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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

> 3rd Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

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MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY

Dear Parishioners.

As we journey through Advent, the Church invites us to reflect on the joy of the coming of Christ. One powerful way to prepare our hearts for His arrival is through the Sacrament of Confession. This Wednesday, December 18th, we will have a special Penance Service from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Four priests will be available to hear confessions, so there will be ample opportunity for everyone to receive God's healing mercy.

This is a wonderful occasion for families, especially those in our Family Faith Formation program, to come together. Parents, consider bringing your children to experience the grace of reconciliation as a family. What a beautiful way to show them the joy and peace that comes from receiving God's forgiveness!

Before coming, take some time to make a good examination of conscience. There are many great resources available online that can guide you. Preparing well helps ensure a heartfelt confession and a fresh start in your relationship with God.

On a practical note, you may have noticed work being done on the bell tower recently. We are grateful to Kraemer for addressing the much-needed repairs. With the help of a large truck and crane, they are fixing the top of the tower where there is significant masonry damage. They will also weld the cross back into place after it was



blown off during strong winds this past June while I was away. We are thankful for their efforts to ensure our church remains a safe and beautiful place of worship.

Let us continue to prepare our hearts for the Lord dur-

ing this Advent season, rejoicing in the hope and joy of His coming! See you Wednesday!

God bless,

Fr. Miguel





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5:00PM - 6:30 PM

St. Barnabas

Tuesday, Dec. 17 Wednesday, Dec. 18 St. Aloysius 4:30PM - 6:30 PM

Thursday, Dec. 19 St. Norbert 4:00PM - 7:00 PM

"Do you want to become saints? Here is the secret: confession is the lock; confidence in your confessor is the key. This is how you open heaven's gates."

- St. John Bosco



"In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone." St. John of the Cross

ST. ALOYSIUS

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 16

◆7:00 AM † Thomas Heibel (Dave and Dawn Helt)
◆8:15 AM † Randall "Randy" Mack

(Family)

Tuesday, December 17

◆7:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Society of Jesus Christ the Priests (Anonymous)

♦8:15 AM † Della Ryan (Ken and Laura Breunig)

Wednesday, December 18

♦7:00 AM † Steven Wedwick (Mike & Janet Wedwick)

♦8:15 AM Special Intention for Brittany, Caston & Lincoln Blau (Scott and Lisa Enerson Family)

Thursday, December 19

♦7:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

♦ 8:15 AM † Sally Cicero (Chuck & Jan Thomas)

Friday, December 20

◆7:00 AM † Jan Kramer (Jenny Schmitz)

 ♦ 8:15 AM Special Intention for Ashley McNeely (Cathy Breunig)

Saturday, December 21

8:00 AM † Melissa Hornung (Family)
4:30 PM † Roger Ruhland

(Family)

Sunday, December 22

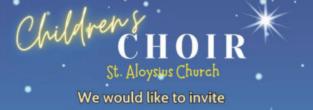
♦ 8:00 AM Deceased members of Wilfred & Mary Breunig Families

- ◆ 10:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
- 12:30 (Español) † Lorenza Zavala & Francisco Rodríguez

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Friday, December 20 Maplewood Nursing Home

◆ 10:00 AM † Ethel Kippley (Greg & Alice Hutter)



all children 2nd grade on up for our Christmas Vigil mass.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th our children will help lead us in Christmas carols starting at 4pm (before 4:30pm Vigil Mass)

Practices every week after the 8am mass on Sundays. Please have your children gather by the piano in the church.



DEADLINE, THIS SUNDAX!

Return your new, unwrapped gift to us, with the tag securely attached, BY NOON ON DECEMBER 15. Thank you for helping those in need!!!

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of December 8, 2024

Collections.....\$ 11,906.31

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

Difference: \$ 2,579.39

Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 232,212.91

Needed for Budget..\$ 214,519.16

Difference: \$ 17,693.75

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

ST. MARY. HEALTH OF THE SICK



St. Mary's Christmas Party this Sunday, December $15^{\rm th}$

This Sunday, December 15, we are celebrating our parish family and the birth of Christ with a Christmas party in St. Mary's Hall. Festivities will begin with

appetizers at 11:00 A.M. followed by a ham dinner with all the trimmings. If you would like to contribute to the menu, we suggest appetizers, veggie or fruit tray or salads, wine or other beverages. Please RSVP to calcab89@yahoo.com or call (608) 742-3364, so we know how many to prepare for.

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Please join Fr. Pedro and fellow parishioners as we bless our Christmas Creche this third Sunday of Advent, December 15th 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 15th. Be sure to include the names of those you wish to remember and they will be listed in the December 29th bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2025

January 2025 is fast approaching and we still have 9 Masses available in January and many in February and 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 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.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, December 14

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

Sunday, December 15

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

Monday, December 9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

♦ 8:30 PM Mass

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

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN



TUESDAY, December 17

7:35 AM - Rosary and Confessions
8:00 AM - Mass
8:30 AM - Faith Discussion
9:00 AM - Refreshments

Mass This Week at Durward's Glen

The December 17th Mass is being offered as a special intention for Amanda Krejchik by John and Mardell Krejchik.

Saturday, December 14

◆ 4:30 PM † Eric Kitt

(Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Sunday, December 15

• 9:30 AM † Clara Lins (Ken and Debra Lins)

Tuesday, December 17 Durward's Glen

 8:00 PM Special intention for Amanda Krejchik (John and Mardell Krejchik)

Saturday, December 21

◆ 4:30 PM † Eric Kitt (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Sunday, December 22

 9:30 AM † Jerome and Audrey Sickinger (Ken and Debra Lins)

ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 24



- 4:30 PM St. Mary's Special intention for Logan Krejchik (John and Mardell Krejchik)
- 11:00 PM Durward's Glen
 Living and Deceased members of the Dave Helt Family (Dawn Helt)

Wednesday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

 9:30 AM Special intention for Jennifer Kitt (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

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	Liturgical	SCHEDULE	
	,	SACRISTANS	MASS SERVERS
Sat. Dec. 14	4:00pm	Volunteer needed	Calvin Breunig
	8:00pm	Myah Brickl	Jack Brickl
Sun. Dec. 15	8:00am	Volunteer needed	Logan and Jacob Schoepp
Sat. Dec. 21	4:00pm	Volunteer needed	Landon Ambrose, Brody Lewis
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed	Dennis Ballweg
Sun. Dec. 22	8:00am	Volunteer needed	Noah Endres

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16

• 8:00 AM Edward Tuttle, Patricia Franz, their 7 children, their 23 grandchildren and great grandchildren, and extended family members (Ed Tuttle)

Tuesday, December 17

 8:00 AM Special Intention for Jon Schnur (Elisa Schnur)

Wednesday, December 18

 8:00 AM Living and Deceased of the John and Elizabeth Ripp Families (Cyril Ripp)

Thursday, December 19

 8:00 AM † Joan Wipperfurth (Ron and Juanita Wipperfurth)

Friday, December 20

♦ 8:00 AM † Tony Statz (Claire Statz)

Saturday, December 21

- 4:00 PM † Roman, Judy and David Lamberty (Jim and Karen Breunig Family)
- ♦ 8:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, December 22

♦ 8:00 AM † Carole Salm (Jacquie Breunig)

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS DUE

NEXT WEEKEND: 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 22**, a \$20 donation is greatly appreciated.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Everyone is invited to the choir rehearsal on **Wednesdays** at 5:30pm. New members are always welcome.

2024 MAGINFICAT ADVENT COMPANIONS

We have the 2024 Advent Magnificat Companions available at all bulletin stations. Please take one.

DONATIONS FOR 2024

Anyone that would like to have a donation to the parish included in the 2024 calendar year for tax purposes is reminded that December 31, 2024 is the last day to have the donation included for the year. The weekend of December 28 - 29 is the last weekend to donate for 2024. Donations sent by mail need to be postmarked by December 31, 2024. After December 31, 2024 all donations will gladly be accepted for 2025. Remember offertory donations and the donations for the Capital Campaign Renovation are separate funds.

PAGEANT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On **Tuesday, December 24** at the 4:00pm Mass we will have our Annual Children's Pageant. We are looking for

volunteers. If you have a child 4K - Ninth grade that would like to participate please contact Eric Breunig at 608-963-0338 or eric.breunig@gmail.com by **December 15**.





CARING TREE DUE SUNDAY AT

NOON: Remember to return your unwrapped gift with the tag by noon on December 15. Thank you for helping those that need it most.

YOUR HELP NEEDED TO SOLVE A MYSTERY

We received a check from Ameriprise Financial that had very limited information. The only information it con-

tained was that it was for "Normal Ret Plan Distrib." No name was listed as to whose account this check was from. There was a only an account number listed. Please call Juanita to claim this check so that we can make sure we give credit where credit is due.



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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 crib in the



Church Hall. Donations will be accepted until December 25. Monetary donations are also accepted. All donations will be taken to the Women's Care Center in Madison.

2025 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2025 Religious Art Calendars are available at all bulletin stations. A very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the calendars. The calendars will be available until January 31.

BULLETIN INFORMATION OR ANNOUNCE-MENTS

Bulletin announcements or information are due at 5:00pm on Mondays to Juanita. We have new bulletin deadlines for December. Information for the December 28-29 bulletin is due on December 16.

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, please contact CCW President, Julianne Brickl at 608-698-2961. We have Christmas ornaments, cross wall hangings, fridge magnets, and decks of playing cards. The CCW also has vanilla for sale.

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.

ST. BARNABAS

St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 15

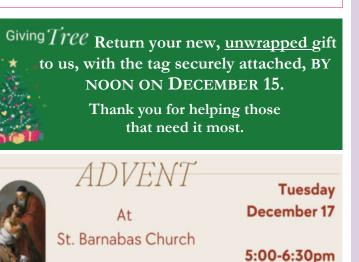
 ♦ 9:00 AM Special Intention for Anastasia Luksik (Anonymous)

Tuesday, December 17

 ◆ 5:30 PM Special Intention for Fr. Cristian Valenzuela (Bill & Mary Beth Bayer)

Sunday, December 15

 ♦ 9:00 AM † Carol Linley (David Linley)



Confessions

dvent Bible Study

EACH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (DEC. 15, 22) AFTER MASS IN ST. BARNABAS CHURCH HALL

Join us this Advent. Take this opportunity to enter more deeply into the season of Advent. We will read scripture and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day. Families are invited. We plan on having a craft for the children each week.



OUR COMMUNITY 7

FREE BOOK

This Christmas, our pastorate wants to give you a life-changing gift. And we want to invite you to be part of making history. Please take your free copy of of 33 Days to Eucharis-

tic Glory available in both lob

This isn't just a book. It's the first-ever guide to Eucharistic Consecration, and it is an opportunity for our whole pastorate to experience the spiritual pilgrimage of a lifetime.

What does a consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist mean? It means making yourself 100% available to God. It means surrendering our distractions and worries, our hopes and dreams and promising to faithfully respond to God's grace in our lives.

And nothing will change your life more than that.

Please be sure to grab your copy of 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory this Christmas. Grab an extra copy to share with someone you love too. The truth is, many people only come to Mass once a year on Christmas. This is our chance to invite them to experience something extraordinary. Just imagine if everyone in our pastorate went on this epic journey together. It would be a game -changer.

Nothing will change your life, your family, or this pastorate more than that.

The best part is that the book presents this whole journey in an easy-to-follow daily format that takes just about 15 minutes a day. Our dream is that everyone in our pastorate will make this journey together and be consecrated to Jesus in the Eucharist. Just imagine how much of a game-changer that would be.

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RELIGIOUS STORE Visit the Parish Office or https://www.divinemercy-parish.org/religious-store



BLEST ART AT ST. NORBERTS, ROXBURY



Coming to St. Norbert on December 14 and 15 in the Church Hall. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits our parish, they will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. They gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.



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Perfect for individuals, families, and small groups, this 4-week study includes videos from Bishop Hying, discussion guides, and prayers.

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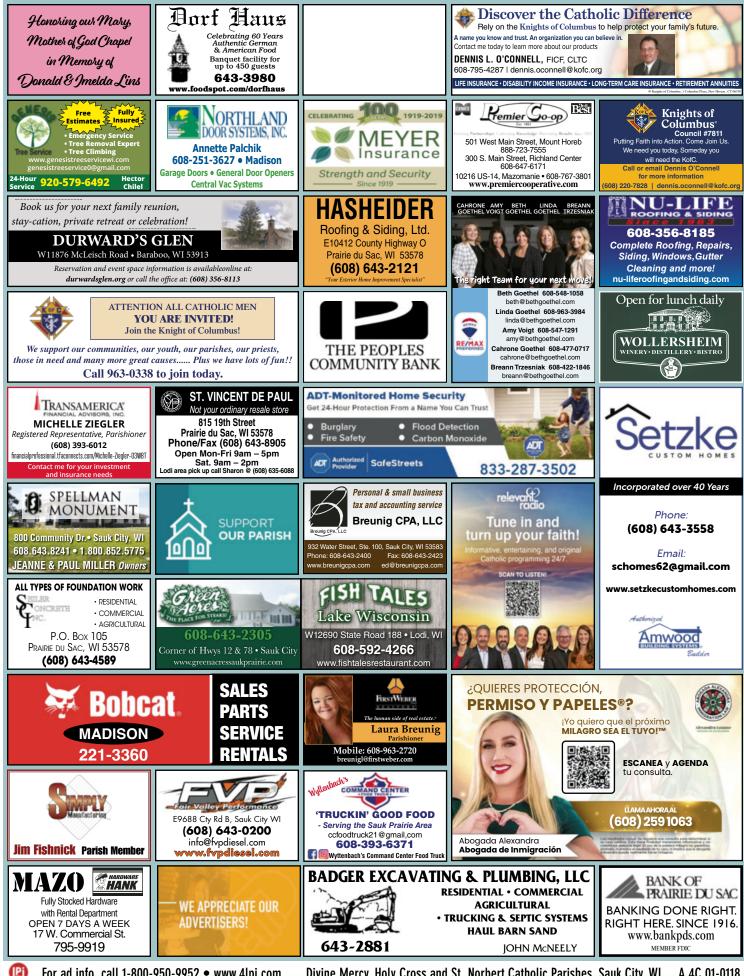


Para materiales de estudio en español, escanee el código QR o visite MadisonDiocese.org/CaminaConAlguien





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