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## THE HOLY FAMILY

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He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

The Holy Family December 29, 2024

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#### Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for the kindness and generosity you've shown me during this Christmas season. Thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards, thoughtful messages, and delicious treats you've shared with me. Each gesture has been a reminder of the loving and faith-filled community we have here in our pastorate. I am truly blessed to serve as your pastor, and I am deeply grateful for every one of you.

A special thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to making our Christmas liturgies so beautiful and meaningful. From the decorators to the servers and ushers, your efforts brought glory to God and joy to all who attended. I want to particularly recognize Ben Ruefer and our incredible choir for their tireless work and dedication in preparing such uplifting and inspiring music for the season. Your talent and devotion truly enriched our celebrations.

On this feast, as we reflect on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I am inspired by the many young families in our pastorate. It is a joy to see so many little ones at our Masses, reminding us of the hope and promise of the next generation. Parents, your dedication to your children's spiritual lives is a beautiful witness. By bringing them to Mass, teaching them the faith, and putting Christ at the center of your homes, you are fulfilling your vocations with holiness and inspiring your children to lead holy lives.

May the Holy Family bless each of you and your families, strengthening your bonds and guiding you on the path of holiness. Let us continue to support one another in faith, pray for one another, and together build a community where Christ is always at the center.

God bless,

Fr. Miguel



#### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1

Holy Day of Obligation

	Tuesday, Dec. 31	Wednesday, January 1 Holy Day of Obligation
St. Aloysius Sauk City	7:00 AM Daily Mass 8:15 AM Daily Mass	8:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM Spanish
St. Norberts Roxbury	No Vigil Mass  8:00 AM Daily Mass  5:00 PM Vigil Mass	9:00 AM
St. Mary, Health of the Sick Merrimac	4:30 PM Vigil Mass	9:30 AM
St. Barnabas Mazomanie		9:00 AM





# New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

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# ST. ALOYSIUS MASS INTENTIONS



#### Monday, December 30

- ♦7:00 AM † Clarence Coenen (M. Coenen)
- ♦8:15 AM † Mike Weiss (Family)

#### Tuesday, December 31

- ◆7:00 AM † Henry Bell (Mike & Janet Wedwick)
- ♦8:15 AM † Sam McNeely (Scott & Lisa Enerson Family)

#### Wednesday, January 1

- ♦ 8:00 AM † Jane Schwartz (Dave and Dawn Helt)
- ♦10:30 AM In Thanksgiving for the Society of Jesus Christ the Priest (Dave and Dawn Helt)
- ♦12:30 PM David & Dawn Helt Family

#### Thursday, January 2

- ♦7:00 AM † Jacob Spartz Sr. (Mike & Janet Wedwick)
- ♦8:15 AM † Della Ryan (St. Als CCW)

#### Friday, January 3

- ♦7:00 AM † John M. Wedwick (Mike & Janet Wedwick)
- ♦8:15 AM Special Intention (Jim and Diane Kirch)

#### Saturday, January 4

♦8:00 AM Living & deceased members of the the Leonard Laufenberg Family (Mark & Sue Barry) 4:30 PM † Dick Patterson (Family)

#### Sunday, January 5

- ◆8:00 AM † Roman & Judy Lamberty (Pat & Julia Lamberty)
- ♦ 10:30 AM Living & deceased members of the Roth & Statz Family (Ann Statz)
- ♦ 12:30 (Español) David and Dawn Helt Family

#### **Nursing Homes Mass Intentions**

Wednesday, January 1 Maplewood Assisted Living

♦ 10:00 AM CANCELLED

#### Thursday, January 2 The Pines

♦ 10:00 AM † Charles Bongard (Family)

#### Friday, January 23 Maplewood Nursing Home

♦ 10:00 AM Special Intention for Angie and Neal Moebius (Dave & Dawn Helt)

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FOR THE YEAR 2025

Please schedule your 2025 Masses in the

Parish Office or request your Masses online at

https://pastorate8.org/mass-intentions

# DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of December 15, 2024

Collections......\$ 20,003.63

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

Difference: \$ 10,686.71

#### Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 252,216.54

Needed for Budget..\$ 223,846.08

Difference: \$ 28,370.46

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





#### ST. Mary's Christmas Party Sunday, December 15

On the wall of Fr. Pedro's office in Mother of Mercy

Parish hangs a beautiful picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was a gift received during the Christmas

Party at St. Mary's last Sunday. Lots of good food and conversations show how strong the bond that unites all the families of our little community is. While everybody contributed in a way or another to that gleeful event, special thanks must go for John



and Mardy Krejchek for organizing everything. Tod and Julie Fleming also deserved to be mentioned in a special way for setting up the Nativity scene that gives to all the community of Merrimac and all the motorist that pass by on route 78 a testimony of our faith in Our Lord as savior and the beauty of the Christian Message. Thanks to all, Merry Christmas and many blessings.

Fr. Pedro.



BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE AT ST. MARY'S SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15:

Parishioners gathered at St. Mary's, Sunday, December 15, at 4:30 P.M. to bless the Christmas Creche. Christmas carols were sung after the blessing and

refreshments were enjoyed in St. Mary's Hall.

#### COFFEE AND DONUTS THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

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.

#### WINTER WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS

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 you do not have internet and would like to be called when Mass is cancelled, please call Mardell Kreichik at 608-742-3364 to be placed on a calling list.

#### Saturday, December 28

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

#### Sunday, December 29

♦ 9:30 AM † Casper and Lydia Laufenberg (Marilyn Zeman)

#### Tuesday, December 31

♦ 4:30 PM † Leo Blau (Verda Rothwell, Dean Blau, Johanna Seuers, Cathie Hryszko)

Wednesday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

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

#### COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

#### Saturday, December 28

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

#### Sunday, December 29

- 9:10-9:25 Rosary
- 9:15-9:30 AM Confessions
- 9:30 AM Mass
- ♦ 10:30 AM Coffee and Donuts

#### Tuesday, December 31

♦ 4:30 PM Mass—Eve of the Solemnity of Mary

#### Wednesday, January 1

♦ 9:30AM Mass—Solemnity of Mary

#### Thursday, January 2

- ♦ 5:00-6:45 PM Exposition, Rosary, Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction
- ◆ 7:00 PM Mass

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

#### MASS IS CANCELLED THIS WEEK AT DURWARD'S GLEN

There will not be Rosary, Mass, Faith Discussion or Durward's Glen refreshments at Dur-



ward's Glen on Tuesday, December 31st. Wishing you a most blessed and happy New Year!

#### ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

#### Thursday, January 2

♦ 7:00 PM Special intention (Nancy Breunig)

#### Saturday, January 4

♦ 4:30 PM Special intention for Fr. Pedro (Al and Kris Koberstein)

#### Sunday, January 5

♦ 9:30 AM † Bill Ufheilt (Nick and Camille Hahn)

#### Tuesday, January 7

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





# Liturgical SCHEDULE

		SACRISTANS	Mass Servers
Sat. Dec. 28	4:00pm	Meg Brickl	Jack Brickl
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed	Landon Ambrose
Sun. Dec. 29	8:00am	Volunteer needed	Matthew Schoepp
Tues. Dec. 31	5:00pm	Martha Weiss	Carl Weiss
Wed. Jan. 1	9:00am	Volunteer needed	Calvin Breunig
Sat. Jan. 4	4:00pm	Cora Brickl	Jack Brickl
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed	Dennis Ballweg
Sun. Jan. 5	8:00am	Reagan Breunig	Eli Breunig

#### St. Norbert Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 30

♦ 8:00 AM † Bernice Marx (Sue Ziegler)

#### Tuesday, December 31

- ◆ 8:00 AM (Daily Mass) † Verlin Schmitz (The Seven Sisters of Pastorate 8)
- ◆ 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass) Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

#### Wednesday, January 1

• 9:00 AM † Helen Neumaier (The Grandchildren)

#### Thursday, January 2

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

#### Friday, January 3

◆ 8:00 AM † Marcella Breunig (Mark and Kelly Phillips)

#### Saturday, January 4

- ◆ 4:00 PM † Joan Mack (Ziegler Family)
- ♦ 8:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

#### Sunday, January 5

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

#### **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. This weekend, 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.

#### Dearest Brethren,

I would like to start by thanking everyone that helped to make Christmas here at St. Norbert a wonderful celebration of Christ's birth.

I also want to express my gratitude for all the Christmas cards and gifts. I am truly blessed and humbled by your thoughtfulness

It's that time of year again: time to make a new resolution; time to look and what we did wrong and avoid it in the future; time to look at what we did right and continue to improve. But the reason behind it all is not simply so that we can be better, or feel better about ourselves. Each and every one of us is called to holiness from the moment of our Baptism, and it is the love of God that gives us the strength to walk the path we must, overcoming obstacles, set-backs, and temptations. May Our Lord and the Blessed Mother give us the courage to begin the New Year with our eyes fixed on Heaven, and our hearts placed in God alone. Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and it is a holy day of obligation. Masses here at St. Norbert for the holy day will be Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 5:00pm (Confessions starting at 4:00pm) and Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 9:00am (Confessions starting at 8:00am). A list of all the Masses in our Pastorate is printed in the bulletin.

# ADORATION VOLUNTEERS, COMMENTATORS, GO MAKE DISCIPLE MEMBERS, MONEY COUNTERS AND ROSARY LEADERS

Are asked to please remember to pick up your gift from Fr. James and the Parish on the small tables by the choir steps after Mass.



#### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

St. Norbert is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels the weeks of **February 3 - 7** and **February 10 - 14**. We need a driver and runner each day. A sign up sheet is on the back register by the main entrance. Please sign up today.

#### CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN

The Parish Council invites everyone to help take down the indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 11, 2025 starting at 9:00am.

#### 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.

#### **CCW MEETING**

All ladies are invited to attend the CCW Meeting on Sunday, January 5 after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall.

#### GO MAKE DISCIPLES TIP OF THE MONTH

January is the beginning of a new calendar year, yet our Christmas season is not over. Let's keep the spirit alive a little longer. Begin with celebrating January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (also 58th World Day of Peace). January 5th: The Epiphany of the Lord (tradition is having your home and household blessed on this day to symbolize the 3 Kings visiting the Holy Family in the manger at Bethlehem). January 12th: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (the Mass readings this year are beautiful and inspiring). So, let's keep the Christmas season moving forward to the new year and rejoice in hope of salvation the Lord has provided us. Happy 2025!

#### ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

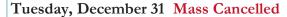
We are currently in need of Adorers for one time slot: 2:00-3:00am. Are you interested but not sure you can commit to every week? No problem, form a team of friends and family, and then rotate coverage. Please contact Julianne Brickl 608-698-2961 or Mary Markielewski 608-516-1335 to answer questions or to volunteer.

#### ST. BARNABAS

#### St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, December 29

♦ 9:00 AM Special Intention for Dave and Dawn Helt Family



#### Wednesday, January 1 Holy Day of Obligation

◆ 9:00 AM Living & deceased members of Jerry and Mary Gust Family (Jerry and Mary Gust )

#### Sunday, January 5

◆ 9:00 AM † Dick and Jan White (Earl and Rosie Rettenmund)

"What happiness do we not feel in the presence of God, when we find ourselves alone at his feet, before the holy tabernacle! ... 'Come, my soul, redouble your ardor! You



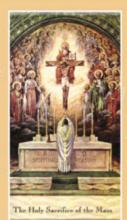
are here alone to adore your God! His look rests on you alone!' Ah! if we only had the angels' eyes! Seeing our Lord Jesus Christ here, on that altar, and looking at us, how we should love him! We should want to stay always at his feet; it would be a foretaste of heaven; everything else would become insipid to us."

- St. John Vianney

# EVERY TUESDAY



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 – 7:00PM



Holy Mass 5:30PM



Confessions 6:00 – 7:00PM

The Mass is the moment when heaven and earth are united.

St. Francis of Assisi

# MEMORIALS In Memory or Honor of

- -Norman Hicks Sr., Sharon Hicks, Kristine Hicks, Gary Statz and in Honor of: Deloris Hicks
- -Haas & Henseler Family Members
- -Alice Ballweg, Florian & Emma Ballweg, Inez Ballweg, Werner Ballweg, Melvin & Eileen Eberle, Ron Eberle, Rosalia Eberle, Gus Louis, Fran Michels-Beuthin
- -Monroe & Mildred Nolden
- -John, Alvina, Laura Kastel, Lloyd M. Ballweg
- -Jody Coy
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- -Edwin & Lavina Schwarz, Jim & Marie Zajicek
- -Andrew & Claudia Schwartz, Herb & Lucy Ederer
- -Curt Blum, Edgar E. Walch, Marlene Sprecher, Maureen Kirk
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- -Ray & Sharon Clausnitzer
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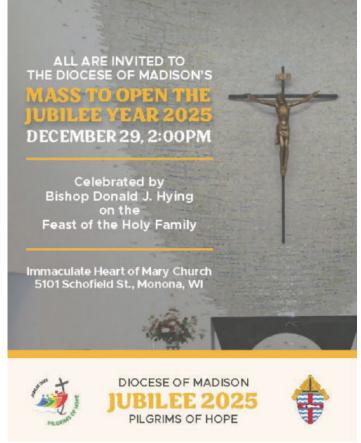
For to us a Child is born, To us a Son is given...

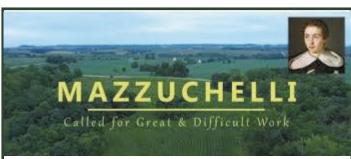
Isaiah 9: 6-7



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The Diocese of Madison is pleased to present "Mazzuchelli: Called for Great and Difficult Work," a new documentary on the life and influence of Venerable Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, the pioneer priest who built up the Church in southwest Wisconsin and beyond. Visit <a href="madisondiocese.org/mazzuchellimovie">madisondiocese.org/mazzuchellimovie</a> to view the film and to learn more about Fr. Mazzuchelli; there you'll find reflection and discussion questions to accompany the movie, locations in and outside of the Diocese of Madison that are associated with him, a list of resources about him and his work, and more!

#### SAUK COUNTY CHAPTER RIGHT TO LIFE

**MEETINGS:** Sauk County Chapter Right to Life meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 6:45pm at the Pizza Ranch in Baraboo. Come early and eat if you want.

Hope to see you there!

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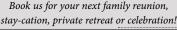




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