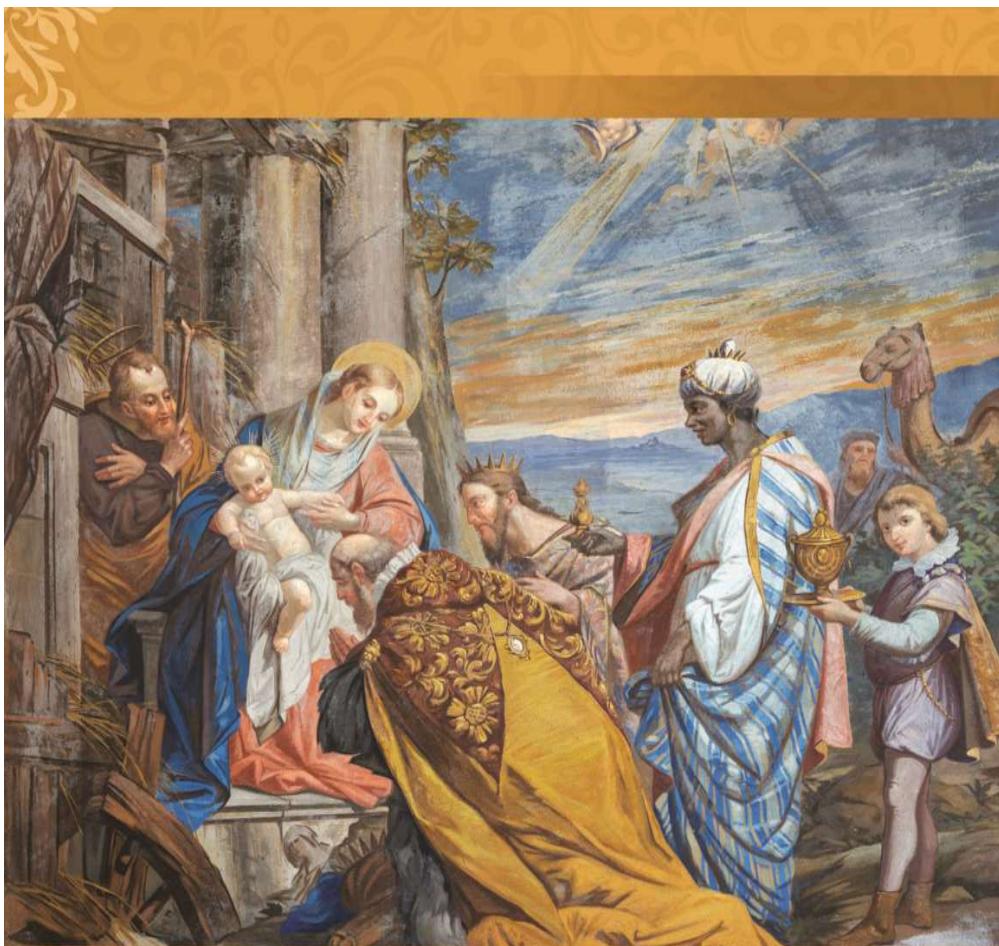




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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2026

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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, as we celebrate the Epiphany, my heart is filled with a very specific kind of joy. For me, this feast has always been personal. Growing up in Spain, the relationship I had with the Magi—*Los Reyes Magos*—was the highlight of my childhood.



In the Spanish tradition, the excitement peaks not on December 25th, but on the night of January 5th leading into the 6th. As a boy, that night was pure magic. It filled me with wonder to think that these three wise men were still wandering the world, making so many children happy. I remember lying in bed, heart racing, thinking about the adventure those three men lived.

Now, as a priest, I still think about that adventure, but in a different way. I think about the grit and determination it took for them to leave their homes, traverse dangerous lands, and follow a star to find the Child Jesus.

In many ways, our lives are exactly like that adventure of the Magi. We are traveling through distinct terrains, sometimes rugged and difficult, looking for the presence of God.

There is a popular phrase you have likely seen on bumper stickers or inspirational posters that says: "*It is not the destination, but the journey.*"

While I understand the sentiment—that we should be present in the moment—I have to disagree.

If the Magi had traveled for years, enjoyed the scenery, made friends along the way, but *never* found the Child Jesus, would their journey have been successful? No. It would have been a wandering without a purpose.

Life is indeed a journey, but for us as Christians, the destination is everything. Our destination is Christ. Our destination is Heaven.

If we remove the destination, we aren't pilgrims; we are just tourists wandering through life. The journey is certainly important—we must be faithful, excited, and charitable while we walk it—but without the destination, the journey misses its purpose.

The Magi did not travel simply for the love of travel. They traveled because they wanted to *see Him*. They wanted to adore the King.

This Epiphany, I encourage you to embrace the

adventure of your life, with all its ups and downs. But never let the dust of the road obscure your view of the Star. Keep your eyes fixed on the destination. Because when we finally arrive at the feet of Jesus, we will realize that He was worth every step.

Happy Three Kings Day!

God bless you,
Father Miguel



A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE TO OUR LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

As we look back on our Christmas celebrations, our hearts are full of gratitude for the many volunteers who helped make our Holy Masses so prayerful and profound.

Our church was filled with the spirit of the season, and that was due in large part to the dedicated service of those who stepped into liturgical roles. We are truly blessed by the dedication of this community.

Each of you played a vital part in helping our parish encounter the Word made Flesh. Thank you for the sacrifices you made—of your time and your presence—to serve your brothers and sisters during this holy time. May the peace of the season remain with you and your families as we enter the New Year.

With deep appreciation,

St. Aloysius Staff



To my dear friends, colleagues, and family,

My heart is so full as I look back on my retirement party. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for such a wonderful celebration. I was truly moved by the kind words, the beautiful gifts, and the effort it took to bring everyone together. To see so many familiar faces in one room—spanning so many years of my career—meant more to me than I can properly put into words.

Sharing stories and laughs with all of you was the perfect way to close this chapter of my life. While I am looking forward to the slower pace of retirement, it is the daily interactions and the friendships we built that I will miss the most.

Thank you for making my send-off so unforgettable. I will carry the memories of our time together, and of this special celebration, with me always.

With love and gratitude,
Margaret Nelson

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 5, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. — † Charles Bongard (Joan Breunig)
- 8:15 a.m. — † Maureen Baum (Deloris Hicks)



Tuesday, January 6, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. — † Linda Marie Hess (Jonathan Hess)
- 8:15 a.m. — † Audrey and Collen Schutz (Marian Thistle)

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. — Living & deceased members of The Reufer Family (Benjamin Reufer)
- 8:15 a.m. — † LaVern "Bud" Ederer (Paul Wipperfurth)

Thursday, January 8, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. — *No intention*
- 8:15 a.m. — † Marvin Frey (Carol Purcell)

Friday, January 9, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. — Special Intention (Benjamin Reufer)
- 8:15 a.m. — † Bud Ederer (Nick and Kay Ringelstetter)

Saturday, January 10, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. — *No intention*
- 4:30 p.m. — † Herman & Emily Reisinger (Jane Hineline)

Sunday, January 11, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. — † Pat and Tom Mair (Gail Geib)
- 10:30 a.m. — For the living and deceased members of the Mary, Mother of Mercy Pastorate
- 12:30 p.m. — † Miguel Tecalero (Hilaria García)

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 7 **Maplewood Assisted Living** 10:00 AM † Mary Jo & Art Pape (Family)

Friday, January 2 **Maplewood Nursing Home** 10:00 AM Health and Well-being of Lois Reuter (St. Norbert CCW)



ADORATION CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION

Anonymous

Christmas MEMORIALS

In Memory or Honor of

Clarence A. Rumpel

Carol Cauley, Ronald Brunken

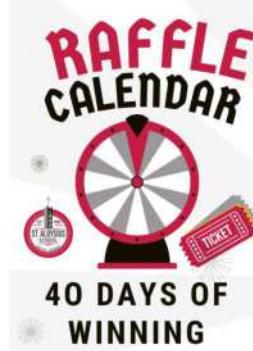
Karen Breunig

Niesen and Becker Families

Cliff and Pat Mack, Randy Mack

Monroe and Mildred Nolden

Freda Hicks, Howard Hicks, George Hicks, Anna Frey



Raffle Calendar for sale in the Parish office or School Office. Winners will be drawn starting Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 and run through Saturday, March 28th. There will be 2-3 winners each day!!

Please make checks payable to St. Aloysius Home and School Association.

Please have your tickets stubs and money turned into school or Parish office no later than Friday, January 30th

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of December 25, 2025

Collections.....\$44,558.60

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

Difference: \$34,943.21

Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 308,107.88

Needed for Budget..\$ 240,384.75

Difference: \$67,723.13

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



ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

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 the living members of the Neal and Ellen Schoepp family
(Neal and Ellen Schoepp)

Saturday, January 10

- ◆ 4:30 PM Special intention for Luis Miguel Melgar
(Tod and Julie Fleming)

Sunday, January 11

- ◆ 9:30 AM NO INTENTION AT THIS TIME

Tuesday, January 13 Durward's Glen

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Eileen Mathas (Nick and Camille Hahn)

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY,

JANUARY 4: We hope you will join Fr. Pedro and other parishioners this Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in St. Mary's Hall for Family Faith Formation. Bring your children and grand-children as well as we will have Br. Francis on DVD for the little ones. Parents and adults can enjoy a cup of coffee and some words of wisdom with Fr. Pedro. All are welcome.

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.

A women's 3-day retreat will be held at Durward's Glen by The Holy Family Healing Center, January 23-25, 2026. The title of the retreat is "Knowing your identity as a beloved." For questions and to register, contact Donna at (608) 477-0765 or go to the web site: holyfamilyhealing.org.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, January 3

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

Sunday, January 4 Epiphany of the Lord

- ◆ 9:10-9:25 AM Rosary
- ◆ 9:15-9:30 AM Confessions
- ◆ 9:30 AM Holy Mass
- ◆ 10:30 AM Family Faith Formation

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

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026:

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| 7:35 AM | Rosary and Confessions |
| 8:00 AM | Holy Mass |
| 8:30 AM | Faith Discussion with Father |
| 9:00 AM | Refreshments |



MASS THIS WEEK AT DURWARD'S GLEN

The January 6th Mass is being offered as a special intention for the living members of the Neal and Ellen Schoepp family by Neal and Ellen Schoepp.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE JANUARY 2026 AND BEYOND:

To reserve a Mass in January and beyond at St. Mary's or Durward's Glen, 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 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

A pot luck for our Guardian volunteers is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2026. Mass will be offered at 1:00 P.M. by Fr. Simon Tipps, followed by the removal of all Christmas decorations and a pot-luck dinner at 5:00 P.M. Bring a friend and a dish to pass and plan to come for all or a portion of the festivities and comradery!



Fr. Simon Tipps will lead a Men's 3-day retreat titled, "Heaven's Weapon" at Durward's Glen, February 13-15, 2026. The cost is \$250 but register by January 15th and receive a 20% discount and pay only \$200! You will find the complete itinerary on our website, durwardsglen.org, so MARK YOUR CALENDARS—and register early to attend.



Liturgical SCHEDULE

| | | SACRISTANS |
|---------------------|---------|------------------|
| Sat. Jan. 3 | 4:00 pm | Volunteer needed |
| | 8:00 pm | Volunteer needed |
| Sun. Jan. 4 | 8:00 am | Volunteer needed |
| Sat. Jan. 10 | 4:00 pm | Volunteer needed |
| | 8:00 pm | Volunteer needed |
| Sun. Jan. 11 | 8:00 am | Myah Brickl |

MASS SERVERS

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|---------------------------|
| Noah Endres |
| Dennis and Devin Ballweg |
| Logan and Matthew Schoepp |
| Calvin Breunig |
| Carl Weiss |
| Jack Brickl |

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday, January 5

♦ 8:00 AM † Cyril Ripp

Tuesday, January 6

♦ 8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Leonard and Lydia Endres Family (Dan and Rita Endres)

Wednesday, January 7

♦ 8:00 AM † Agnes Ballweg (St. Norbert Parish)

Thursday, January 8

♦ 8:00 AM † Don Mack (Claire Statz)

Friday, January 9

♦ 8:00 AM Special Intention (Mary Sauvey)

Saturday, January 10

♦ 4:00 PM Living and Deceased of the Marvin and Theresa Ziegler Family (Family)

♦ 8:00 PM † Ralph Kippley (Knights of Columbus)

Sunday, January 11

♦ 8:00 AM † DuWayne, Ellen, Jeff and Dean Schmitt (Chris and Melissa Schmitt)

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Inspired by the Spirit is the theme of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. It reminds us that the Holy Spirit empowers and animates the Church's mission. At Pentecost, the Apostles received the Holy Spirit and began boldly proclaiming the Risen Christ. They served the poor and formed communities rooted in faith, sharing all things in common. Evangelization naturally led to stewardship. Today, moved by the same Spirit and sustained by your generous support, our local Church continues this mission. When we celebrate the sacraments, proclaim the Gospel, pass on the Faith to our children, feed the hungry, and offer shelter and clothing to those in need, we live out our Christian calling. Thank you for being part of this Spirit-led mission. To donate online: madisondiocese.org/inpew or join the Perpetual Steward Society with a continuous monthly gift: madisondiocese.org/stewards.

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

Innkeepers: Caleb Breunig, Eli Breunig, Carl Weiss, Logan Schoepp

Mary: Martha Weiss

Joseph: Calvin Breunig

Angels: Dean Ballweg, Devin Ballweg, Peter Schmitt, Hadley Schoepp, Ryker Siehoff

Shepherds: Dennis Ballweg, Meg Brickl, Jack Brickl, Maddie Schmitt, Abby Schmitt, Jacob Schoepp, Alyssa Reible, Eli Siehoff, Teresa Weiss, Matthew Schoepp

Magi: Landon Ambrose, Reagan Breunig, Brayden Greiber

Offertory Gifts: Abby & Maddie Schmitt, Martha & Teresa Weiss, Hadley Schoepp

Mass Servers: Eli Breunig, Caleb Breunig, Calvin Breunig, Carl Weiss, Jacob & Logan Schoepp

Thank you to all the parents for their support and patience during rehearsal. Thanks to organist Mary Forsythe, soloist and St Norberts Senior Choir. A special thank you to all the people that stepped up to help make Christmas special at St Norbert's.

THANK YOU!!!!!!



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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 choir steps after Mass.



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.



BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Nolan Breunig and Sarah Isreal



SERVERS AND SACRISTANS NEEDED

If your child would like to join our wonderful group of Servers and Sacristans please contact Fr. James as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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.



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.



EUCHRE/CARDS: All are invited to come and play cards in the St. Norbert Church Hall on Wednesdays at 1:00pm. The cards will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.



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 both when you arrive and when return.) Please note the pick up location is the West Employee entrance (W2).



ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our regular Adoration schedule will resume on **Thursday, January 8, 2026**. Happy New Year! St. Norbert currently has perpetual Adoration starting at 9:00am on Thursdays until the

8:00am daily Mass on Fridays. This has been a long-standing tradition, and we are thankful for the many volunteers who make this a reality. Adoration allows you to worship and pray in the presence of Jesus Christ through the Blessed Sacrament. Are you interested but not sure you can commit to every week? No problem, form a team of friends and family, and then rotate coverage. We have a couple of those today, and they work great, including our Go Make Disciples group. Anyone is invited and encouraged to attend Adoration without having an assigned time. Please contact Julianne Brickl 608-698-2961 or Mary Markielewski 608-516-1335 to answer questions or to volunteer.

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

2026 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2026 Religious Art Calendars are available at all the bulletin stations. A very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our calendars. The calendars will be available until January 31.

St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 4

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



Tuesday, January 6

◆ 5:30 PM Special Intention for Andrew Bayer (Bill & Mary Beth Bayer)

Thursday, January 8

◆ 8:00 AM *No intention*

Sunday, January 11

◆ 9:00 AM † Tom Sanders (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



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS 2025

To save on postage and printing, we will not be mailing Contribution Statements 2025. If you would like one, please contact: Daniela Saldaña at:

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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

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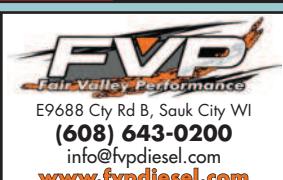
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