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PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD.

2nd Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

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² MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY

Dear Parishioners,

As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, we are reminded that this is a season of preparation—a time to ready our hearts to welcome Christ anew. Advent invites us to slow down and focus on the true meaning of this season: the coming of our Savior. Amidst the busyness of holiday planning and shopping, let's not forget to make room in our hearts for Jesus.

One essential way to prepare spiritually is by seeking out the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a powerful gift, a moment of grace that helps us turn away from sin and be renewed in God's mercy. If it has been a while, do not fear—this is the perfect season to return to the Lord. Check the bulletin or website for confession times, and consider making it a family event, especially for children who have already received their First Reconciliation.

Another way to prepare is by making an Advent plan to reinforce daily prayer. This can be as simple as lighting the Advent wreath at dinner, praying a decade of the Rosary, or setting aside time to read Scripture together as a family. Parents with young children may find the Holy Heroes Advent Adventure an especially helpful resource. These daily emails contain videos, crafts, and prayers designed to engage children in the spirit of the season. It's a wonderful way to introduce the richness of Advent traditions in a fun and faith-filled way.

The Immaculate Conception

This year, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9th, as the usual date (December 8th) falls on the Second Sunday of Advent. Despite the transfer, this day remains a holy day of obligation, and we are called to honor Mary, conceived without sin, as the perfect vessel for the birth of our Savior. Reflecting on Mary's purity and trust in God can inspire us to live our Advent journey with openness to His will.

Plan ahead to attend Mass on this day as a family, not only to fulfill the obligation but to deepen your devotion to Mary and seek her intercession during this holy season. Check this page for the schedule for Mass times.

As we continue through this beautiful season, may the light of Christ guide your steps and fill your hearts with peace. Let us all commit to making this Advent a time of spiritual renewal, preparing not just for a day, but for the encounter with Emmanuel—God with us.

God bless,

Fr. Miguel

Holy Day of Obligation Monday, December 9

Because Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patron saint of the United States, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated as a **Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, December 9.**



Church	Monday December 9
ST. ALOYSIUS SAUK CITY	7:00 AM 8:15 AM 6:30 PM
ST. NORBERTS ROXBURY	8:00 AM 7:00 PM
ST. MARY MERRIMAC	8:30 AM
ST. BARNABAS Mazomanie	5:30 PM

Mary, Mother of Mercy Pastorate



ST. ALOYSIUS

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 9

♦ 7:00 AM † Rollie Mack (Delores Hicks)
♦ 8:15 AM † Ralph & Ethel Kippley

(Bud & Caroline Ederer)

♦ 6:30 PM Living & deceased members of the Roman & Agnes Breunig Family (Cathy Breunig)

Tuesday, December 10

♦7:00 AM † Della Ryan (Dondi & Margaret Nelson)

♦8:15 AM † Linda Marie Hess (Jonathan Hess)

Wednesday, December 11

◆7:00 AM † Della Ryan (Ken and Laura Breunig)
◆8:15 AM † LuAnn Welsch

(Family) Thursday, December 12

◆7:00 AM † Becky Hammes (William Harkins)

♦8:15 AM † Della Ryan

Friday, December 13

♦7:00 AM † Rollie Mack (Anita Clemens)

- ♦ 8:15 AM † Della Ryan (Cathy Breunig)
- ♦ 6:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass † María de Jesús Prado

Saturday, December 14

◆8:00 AM † Lucille Spartz (Mike & Janet Wedwick)

♦ 4:30 PM † Sylvester & Dorothy Breunig (Family)

Sunday, December 15

- ♦ 8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
- 10:30 AM † Denny Meng (St. Aloysius Choir)
- ♦ 12:30 (Español) † Rosa Isela Elizalde (Jesús de la Cruz)

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Friday, December 13 Maplewood Nursing Home

◆ 10:00 AM † Joseph N. Schmitz (Marie Lins)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

IMO Kara Welsch, UWW Student



Giving Tree

Return your new, unwrapped gift to us, with the tag securely attached, BY NOON ON DECEMBER 15.

BLESS OUR PRIESTS COLLECTION

Please remember the retired priests of our diocese by

making a gift to the Bless Our Priests collection. This collection directly supports the welfare of all retired priests of the Diocese of Madison, including the rising cost of healthcare, long-term care, and medical costs. Please return your gift in the envelopes available at all Masses this weekend.



Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese! Please make checks payable to Bless Our Priest Collection.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of December 1, 2024

Collections.....\$ 6,341.00

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

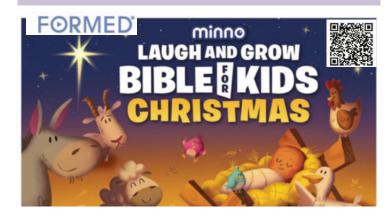
Difference: (\$ 2,985.92)

Year to Date Total Collections... \$ 220,306.60

Needed for Budget..\$ 205,192.24

Difference: \$ 15,114.36

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



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ST. MARY. HEALTH OF THE SICK



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

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

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 and some words of wisdom with Fr. Pedro. All are welcome.

MASS THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH: The feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been moved to December 9th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered here at St. Mary's at 8:30 A.M. Also, check the bulletin for alternative Masses in the pastorate.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th

Next Sunday, December 15, we will celebrate 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 sugggest 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 the 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 8th. Be sure to include the names of those you wish to remember and they will be listed in the December 22nd bulletin.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, December 7

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

Sunday, December 8

- ♦ 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 10

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 10th Mass is being offered as a special intention for Keith and Kimberly Krejchik by John and Mardell Krejchik.

Saturday, December 7

 4:30 PM Special intention for Eric Kitt (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Sunday, December 8

 9:30 AM † Gertrude Weisensel (Vern and Marie Weisensel)

Monday, December 9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

 8:30 AM Special intention for Nathan Birdsall (John and Mardell Krejchik)

Tuesday, December 10 Durward's Glen

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

Saturday, December 14

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

ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

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)

			<u>St. Norbert</u>
	Liturgica	SCHEDULE	
		SACRISTANS	MASS SERVERS
Sat. Dec. 7	4:00pm	Volunteer needed	Landon Ambrose, Brody Lewis
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed	Noah Endres
Sun. Dec. 8	8:00am	Clara Weiss	Carl Weiss
Mon. Dec. 9	7:00pm	Volunteer needed	Landon Ambrose

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Volunteer needed Calvin Breunig Jack Brickl Volunteer needed Logan and Jacob Schoepp

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9

Sat. Dec. 14

Sun. Dec. 15

- ◆ 8:00 AM ⁺ Tony Statz (Claire Statz)
- ◆ 7:00 PM Special Intention for David and Dawn Helt Family (Anonymous)

4:00pm

8:00pm

8:00am

Tuesday, December 10

◆ 8:00 AM † Piero Cenni (Elisa Schnur)

Wednesday, December 11

◆ 8:00 AM ⁺ Wally Endres (Gary and Shirley Ripp)

Thursday, December 12

◆ 8:00 AM ⁺ Bernice Marx (Steven and Dorothy Breunig)

Friday, December 13

◆ 8:00 AM ⁺ Vince Ballweg (Family)

Saturday, December 14

- ◆ 4:00 PM + Buster Reible (Bonnie Reible Family)
- ◆ 8:00 PM + Joan Mack (Robert and Ardis Vernig)

Sunday, December 15

♦ 8:00 AM † Brandon Drone (Pat and Jackey Drone)

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 22, A \$20 donation is greatly appreciated.

2024 MAGINFICAT ADVENT COMPANIONS

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

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





HOLY DAY MASSES

Monday, December 9 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Masses here on Monday, December

9 at 8:00am and 7:00pm. Please check out the bulletin for the times of Masses at the other Churches in our Pastorate.

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to the small but very efficient group that set up the outdoor and indoor Christmas decorations. All your hard work and time is greatly appreciated.



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.



YOUR HELP NEEDED TO SOLVE A MYSTERY

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



CARING TREE DUE NEXT SUNDAY

St. Norbert Church is participating the Caring Tree Program. The Caring Tree with tags is located by the main entrance of the Church.

Please take a tag and return your unwrapped gift with the tag by noon on December 15. Thank you for helping those that need it most.

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.

ST. BARNABAS

St. Barnabas Mass Intentions Sunday, December 8

♦ 9:00 AM Special Intention for Gabriel



- Luksik (Anonymous) Monday, December 9 Holy Day of Obligation
- 5:30 PM Special Intention for María Paz Carrasco (Bill & Mary Beth Bayer)

Tuesday, December 10

 ♦ 5:30 PM Special Intention for Celeste Luksik (Anonymous)

Sunday, December 15

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

Giving *Tree* Return your new, <u>unwrapped</u> gift to us, with the tag securely attached, BY NOON ON DECEMBER 15.

Thank you for helping those that need it most.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Choir Rehearsal will be Monday, December 9, 5:30-6:30pm, no rehearsal on December 11. New members are always welcome.



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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 21-22 bulletin (will cover Christmas Day) is due on December 10. Information for the December 28-29 bulletin is due on December 16.

dvent Bible Study

EACH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (DEC. 8, 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



BLEST ART AT ST. NORBERTS, ROXBURY





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine, 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 handcarved nativity sets,

statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful

olive wood art. They gladly accept cash checks, and all major credit cards.



SCRIP PROGRAM

There is an easy and effective way to support St. Aloysius School while preparing for the holiday season. Gift cards are perfect for shopping or as gifts for loved ones. Available on the register are order forms for the SCRIP Program that benefits the school. Please make sure to include your email and phone umber on the order form and ensure payment is submitted with your form. SCRIP order forms can be submitted to either St. Al's school or parish office. Forms are found at the entrance of the

Churches.

LAST DAY

TO PLACE ORDER FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH

Feast if OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE.

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH SAUK CITY 5pm Rosary 6pm Holy Mass

After Mass: Procession to St. Als gym to celebrate with tamales and pozole.

We appreciate donations of soda, water and desserts

Come and visit St. Als Book Fair on Sunday, Dec. 8th and have a delicious Breakfast with Santauu

Parents, grandparents or friends can donate egift cards to individuals, to multiple people (siblings) or can pool money, like for a classroom. They can email or text it.



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squareup.com/gift/52507DDYD112E/order

ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL NEWS Always and everywhere faithful

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

12 PIES FOR 12 YEARS!

The sixth and seventh grade classes made 12 pumpkin pies for the 12th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Aloysius School Gym. These weren't just any pumpkin pies either - these were made from scratch with actual pie pumpkin filling. Delicious!





MARK YOUR Calendars

December 8th -Santa Breakfast

- Join us for a a hearty breakfast while you visit with Santa Claus.
- Book fair, raffle, cookie walk, and more!

December 23rd - January 1st -No School, Christmas Break!

January 18th -First Reconciliation

Please pray for our 2nd graders and their first confession. Mrs. Breunig will contact parents directly with specific times.

January 26 - February 1st -No School, Christmas Break!

> Chili Cook Off Kicks off the week on Sunday!

SAINT ALOYSIUS SCHOOL NEWS

ONCE UPON A TIME ...

Every year the 3rd graders choose their favorite fairy tales to practice and perform. They decide on their stories, choose the version they like, and practice at home until they feel ready. This activity sparks creativity, captivates younger students, and builds good fluency skills.



Wilson as the Big Bad Wolf from The Three Little Pigs.



Gianna reads <u>The Three</u> <u>Billy Goats Gruff</u>



Walter as the Big Bad Wolf from Little Red Ridinghood.



Harry as Hansel from Hansel and Gretal.



Kensi reads <u>Goldilocks and</u> <u>the Three Bears</u>



Brooks as the Red Hen from <u>The Little Red Hen.</u>



James as the giant from <u>Jack and the Beanstalk.</u>

Our 3rd graders also became published authors in November. Their Thanksgiving stories were published in **Star News**. If you can get your hands on a copy – be sure to give it a read. They're charming, funny, and sweet!





ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL NEWS

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Kaia (K) and Madden (4) learn how to catch a mermaid!

THE LOVE OF READING

We opened our school library up for the long Thanksgiving break. Students enjoyed browsing the shelves and finding treasures to take home. Kindergarten shared their library time with 4th grade. The 4th graders were big helpers and enthusiastic readers!



Shelby (K) sits on our cozy carpet space in the library.



Clayton (4) and Cece (K) enjoy a new book.



Abby (K) giggles at a silly story with friends.



Grace (K), Carmen (4), and Kate (4) share a story together.



Cookie Decorating with 1st Grade!

Nothing helps with those pre=break wiggles better than frosting cookies! Ms. Emily treated her students to some tasty activities before Thanksgiving break!



ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL NEWS

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Buy gift cards at face value and the vendors pay you and St Al's School a bonus!

Download the RaiseRight app or create an account at raiseright.com. Enrollment code for St. Aloysius is: **B64EFF8A5783** Physical, e-gift, and/or gift card reloads are available.



1.Sign up with **the school enrollment code** on the Raise Right app or desktop.

2. You can choose to link a bank account which has a \$0.29 convenience fee, use a debit card which has a 1% convenience fee, or pay the coordinator directly with a check which has no fee.

3. Ecards are ready right away if paying by debit card or bank account. Ecards take longer if paying by check.



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HALF OF THE REBATE MONEY GOES INTO YOUR CHILD(REN)'S TUITION ACCOUNT OR LUNCH ACCOUNT!

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ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL NEWS



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