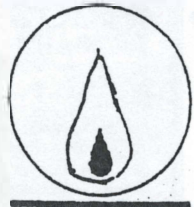


2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023



ADVENT

*Prepare the
Way of the
Lord.*



THE 2023-2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL IS NOW UNDERWAY... Our target this year is \$25,280. To date we have pledges of \$11,655 (46%) from 52 envelopes holders. If you need a pledge card, there are extra ones in the back of church. Please make out your check to Diocese of LaCrosse and mail it directly to them. Money received over our target will be returned to the parish. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this appeal.

Mass Intentions This Week

Mon	11	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service (SL)
Tue	12	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service (SL)
		5:00 p.m.	++Vince & Lottie Pelot (SL)
Wed	13	7:00 a.m.	++L & I Jakusz (SL)
		8:45 a.m.	+Tom Kowieski by Carol & Fam.
Thu	14	7:00 a.m.	Int of Dan McIntee & Fam (SL)
Fri	15	7:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory (SL)
		8:45 a.m.	+Robert Leher by R & N Larsen
Sat	16	4:00 p.m.	++Leo & Kay Kelnhofer By Dan & Joan Kelnhofer
		6:00 p.m.	+Carol Jean Adams (SL)
Sun	17	8:30 a.m.	+Irene Hartjes by H Zubella
		10:30 a.m.	SP/SL Parishioners (SL)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS – December 16-17

Lectors:	4:00 p.m.	Catherine Steinle
	8:30 a.m.	Al Hoffmann
Servers:	4:00 p.m.	Elliot & Jenna O'Shasky
	8:30 a.m.	Milan Montero & Miles Ferkey
Ushers:	4:00 p.m.	Dean Bubolz-Chris Dachel
	8:30 a.m.	Dennis Lobner-Steve Koback
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m.	Kristin Rybicki
	8:30 a.m.	Carol Kowieski

Sunday Deanery Mass – 6:00 – SS Peter & Paul



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m. – St. Philip

Monday, December 25

12:00 a.m. Midnight – St. Lawrence

8:30 a.m. – St. Philip

10:30 a.m. – St. Lawrence

This year's 4th Sunday of Advent falls on December 24. Sunday afternoon begins Christmas with the Vigil, and into Monday.

Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday for the 4th Sunday of Advent AND one of the Masses for Christmas.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE will be held next Sunday, December 17 from Noon-6:00 p.m. at SS Peter & Paul in Wisconsin Rapids instead of at individual deanery parishes. St. Joachim in Pittsville will also have a service on December 20 at 6:30 and Holy Rosary on December 20 at 6:30. Prepare for the birth of Jesus by attending one of these services.



DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS

to decorate our church for Christmas are now being accepted. Please mark your envelope "Flowers." Thank you.

Only financial contributions received on or before December 25 will be credited to 2023. Please support your parish by using the envelopes that you receive in the mail.

2024 PARISH PICNIC

It's not too early to start collecting prizes for small games (stuffed animals, toys, etc.) and gently used Christmas decorations. Items can be dropped off in Wagner Hall. Thank you.

NEWS

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT are available in the back of church. Take one home with you.

THANK YOU to Ritchay & Herman Taylor Funeral Homes for their donation of 2024 calendars. We appreciate their support.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH is looking for a part-time secretary. Knowledge of Microsoft Office and Publisher a plus. Good communication skills, multi-tasking with flexibility, and cheerful disposition necessary. Training provided. Please call Caren at 715-421-5777 or email slparishwr@gmail.com for more information.



SPRING IS A GREAT TIME TO VISIT ITALY!! Join me on an 11-day pilgrimage to Rome, the Vatican and northern Italy. We will depart from Wis. Rapids on Mon., May 13, 2024 and return on Thursday, May 23. Please contact

the St. Lawrence parish office for a copy of the itinerary. The price is \$3,950 (based on double occupancy) and includes round trip airfare from Chicago to Rome. A down payment of \$2,000 is due no later than December 13 and is required to secure a place on the trip. If you have any questions, please contact me: frjktrips@gmail.com or call 421-5777. I hope you can join me. Fr. Janusz

THE DECEMBER WIDOW / WIDOWERS BREAKFAST will be held on **Wednesday, December 13, right after 8:45 Mass in Wagner Hall. All are invited. A free will offering will be taken. There are two choices - egg bake or pumpkin pancakes with blueberry sauce. Please specify which one you would like to order when you RSVP to Shelby at 715-342-0687 by 2:00 on Sunday, Dec. 10.**



ACS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:
Dec. 11, 6:30 - ACS Band
Dec. 12, 6:30 - OLQH Concert

GUEST TEACHERS NEEDED FOR GRADES K-12... Flexible schedule, fabulous coworkers, and fantastic kids. You choose the grade level and the days you are available. Contact Melissa O'Brien 422-1907 for an application.



Join us for a Pro-Life Rosary on Monday, December 11, at the corner of 8th Street and Expressway. Come pray for life.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Linda Bubolz, Evelyn Dobbs, Loretta Slattery, Rich Hamus, Mike Steuck, Penny Junemann, Gary Lessig, Viola Joosten, Tracy Millard, Beverly Kozlowski



CHURCH SUPPORT - DEC. 3

Adult Envelopes	-	\$3628.00
Offertory	-	\$ 466.05
Flowers	-	\$ 120.00



THANK YOU for your generous donation to Feeding Our Communities with United Services (FOCUS) to support our programs. We sincerely appreciate your gift and

concern for those who are in need of food especially in these inflationary times. Please know that your donation helps provide about 1,500 people with 50,650 meals from the pantry each month, 135 people with community meals each week and 400 people with 1,600 meals each weekend during the school year from the backpacks program.

SUPPORT A LIFETIME OF SERVICE... Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need, usually for little or no pay. Please support them by giving generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. PHILIP. CURRENT PARISHIONERS SHOULD CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE WITH ANY ADDRESS OR PHONE CHANGES. 435-3286.



NEW LOCATION: All are welcome to celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** on Tuesday, December 12 at **St. Bronislava in Plover**, and venerate the sacred relic image. The day will begin with a 6:00 a.m. Las Mananitas, later followed by 4:00 p.m. confessions offered in both English and Spanish, and a 5:30 Spanish Mass. It will conclude with a potluck meal and entertainment provided by Mariachi musicians.

ST. BRONISLAVA "all you can eat" PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sunday, Dec. 10, 8:30-Noon. Adults \$10.00, Ages 5-12 \$4.00, 4 & under free.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT - St. Michael Parish Hall in Junction City - Sunday, December 17, 5:30 with light refreshments following. Parishioners from St. Michael, St. Wenceslaus, and St. Kilian will be singing traditional Christmas music.

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