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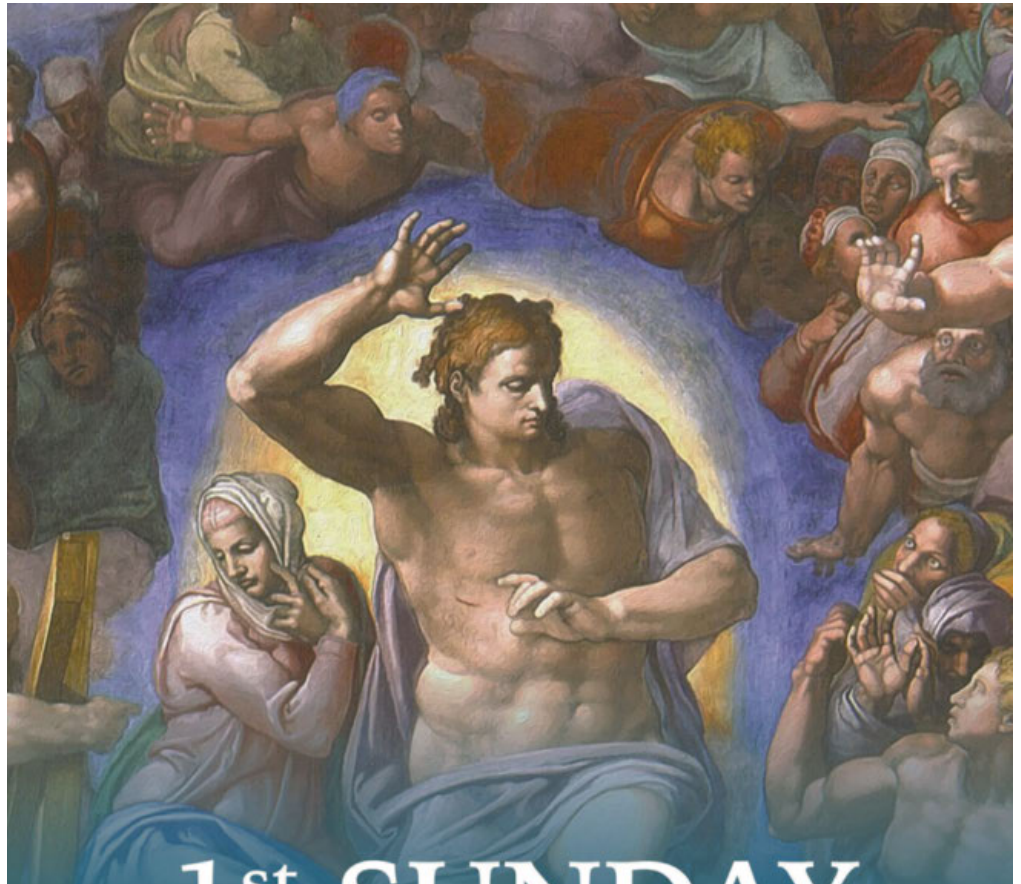
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**1st SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.” - Mk 13:35

1st Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the season of Advent this Sunday, let us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of hope and joy. It is also a time to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and praying for the living and the dead.

Many of you have practiced those works of Mercy last week helping others in the community. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations on Giving Tuesday. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we have raised \$7,200 so far to help a local Catholic family in financial distress. This family has been struggling with medical bills, unemployment, and other hardships for a long time. They are very grateful for your support and prayers. Your donations will make a huge difference in their lives and help them overcome their difficulties.

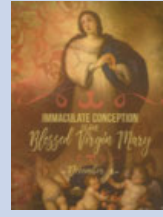
One of the highlights of Advent is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which we celebrate on December 8th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means that we are obliged to attend Mass and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Immaculate Conception is the dogma that Mary was conceived without original sin, by the grace of God, in view of the merits of her Son. This means that Mary was preserved from the stain of sin from the first moment of her existence, and remained sinless throughout her life. She is the model of holiness and purity for all Christians.

The Immaculate Conception is important for several reasons. First, it shows us the power and mercy of God, who can do all things and who wants to save us from sin and death. Second, it shows us the dignity and beauty of human nature, which God created in his image and likeness, and which he redeemed by his Son. Third, it shows us the role and mission of Mary, who is the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. She is our advocate, intercessor, and protector. She is the perfect disciple of Christ and the exemplar of faith, hope, and love.

I invite you to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with devotion and joy. Let us ask Mary to pray for us and to help us imitate her virtues. Let us also thank her for her *fiat*, her yes to God, which made possible the Incarnation and the Redemption. Let us honor her as the Immaculate Conception, full of grace, the blessed among women, and the cause of our joy.

May God bless you and your families during this Advent season. May he fill you with his grace and his love. And may he grant you a merry and holy Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Miguel



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
DEC. 8TH
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

PASTORATE 8

	Thursday, Dec. 7	Friday, Dec. 8
St. Aloysius Sauk City	6:00 PM Spanish	7:00 AM 8:15 AM
St. Norbert Roxbury	-	8:00 AM 7:00 PM
St. Mary Merrimac	7:00 PM	8:30 AM
St. Barnabas Mazomanie	5:00 PM	-

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of
LUANN WELSCH
(From Family)



**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 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**



**St. Aloysius
Mass Intentions**

Monday, December 4

- ◆ 7:00 AM † Melvin Ballweg (Family)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † LuAnn Welsch (Merle & Lynee Fuchs)

Tuesday, December 5

- ◆ 7:00 AM Special intention for Ryan & Sarah Schmidt (Ron & Peggy Kruchten Family)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † Sr. Lorene Haas (Anita Clemens)

Wednesday, December 6

- ◆ 7:00 AM † Herman & Emily Reisinger (Family)
- ◆ 8:15 AM Fr. Faustino Ruiz, in his Priestly Anniversary (Nick & Kay Ringelstetter)

Thursday, December 7

- ◆ 7:00 AM Special intention (Anonymous)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † LuAnn Welsch (Family)
- ◆ 6:00 PM (Español) † Pedro Dominguez (Family)

Friday, December 8

- ◆ 7:00 AM † Eileen Molloy (Joanne, Bruce & Bonnie)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † Rudy Feiner (Carol Purcell)

Saturday, December 9

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Carla McNeely (Scott & Lisa Enerson Family)
- ◆ 4:30 PM † Marie Zajicek (Family)

Sunday, December 10

- ◆ 8:00 AM Special Intention for Angela Rhode (Family)
- ◆ 10:30 AM The Living & Deceased Members of The Norbert Brickl Family (Family)
- ◆ 12:30 (Español) Por los miembros vivos y difuntos de la Parroquia

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Maplewood Assisted Living

Wednesday, December 6

- ◆ 10:00 AM † Pat Crapser (Cathy Crapser)

The Pines Assisted Living

Thursday, December 7

- ◆ 10:00 AM † Margaret Fuchs (St. Als CCW)

Maplewood Nursing Home

Friday, December 8

- ◆ 10:00 AM Living & deceased members of John G. Ballweg Family (Cathy Crapser)

GRANDPARENTS GROUP
LAST 2 SESSIONS
Dec. 6 & 13
9 - 10 AM, Room C
St. Aloysius church basement

DIVINE MERCY PARISH
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of November 26, 2023
 Collections.....\$ 6,768.63
 Needed for Budget.....\$ 9,326.92

Difference: (\$ 2,558.29)

Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 195,691.50
 Needed for Budget..\$ 205,192.24

Difference: (\$ 9,500.74)

If you would like to give electronically please contact Margaret at 643-2449 or go to divinemercyparish.org/giving



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

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!

MASS THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

This Thursday, December 7, is the first Thursday of the month, and there will be Exposition, Adoration, Confessions and Benediction beginning at 5:00 P.M. followed by Mass at 7:00 P.M. This Mass is being offered for the Repose of the Soul of Sharon Borota by Tim and Kathy Borota.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH—A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this week Friday, December 8th. The Mass at St. Mary Health of the Sick is at 8:30 A.M. If you are unable to attend this Mass, please check the bulletin for times and places for alternative Masses that are available.

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Please join Fr. Pedro and fellow parishioners as we bless our Christmas Creche next Sunday, December 10th 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 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 7 Masses available at Durward's Glen in January and February.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, December 2

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

Sunday, December 3

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

Thursday, December 7

5:00-6:45 PM Exposition, Adoration, Confessions and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM Mass

Friday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 AM Mass

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN TUESDAY, Dec. 5, 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 5th, 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 5th Mass is being offered for the Repose of the Soul of Steve Borota by Tim and Kathy Borota.

St. Mary Health of the Sick Intentions



Saturday, December 2

◆ 4:30 PM Special Intention for Mark Breunig Family
(Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Sunday, December 3

◆ 9:30 AM † Marie Anna Genevieve
(Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Tuesday, December 5 Durward's Glen

◆ 8:00 AM † Steve Borota (Tim and Kathy Borota)

Thursday, December 7

◆ 7:00 PM † Lori Haack (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)
(John and Mardell Krejchik)

Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

◆ 8:30 AM † Sharon Borota (Tim and Kathy Borota)

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)



St. Norberts Mass Intentions

Monday December 4

◆ 8:00 AM † Charlie Fuchs

Tuesday December 5

◆ 8:00 AM † Don Magnuson
(Marvin and Harriett Breunig)

Wednesday December 6

◆ 8:00 AM † Doug Breunig

Thursday December 7

◆ 8:00 AM † Howard Hicks

Friday December 8

◆ 8:00 AM Living and Deceased of the St. Norbert Parish Family
◆ 7:00 PM † Donald Heyroth by Lucy Kippley

Saturday December 9

◆ 4:00 PM † Tony Statz
◆ 8:00 PM Living and Deceased of the St. Norbert Parish Family

Sunday December 10

◆ 8:00 AM † DuWayne, Ellen, Jeff and Dean Schmitt



Liturgical SCHEDULE

SACRISTANS

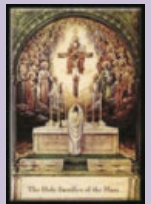
Sat. Dec. 2	4:00pm	Volunteer needed
Sun. Dec. 3	8:00am	Volunteer needed
Sat. Dec. 9	4:00pm	Martha Weiss
Sun. Dec. 10	8:00am	Volunteer needed

MASS SERVERS

Sat. Dec. 2	4:00pm	Landon Ambrose
	8:00pm	Noah Endres
Sun. Dec. 3	8:00am	Matthew Schoepp
Frid. Dec. 8	7:00pm	Connor Breunig
Sat. Dec. 9	4:00pm	Noah Endres
	8:00pm	Calvin Breunig
Sun. Dec. 10	8:00am	Logan Schoepp

FR. JAMES ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

St. Norbert's Parish would like to congratulate Fr. James on his 7th 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 on Wednesday, December 6, in the Church Hall. All are invited and welcome to attend.**



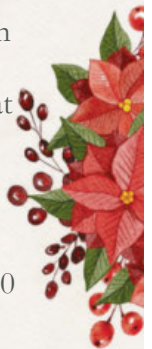
THE BABY Jesus Shower



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.

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.



2024 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2024 Religious Art Calendars are available at all bulletin stations. A very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the calendars.

2023 MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANIONS

Advent starts the weekend of December 2 and 3. We have the 2023 Magnificat Advent Companions available at all bulletin stations. Please take one home.



ST. NORBERT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Everyone is invited to the choir rehearsal on **Friday, December 8** at 5:30pm. New members are always welcome.



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.



CARING TREE ITEMS DUE NEXT WEEK: St. Norbert's Church is participating in the Caring Tree program. The Caring Tree with tags is available by the choir loft steps by the main entrance of the Church. Please take a tag and return your unwrapped gift by noon December 10. Thank you for helping those that need it most.

BULLETIN INFORMATION OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin information is due on Mondays at 5:00pm to Juanita or Tuesdays at noon to Mari Paz at St. Aloysius. Please contact our Church Secretary, Juanita Wipperfurth. Please watch the bulletin for early deadlines due to the holidays.



ST. BARNABAS

St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

Sunday December 3

◆ 9:00 AM Matt Ripp (Mary Ellen Ripp)

Thursday December 7

◆ 5:00 PM

Sunday December 10

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



GO MAKE DISCIPLES TIP OF THE MONTH

December GMD Tip of the Month:

Advent Wreath

Sunday December 3 marks the beginning of Advent. We as Catholics have a beautiful symbol and tradition of preparing our hearts, minds, and souls for the coming of our Lord this month, the Advent Wreath. Here is little primer. The evergreen wreath symbolizes God's love is ever present and has no beginning or end.

1st Sunday: The Prophets Candle (purple) **Hope**;
2nd Sunday: The Bethlehem Candle (purple) **Faith**;
3rd Sunday The Shepherds Candle (pink) **Joy**;
4th Sunday The Angels Candle (purple) **Peace**.
Christmas Eve/Christmas Day: some light a white candle symbolizing the arrival of the Light of the World; Jesus Christ. What a beautiful weekly re-set of the true meaning of Christmas with the lighting of candles and prayer each Sunday. Merry and Blessed Christmas season to you all from



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.



At this time of the year, if you are thinking of donating to the 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!



You're Invited!

**Sunday
December 3
8am - Noon
ST. AL'S GYM**



All you can eat Santa breakfast!!

FREE 3 years old and under

\$5 4-8 years old

\$10 9 years and older



St. Aloysius School is conducting a self-study for the cycle of its re-accreditation. This process 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!



ST. ALS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH
6:30PM
Christmas Concert

TUESDAY, DEC. 12
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION
5:15PM ROSARY
6:00 PM MASS
AFTER MASS THERE WILL BE A MEAL AT ST. ALOYIUS GYM, SAUK CITY

DIocese of MADISON
SACRED MUSIC AT THE ORATORY
Sunday, December 3, 2023
Solemn Choral Vespers and Benediction
(Diocesan Schola)
Sunday, December 17, 2023
A Service of Lessons and Carols
Featuring music of Handel, Carter, Nestor, Vaughan Williams, and Victoria
(Diocesan Choir and Chamber Orchestra)

All events are at 4:00 PM
Holy Name Oratory
702 South High Point Road,
Madison, WI 53719

Hayward Gourmet Fundraising
Last call to support Shoreless Lake School by placing orders for Hayward Gourmet. Last day to place orders is **Tuesday, December 5 by 3:00 pm.** Thank you for your support of Catholic education. May God bless you for your generosity.

ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL NEWS

Always and everywhere faithful



"Saint Aloysius is a Catholic education community whose ministry provides opportunity for all students to develop their spiritual life and academic potential."

INTRODUCING ST. ALOYSIUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION!



St. Al's Student Government is now the Student Association! Modeled after our Home & School Association, it is open to all students who want to develop their spirit of service and leadership. Above: many students from Grades 2-6 have joined different departments of the Association to fill roles such as leading prayers, organizing fundraisers, working the School Store, leading assemblies, and much more!

STAGE CREW ON DUTY

Our Custodian Dave Helt, along with dads Nathan Dischler, (Madden, Grade 3), and Dustin Dischler, (Camden, Grade 3 and Maddie, Grade 1), worked hard to put together our brand new risers purchased with the money raised from last year's Walk for Goodness' Sake. Thanks to their hard work, we'll have the risers just in time for our Christmas Concert!





...A NEW CLASS PET?

Our Fourth Graders brought a surprise pet to school one morning - no, not your typical furry hamster or gerbil, but a frog! The kids aptly named him, "Hank". Hank enjoyed a day as a class pet before being released to his native home.

At left: Reegan Ederer holds Hank for the whole class to see, Far left: Fourth graders say one last goodbye to Hank before releasing him.



SCRIP CORNER

2023 - 2024 YTD SCRIP FUNDRAISING: \$4,590.44

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Order by physical cards by **Tuesday, December 5th** for pickup by Friday, December 15th!

Gift Cards make GREAT Christmas Gifts! 

Kwik Trip is on bonus through 12/8!!

-Kwik Trip Gas - 9%

-Kwik Trip Grocery - 15%

NEW PARTICIPANT INCENTIVE FROM RAISERRIGHT

New participants who enroll in our program between **10/23/23** and **1/31/24** and place three separate orders in their first 30 days will receive a complimentary \$5 Amazon.com eGift card, automatically delivered to their RaiseRight account Wallet within 7 days of their third qualifying order.

Orders must be paid for directly by the participant via a linked bank account or credit/debit card.

BEFORE THE SNOW FLIES

Below: First Graders play in the last of the Fall leaves before they get buried under the Winter snow!





ST. AL'S MORNING STAR NEWS



Brought to you by Editors Ms. Andrea & Ms. Kuhnau



Good St. Nicholas



*By Siena Muller,
4th Grade*

Christmas is not about getting presents even though I used to think that. But it is Jesus's birthday so we celebrate. And Santa, (or St. Nick), gives us presents. So I will tell you the story of St. Nick. Along time ago there was a young man named Nicholas. There was a girl in his village who was going to get married. Back then the dad of the girl had to give money to the boy to take care of the girl. The dad did not have enough money, so Nick brought a ladder and he put it by the girl's window and he climbed. He had money and so he put it under her pillow so she could get married. That is why we get presents on Christmas. And that was the end of the story. The lesson was that it is better to give than to take. Ask your mom and dad if you can do a Secret Santa in your family, you will feel so good when you give someone else a present.

A SPECIAL HOMILY FROM FR. JARED HOOD

BY GAEL KRUCHTEN,
5TH GRADE



The St. Aloysius community was grateful to be able to attend the 8:15 Mass offered by Fr. Jared Hood. Fr. Jared was pastor in 2010 before many of the students were born. However, the adults of the parish remember him fondly and many attended this Mass.

In his Homily, he talked about how we need to stand up for our faith and for Jesus. For example, if your friend invites you to his house on a Sunday, you should tell him that you cannot come because you have to go to Mass. We know that we are not supposed to disobey God, but sometimes we do it anyway. The hard part is that we have to be strong and know what we are doing. People will sometimes ask us, "Why do you do what you do?"

Why do you go to mass? Why aren't you doing what everyone else does?" Do not fail to stand up for Jesus. Do not worry for answers because in your heart, you know that Jesus will give us the answers to the questions.





SUPER STAFF INTERVIEW!

Reegan Ederer, (4th Grade), interviewed our School Secretary Ms. Wolske. Let's hear what she had to say!

What is your favorite thing about being the Secretary?

My favorite thing is working with the kids and our wonderful principal, Ms. Daniela! I love being in the office ready to help everyone.

If you were to have a another job what would it be ?

Probably a Librarian. I love literature and history!

What do you like to do on weekends during the winter?

Read, drink tea, and, spend time with my family!

JOKE BREAK

Brought to you by Reagan Hruby 4th Grade

How do you park a computer?

You back it up.

Why did the chicken cross the Internet?

To get to the other site

GOLF: PART 3

BY JAMES HRUBY
4TH GRADE



When you hit the golf course again, plan to go to the range and the putting green for at least a half an hour combined.

Leave early. For example, if your tee time is at 10:30, leave by 9:45. Like I said earlier, hit the range and hit the putting green. THAT'S IT FOR THIS WEEK & HAVE FUN!!!

Did You Know?



BY STELLA WUERGER, 4TH GRADE

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Hippopotamus milk is the color pink!
- Fingernails grow faster in the summer.
- The solar system was formed over 4.6 billion years ago.
- Snails can sleep for up to three years straight.
- There are around 10 million species of insects on Earth.
- Dolphins are the only animals that can shut half of their brains off while sleeping.
- The shortest war in human history lasted for only 38 minutes.
- Wild seals are the only animals that can clap.
- Giant pandas can eat around 28 pounds of bamboo every day.
- Peanut oil is one of the key ingredients in making dynamite.

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