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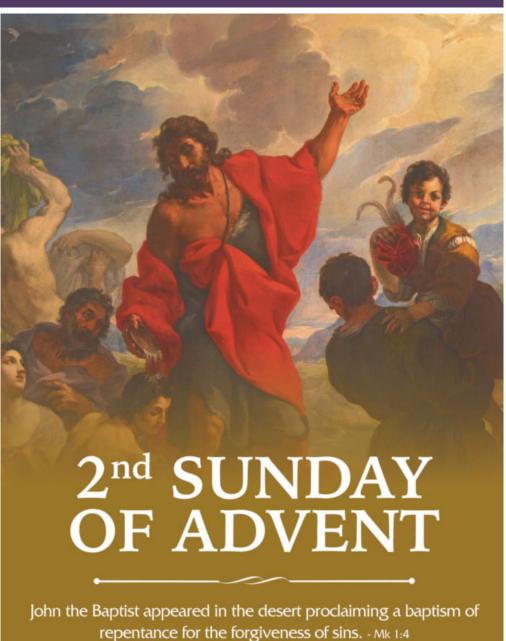
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2nd Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who participated in our Santa Breakfast this past Sunday. It was a huge success, thanks to your generosity

and enthusiasm. We sold many books and cookies, and raised a good amount of money for our school. More importantly, we had a great time together as a



community, sharing our faith and joy with each other and with our children. I saw many smiling faces and heard many cheerful voices as we celebrated the Advent season and the coming of our Lord.



As we approach the end of the year, I want to remind you to consider giving to the parish before December 31st, so that your donations will count for your taxes this year.

Your contributions are vital for the maintenance and growth of our parish, and they are greatly appreciated. We are a little bit behind our budget for this year, and it would be wonderful to start the new year in the black. Please give as much as you can, and know that every dollar counts.

Thank you again for your support and your presence. You are a blessing to our parish and to me personally. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families, and that you will have a merry and holy Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Miguel



## Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of
MARGARET FUCHS
(From Sharon M. Meyer)



# Phristmas Memorials

Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory or honor of someone would be greatly appreciated. Please, place an envelope in the offertory basket or contact the Parish Office.

Deadline to add names in our Christmas bulletin: December 15th

# GRANDPARENTS GROUP LAST SESSION Dec. 13

9 - 10 AM, Room C St. Aloysius church basement



# SAUK PRAIRIE CARING TREES ARE UP IN THE LOBBIES!!

Select a tag and return your new, unwrapped gift to us, with the tag securely attached, by Dec. 10
Thank you!!!!!



# Christmas Eve Choir

December 24th á 4:30 PM Mass



Kids & young people are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30PM.

Practices: Every Sunday after 8am Mass.



### St. Aloysius Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 11

- ♦ 7:00 AM † Donald "Connie" Breunig (Mary Coenen)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Raymond McNeely (Scott & Lisa Enerson Family)

### Tuesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

- ◆ 7:00 AM † Ralph J. Bindl (Carol Purcell)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Herb & Lucy Ederer (Bud & Caroline Ederer)
- ♦ 6:00 PM (Español)† María de Jesús Prado (Family)

### Wednesday, December 13

- ♦ 7:00 AM † Harlan Klepper (Family)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Les Breunig (Ervin & Bev Breunig )

### Thursday, December 14

- ♦ 7:00 AM † Barbara Splinter (Ann Cicero)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Lucille Spartz (Mike & Janet Wedwick)

### Friday, December 15

- ◆ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Ryan & Sarah Schmidt (Ron & Peggy Kruchten Family)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Sylvester & Dorothy Breunig (Friends & Family)

### Saturday, December 16

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Jeff McNeely (Scott & Lisa Enerson Family)
- ♦ 4:30 PM † Randall "Randy" Mack (Family)

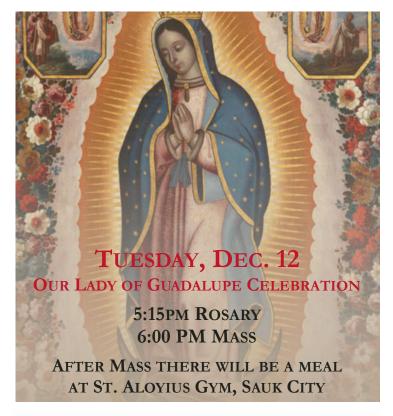
### Sunday, December 17

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Erin McNeely (Scott & Lisa Enerson Family)
- ♦ 10:30 AM † Linda Cole (Family)
- ♦ 12:30 (Español) Por los miembros vivos y difuntos de la Parroquia

### **Nursing Homes Mass Intentions**

# Maplewood Nursing Home Friday, December 15

♦ 10:00 AM † Robert Heibel (Dawn Helt)



### CONFESSIONS at St. Aloysius

 Monday - Friday
 6:30 AM - 8 AM

 Wednesday
 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

 Saturday
 7 AM - 7:50 AM

 Saturday
 3:30 PM - 4:20 PM

 Sunday
 7 AM - 7:50 AM

 Sunday
 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM

 Sunday
 12 PM - 1:30 PM

Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office at 608 643 2449

# DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of December 3, 2023

Collections......\$ 21,62423

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

Difference: \$ 12,297.31

### Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 217,315.73

Needed for Budget..\$ 214,519.16

Difference: \$ 2,796.57

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



# ADVENT: PREPARATION FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

Sacrament of Confession At St. Mary's as follows: Saturday, December 9 3:45-4:15 p.m. Sunday, December 10 9:00-9:15 a.m.

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

We hope you will join 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 with Fr. Pedro and fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

### BLESSING OF THE CRECHE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

Please join Fr. Pedro and fellow parishioners as we bless our Christmas Creche next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. It is such a beautiful tradition! Refreshments in St. Mary's Hall afterwards.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS AT ST. MARY'S

If you would like to donate to the Altar flowers for Christmas in honor of a deceased loved one, you can place your contribution in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Christmas Flower Memorial—attention Mardell Krejchik", by this Sunday, December 10th. Be sure to include the names of those you wish to remember and they will be listed in the December 17th and 24th bulletins.

### MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE JANUARY 2024 AND BEYOND

Because of your generosity, we have reserved all the Masses in January 2024 and 1 Mass is available in February at St. Mary's; also, we have 6 Masses available at Durward's Glen in January and February. 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, 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 9

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

### Sunday, December 10

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

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

# COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN TUESDAY, Dec. 12, 2023

7:35 AM - Rosary

8:00 AM - Mass

8:30 AM - Faith Discussion

9:00 AM - Refreshments

# MASS THIS WEEK AT DURWARD'S GLEN

Please join us this Tuesday, December 12th, 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 December 12th Mass is being offered as a Special Intention for Keith and Kimberly Krejchik by John and Mardell Krejchik.

Durward's Glen



### St. Mary Health of the Sick Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 9

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

### Sunday, December 10

♦ 9:30 AM † Lori Haack (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

### Tuesday, December 12 Durward's Glen

◆ 8:00 AM Special Intention for Keith and Kimberly Krejchik (John and Mardell Krejchik)

### Saturday, December 16

♦ 4:30 PM Special Intention for Ava Elizabeth Portz (Herb and Joyce Portz)

### Sunday, December 17

♦ 9:30 AM † Lori Haack (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

### Tuesday, December 19 Durward's Glen

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



### St. Norberts Mass Intentions

### Monday December 11

♦ 8:00 AM † Joseph Coquard

### Tuesday December 12

◆ 8:00 AM † Cyril O'Brien (Neal and Ellen Schoepp)

### Wednesday December 13

◆ 8:00 AM Living and Deceased of the Gene and Betty Niesen Family

### Thursday December 14

♦ 8:00 AM † Charlie Fuchs

### Friday December 15

♦ 8:00 AM † Judy Latham and Family

### Saturday December 16

- ◆ 4:00 PM † Buster Reible (Bonnie Reible Family)
- ♦ 8:00 PM Living and Deceased of the St. Norbert Parish Family

### Sunday December 17

◆ 8:00 AM Living and Deceased of the Vern and Betty Maier Family

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

Anyone who would like to donate a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one is asked to contact Michelle at 608-393-6012 or Ashley at 608-669-8188. Or you may place your printed request and donation in an envelope marked "*flower donation*" with your name, the name of your loved one, and your phone number and place it in the collection by **December** 17. A \$20 donation is greatly appreciated.

#### 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.

# Iturgical SCHEDULE

SACRISTANS		
Sat. Dec. 9	4:00pm	Martha Weiss
Sun. Dec. 10	8:00am	Volunteer needed
Sat. Dec. 16	4:00pm	Volunteer needed
Sat. Dec. 16	8:00pm	Myah Brickl
Sun. Dec. 17	8:00am	Volunteer needed
MASS SERVERS		
Sat. Dec. 9	4:00pm	Noah Endres
	8:00pm	Calvin Breunig
Sun. Dec. 10	8:00am	Logan Schoepp
Sat. Dec. 16	4:00pm	Caleb Breunig
	8:00pm	Jack Brickl
Sun. Dec. 17	8:00am	Landon Ambrose

# THE BABY 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. Needs: Newborn diapers, Diapers size 1, Pull Ups 2T/3T and 3T/4T, Diaper Bags, Girls clothes: size Newborn-24 month, Girls sleepers: size Newborn and 12-24 month, Boys clothes: size Newborn-9 months and 2T+, Boy sleepers: size 3-6 months and 2T+, and Baby wipes. Wants: Boppy pillows/covers, Backpack style diaper bag, Baby bottles, Baby washcloths/hooded towels, Onesies, Baby wash/shampoo, Bibs, Sippy cups, Nuks/pacifiers, Little stuffed animals, Board books, Rattles, Teethers, Infant toys, and Diapers size 2-6. All donations will be taken to the Women's Care Center in Madison.

# BLESS OUR PRIESTS COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS

Make sure to remember the retired priests of our diocese by making a gift to the Bless Our Priests collection. Please return your gift in the envelopes available at all Masses this weekend. Checks should be made payable to Diocese of Madison.



### ST. NORBERT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Everyone is invited to the choir rehearsal on **Monday, December 11** at 5:30pm. New members are always welcome.



#### **NEW MEMBERS**

St. Norbert's Parish Family would like to welcome our newest members, **Lewis and Amanda Taylor**, and their children, Waylon and Layla. May all of you find a happy home here.



**CARING TREE ITEMS DUE DEC. 10 AT NOON:** Please return your unwrapped gift by noon, Sunday, December 10. Thank you for helping those that need it most.

### LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET MORE

INVOLVED IN THE PARISH? There are many ways to get more involved here at St. Norbert Parish such as volunteering or substituting for Adoration, leading the Rosary, commentating, counting money, singing in the choir, joining one of our committees, joining Go Make Disciples to name a few. If you would like more information please contact Juanita by December 24. If you are already a volunteer you do not need to contact her until there is a change in your volunteer status.

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.

**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 2023 year. The last



weekend to donate for 2023 will be this weekend, Saturday, December 30 - Sunday, December 31, 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.

### NEED AN IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS?

The St. Norbert's Cookbooks (\$12) or an English Choir CD (\$5) make wonderful stocking stuffers. Please contact Juanita at 608-643-8108 to purchase yours today. If you would like to purchase a 175th St. Norbert Commemorative item as a Christmas gift please contact CCW President, Heidi Breunig at 608-644-8484. We have Christmas ornaments, cross wall hangings, fridge magnets, and decks of playing cards. The CCW also has vanilla for sale.

**CCW MEETING:** The CCW will meet on Sunday, December 10 after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

### BULLETIN INFORMATION OR ANNOUNCE-

MENTS: Bulletin information for the December 16-17 bulletin is due on December 6 at 5:00pm to Juanita. Please watch the bulletin for early deadlines due to the holidays.

### ST. BARNABAS

### St. Barnabas Mass Intentions Sunday December 10

♦ 9:00 AM Jan Albertson (Gary & Betty Brugger)

### Sunday December 10

♦ 9:00 AM Martha Elmer (Gary & Betty Brugger)



At this time of the year, if you are thinking of donating to the **Pantry CHRISTIAN IN Action Food Pantry**, listed below are some of our needs. Items may be left in the back of Holy Cross church in box provided for food Pantry:

5 # all purpose flour, Catsup, 4# sugar, Ramen noodles, Corned beef has, Canned stew, Macaroni, shampoo, Ritz, type of cracker, Hamburger helper. Thank you, Christians In Action Community Food Pantry.

#### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Az-

tec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to

conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.





Take the Survey St. Aloysius School is conducting a self-study for the cycle of its re-accreditation. The cess established by WRISA is performed by every Catholic school in the diocese every seven years. We are right now

collecting information that will help us analyse our current situation at St. Aloysius School and eventually come up with an action plan for the next seven years.

Please fill out the following anonymous survey provided by the Office of Catholic Schools in the diocese as part of the preparation process. The survey will be open until December



20th. Your input is always appreciated, especially now that we are entering this

important time for our school. Here you have the link: Parishioner/School Community Survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJJTV8V

Thank you so much for all the time you will spend completing this survey!



### **BROTHER FRANCIS** DAILY ADVENT VIDEOS FOR **CHILDREN**



Each day during Advent Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the

coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas. Look for the Advent strip on FORMED to view these each day. Videos are available in English and Spanish.



Or check

https://leaders.formed.org/advent/

### MENTAL HEALTH **SPIRITUAL** SUPPORT GROUP **MEETING**

Thursday St. Aloysius Church basement



We will begin with dinner, followed by prayer, reading and discussion focused on how our Catholic faith promotes mental health and addresses needs along the journey of recovery and sup-

port of those with mental health challenges.

All are invited and welcome to attend.





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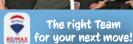


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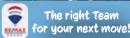
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