

Sunday, December 25, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26, 2022

6:30am † Jeff Skalsky/Tom and Julie Howard

8:00am † Vince Ballweg

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

6:30am † Kathleen DeCleene

8:00am Living and Deceased Members of the

Neal

and Ellen Schoepp Families

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

6:30am Brenna Henderson

8:00am † Harry Ripp/Lynette Seiler

Thursday, December 29, 2022

6:30am Duane Brummel Family

8:00am † George Gmeinder

Friday, December 30, 2022

6:30am Matthew Schnur

8:00am † Marge Nachreiner/Eloise Breunig

Saturday, December 31, 2022

4:00pm Living and Deceased Members of the

Marvin and Theresa Ziegler Family

8:00pm For the Living and Deceased Members

of the St. Norbert Parish Family

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00am † Helen Neumaier

11:00am † Fr. Alfonso Galvez/Nick and Kay

Ringelstetter

Traditional Latin Masses are italicized.

Dear Brethren,

Just a huge thank you in advance to all those who will be involved in making the Christmas Masses at St. Norbert so memorable. In such a beautiful church, the decorations, flowers, Christmas pageant, the efforts of our CCW, as well as those of our cleaning and maintenance crew make it even more wonderful. I am truly honored and blessed to be your shepherd. May Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin make this the most beautiful Christmas of our lives. May the day of Christ's birth remind us of how far Christ has gone to show His love for us, and how far we should go to show our love for Him.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James

We would like to thank the following students who volunteered to participate in the Christmas Eve pageant:



Mary: Reagan Breunig

Joseph: Landon Ambrose

Innkeeper: Connor Breunig

Magi: Carl Weiss, Caleb Breunig, Eli Breunig

Angels: Teresa Weiss, Easton Weiss, Devin Ballweg, Cora Falkenstein, Jack Brickl

Shepherds: Martha Weiss, McKenna Weiss, Dennis Ballweg, Olivia Falkenstein, Meg Brickl, Calvin Breunig Brayden Greiber

Thank you to all the parents for their support and patience during rehearsal. A special thank you to all the people that stepped up to

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Adoration. We have Adoration Thursdays following the 8:00am Mass until Benediction on Fridays at 7:45am. Everyone is invited and welcome.

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.

SACRISTANS

Sat. Dec. 24 at 4:00pm - Clara Weiss

Sat. Dec. 24 at 8:00pm - Reagan Breunig

Sun. Dec. 25 at 8:00am - Ana Sisul

Sat. Dec. 31 at 4:00pm - Cora Brickl

Sun. Jan. 1 at 8:00am - Reagan Breunig

MASS SERVERS

Sat. Dec. 24 at 4:00pm - Connor, Caleb and Calvin Breunig, Carl Weiss

Sat. Dec. 24 at 8:00pm - Gaike Breunig, Eli Breunig

Sun. Dec. 24 at 8:00am - Logan and Matthew Schoepp

Sat. Dec. 31 at 4:00pm - Phillip and Jack Brickl

Sat. Dec. 31 at 8:00pm - Caleb and Calvin Breunig

Sun. Jan. 1 at 8:00am - Eli Breunig, Landon Ambrose

CONFESSIONS

Mondays - Fridays: Starting a half an hour before each of the daily Masses.

Thursdays: 5:00 - 7:00pm.

Saturdays and Sundays: Starting an hour before each of the Masses and after the Latin Mass.

BABY JESUS SHOWER

The CCW invites all members of the parish to participate in the celebration of Jesus' birth by participating in the Baby Jesus Shower. All donations will be taken to the Women's Care Center in Madison. Monetary donations also accepted. A cradle is located in the Church Hall for all donations. A list of items needed and wanted posted on the bulletin board and cradle. **Donations due December 25.**

DONATIONS FOR 2022

Anyone that would like to have a donation to the parish included in the 2022 calendar year for tax purposes is reminded that **December 31, 2022 is the last day to have the donation included for the 2022 year. The last weekend to donate for 2022 will be this weekend, Saturday, December 31, 2022 - January 1, 2023. If you want your donation included for 2023 and not 2022 please clearly mark the envelope accordingly. Donations sent by mail need to be postmarked by December 31, 2022. After December 31, 2022 all donations will gladly be accepted for 2023. Remember offertory donations and the donations for the Capital Campaign Renovation and stained glass windows donations are all separate funds.**

MEALS ON WHEELS

St. Norbert's is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels the weeks of **January 30 - February 3 and February 6 - 10.** We need a driver and runner each day. A sign up sheet is available on the register by the main entrance starting this weekend. All deliveries are made in a safe and socially distant manner. Please sign up today!

2023 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2023 Religious Art Calendars are available at all bulletin stations. A very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the calendars.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for Preschool - Sixth Grades on Christmas break. Classes resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023, 9:05 - 10:05am.

Classes for Seventh - Ninth Grades on Christmas break. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 7:00 - 8:00pm

Next Class Mass is the Second Grade Class on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 8:00am.

Please call the office at 608-643-6611 to report an absence.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY AT DIVINE MERCY

How can the church be a sanctuary - a place where those living with mental health challenges can feel safe, supported, and have a sense of belonging? The Sanctuary Course for Catholics was created to inspire and equip communities of faith that are asking this important question. Developed in consultation with mental health professionals, theologians, and people with lived experience, this eight-session course explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support recovery, and promote wellbeing. Our next session will focus on the recovery journey associated with mental illness. We will watch a 22 minute video from the course, and then there will be an opportunity for small group discussion. If you or someone you know has been impacted by mental illness and you would like to learn more about how your Catholic faith can play a role in coping and healing, we invite you to join us on **Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30pm** in the Church basement room C. We can be reached at mhmdivinemercy@gmail.com and our team includes Brenda Murphy, Kay Ringelstetter, and Kate Rossing. Crisis Line is 988 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

STARTING AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH

Join us for a new, totally free Women's Group, "Living Joy", where you'll learn why: Gratitude is the first key to unlocking deep joy, Silence creates space in your life for happiness, Rest, friendship, and fun are integral to joyful living, And so much more!

There will be time to share your experiences in a small group and lift one another up in prayer. Join them **Wednesday, December 28**, right after the all school Mass. They will meet bi-weekly in the St. Aloysius Church Room C of the church basement from 9:00- 10:30am. Please bring a pen and notebook. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Young at (608) 843-8577. Core team members include Lisa Enerson and Lisa Young

MEN'S GROUP AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH

That Man Is You meets on Thursday mornings 6:00 - 7:30pm in the St. Aloysius Church Room C. All men are welcome.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS

We thank all our bulletin sponsors for their sponsorship. Without their support we would not be able to publish our bulletin. Parishioners are reminded to patronize and thank our bulletin sponsors whenever possible. If you would like to become a bulletin sponsor please contact our Parish Secretary, Juanita. This weekend's sponsor is:

Custom Bookkeeping, Inc
608-643-6365
6880 Breunig Road
Mazomanie, WI 53560

Go Make Disciples December Tip of the Month

Advent is upon us, and its literal meaning is "to prepare". It's also a period of quiet reflection of our Holy Mother's "yes" and God's love for us to send his only son in the form of an infant, a perfect counter to a loud secular holiday message. The four pillars of Go Make Disciples (GMD): 15 minutes of prayer daily, keeping Sunday holy, making Friday penitential; aligns beautifully with the purpose of Advent. Along with the four pillars some other suggestions: re-establish old traditions such as an Advent wreath in the home, daily family rosary and/or prayer, meditating on the daily readings, acts of charities, The Giving Tree, caroling/visiting at our local nursing homes... You get the idea! One or many of these will surely lead oneself to being prepared for our Lord on Christmas day! From our St. Norbert's GMD group, have a Blessed and Merry Christmas season and make it the most spiritual one yet.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are still collecting pledged donations. If you made a pledge to the Capital Campaign please remember to keep sending in your donation. Thank you to everyone who pledged and donated to the Capital Campaign.

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. Due to the Diocese of Madison's Into the Deep Initiative we cannot at this time guarantee a date or Mass time for any intention after July 2023. If you have a Mass scheduled already, Juanita will contact you if there is a conflict.

BULLETIN INFO OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information and announcements for the bulletin are due on Wednesdays. Please contact our parish secretary, Juanita Wipperfurth at thewipps412@gmail.com or 608-643-8108.

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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 25 Baby Jesus Shower items due.

Dec. 28 Living Joy Women's Group at Divine Mercy Parish, Sauk City 9:00 - 10:30am in the Church basement room C.

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve BINGO at St. Joseph Church, Baraboo. Two sessions of 10 games each starting at 6:00 and 7:00pm. Progressive Jackpot BINGO at 8:00pm.

Jan. 5 No Catholic Herald

Jan. 8 CCW Meeting in the Church Hall after the 8am Mass.

Jan. 8 Take down Christmas Decoration indoor and outdoor at 1:00pm.

Jan. 10 Knights of Columbus meeting in the Church Hall at 7:30pm.

Jan. 15 Fellowship in the Church Hall after the 8am Mass.

Jan. 15 4H Meeting in the Church Hall at 6:00pm

St. Norbert Parish Council Minutes
November 29, 2022
In Church Hall

Attendance: Fr. James Kotch, Steven Howard, Parish Council President, Brad Walsh, Parish Council Vice President, Megan Lewis, Sharon Schoepp, Mary Markielewski, Chris Schmitt, Doug Haselwander, Julianne Brickl, Brian Breunig, Mary Briggs, Parish Council Secretary.

Absent: Steve Schoepp

Additional Attendees: Del Endres, Marvin Frey, Juanita Wipperfurth, Parish Secretary

Fr. James led the opening prayer. He thanked new Parish Council members for joining. Member introductions took place. Contact Information sheet dispersed. Parish Council Activity Sign-up sheet sent around Council for completion. Wish list on back of Agenda was discussed later in meeting.

New Business: New business was partially addressed prior to start of regular meeting for the convenience of non-members. Del Endres expressed concern about need to clean Church building gutters during fall cleanup to prevent water damage in the future. He pointed out issues recommended strategies for repair/prevention. Requested permission to make some adjustments. Steven Howard gave repair suggestions. Juanita Wipperfurth stated verification of proper insurance would be needed from any contractor. Recommendation is to take care of gutters this fall and then at every Fall Clean-up annually. In addition, the stairway to sacristy needs to be blocked off this winter to prevent slipping on stairs. Permission was given to rope it off.

Marvin Frey reported several people attending funerals had fallen down the front steps at the front glass door which is at the interior step of main entrance of church. Members brainstormed safety solutions.

As regular agenda of meeting resumed, Mary Briggs read the minutes from September 22, 2022. Minutes were approved as read.

Finance Council Meeting Minutes from October 25, 2022 were shared by Fr. James.

Status of Capital Campaign to date: Donated: \$169, 449.95, Outstanding: \$78, 476.84

Status of Window donations to date: Donated: \$163, 955.00

The moving of Accounts from BMO to Bank of Prairie du Sac is in process. The transfer will be completed soon.

Speakers/microphone in choir loft update given by Fr. James.

- John Breunig made some sound system improvements but he found more problems. He recommended seeking a professional sound system service issues of the dated sound system.
- Peak Sound Systems was referred by Fr. Miguel. They came and gave two bid options.
 - Option 1: A basic update to update the speaker rack would cost of \$12,000.00. They stated this would be a good, but temporary solution. Option 2: Perform a complete sound system update at the cost of \$30,000.00. Monitors for choir loft would be included.
- Brad Walsh pointed out the need to consider other infrastructure needs of church maintenance, especially reviewing budget for capital expenditures before making a decision on the sound system. The Finance Committee will be consulted on available financial resources before a decision is made.

Video camera for the TV in the Church Hall update given by Fr. James. He stated the images from the current camera is very poor. Fr. James said that Tom Howard has volunteered to help with installation of a new camera.

Brad Walsh researched industrial type fans for the church. He said there are aesthetic selections available. He did not have an estimate at this time.

Sink hole by garage. Juanita stated that an MG &E worker was consulted. He said he would ask his supervisor to review the sink hole and offer his solutions to the sink hole. Roxbury Sanitary District will also be consulted. Mark is still in inquiry stage.

Wish List. A general discussion of the Wish List Needs and Wants expenditures for the parish was briefly discussed with the awareness that the Finance Committee must be consulted before any decisions are made.

Del Endres and Brad Walsh gave input on the Bell Tower leak. They reached agreement that the repair will be minor and can be fixed by parish volunteer effort. If a different solution is needed, Hasheider's will be asked for a bid. Gutters on buildings - See comments at start of meeting.

Brad Walsh discussed development of a Maintenance Committee for the Parish. Younger members of parish can be recruited. Juanita stated in the past there was a Maintenance Committee. Mary Briggs agreed that the development of a Maintenance Committee would benefit PC meetings, allowing more time for non- maintenance issues to be discussed and create more opportunity for parish mission discussions. Maintenance Committee formation and recruitment was brainstormed by members. Juanita will put in a bulletin announcement. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Maintenance Committee is asked to contact Brad Walsh.

Fall Clean Up Day was successful. A big "Thank You!" to Steve Schoepp, Mark Meier, and Brian Breunig for use of their equipment and their help on Fall Clean Up. Another big "Thank You!" to all parish volunteers and Tim Knobloch, our custodian who made the grounds ready for the winter season.

Thank you Sharon Schoepp and Julianne Brickl for hosting Fellowship Sunday on October 16. They stated it went well.

New Business

Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve

Saturday December 24, 2022

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass begins with the Children's Pageant. Mass will follow.

Special Visitor will attend after mass! Mary Breunig to provide treats for kids.

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, Choir Prelude 7:30 pm.

Midnight Mass *Traditional Latin High Mass*, Choir Prelude 11:30 pm., Mass at 12:00 midnight.

Christmas Day

Sunday December 25, 2022

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am *Traditional Latin Mass*

Outdoor Nativity set up will be December 3, 2022 at 8:00 am. Take down will be January 8, 2023 1:00 pm.

Indoor Nativity set up will follow outdoor set-up on December 3, 2022. Take down: January 8, 2023 1:00 pm.

Fr. James' Anniversary of Ordination is December 8

Celebration will be December 7, 2022 after 8:00 am Mass. CCW to provide treats.

Fellowship 2024 dates as follows:

January 15, 2023 Parish Council Fellowship Megan Lewis and Juanita Wipperfurth

February 19, 2023 Doug Haselwander and Julianne Brickl

March 19, 2023 Mary Briggs and Juanita Wipperfurth

None in April or May due to Easter and Graduations

Father James gave an update on Into the Deep, reiterating the process already outlined by Diocese of Madison.

January/February 2023 Map of Pastorates will be finalized by the Diocese. Details will be forthcoming after New Pastors and Parochial Vicars are assigned. March is the month Pastors are scheduled to be named. Priest assignments will be made in spring. Over time, goal is to merge programs, councils, finances, etc.

Next Parish Council Meeting date **Thursday, March 23, 2023 7:00 pm.**

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,