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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

> 1st Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

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Dear Parishioners,

Advent is already here, ushering in a time of expectant hope and joyful preparation as we await the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. The word Advent means "coming," and these four weeks are an opportunity to focus on Christ's presence in our lives, preparing our hearts to welcome Him anew.

This year, we are blessed with many resources to help us enter fully into the season of Advent, growing in faith and drawing closer to Jesus.

Our own Bishop Donald Hying has created a beautiful program called *Walk With One*, designed as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. This study connects the four steps of accompaniment—walking with, sharing, inviting, and forming disciples—to the four weeks of Advent.

For each week of Advent, Bishop Hying provides:

- Video reflections on the Sunday Gospel.
- An explanation of one step in the Walk With One process.
- Insights on deepening your relationship with Christ and helping others do the same.

Accompanying these videos is a weekly study guide filled with reflection questions, prayers, and practical tips for personal, family, or small group use. To access this wonderful resource, visit madisondiocese.org/walkwithone.

Families who are part of our Family Faith Formation program will be receiving daily emails from Holy Heroes during Advent. These emails are packed with engaging resources for families with young children, including prayers, activities, and reflections to prepare for Christmas.

I also invite you to sign up for our Spiritual Reflections Flocknote group at https://marymom.flocknote.com/ Reflections. Throughout December, I will send weekly emails featuring Advent resources, including:

- Ascension Press's Advent and Christmas programs.
- Family activities and reflections for the season.
- Fun and faith-filled content from Holy Heroes.

Advent is a season of grace, inviting us to make space in our lives for Jesus. Take advantage of these wonderful resources to prepare your heart and home for the joy of Christmas.

May this Advent season fill your days with peace, hope, and the anticipation of Christ's coming.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Miguel

HOLIDAY 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 |
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| 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



9am- noon



ST. ALOYSIUS

ST. ALOYSIUS MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 2

♦7:00 AM † Jacob Spartz Sr. (Mike & Janet Wedwick)

♦ 8:15 AM † Herb & Lucy Ederer (Bud & Caroline Ederer)

Tuesday, December 3

◆7:00 AM † Rollie Mack (Judy Pape)

♦ 8:15 AM † Steve Schwartz (Bud & Caroline Ederer)

Wednesday, December 4

♦7:00 AM † David Zimmermann (Cheryl Lenerz)

♦ 8:15 AM † LuAnn Welsch (Anita Clemens)

Thursday, December 5

◆7:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Roth & Statz Family (Ann Statz)
◆8:15 AM + Pollio Mark (Eileen Klapper)

♦ 8:15 AM † Rollie Mack (Eileen Klepper)

Friday, December 6

7:00 AM Special Intention (Mark & Sue Barry)
8:15 AM For Father Faustino Ruiz in his Priestly Ordination (Nick & Kay Ringelstetter)

Saturday, December 7

♦ 8:00 AM † LuAnn Welsch (Family)

◆4:30 PM † Rod Peterson (Family)

Sunday, December 8

- ♦ 8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
- ◆ 10:30 AM ⁺ Dorothy and Roger Moe (Ken and Mary Breunig)
- 12:30 (Español) † Rosa Isela Elizalde (Jesús de la Cruz)

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 4 Maplewood Assisted Living

 ◆ 10:00 AM † Joseph & Catherine Schmitz (Marie Lins)

Thursday, December 5 The Pines

 ♦ 10:00 AM Special Intention for Jon S. DeMarco (Mark & Sue Barry)

Friday, December 6 Maplewood Nursing Home

♦ 10:00 AM Special Intention for Nicholas Helt



Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory or honor of someone would be greatly appreciated. Please, place an envelope in the offertory basket or contact the Parish Office.

MEMORIALS

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 that need it most.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of November 17, 2024

Collections......\$ 12,157.55

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

Difference: \$ 2,830.63

Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 208,718.64

Needed for Budget..\$ 186,538.40

Difference: \$ 22,180.24

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

ST. MARY. HEALTH OF THE SICK



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

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 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

This Thursday, December 5, is the first Thursday of the month, and there will be Exposition, Adoration, Confessions and Benediction beginning at 5:00 P.M. followed by Mass at 7:00 P.M. This Mass is being offered for the Repose of the Soul of Ron Shumaker by the Family.

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

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2025

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 <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.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, November 30

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

Sunday, December 1

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

Thursday, December 5

- ♦ 5:00-6:45 PM Exposition, Confessions, Adoration, Rosary and Benediction
- 7:00 PM Mass
 St. Mary's Prayer Chain (608) 493-2337

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN



TUESDAY, December 3

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 3rd Mass is being offered as a special intention for Ben and Amanda Krejchik by John and Mardell Krejchik.

ST. MARY HEALTH OF THE SICK MASS INTENTIONS

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)

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)

Liturgical SCHEDULE

| | | SACRISTANS |
|------------------|--------|------------------|
| Sat. November 30 | 4:00pm | Cora Brickl |
| | 8:00pm | Teresa Weiss |
| Sun. Dec. 1 | 8:00am | Volunteer needed |
| Sat. Dec. 7 | 4:00pm | Volunteer needed |
| | 8:00pm | Volunteer needed |
| Sun. Dec. 8 | 8:00am | Clara Weiss |
| Mon. Dec. 9 | 8:00am | Volunteer needed |
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MASS SERVERS Jack Brickl Carl Weiss Matthew and Jacob Schoepp Landon Ambrose, Brody Lewis Noah Endres Carl Weiss Landon Ambrose

St. Norbert Mass Intentions

Monday, December 2

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

Tuesday, December 3

• 8:00 AM † Charlie Fuchs (Jeanne Fuchs)

Wednesday, December 4

 8:00 AM † Wally Endres (Allan and Florentine Breunig)

Thursday, December 5

• 8:00 AM † Verna Alt (Brad and Jeanne Walsh)

Friday, December 6

• 8:00 AM † Doug Breunig (Patricia Breunig)

Saturday, December 7

- ♦ 4:00 PM † Howard Hicks
- 8:00 PM⁺ David Kippley (Ralph and Ethel Kippley)

Sunday, December 8

 ♦ 8:00 AM ⁺ DuWayne, Ellen, Jeff and Dean Schmitt (Chris and Melissa Schmitt)

FR. JAMES ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

December 8 is the 8th Anniversary of Fr. James' Ordination. On Friday, December 6 we will have a small get together after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall to celebrate. All are invited to attend.



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.

BAPTISM

Little Donald Henry Howard was baptized this week. Congratulations to the proud parents, Andrew and Evelynn (Kirschberg) Howard and a warm St. Norbert's welcome to Donald Howard.

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: 9:00-10:00pm 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.

YOU ARE INVITED

Everyone is invited to help set up the indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations on Sunday, December 1 after the 8:00am Mass. Many hands make light work.

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. 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.

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.



CHOIR REHEARSAL: Everyone is invited to the choir rehearsal on **Wednesdays** at 5:30pm. One change of date: Choir Rehearsal will be Monday, December 9, 5:30-6:30pm, no rehearsal on December 11. New members are always welcome.



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 at608-669-8188. 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.

THANK YOU: Thank to everyone who donated non perishable food items or monetary donations to the local Food Pantry. A very special thank you to the Confirmation students and their teachers who helped deliver the donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ST. BARNABAS

St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 3

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

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)



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

Thank you for helping those that need it most.



EACH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (DEC. 1, 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.



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BLEST ART AT ST. NORBERTS, ROXBURY horperts





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,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

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



Thank you!!!!!!!!!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to many community members who helped at the Thanksgiving Dinner, and all the generous food donations by the area businesses.

Special thanks to Mitch & Sandy Maier and Brenda Murphy for their big heart and dedication to make others happy. May God and the Virgin Mary bless you!!!



Breakfast

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SUNDAY **DECEMBER 8 8AM TO NOON**

ST. AL'S GYN

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At St. Als. in Church

Prepay at

Friday, December 6th

After school 3:15 - 4:00pm

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

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

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