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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, I wish you all a happy and blessed feast day. The Epiphany is one of the oldest and most important feasts of the Church, as it commemorates the manifestation of Christ's divinity to the nations, represented by the visit of the Magi from the East. The word "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word meaning "revelation from above" or "appearance".

The Epiphany is part of the Christmas season. During this time, we rejoice in the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh, who dwells among us. We also recall the other events that reveal the glory and power of Christ, such as His baptism in the Jordan and His first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana.

One of the beautiful traditions that we have in our parish is the Epiphany blessing of homes with chalk. This is an ancient custom that dates back to the Middle Ages, when priests would visit each home in their parish and bless them with holy water and chalk. The chalk was used to write the initials of the three Magi (C, M, and B) and the year on the door or doorframe of the house, as a sign of God's protection and blessing.

The letters C, M, and B also stand for the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, which mean "May Christ bless this house". The blessing is usually accompanied by a prayer that invokes God's grace and peace upon the household and all who enter or leave it. The blessing also reminds us of our mission to welcome Christ in our lives and to share His light with others.

This year, we will have blessed chalk and prayer cards with the blessing available at the weekend Masses for you to take home. I encourage you to participate in this pious practice and to bless your homes with your families. It is a simple but powerful way to consecrate your homes to Christ and to place yourselves under his care. May the Lord, who revealed himself to the Magi by the

guidance of a star, enlighten your hearts and minds with His truth and love. May He fill your homes with His joy and peace. And may He grant you His abundant blessings in this new year.

Your pastor in Christ,

Fr. Miguel



The Knights of Co-Knights of lumbus Council from Columbus Sauk City and Rox-bury recently completed \$50,000 in do-

nations to 3 very important local capital campaigns. The Knights raised the money through their various annual fund-raising events (Country Breakfast, Pork Chop Dinner, Brat Stand and their annual food stand at the State Cow Chip festival).

At the recent KC Christmas party Grand Knight Nick Ballweg reflected on this amazing accomplishment, "This is what the Knights do; we support our community, our youth and our parishes. No one would have guessed that when we made these pledges we would need to raise funds during a global pandemic but (as always) the Knights did it! And did it with a smile! It is simply amazing that our small but hard-working council in Sauk Prairie and Roxbury could raise \$50,000 and have lots of fun doing it!

Anyone interested in learning more about the Knights or wanting to join this amazing organization should contact Grand Knight Nick Ballweg at 14nickb@gmail.com.



At a recent KC event Grand Knight Nick Ballweg presents Fr. James Kotch the final check of the KC's \$25,000 pledge to St Norberts for the new bell tower and new church roof.

Grand Knight Nick Ballweg presents the sisters of Valley of Our Lady Monastery in Prairie du Sac the final check of the KC's \$15,000 pledge to their new monastery in Hollandale. The Knights have also donated labor and other resources to the sisters in recent months.





Grand Knight Nick Ballweg (right) presents the new camp director at Camp Gray Tim Chaptman (left), with the final check of the KC's \$10,000 pledge to their recent capital campaign for various upgrades.

He alone loves the Creator perfectly who manifests a pure love for his neighbor.

St. Bede the Venerable



St. Aloysius Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8

- ♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Elizabeth Schnur
- ♦ 8:15 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, January 9

- ♦ 7:00 AM † Mary Walsh (Carol Purcell)
- ♦ 8:15 AM Special Intention for Bob Schnur

Wednesday, January 10

- ♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Elizabeth Schnur
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Ruth Trausch (Sondra Gorius)

Thursday, January 11

- ♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for DL (Kelsey Laczniak)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Ralph J. Bindl (Dave & Becky Ray)

Friday, January 12

- ♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Elizabeth Schnur
- ♦ 8:15 AM Special Intention for DL (Kelsey Laczniak)

Saturday, January 13

- ♦ 8:00 AM † Peter Cicero (Scott & Lisa Enerson Family)
- ♦ 4:30 PM † Cliff Schlough (Merle & Lynee Fuchs)

Sunday, January 14

- ♦ 8:00 AM † Emily & Herman Reisinger (Family)
- ♦ 10:30 AM † Viola Gruber (Family)
- ♦ 12:30 (Español) Por los miembros vivos y difuntos

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Friday, January 12 Maplewood Nursing Home

♦ 10:00 AM Special Intention for Pia Del Bello (Elisa Schnur)

Sanctuary Candle

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MARY JO M. (Deloris Hicks)



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 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

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

Difference: (\$ 1,203.21)

Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 279,384.05

Needed for Budget..\$ 251,826,84

Difference: \$ 27,557.21

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



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

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 grandchildren 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

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 APRIL 2024 AND BEYOND

Because of your generosity, we have 6 Masses available in April and many in the months beyond. 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 April 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. Thank you so much for your continued support by offering Mass intentions. God Bless.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

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, January 9

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, January 9, 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 9th Mass is being offered for the repose of the Soul of Michael Uselmann by Vern and Marie Weisensel.

ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6

♦ 4:30 PM † Marty Richardson (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)

Saturday, January 13

♦ 4:30 PM † Charlie Fuchs (Jeanne Fuchs)

Sunday, January 14

♦ 9:30 AM † Karen Esser (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Tuesday, January 16 Durward's Glen

♦ 8:00 AM † Thomas Delaney (John and Mardell Krejchik)



Durward's Glen



I Liturgical SCHEDULE

		SACRISTANS	MASS SERVERS
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
Sat. Jan. 13	4:00pm	Martha Weiss	Carl Weiss
	8:00pm	Reagan Breunig	Eli Breunig
Sun. Jan. 14	8:00am	Volunteer needed	Matthew Schoepp

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday January 8

♦ 8:00 AM Maria Cecelia (Paul Westerman)

Tuesday January 9

♦ 8:00 AM † Joseph Coquard (Philippe and Julie Coquard)

Wednesday January 10

♦ 8:00 AM † Pope Benedict XVI (SNP)

Thursday January 11

♦ 8:00 AM † Don Magnuson (Del and Judy Endres)

Friday January 12

♦ 8:00 AM † Joan Mack (Russ and Gloria Clemens)

Saturday January 13

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

Sunday January 14

♦ 8:00 AM † Charlie Fuchs (Jeanne Fuchs)

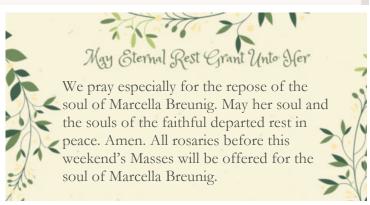


BAPTISM

Little Georgia Grace Cross will be baptized this weekend. Congratulations to the proud parents, Thomas and Heather, and a warm St. Norbert's welcome to Georgia Grace.

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 still need a driver and runner on Tuesday, January 30, Tuesday, February 6, Thursday, February 8 and Friday February 9. A sign up sheet is available on the register by the main entrance starting this weekend. Please sign up today!



CCW MEETING

All ladies are invited to attend the CCW Meeting on **Sunday, January 14** after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall.

RALLY FOR LIFE

Please join Sauk County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life for their annual "Rally for Life" at the Sauk County Courthouse, east grounds, from 3:00 to 3:30pm, on Friday, January 19, 2024. Rose Bingham, of the Sauk County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life, will give a short talk and then we will peacefully march around the square in support of life from conception until natural death.

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.



ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION:

In Memory of Lee Breunig from Erv and Bev Breunig Family



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.



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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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.

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- ♦ Heidi Breunig 608-644-8484: CCW President

ST. BARNABAS

St. Barnabas **Mass Intentions**

Sunday January 7

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



Sunday January 14

♦ 9:00 AM † Dave Hyatt Jr. (KofC Waunakee 6371)

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

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

It is Holy Cross, St. Barnabas' turn to provide volunteers for Christian In Action Food Pantry.

If you would like to work a 2 hour shift at the food pantry Saturday January 27, 2024, contact Mary 608 795 2555.







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**.



Sunday, January 28 11:30 AM, St. Al's Gym

We need 12 Chili contestants (1 big Nesco per contestant)





We need 14 Dessert contestants
(2 deserts of the same kind per contestant)

Contestants need to bring their chili or desert to the gym by 11 AM on Sunday January, 28th.

Volunteers are needed!! We are again in need of volunteers to help make this a great event for our school! Also, a few items are needed for this event. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. Sign up here or scan the code to contribute!



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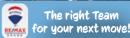
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