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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025

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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, a feast that reminds us of the journey of the Magi, also known as the Three Wise Men or Three Kings, to seek and worship the newborn King, Jesus Christ. Guided by a mysterious star, these men—traditionally named Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar—traveled from faraway lands to bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

Though the Gospel of Matthew does not tell us much about them, tradition paints a rich picture. Melchior is said to have been an older man, offering gold to signify Jesus' kingship. Caspar, often depicted as younger, gave frankincense, a symbol of Jesus' divinity and priesthood. Balthasar, representing a middle-aged man, brought myrrh, foretelling the suffering and death that Jesus would endure for our salvation.

The Magi's journey is one of faith, perseverance, and courage. They inspire us to seek Christ with the same determination, to offer Him the best of ourselves, and to follow wherever God leads us—even when the path is uncertain. Just as they brought their treasures to Jesus, we are called to bring our hearts and lives to Him.

To help bring the spirit of this beautiful feast into your homes, I will be distributing Epiphany blessing kits after Mass this weekend. These kits include blessed chalk, a prayer, and instructions for a special home blessing tradition that has been part of Catholic culture for centuries. The blessing involves marking the doorframe of your home with the current year and the initials of the Magi, like this: 20 + C + M + B + 25.

The letters C, M, and B have a double meaning: they represent the names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) and the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* ("May Christ bless this house"). This act of blessing is a way of inviting Christ to be the center of your family's life throughout the year and asking for His protection and guidance. Here is how to bless your home:

- 1. Begin with prayer as a family, asking for God's blessing on your home and all who enter it.
- 2. Use the blessed chalk to write the blessing above the main doorframe.
- 3. Say the provided prayer or one in your own words, asking for peace, health, and love in your home.

This simple but meaningful tradition is a wonderful way to bring our faith into the rhythm of daily life, reminding us that Christ is present in our homes and families.

May the example of the Magi inspire us to seek Jesus with open hearts and to live with faith, hope, and generosity. I encourage every family to take part in this beautiful tradition as we begin this new year together under God's blessing.

God bless, Fr. Miguel



To save postage and paper WE WILL NOT BE MAILING 2024 STATE-MENTS. If you would like your 2023 contribution statement, please contact Margaret in the office. She will either email or mail it upon request.

A big **THANK YOU** to all those that helped take down Christmas decorations. Many hands make the job lighter and faster!!!







Do you know of someone who has graduated from St. Al's School who deserves special recognition?

Would you like to nominate him/ her for the Annual Distinguished Alumni Award?

Nomination forms are available at the entrances of the School or Parish Offices.



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK, ANNOINTING AND EUCHARIST

If you are unable to come to Church and would like to re-

ceive 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.

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, January 6

- ♦7:00 AM † Linda Marie Hess (Jonathan Hess)
- ♦8:15 AM † Rollie Mack (Beverly & Jim Maier)

Tuesday, January 7

- ♦7:00 AM Special Intention for Joseph Zaleski & Family (Heather Ravenscraft)
- ♦8:15 AM † Della Ryan (Sandy Wasilewski)

Wednesday, January 8

- ◆7:00 AM Special Intention (Mark & Sue Barry)
- ♦8:15 AM † Della Ryan (Carol Purcell)

Thursday, January 9

- ◆7:00 AM For the Living and decease members of Mike & Linda Peeples Family (Mark & Sue Barry)
- ♦8:15 AM † Michael Peeples (Todd & Adrienne Bestul)

Friday, January 10

- ◆7:00 AM Special Intention (Mark & Sue Barry)
- ♦8:15 AM † Della Ryan (Eileen Klepper)

Saturday, January 11

- ◆8:00 AM † Shirley Wedwick (Mike & Janet Wedwick)
- ◆ 4:30 PM † Alma Frosch (Family)

Sunday, January 12

- ♦8:00 AM † Barb & Tom Hawkins (Pat & Julia Lamberty)
- ♦ 10:30 AM † Mike Peeples (Nick & Kay Ringelstetter)
- ♦ 12:30 (Español)

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Friday, January 10 Maplewood Nursing Home

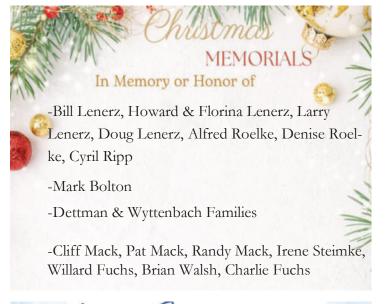
♦ 10:00 AM Special Intention for Helen Simon (Dave & Dawn Helt)

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After school 3:15 - 4:00pm

At St. Als. in Church



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, HEALTH OF THE SICK



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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!

WINTER WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS

It is time to consider the possibility of Mass cancellations due to foul weather. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2025

We are in need of Mass intentions for January as we still have 2 Masses available in January, 7 in February and many 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. God Bless.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 5

- 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

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN



TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 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, January 7, 2024 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 January 7th Mass is being offered for the repose of the Soul of Steve Borota by Tim and Kathy Borota.

ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Saturday, January 11

♦ 4:30 PM Special intention (Nancy Breunig)

Sunday, January 12

♦ 9:30 AM Special intention for Neal Moebus (Dawn and Dave Helt)

Tuesday, January 14

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





I Liturgical SCHEDULE

		SACRISTANS	MASS SERVERS
Sat. Jan. 4	4:00pm	Cora Brickl	Jack Brickl
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed	Dennis Ballweg
Sun. Jan. 5	8:00am	Reagan Breunig	Eli Breunig
Sat. Jan. 11	4:00pm	Volunteer needed	Landon Ambrose
	8:00pm	Volunteer needed	Noah Endres
Sun. Jan. 12	8:00am	Volunteer needed	Logan and Jacob Schoepp

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6

◆ 8:00 AM † Wally Endres (Nancy Coffey)

Tuesday, January 7

◆ 8:00 AM † Diane Clement (SNP)

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

♦ 8:00 AM † Cyril Ripp (SNP)

Friday, January 10

♦ 8:00 AM Edward Tuttle, Patricia Franz and all of their children, grandchildren/great-grandchildren and extended family members

Saturday, January 11

- ◆ 4:00 PM † Patricia Lee (Ron and Juanita Wipperfurth)
- ◆ 8:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the our Pastorate

Sunday, January 12

◆ 8:00 AM † DuWayne, Ellen, Jeff and Dean Schmitt (Family)

CCW MEETING

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

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.

NEW RAMP UPDATE

Please be aware that we have to let the new ramp cure for a year before using salt. We will be treating it this winter with sand when we can. There is a brush available by the door if you would like to remove the sand from your shoes. However, if we feel that the ramp is unsafe for use we will close it down. Please respect the signs and do not go around guards. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



We would like to thank the following students who volunteered to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant:
Mary: Reagan Breunig
Joseph: Brayden Greiber

Magi: Caleb Breunig, Carl Weiss, Eli Breunig

Angels: William Murray, Mckenna Hellenbrand, Hadley Schoepp, Devin Ballweg, Cora Falkenstein Shepherds: Dennis Ballweg, Martha Weiss, Meg Brickl, Catherine Murray, Landon Ambrose, Aubrey Hellenbrand, Teresa Weiss, Jack Brickl, Jacob Schoepp, Alyssa Reible, Olivia Falkenstein, Calvin Breunig Innkeepers: Myah Brickl, Lauren Schoepp Offertory Gifts: Mckenna Hellenbrand, Aubrey Hellenbrand, Martha Weiss, Teresa Weiss Servers: Caleb and Calvin Breunig, Eli Breunig, Carl

Weiss Thank you to the parents for their support and help during rehearsal. Thank you too to Mary Forsythe and the choir. And a special thank you Eric Breunig for organiz-

ing it.

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.

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SERVERS AND SACRISTANS NEEDED

If your child would like to join our wonderful group of Servers and Sacristans please contact Fr. James as soon as possible.



MASS INTENTIONS

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. Or you may mail your request to the Parish attention Mass request. Or feel free to contact Juanita via email or by phone. You may also order online on the Divine Mercy website.

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.

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!

ADDITIONAL FLOWER DONATION:

In Memory of Marliyn Breunig by Merl Breunig

In Memory of Vincent and Lidwina Breunig by Merl Breunig



ST. BARNABAS

St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 5

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



Tuesday, January 7

♦ 5:30 PM Special Intention Dan Bayer and Family (Andrew Bayer)

Sunday, January 12

9:00 AM Special Intention Dan Bayer and Family (Andrew Bayer)

FOR BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, AND RCIA
Fr. Cristian Valenzuela 608-795-4321



PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Mary Gust 608- 795-2555

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Steve Hutson 608-767-2533

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The Blessed Sacrament holds a pivotal place in the Catholic faith. For us, it transcends being a mere symbol of Christ's sacrifice; it is the actual body and blood of Christ, shed for our eternal salvation. This profound mystery, known as transubstantiation, denotes Jesus' real and substantial presence in the consecrated bread and wine.



For Catholics, reflecting on prayers before the Blessed Sacrament is more than religious practice. It is a pathway to closeness with Christ. Through the holy elements, we remember His great sacrifice. We also celebrate His ongoing presence in the Eucharist. This act makes our spiritual bond stronger. It deepens our faith, reminding us of Christ's endless love for humanity.

SHORT PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

I adore you Jesus, true God, and true man, present in the Holy Eucharist, kneeling before you and united in spirit with all the faithful on earth and all the saints in heaven. In gratitude for so great a blessing, I love you with all my heart, for you are worthy of all praise and adoration. Lord Jesus Christ, may I never offend you with my lack of love. May your Eucharistic presence refresh me in body and soul. Mary, Mother of the Eucharistic Lord, pray for me and obtain for me a greater love for Jesus. Amen.



2024 ST NORBERTS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

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Magi: Caleb Breunig, Carl Weiss, Eli Breunig

Offertory Gifts: Mckenna Hellenbrand, Aubrey Hellen-

brand. Martha Weiss, Teresa Weiss

4PM Mass Servers: Caleb Breunig, Calvin Breunig, Eli Breunig, Carl Weiss, Mathew Schoepp, Logan Schoepp



The year 2025 is a Jubilee year for the Church. These special celebrations typically happen every 25 years and are times set aside to invite the faithful to renew their faith in God through deeper prayer, love of

neighbor, and a renewed commitment to discipleship.

Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" for this year's Jubilee, and he calls us to be signs of hope in a world that is in great need of it.

Please visit <u>madisondiocese.org/jubilee</u> for more information about this Jubilee year. We will use this webpage to share out events, places of pilgrimage within our diocese, the Jubilee indulgence, and much more. Jubilee blessings to you as we enter into this new season of hope and grace!





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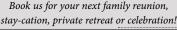




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