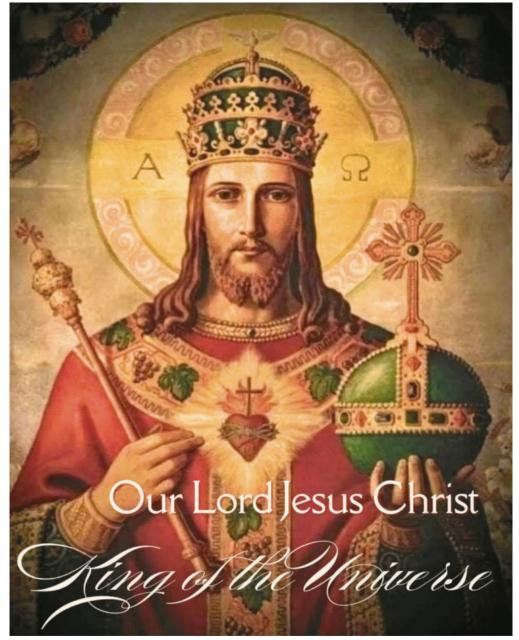


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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 2024

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Dear Parishioners,

As we approach Thanksgiving, it's natural to reflect on the many blessings in our lives. True thanksgiving, however, is always directed at someone—it is not a vague sentiment but an intentional act of recognizing the good that others do for us. Gratitude flows from acknowledging these gifts, and it moves us to express our thanks to those who have blessed us. In doing so, we cultivate humility, for to be thankful is to admit that we are not self-sufficient and that we depend on the kindness and generosity of others.

Gratitude also brings joy. When we focus on the blessings we have received, our hearts become lighter, and we discover how rich our lives truly are. Instead of dwelling on what we lack, gratitude shifts our perspective to all the ways we are cared for and loved.

As Christians, we know that the ultimate source of every good thing is God Himself. He pours out His blessings upon us not because He has to, but because He loves us. Recognizing His goodness and generosity leads us to love Him more deeply, for we see that God is always good to us, even when we don't deserve it.

This gratitude to God extends beyond the good times. As Christians, we are called to give thanks even in the face of trials. Why? Because we trust in a good and provident God who can bring blessings even out of suffering. St. Paul reminds us to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thess 5:18), and we know that God, in His wisdom, can transform even life's difficulties into opportunities for growth, faith, and grace.

The prayer of thanksgiving is a vital part of our spiritual lives. We should thank God often, for He is the source of all our blessings. The greatest prayer of thanksgiving we can offer is the Holy Mass. In fact, the word *Eucharist* means "thanksgiving." Each time we come to Mass, we give thanks for the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us so that we might share eternal life with Him.

It's worth remembering that the first "Thanksgiving" in our country was celebrated with a Mass on September 8, 1565, in St. Augustine, Florida. Spanish settlers, led by Don Pedro Menéndez de Avilés, celebrated this Mass in gratitude for their safe arrival in the New World. As we gather with loved ones this Thanksgiving, let us take time to thank God for His blessings, both seen and unseen, and to participate in the Eucharist, the perfect expression of our gratitude.

May this Thanksgiving be a time of humble reflection, joyful gratitude, and renewed trust in God's goodness. Happy Thanksgiving!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

HOLY DAY FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MOVED TO 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.**

Mass Schedule for the Pastorate available at the entrances of the Church.

Mary, Mother of Mercy Pastorate

Thursday, Nov. 28 St. Al's Gym Dinner served at 12:00 PM For: Home deliveries & pick ups (deadline Nov. 27) Call Mitch 608 417-0624 Sandy 608 448-5131 Brenda Murphy 608 393-8608 Volunteering for kitchen, serving, driving, call Mitch or Sandy

If you would like to become a member of Divine Mercy Parish

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Fr. Miguel

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ST. ALOYSIUS MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, November 25

♦7:00 AM † Melvin J. Ballweg (Pauline Ballweg)

◆8:15 AM Special Intention for Father Jared Hood in his Priestly Ordination (Nick & Kay Ringelstetter)

Tuesday, November 26

◆7:00 AM Living & deceased members of Alfred & Marie Bindl Family (Family)

 ♦ 8:15 AM Special Intention for Janice Klar (Linda Lins)

Wednesday, November 27

♦ 7:00 AM † Daisy Patterson (Family)

♦ 8:15 AM † LaVern Welsch (Family)

Thursday, November 28

♦7:00 AM † Hubert & Velma Lins (Linda Lins)

♦ 8:15 AM Special Intention for Beth Frericks (Scott and Lisa Enerson)

Friday, November 29

♦7:00 AM † Melvin J. Ballweg (Pauline Ballweg)

♦ 8:15 AM † Roland Mack (Anonymous)

Saturday, November 30

♦ 8:00 AM The Poor Souls in Purgatory

♦ 4:30 PM † Marie Zajicek (Family)

Sunday, December 1

♦ 8:00 AM † Stanley Marx (Barb Breunig)

- ♦ 10:30 AM † Francis DeGroot (Anonymous)
- ♦ 12:30 (Español) Por los miembros vivos y difuntos de la Parroquia

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Friday, November 29 Maplewood Nursing Home

 ◆ 10:00 AM † Sally Cicero (Mary DeMarco) Giving Tree SAUK PRAIRIE CARING TREE ARE UP

IN THE LOBBIES!!

Select a tag and return your new, unwrapped gift to us, with the tag securely attached BY NOON ON DECEMBER 15. Thank you for helping those

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CONFESSIONS at St. Aloysius

Monday - Friday	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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK, ANNOINTING AND EUCHARIST



If you are unable to come to Church and would like to receive Holy Communion, go to Confession or

receive the Anointing of the Sick, please, Contact:

FR. MIGUEL 608 448-6061 OR ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH 608 643-2449

At any time, day or night.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Not available for publication this week.

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, **NOVEMBER 24TH**

This Sunday, we will have coffee and donuts after the Sunday 9:30 Mass for all our parishioners and visitors.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat while visiting with friends, old and new! All are welcome.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

We have so much to be thankful for as the season of Thanksgiving approaches once again and getting together with family and friends is so important. I hope you will be able to take a little time from your celebrating to attend Mass



and thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Here at St. Mary's, Mass will be offered at 8:30 A.M. on Thanksgiving Day and there are many other Masses in the area that are posted in the bulletin. I am especially grateful for you and your loving support throughout the year and you are always in my prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

God Bless, Fr. Pedro

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2025

Because of your generosity, we are beginning to schedule Mass intentions in 2025. 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. God Bless.

ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 23

◆ 4:30 PM Special intention for John and Mardell Krejchik (Don and Mary Anne Weber)

Sunday, November 24

9:30 AM † Steve Borota (Tim and Kathy Borota)

Tuesday, November 26 Durward's Glen

♦ 8:00 AM Special intention for Genieve Krejchik (John and Mardell Krejchik)

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Mass

♦ 8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Fr. Pedro and the Priests of the Society of Jesus Christ the Priest (The Parish)

Saturday, November 30

◆ 4:30 PM Special intention for Dave Helt (Dawn Helt)

Sunday, December 1

9:30 AM † John Blau (Kamen and Brittany Blau)

Tuesday, December 3 Durward's Glen

♦ 8:00 AM Special intention for Ben and Amanda Krejchik (John and Mardell Krejchik)

Thursday, December 5

◆ 7:00 PM † Ron Shumaker (The Family)

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, November 23

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

Sunday, November 24

- 9:10-9:25 AM Rosary
- 9:15-9:30 AM Confessions
- 9:30 AM Mass
- Coffee & ◆ 10:30 AM Donuts

Thursday, November 28

♦ 8:30 AM Mass

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

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN



TUESDAY, November 26

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 November 26th Mass is being offered as a special intention for Genieve Krejchik by John and Mardell Krejchik.





Liturgical SCHEDULE SACRISTANS

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Sat. November 23	4:00pm	Volunteer needed
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed
Sun. November 24	8:00am	Reagan Breunig
Wed. November 27	7:00pm	Volunteer needed
Thu. November 28	8:00am	Reagan Breunig
Sat. November 30	4:00pm	Cora Brickl
	8:00pm	Teresa Weiss
Sun. Dec. 1	8:00am	Volunteer needed

MASS SERVERS

Calvin Breunig Dennis Ballweg Eli Breunig Caleb Breunig Eli Breunig Jack Brickl Carl Weiss Matthew and Jacob Schoepp

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

 8:00 AM † † Wally Endres (Del and Judy Endres)

Wednesday, November 27

- 8:00 AM ⁺ Bernice Marx (Delwin and Donna Breunig)
- 7:00 PM † Henry and Dolores Flogel (Earl and Rosie Rettenmund)

Thursday, November 28

 8:00 AM † Marilyn Breunig (Brian and Tara Breunig)

Friday, November 29

• 8:00 AM Living and Deceased of the Vern and Betty Maier Family (Monte and Roxi Maier)

Saturday, November 30

- 4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Marvin and Theresa Ziegler Family (Ziegler Family)
- ♦ 8:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, December 1

♦ 8:00 AM † Roy Schoepp (Agnes Schoepp)

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL WRAP UP

Inserted into the bulletin is the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Wrap Up. This information indicates participation and performance information as well as how the funds collected will be used to meet our spiritual and material needs. Thank you to all who participated in this important part of our parish and diocesan life!

Dear Brethren in Christ,

As we look over all the good things God has given us, a huge thank you to all those who have given their time and effort to help out here at St. Norbert. May Our Lord and the



Blessed Mother continue to shower all of us with their blessings, and made us truly grateful for them.

God bless and have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Fr. James

ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Norbert currently has perpetual Adoration starting at 9:00am on Thursday until the 8:00am daily Mass on Friday. This has been a longstanding tradition, and we are thankful for the many volunteers who make this a reality. We are currently in need of Adorers for two time slots: 9:0



many volunteers who make this a reality. We are currently in need of Adorers for two time slots: 9:00-10:00pm and 2:00-3:00am. Adoration allows you to worship and pray in the presence of Jesus Christ through the Blessed Sacrament. Are you interested but not sure you can commit to every week? No problem, form a team of friends and family, and then rotate coverage. We have a couple of those today, and they work great, including our Go Make Disciples group. Please contact Julianne Brickl 608.698.2961 or Mary Markielewski 608.516.1335 to answer questions or to volunteer.

CCW MEETING



All ladies are invited to attend the CCW Meeting on **Sunday, December 1** after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall.

2024 MAGINFICAT ADVENT COMPANIONS

Advent starts November 30 - December 1. We have the 2024 Magnificat Companions available at all bulletin stations. Please take one.

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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. Their current wish list is: baby washcloths, baby nail clippers/hygiene kit, baby wipes, board books for infants/toddlers, infant toys, girls clothing size newborn, girls clothing size 3-6 month, girls clothing size 9 month, girls clothing 12-24, girls clothing 2T and up, boys clothing 12-24 month, boys clothing 2T, 3T, 4T and 5T, boppy and boppy covers, diapers of all sizes (especially size newborn, 3 and 5), pull-ups size 2T/3T and 3T/4T, and umbrella strollers. Monetary donations are also accepted. All donations will be taken to the Women's Care Center in Madison.



CARING TREE: 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.

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St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 24

 9:00 AM † Carol, Cheri & Gene Linley (David Linley)



Tuesday, November 26

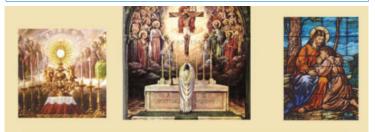
♦ 5:30 PM MASS CANCELED THIS WEEK

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

 ♦ 8:00 AM Special intention for Peter & Tanya Luksik (Anonymous)

Sunday, December 1

 9:00 AM Special Intention for the Chlebeck Family (Anonymous)



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 Mass, Adoration & Confessions have been canceled for this week.

FOOD DRIVE

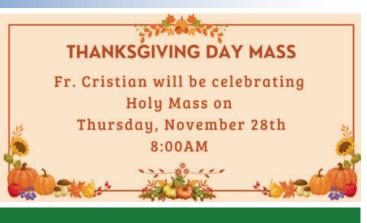
St. Norbert's Church is sponsoring a Food Drive for the local Food Pantry until Wednesday, November 27. Containers are



available by the main entrance of the Church for your non perishable donations. Monetary donations also accepted. Some items that are always needed: toilet paper, white sugar, brown sugar, jelly, all purpose flour, vegetable oil, boxed meals such as Hamburger Helper, canned meals such as Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli, etc. and diapers sized 4, 5 and 6. Other items also needed are: pasta/rice, macaroni & cheese, tuna, peanut butter, cereal/oatmeal, canned vegetables and fruits, canned soups, canned meats, pastas, pork & beans, chili, sloppy joes, condiments (ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, BBQ sauce), cake mixes, baby food & formula, laundry & dish soap, and toilet paper and Kleenex.

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





Giving Tree

SAUK PRAIRIE Caring Tree is up in the lobby!!

> Select a tag and return your new, <u>unwrapped g</u>ift to us, ≁ with the tag securely attached, BY NOON ON DECEMBER 15.

OUR COMMUNITY 7

Prepay at BlueRibbonBookFairs.com



SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 8AM TO NOON

ST. AL'S GYM



DONATION REQUEST FOR SANTA BREAKFAST RAFFLE

We are collecting donations **THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH** for the Home & School raffle table.

Please contact Nick Muller if you or your business would like to donate!

Cash donations, gift certificates, gift baskets, new toys or electronics, event tickets and more are all appreciated.

Any items/donations can be dropped off in the school office, Attn: Santa Raffle. Checks payable to St. Al's Home & School Assoc.



Nick Muller, nmuller1232@gmail.com, 608-317-2474



PLEASE read the Annual Catholic Appeal wrap up flyer available at all the entrances of the Church. The flyer summarizes performance information and how the funds collected will be used to meet our spiritual and material needs. Thank you to all who participated in this important part of parish and diocesan life!!! Support your school library and help

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us support learning opportunities for all students.

All proceeds will directly benefit our school and classroom libraries. Let's make a difference together!

If you are using the Prepay (e-wallet) option, go to

www.BlueRibbonBookFairs.com and select Digital Pay. Please print your

prepay receipt (via confirmation email) and send with your student to the book fair.





THREE KINGS CHRISIMAS MARKET & Tree lighting Concert

Nov 29th | 30th

Tree Lighting Concert Friday, November 29 | 6:30 p.m. Saint Cecilia Church, Wis. Dells Saint Cecilia Parish Center (across from church)

An evening of soaring and angelic music of hope and joy, featuring the Saint Cecilia Adult Choir performing Antonio Vivaldi's "Magnificat," accompanied by Brass & Organ.. The concert will be preceded by the annual lighting of our tree!

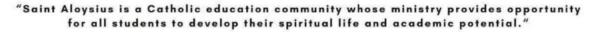


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WEEKLY VIRTUES: BUILDING GOOD HABITS



These last two weeks we've focused on the virtues of ORDERLINESS and GRATITUDE!



Following specific, ordered instructions from God, the walls of Jericho tumbled. Joshua helped the the Hebrews make it to the Promised Land by using the virtue of **orderliness** when coming across obstacles like the walls of Jericho.



The Leper showed great **gratitude** when he returned to Jesus to thank him for the healing miracle!

Turkey Turn Out

The first graders worked in groups to produce a turkey using recycled boxes and paper. Not one turkey turned out the same. These are sure to be the talk at the dinner table this weekend!









Every month, Ms. Bethany comes to read to our PreK friends at Little Blessings. This time we joined her at the Ruth Culver Community Library for story time and outside play!

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Jordan and Lucia (above) add to their interactive notebooks about different bird species. Meanwhile Britta, Maddie, Amelia, Sawyer, and Cooper (below) get messy trying to scoop fish from the water like a pelican!



Nadia, Hildie, and Aly learn how woodpeckers use tweezer-like beaks to grab bugs and grubs!



Science in Second

Mrs. Breunig is our very own Ms. Frizzle as she introduces scientific thinking in a real, fun, and hands-on way! The second graders worked in teams to discover the importance of animal adaptations. These experiments used everyday objects, like spoons and tweezers, to mimic bird beaks and uncover why birds have different diets. It reminds us that God has the perfect design for all creation to work together. He gives each creature what it needs to survive and thrive here on earth.

TOILET PAPER DRIVE!



Help us collect toilet paper for the Sauk Prairie Food Pantry. We will be collecting from November 11 to December 6. Drop off your donations at the school office.

STAFF SHOUT OUT

By Cici Krejchik (5)

Mr.Gre shows us orderliness by teaching us how to be organized. His classroom is

always neat and tidy. This is a good example of how to keep our things in their place.



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Diana (6, right) ices the coffee bundt cake.



Philomena, Gena. Arianna. and Diana (6, right) add the finishing touches to a birthday cake for Mrs. Kruchten!





WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Things are heating up in the kitchen as the middle schoolers take on cake! So far this year, they've learned to bake items such as: French bread, banana bread, chocolate zucchini cake, and coffee cake! It is amazing how much tastier something is when you're the one who made it!



Mrs. Kruchten poses with the crew (above) as they get ready to try a new recipe.



CHERISHING OUR COMMUNITY



Twice a month, the fifth graders help their community by volunteering time at the SP Food Pantry and being mentors to the indergartners at school. This month, they had the opportunity to pack boxes for distribution at the food pantry and play number sense math games with the kindergartners!

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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.

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Contact the school office if you have any questions about St. Al's Scrip.



FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH 3:00-5:00PM

November 27-29th - No School, Happy Thanksgiving!

December 5th -Christmas Concert

 Doors will open at 6:00 pm.

 Concert begins with the PreK performance at 6:30 pm!

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

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