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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh." - Lk 6:21

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2025

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Dear Parishioners,

As we continue to deepen our reverence for the Holy Eucharist at St. Aloysius Church, I am excited to share plans to reintroduce the altar rail into our sanctuary. This initiative aims to enrich our liturgical experience and foster a more profound sense of the sacred during Mass.

The altar rail, also known as the communion rail, serves as a sacred threshold between the nave, where the congregation gathers, and the sanctuary, the dwelling place of the altar. Traditionally, it has been a place where the faithful approach to receive Holy Communion, kneeling in humility and adoration. This act of kneeling is a powerful expression of our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and our submission to His divine will.

Historically, the altar rail has been seen as an extension of the altar itself—a place where the laity can unite their personal sacrifices with Christ's ultimate sacrifice. As one theologian beautifully explained, "The altar rail is meant to be an extension of the altar of sacrifice for the laity to kneel before, to consummate the sacrifice."

Reintroducing the altar rail will provide a dedicated space for us to receive the Eucharist while kneeling, if we are able, thereby deepening our reverence during this sacred moment. This posture of humility allows us to focus more intently on the mystery we are partaking in and to offer our own prayers and intentions as we approach the Blessed Sacrament.

Moreover, the altar rail serves as a visual and physical reminder of the sanctity of the altar and the sacredness of the Eucharistic celebration. It delineates the sanctuary as a holy space, set apart for the divine mysteries, while inviting the faithful to come forward and partake in the heavenly banquet.

In recent years, many parishes have rediscovered the spiritual benefits of the altar rail. Its reintroduction has been met with enthusiasm by congregations seeking to enhance the reverence and solemnity of their worship. As one parishioner noted, "Receiving Communion this way... contributes to making this a much more holy occasion."

In the coming weeks, we will provide more information about the installation process and how this will be integrated into our liturgical practices. Our goal is to create an environment that draws us closer to the mystery of the Eucharist and fosters a deeper communion with our Lord.

Let us embrace this opportunity to renew our devotion and approach the Holy Eucharist with hearts full of faith and reverence.

God bless,

Fr. Miguel



THANK YOU!!



THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR CHILI COOK OFF 2025!



CHILI COOK OFF TOTAL INCOME: \$3,667.50

Chili:

1st Place: Mary Lynn Farhni: Old Fashion Texas Roadhouse Chili

2nd Place: Chuck and Allison Phillips: Drew's TNT Chili





3rd Place: Brian Cummings: Brian' Barbecue Brisket Smoked Chili

Dessert:

1st Place: Shoreless Lake Students: Delicious Dirt Cup 2nd Place: Kayla Warmka: Carrot Cake 3rd Place: Colleen Webb: Grasshopper Dessert

Thank You Chili Contestants:

Mary Lynn Farhni, Allison and Chuck Phillips, Brian Cummings, Amanda Krejchik, Julianne Brickl, Dani Hruby, Gergana Hinrichs, Jennifer Bellinder, St. Al's Middle Schoolers and Mrs. Kruchten, Pat Lamberty, Lindsey Dent, Caballeros de Colón, Pam and Roy Sternberg,

Thank you Sweet Connoisseurs:

Brianna Krejchik, Sara Bellinder, St. Al's Middle School Students and Mrs. Kruchten, Shoreless Lake Students, Nick and Kay Ringelstetter, Eileen Brunken, Reagan Hruby, Mary Scheffler, Lucia Hruby, Jacy Porter, Cora Brickl.

Thank You Contributors

Rachel Pfanz, Kim Dischler, Jacy Porter, Linsey Dent, Nicole Muller, Emily Punke, Allison Phillipps, Kayla Warmka, Brianna Krejchik, Jodi Wilson, Roberta Kasper, Liz Ziehlsdorf, Dani Hruby, Caleb Maier, KwikTrip, Sysco.

ST. ALOYSIUS

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS INTENTIONS



- Monday, February 17
- ♦ 7:00 AM † Linda Marie Hess (Jonathan Hess)
- ♦ 8:15 AM Special Intention for Grace & Don McGeragle (Family)

Tuesday, February 18

- ♦7:00 AM Special Intention for Ken Breunig (Nick & Kay Ringelstetter)
- ♦ 8:15 AM The family of Pat and Myrtle Moriarity (Dave and Margaret Coan)

Wednesday, February 19

- ♦ 7:00 AM Special Intention (Mary Sauvey)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Lucile (Trumm) Gauger (Scott or Lisa Enerson Family)

Thursday, February 20

- ♦ 7:00 AM † Verlin Schmitz (Jenny Schmitz)
- ♦ 8:15 AM † Patrick & Mary Walsh (Tina Teeters)

Friday, February 21

◆7:00 AM Living and deceased members of Ken & Pam Penfield (Cathy Breunig)

♦ 8:15 AM Special Intention for Theresa Anderson, Jesuit Ministry (Family)

Saturday, February 22

- ♦ 8:00 AM Thomas and Sheila Utter, in Thanksgiving
- 4:30 PM † Rev. Joseph Bestler (Greg & Chris Albert)

Sunday, February 23

- ♦ 8:00 AM For our Religious Education Teachers
- ♦ 10:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Mary, Mother of Mercy Pastorate
- ♦ 12:30 (Español) † Jose Antonio Ocana

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Friday, February 21 Maplewood Nursing Home

 ◆ 10:00 AM † Elizabeth Ann Bytnar (Matthew Baute)



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Special Intention for Jorge Campos Ortiz



(NICK & KAY RINGELSTETTER)

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of February 9, 2025 Collections.....\$ 13,824.77

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

Difference: \$4,497.85

Year to Date Total Collections... \$ 351,258.10

Needed for Budget..\$ 298,461.44

Difference: \$ 52,796.66

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



To save postage and paper WE WILL NOT BE MAILING 2024 STATE-MENTS. If you would like your 2024 contribution statement, please contact Margaret in the office. She will either email or mail it upon request.

ST. MARY. HEALTH OF THE SICK



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH: 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 grandchildren 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.

SEVEN SUNDAYS IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH: This Sunday, February 16th, just before Mass, we will be praying the THIRD of the Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph. The Seven Sundays Devotion celebrates the seven joys and sorrows that St. Joseph shared, as Head of the Holy Family, with the Blessed Mother. With the third Sunday, we honor St. Joseph's sorrow when his foster son, Jesus, was circumcised; and his quiet joy when his foster son was given the name Jesus. The Seven Sundays Devotion culminates on Sunday March 16th, the Sunday before the feast of St. Joseph. We offer the Seven Sundays Devotion in thanksgiving for the unspeakable Mercy of our Divine Savior and for His faithful guidance over our Parish, our Diocese and our country. Plan to come a little early to take part in this beautiful devotion.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE BEGINNING IN MARCH, 2025: Because of your generosity, we have 5 in March and many beyond. To reserve a Mass in March and beyond at St. Mary's or Durward's Glen, please contact Mardell Krejchik, at 608-742-3364 or <u>calcab89@yahoo.com</u> 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.

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 your internet address has changed or if we do not have your email address, please place it in the collection basket and label it "Mass cancellation email address". If you do not have internet and would like to be called when Mass is cancelled, please call Mardell Krejchik at 608-742-3364 to be placed on a calling list. Also, please be aware of our senior members and offer to help them enter the church safely whenever the opportunity arises. May God bless you all as we care for and assist one another.

ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 15

 ◆ 4:30 PM Special intention (Nancy Breunig)

Sunday, February 16

 9:30 AM † Rose McKenna (Tim and Kathy Borota)

Tuesday, February 18

◆ 8:00 AM Special intention for Daniel Connelly and Family (Sharon Anderson)

Saturday, February 22

 4:30 PM † Janet Beckerjeck (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Sunday, February 23

 9:30 AM † Dr. Thomas Warner (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Tuesday, February 25

 ♦ 8:00 AM Special intention for Liz Ann May (John and Mardell Krejchik)

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 16

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

Formation

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





TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025:

7:30 AM	Rosary
8:00 AM	Mass
8:30 AM	Faith Discussion
	with Fr. Pedro
9:00 AM	Refreshments

MASS THIS WEEK AT DURWARD'S GLEN

Please join us this Tuesday, February 18, 2025 for Mass at 8:00 A.M. Come 30 minutes early for the Rosary and be sure to stay after Mass for Faith Discussion with Fr. Pedro at 8:30 and refreshments at 9:00 A.M. The February 18th Mass is being offered as a special intention for Daniel Connelly and Family by Sharon Anderson.





Liturgical SCHEDULE

		SACRISTANS
Sat. Feb. 15	4:00pm	Volunteer needed
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed
Sun. Feb. 16	8:00am	Volunteer needed
Sat. Feb. 22	4:00pm	Meg Brickl
	8:00pm	Stella Wuerger
Sun. Feb. 23	8:00am	Volunteer needed

MASS SERVERS

ST. NORBERT

Matthew and Jacob Schoepp Noah Endres Calvin Breunig Jack Brickl Dennis Ballweg Logan and Jacob Schoepp

BAPTISM

Little Alex John Karls will be baptized on Saturday. Congratulations to the proud parents, Will and Claire (Endres) Karls and a warm St. Norbert's welcome to Alex John.



MEALS ON WHEELS THANK YOU

Thank you to the following individuals who volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels this past week: Diane Endres, Dianne Raschka, Jessica Davis, Eloise Breunig, Yolanda Piedra, Miriam Maiquez, Harriett Breunig, Angela Schaaf, Mary Sauvey and Eric Breunig. A very special thank you to Melissa Schmitt for organizing the volunteers. Your willingness to volunteer is greatly

2024 TAX STATEMENTS

To save on postage and paper we will only be printing 2024 statements by request or we can send them via email. If you would like your 2024 contributions statements, please contact Juanita.

CONFESSIONS

appreciated.

<u>Mondays - Fridays</u>: Starting a half an hour before the daily Mass.

<u>Thursdays</u>: 5:00 - 7:00pm

<u>Saturdays and Sundays</u>: Starting one hour before each of the Masses.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Please join us for Adoration. We have Adoration Thursdays following the 8:00am Mass until Benediction on Fridays at 7:45am. Please contact Julianne Brickl at 608-698-2961 or Mary Markielewski at 608-516-1335 if you would like to become a volunteer or a substitute for Adoration.

BULLETIN INFORMATION OR ANNOUNCE-MENTS: Bulletin announcements or information are due

at 5:00pm on Mondays to Juanita.

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17

 8:00 AM Special Intention (Mary Sauvey)

Tuesday, February 18

 8:00 AM † Kenneth Frey Ron and Juanita Wipperfurth

Wednesday, February 19

 8:00 AM † Bob Meinholz (Del and Judy Endres)

Thursday, February 20

 8:00 AM † Cyril Ripp (Del and Donna Breunig)

Friday, February 21

 8:00 AM † Verlin Schmitz (Ron and Juanita Wipperfurth)

Saturday, February 22

- 4:00 PM † Roy Schoepp (Agnes Schoepp)
- 8:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Mary, Mother of Mercy Pastorate

Sunday, February 23

 8:00 AM Living and Deceased of the Joe and Betty Schurman Family (Roxi Maier)

MASS INTENTIONS

Please note we have no Mass intention dates available in 2025. We are currently scheduling Masses for 2026. If you would like to request a Mass, please place your request in the collection basket, labeled "Mass intentions" with your PRINTED request; phone number, email address or mailing address; and a \$20 stipend payable to St. Norbert. You may also mail your request to the Parish attention Mass request. Or feel free to contact Juanita via email or by phone.

ST. NORBERT

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•Baptism, Hospitalizations and/or Shut Ins, Marriage Preparation, Parish Membership, Go Make Disciples.

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♦ Cemetery information

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Parish Council President

Ed Breunig 608-434-2996

• Finance Council President

Julianne Brickl 608-698-2961

♦ CCW President

ST. BARNABAS

St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 16

 9:00 AM Special Intention for Carol Schlough (Jerry & Mary Gust)

Tuesday, February 18

♦ 5:30 PM † Jorge Campos (Tataje Family)

Sunday, February 23

 ♦ 9:00 AM † Susan Krause- Schemmel (Tataje Family)



BOOKSHELF IN THE CHURCH

HALL: Please check out the new bookshelf in the Church Hall. We have a variety of children's books, books about saints, Catechisms, Bibles, and many more titles available to take home, read and return.



GO MAKE DISCIPLES TIP OF THE MONTH

Hello fellow parishioners, Not really a tip, but a story of one of our beloved saints. St. Blaise. His feast day is February 3 and was eventually martyred in 316AD. St. Blaise lived in present day Armenia and was imprisoned by the Roman emperor, Licinius. While a prisoner he miraculously saved a boy from choking on a fish. St.



Blaise was gifted candles to light his cell by people he performed miracles and he stated anyone lighting a candle in his memory will be free of infection. Thus the tradition of blessing throats with 2 candles crossed has continued. Have a wonderful February and maybe light a candle invoking St. Blaise's help to heal body and mind.



The Sacrament of Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, brings about a change of heart through God's mercy and forgiveness. Experience the Lord's compassion through the Sacrament of Penance.

How to Make a Good Confession

Confession is not difficult, but it does require preparation. We should begin with prayer, placing ourselves in the presence of God, our loving Father. We seek healing and forgiveness through repentance and a resolve to sin no more. Then we review our lives since our last confession, searching our thoughts, words and actions for that which did not conform to God's command to love Him and one another through His laws and the laws of His Church. This is called an examination of conscience.

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OUR COMMUNITY



2025 DIOCESE OF MADISON Annual Catholic Appeal Begins Please Make a Generous Pledge

On March 1/2, our Priests in our Pastorate will lead the in-pew process for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Those who have not made a pledge by mail will be asked to do so at this time. You will also be sent a special edition of the Catholic Herald on February 27 where you will have the opportunity to make a gift, as well. Each household is asked to prayerfully consider making a gift. In doing so, please consider joining the Perpetual Steward Society by making a continuous monthly gift of any amount. Or consider making a pledge, payable over six months. One member from each household will be asked to fill out a commitment envelope during mass. Thank you in advance for your support of our parish, the diocese, and the work of the church throughout the world.



Mary, Mother of Mercy Confirmation Students

A special THANK YOU to Lisa Enerson for chaperoning at Frassati Fest this year our Pastorate Group.



SCHOLARSHIPS



MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY PASTORATE

will offer two scholarships of \$350.00 each. Students of the 2025 high school graduation class, who are confirmed members of our pastorate and have plans to further their education can apply. Pick up the scholarship application in the side lobby of the Church Office, High School Office, or online: pastorate8.org Deadline: March 18

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus have two \$500 scholarships available for any 2025 Graduating Senior. Students can pick up an application form in the Sauk Prairie High

School Guidance Office or you can contact Chad Brickl at 608-963-3335 or by email at chad.brickl5@gmail.com.



Deadline to apply is March 31, 2025.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

The Knights of Columbus Council 3099 is hosting their annual Free Throw Contest on **Sunday, February 23** at Bridges Elementary School in Prairie du Sac. This **FREE** event is open to **ALL boys and girls ages 9-14** (ages determined as of January 1).Registration will start at 11:15 a.m. and the contest is set to begin at noon. Please contact Shane Frey (608-370-2923) with any questions.





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Speaker Tony Cherniawski



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