls on a Monday in 2024, it is not a Holy Day of obligation.

Monday, January 1, 2024

Masses will be:
7:00 AM & 8:15AM



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK, ANNOINTING AND EUCHARIST

Please contact any of the priests or St. Aloysius church at any time, day or night. Contact information on the cover of the bulletin.

Mass Intentions

Schedule your 2024 Masses in the Parish Office or order your Masses online at https://pastorate8.org/mass-intentions





St. Aloysius Mass Intentions

Monday, January 1

- ◆ 7:00 AM Deceased members of Dave & Dawn Helt Family (Family)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Samuel McNeely (Scott & Lisa Enerson Family)

Tuesday, January 2

- ♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Bob Schnur
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Marie Zajicek (Family)

Wednesday, January 3

- ♦ 7:00 AM † John Wedwick (Nathan & Megan Wedwick)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Charles Bongard (Family)

Thursday, January 4

- ◆ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Ryan & Sarah Schmidt (Ron & Peggy Kruchten Family)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Ralph J. Bindl (Earl & Linda Munson)

Friday, January 5

- ♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Elizabeth Schnur
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Elaine Lochner (St. Als CCW)

Saturday, January 6

- ♦ 8:00 AM Special Intention for Angela Rhode (Family)
- ◆ 4:30 PM † Betty Hutter
 (Julie & Michael Rogers Family)

Sunday, January 7

- ♦ 8:00 AM † Rose Breunig (Barb Breunig)
- ♦ 10:30 AM † LuAnn Welsch (Friends)
- ♦ 12:30 (Español) Por los miembros vivos y difuntos de la Parroquia

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 3 Maplewood Assisted Living

♦ 10:00 AM Poor Souls

Thursday, January 4 The Pines

♦ 10:00 AM Poor Souls

Friday, January 5 Maplewood Nursing Home

♦ 10:00 AM Poor Souls

Sanctuary Candle For

A SPECIAL INTENTION



ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE



TUESDAYS 4:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS

Midnight to 8:00 p.m. **THURSDAY AND FRIDAYS**

from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of December 25, 2023 Collections......\$ 26,505.70

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

Difference: \$ 17,178.78

Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 271,260.34

Needed for Budget..\$ 242,499.92

Difference: \$ 28,760.42

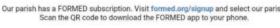
If you would like to give electronically please contact
Margaret at 643-2449 or go to
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New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!







⁴ ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK



COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

You are all invited to join Fr. Pedro and fellow parishioners for coffee and doughnuts after Mass this Sunday, December 31. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat while visiting with friends, old and

new! All are welcome.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE JANUARY 2024 AND BEYOND

Because of your generosity, we have and 1 Masses available in January and in February at Durward's Glen and we are now reserving Mass intentions in April at St. Mary's. 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 January 2024 and beyond at Durward's Glen and April 2024 and beyond at St. Mary's, please contact Mardell Krejchik, at 608-742-3364 or calcab89@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. Thank you so much for your continued support by offering Mass intentions. God Bless.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, December 30

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

Sunday, December 31

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

Monday, January 1

9:30 A.M Mass

Thursday, January 4

5:00-6:45 PM Exposition, Adoration, Confessions, Benediction 7:00 PM Mass

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

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN

TUESDAY, January 2

7:35 AM - Rosary

8:00 AM - Mass

8:30 AM - Faith Discussion

9:00 AM - Refreshments

MASS THIS WEEK AT DURWARD'S GLEN

Durward's Glen

Please join us this Tuesday, January 2, 2024 for Mass at 8:00 A.M. Come at 7:30 for the Rosary and plan to stay afterwards for faith discussions with Father Pedro at 8:30 A.M. and refreshments at 9:00 A.M. The January 2nd Mass is being offered for DL by Kelsey Laczniak.

ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30

♦ 4:30 PM † Thomas Delaney (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Sunday, December 31

♦ 9:30 AM † Gerard Straka (Nick and Camille Hahn)

Monday, January 1

♦ 9:30 AM † Bob Beris (Vern and Marie Weisensel)

Tuesday, January 2 Durward's Glen

♦ 8:00 AM DL (Kelsey Laczniak)



Thursday, January 4

♦7:00 PM Special Intention for Jim and Rosemary Wilson (John and Mardell Krejchik)

Saturday, January 6

◆ 4:30 PM † Thomas Delaney (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Sunday, January 7

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

Tuesday, January 9 Durward's Glen

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



I Liturgical SCHEDULE

		SACRISTANS	MASS SERVERS
Sat. Dec. 30	4:00pm	Volunteer needed	Calvin Breunig
	8:00pm	Reagan Breunig	Eli Breunig
Sun. Dec. 31	8:00am	Cora Brickl	Jack Brickl, Matthew Schoepp
Sat. Jan. 6	4:00pm	Myah Brickl	Jack Brickl, Landon Ambrose
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed	Caleb Breunig
Sun. Jan. 7	8:00am	Volunteer needed	Logan Schoepp

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday January 1

♦ 8:00 AM † Helen Neumaier

Tuesday January 2

♦ 8:00 AM † Brandon Drone

Wednesday January 3

♦ 8:00 AM † Don Magnuson (Lucy Kippley)

Thursday January 4

♦ 8:00 AM † Don Mullen (Claire Statz and Family)

Friday January 5

♦ 8:00 AM † Charlie Fuchs

Saturday January 6

- ♦ 4:00 PM † DuWayne, Ellen, Jeff and Dean Schmitt
- ♦ 8:00 PM Living and Deceased of the St. Norbert Parish Family

Sunday January 7

• 8:00 AM † Alfred Roelke

DONATIONS FOR 2023

Anyone that would like to have a donation to the parish included in the 2023 calendar year for tax purposes is reminded that December 31, 2023 is the last day to have the donation included for the year. This is the last weekend to donate for 2023. Donations sent by mail need to be postmarked by December 31, 2023. After December 31, 2023 all donations will gladly be accepted for 2024. Remember offertory donations and the donations for the Capital Campaign Renovation are separate funds.

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.

Dearest Brethren,

It's that time of year again: time to make a new resolution; time to look and 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!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James



Thank you to all those who participated at the Christmas

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF

GOD: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on **January 1**.

Since it falls on a Monday in 2024, it is not a holy day of obligation. However, all are invited to attend Mass on January 1, 2024 at 8:00am in honor of Mary.

COMMENTATORS, ADORATION VOLUN-TEERS, ROSARY LEADERS, GO MAKE DISCI-PLES MEMBERS, MONEY COUNTER

Are asked to please remember to pick up your gift on the small tables by the choir steps from Fr. James and the Parish after Mass.

THE BABY JESUS SHOWER

St. Norbert's CCW invites everyone to participate in the celebration of Jesus' birth by donating items to our annual Baby Jesus Shower. You may place your donations in the blue bin by the choir loft or you may place them in the crib in the Church Hall. All donations will be taken to the Women's Care Center in Madison. Donations are due on **December 31, 2023**.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Please join us for Adoration. We have Adoration Thursdays following the 8:00 am Mass until Benediction on Fridays at 7:45 am. 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St. Norbert's is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels the weeks of **January 29 - February 2** and **February 5 - 9**. We need a



driver and runner each day. A sign up sheet is available on the register by the main entrance starting this weekend. Please sign up today!

AVAILABLE TO A GOOD HOME

We have copies of <u>The Apostolates Family Catechism</u> volumes 1 and 2. Volume 1 contains questions 1 - 189 and Volume 2 contains questions 190 - 304 available on the back register. The Catechism books "guides you through the ocean of Truth of the Catholic faith through its

cross-references with Scripture. Vatican II, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, key books, and Papal and other documents for each question." Please feel free to take them one or both home today. We also have some available for use during Adoration



BULLETIN INFORMATION OR

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bulletin information or information is due at 5:00pm on Mondays to Juanita.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN

The Parish Council invites everyone to help take down the indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations on **Saturday January 13, 2024** starting at 9:00am.

ST. BARNABAS

St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

Sunday December 31

♦ 9:00 AM † Msgr. Thomas Campion (Helen Campion)



Sunday January 7

◆ 9:00 AM Earl & Rosie Rettenmund Family (Family)

Fr. Osvaldo will be on his annual retreat in Spain from

Dec. 13 - January 13.

For emergencies please contact

Fr. Faustino Ruiz 608 370-3751

Or St. Aloysius at 608 643 2449



The Gift of Family

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family.

When God gave the world

His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.



Join 6:8 for a Listening Session at St. Al's

Hear the vision & share your thoughts & ideas!

Sunday, January 7, 2024 9:15-10:15am St. Al's Church basement

6:8 desires to create a center that brings together multiple agencies and organizations to better serve the needs of our community by integrating *transformational* housing, childcare, mental health, youth programing, food, job training, and other resources on the same campus, called the **Sycamore Community**.

In addition, we envision building multi-family housing units on the property to include residents with a diversity of income, age, ability, and household size. Though all units will be transformational, some units will be market-rate and some subsidized for those rising out of poverty. Those living in subsidized housing will be enrolled in 6:8 programming to provide support and accountability in their transformation and achievement of stability.



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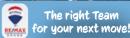
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