

# Sunday, December 4, 2022

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 5, 2022

6:30am *Clyde Nelson*

8:00am † Fr. Laverne Meier

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

6:30am *Fr. Faustino Ruiz*

8:00am † Doug Breunig

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

6:30am † *Stephen Brummel*

8:00am † Howard Hicks

7:05pm † Marilyn Breunig/Brian and Tara Breunig

Thursday, December 8, 2022

6:30am *Fr. James Kotch*

8:00am † Andrew Ballweg/Kevin and Cindy

Wankerl

7:00pm † Trula Mack/CCW

Friday, December 9, 2022

6:30am *Klimek Family*

8:00am † Tony Statz

Saturday, December 10, 2022

4:00pm Living and Deceased of the Roland and

Joan Mack Family

8:00pm For the Living and Deceased Members

of the St. Norbert Parish Family

Sunday, December 11, 2022

8:00am Living and Deceased of the Vern and Betty

Maier Family

11:00am † *Duane Brummel*

*Traditional Latin Masses are italicized.*

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Thursday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have the following Masses here at St. Norbert's: Wednesday, December 7 at 7:05pm, Thursday, December 8 at 6:30am *Traditional Latin Mass*, Thursday, December 8 at 8:00am English, Thursday, December 8 at 7:00pm English.

Masses at St. Aloysius, Sauk City will be December 7 at 6:00pm and December 8 at 8:15am. Masses at St. Mary, Merrimac will be December 8 at 8:30am. Masses at St. Barnabas, Mazomanie will be December 7 at 6:00pm and December 8 at 8:00am.

## BLESS OUR PRIESTS COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS

Next Weekend is the Bless Our Priests Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests. Please take advantage of this opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our diocese by helping provide for their retirement needs. Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us! Thank you. Please note all checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Madison. Envelopes will be available on the bulletin next weekend.

## FR. JAMES ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

St. Norbert's Parish would like to congratulate Fr. James on his 6th Anniversary of Ordination on December 8. May God continue to bless you and guide you.

**The CCW will host a get together after the 8:00am Mass on Wednesday, December 7 in the Church Hall. All invited and welcome to attend.**

## CARING TREE ITEMS DUE NEXT WEEK

St. Norbert's Parish is participating in the Caring Tree program. The Caring Tree with tags is available by the choir loft steps by the main entrance of Church. Please take a tag and return it with your unwrapped item by noon on December 11. Thank you for helping those who need it most.

## 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 18**. A \$20 donation is greatly appreciated.

## 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.

## 2022 MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANIONS

We have the 2022 Magnificat Advent Companions is available at all bulletin stations. Please take one home.

## 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.**



**Breakfast with Santa**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
8am to noon  
St. Aloysius School Gym  
Serving an all you can eat breakfast including baked eggs, pancakes, and more! In addition to Santa and letter drop, we will offer Sinsinawa bread, cookie walk, chance raffle prizes and a book fair.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**No Adoration on Thursday, December 8. Adoration will resume on Thursday, December 15.**

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. 3 at 4:00pm - Volunteer needed

Sat. Dec. 3 at 8:00pm - Regan Breunig

Sun. Dec. 4 at 8:00am - Ana Sisul

Wed. Dec. 7 at 7:05pm - Volunteer needed

Thurs. Dec. 8 at 7:00pm - Cora Brickl

Sat. Dec. 10 at 4:00pm - Myah Brickl

Sun. Dec. 11 at 8:00am - Reagan Breunig

## MASS SERVERS

Sat. Dec. 3 at 4:00pm - Caleb and Calvin Breunig

Sat. Dec. 3 at 8:00pm - Eli Breunig

Sun. Dec. 4 at 8:00am - Logan and Matthew Schoepp

Wed. Dec. 7 at 7:05pm - Logan and Matthew Schoepp

Thurs. Dec. 8 at 7:00pm - Phillip and Jack Brickl

Sat. Dec. 10 at 4:00pm - Phillip and Jack Brickl

Sat. Dec. 10 at 8:00pm - Noah Endres

Sun. Dec. 11 at 8:00am - Landon Ambrose, Eli Breunig

Server practices Saturday December 10 and December 17, 5:30 - 6:30pm.

## CONFESSIONS

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

Thursdays: 5:00 - 6:45pm.

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for Preschool - Sixth Grades, Sundays, 9:05 - 10:05am.  
Classes for Seventh - Ninth Grades, No Class December 7 so students can attend the Holy Day Masses.  
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.

## ADVENT GIFT IDEAS

**If you are looking for some Advent gifts here are a few options in the area:**

**Religious items are available for sale at St. Aloysius, Sauk City in the lobby (please pay in the office).**

**Religious items are available for sale at Mixing Bowl, Sauk City. St. Norbert Choir CD available from Dorothy Mack at 608-643-3730.**

**The CCW has the following items for sale: Cookbooks - \$12, Vanilla - \$4/bottle, Metal Christmas Ornament - \$17, Ceramic Wall Cross - \$30, Magnet - \$10, Deck of playing cards - \$12. The CCW will sell items after the 8am Mass on Sunday, December 13 or you can contact Roxi Maier at 608-370-3727 to purchase.**

## LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE PARISH?

There are many ways to get more involved here at St. Norbert's such as volunteering, or substituting for Adoration, leading the Rosary, commentating, counting money, singing in one of our amazing choirs, being a member of the Parish Council, and joining Go Make Disciples to name a few. If you would like more information or if you would like to be added to our wonderful group of volunteers please contact Juanita by December 24. You do not need to contact her if you are already a volunteer unless you have change in your status.

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

In lieu of our typical second and fourth Thursday events, for the month of December we will be hosting an Advent Potluck on **Saturday, December 17 at 6:30pm** in the St. Aloysius Church Basement, Room C. We'll pray the first of the traditional "O Antiphons" in the Church, and then head downstairs for a great meal and games! Main course will be provided. Bring a side dish, beverage or dessert to pass. The "O Antiphons" date as far back as the sixth century, and are added to Vespers from December 17th - December 23rd, a period known as the Golden Nights. Each Antiphon begins with "O" and addresses Jesus with a unique title which comes from the prophecies of Isaias and Micah, and whose initials, when read backwards, form an acrostic for the Latin "Ero Cras" which means "Tomorrow I come." Those titles for Christ are: Sapientia Adonai Radix Jesse Clavis David Oriens Rex Gentium Emmanuel  
See you there!

## INTO THE DEEP

Between now and December 11, the Diocese is accepting feedback on the proposed model, so please encourage people to respond at [intothedeepmadison.org/feedback](http://intothedeepmadison.org/feedback).

## 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 realities and effects of stigma 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 to you join us on Tuesday, **December 6, at 6:30pm**, in Room C of St. Aloysius Church basement. We can be reached at [mhmdivinemercy@gmail.com](mailto: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

## 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.

## 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. All Masses, English and Traditional Latin, are taken in 2022, we are scheduling into 2023.

## 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.

## 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!  
No matter the circumstances of your life, Living Joy will show you exactly how you can claim the joy you were created for. During the sessions you will get to know other parish women. We'll watch videos on the 9 Rules of Joy and have quiet reflection and journal time. There will be time to share your experiences in a small group and lift one another up in prayer. Join them **Wednesday, December 14**, 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! **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A CHILDCARE VOLUNTEER!**

If you are interested in helping with childcare or 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec. 4** Breakfast with Santa in the St. Aloysius School Gym serving 8am - noon.

**Dec. 6** Sanctuary Course/Mental Health Ministry at Divine Mercy Parish, Sauk City in the St. Aloysius Church Room C at 6:30pm.

**Dec. 7** Get together for Fr. James Anniversary of Ordination in the Church Hall after the 8:00am Mass.

**Dec. 8** Fr. James' 6th Anniversary of Ordination

**Dec. 10 and 11** KC Membership Drive

**Dec. 11** Caring Tree items due at noon.

**Dec. 11** Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast at St. Olaf Parish, DeForest in the Parish Center. Serving 7:30 - 11:00am.

**Dec. 13** CCW Meeting

The Finance Council Meeting was held on October 25, 2022 in the St Norbert's Church Hall.

In attendance:

Father James  
Ed Breunig (Finance Council Chairman)  
Paul Merline (Finance Council Vice-Chairman)  
Eric Breunig (Finance Council Secretary)

Not able to attend:

Stephen Howard (Parish Council President)  
Juanita Wipperfurth (Parish Secretary)

- Father James opened the meeting with a prayer.
- Finance Update
  - o Ed provided a high-level summary of how St Norbert's financial results compared to the prior year. Year-over-year comparisons are not as meaningful this year due to the renovation expenses flowing through last year's financials.
  - o Offertory Income was up, Unrestricted Investment Income was down reflecting overall market performance.
  - o There are \$92,000 of stained-glass window expenses that will be paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
  - o Offertory Campaign was discussed, this item will be tabled until after the impacts of Into the Deep are fully understood.
  - o Kudos to all St Norbert's parishioners who helped pay for three large projects in the last few years (roof/steeple repair, boilers and stained-glass window project). No debt was incurred for those projects.
    - \* There remains \$78,000 in pledges to collect in the next few years.
  - o Parish Budget – Ed explained that the goal of the parish budget is to break even. The goal is for our offertory money to cover our operating expenses.
- Bank account consolidation
  - o Ed has nearly completed the process of consolidating and moving all bank accounts to the Bank of Prairie du Sac. Ed was very appreciative of their helpful customer service.
  - o A financial council decision was made to not move the three CD's at BMO and to revisit that decision when the CD's mature.
  - o Only one account remains to be moved, the general checking account; after a few more items are cleaned up, that account will also be moved.
  - o The Finance Counsel thanks Ed, Fr James and all those involved with consolidating and moving the bank accounts.
  - o Fr James will consult with Fr Miguel to update our parish website to direct parishioner who wish to give via ACH direct access to our ACH form.
- Recognition of all the donors to the Renovation Project.
  - o Paul gave an updates and shared quotes for various styles of donor books.
  - o The Finance Council provided input on the examples.
  - o Paul discussed expanding the scope of the donor recognition program. The donation record book would list donors alphabetically for various projects. Plans are to have the book displayed in the church basement where pages could be added for future projects.
  - o Paul will continue to research and request book samples; Paul will provide a recommendation to the Finance Council.

- Sound System
  - o Fr James gave an update on the current issues with the sound system; John Breunig from St Al's parish has been trouble shooting the sound system and helping to pin point the issues.
  - o Fr James will work with Peak Sound Systems to get a few quotes to update the processors, amplifiers and mixer so that it is up to date and working reliably. A quote will also be provided for replacing the entire system.
  - o Fr James will continue to work with John Breunig to get the current system up and running and consult with John and the upgrade quotes.
  - o Fr James will also get quotes on replacing the camera in the choir loft.
- Into the Deep
  - o Fr James provided a brief update on the Into the Deep Project.
  - o At some point in the future a joint Parish Council and Finance Council meeting will be held to discuss specific impacts to St Norbert's parish.
- Employee contract and performance reviews.
  - o Fr James had individual meetings with the parish employees earlier this year to discuss performance, pay and address any issues or concerns from the employee.
  - o Fr James and Eric will update employment contracts in 2023.
  - o By policy this review is done every 18 months.
- A date was not picked for the next Finance Council Meeting as it will be dependent on the Into the Deep joint meeting with the Parish Council.
  - o Tentative agenda items:
    - \* Recognition of all the donors to the Renovation Project (Paul and Juanita)
    - \* Wish list updates (Fr James and Stephen)
    - \* Impacts of Into the Deep (Fr James)
    - \* Buildings and Grounds Endowment Fund formation (All)
    - \* Restarting the annual St Norbert's Offertory Campaign (All)
    - \* Finance Update (Ed)
    - \* Bank account consolidation (Ed)
    - \* Employee updates (Eric and Fr James)
    - \* Other Agenda Items (All)

Respectfully Submitted: Eric Breunig (Finance Council Secretary)