

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023



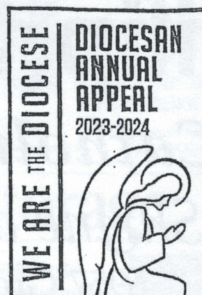
Mass Intentions This Week

Mon	18	7:00 a.m. Communion Service (SL)
Tue	19	7:00 a.m. Communion Service (SL) 5:00 p.m. Int S & T Augustyniak Fam (SL)
Wed	20	7:00 a.m. +Jerry Tork (SL) 8:45 a.m. +Susie Krutza by A & S Polum
Thu	21	7:00 a.m. +Leon Romatowski (SL)
Fri	22	7:00 a.m. +Amy Mauel (SL) 8:45 a.m. +Richard Knapik By R & T Moscinski
Sat	23	4:00 p.m. +Walter Flaig by C Kowieski 6:00 p.m. SP/SL Parishioners (SL)
Sun	24	8:30 a.m. Health of Penny Junemann By Sandy & Randy Hartjes 10:30 a.m. +Jeannette Gross (SL) 4:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE +Bev Milkey by L Slattery

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS – December 23-24

Lectors:	4:00 p.m. Joe Haupt 8:30 a.m. Becky Engstrand Christmas Eve 4:00 – Kristin Rybicki
Servers:	4:00 p.m. E Hartjes-Jenna O'Shasky 8:30 a.m. Cole & Addie Adamski Christmas Eve 4:00 – Miles Ferkey & Lydia Smits
Ushers:	4:00 p.m. Dean Bubolz-Chris Dachel 8:30 a.m. Dennis Lobner-Steve Koback
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m. Carol Haupt 8:30 a.m. Steve Koback

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



THE 2023-2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL IS NOW UNDERWAY... Our target this year is \$25,280. We are at 49% of our goal with \$12,455 from 56 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. Money received helps support our seminarians and retired priests.



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 at 4:00 or Sunday at 8:30 for the 4th Sunday of Advent AND one of the Masses for Christmas.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE will be held today, Sunday, December 17 from Noon-6:00 p.m. at SS Peter & Paul in Wisconsin Rapids instead of at individual deanery parishes. A service will also be held at 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

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST RESULTS...Net profit from the COF breakfast in November was \$3501.88, with matching funds of \$1,500 from the Home Office to be used for parking lot improvement. 405 adults and 20 children were served. Thank you again for your support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES...No classes will be held on December 27 and January 3.



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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK will be celebrated from January 27 to February 3. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about with a great school we have here. Invite another family to experience ACS.

NEXT AFTERNOON OF BINGO AT ACS is January 7. Doors opens at 12:00, bingo begins at 1:00.

The year 2023 marks the 800th anniversary of that first representation of the Nativity scene which Saint Francis set up in Greccio, a little village close to the Italian city of Rieti. The natural grottos (caves) in the area reminded Francis of those he had seen in the Holy Land around Bethlehem. He was filled with the desire to represent the Nativity in a way that everyone could experience and take in with a glance the concrete reality of the Word made flesh. Pray this prayer before the nativity scene at your church or home.

G

CRIB PRAYER

od of all times and seasons, although all-powerful, you are a playful Father who is full of surprises for your children, in whom you delight.

Eight-hundred years ago, you stirred the heart of Saint Francis of Assisi to commemorate the Crib of Jesus in a visible display: one of many ways in which he helped rebuild your Church.

We beg you to rebuild your Church here and now, beginning with our own hearts.

We call on Saint Francis and Saint Joseph, our patrons. Through their prayers, help our priests to be brave shepherds who set a good example for the flock.

Help us to hope in your good promises. When it feels like we are failing, flood our hearts with the trust of Mary and Joseph. When we feel disoriented or lost amidst unfamiliar terrain, stir our hearts with wonder and curiosity, as you stirred the hearts of the Magi.

Help us to be wise women and men, people of prayer who seek your will at all times, who skillfully notice how you are leading us, and who follow you with trust and courage.

Thy will be done, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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. 10

Adult Envelopes	-	\$2312.00
Offertory	-	\$ 432.05
Flowers	-	\$ 110.00
Holy Day Offertory	-	\$ 127.00
Religious Retirement-		\$ 220.00

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

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.

PONCZKA SALE – St. Mary, Torun – January 27. Order yours today at 715-344-9665. \$13 per dozen, unfilled, raspberry, or prune. Pickup at the church, 5589 Dewey Drive, Stevens Point between 3-6.

DAY OF CRAFTING AT ST. JOSEPH, STEVENS POINT...8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Bring your crafting tools, laptops and supplies. Cost is \$40 per person which includes lunch, dinner, snacks and beverages. Call 341-1617 to register or for more info.

COMING UP AT ST. ANTHONY'S...

- St. Paul's Recommendations for the New Year December 31-January 1
 - "Moving Beyond Ourselves" – January 26-28
- For more info or to register, call 715-443-2236.

**Bertram-Junemann
Well Drilling Inc.**

Complete Water Systems
Installed

7117 County Road S.
Rudolph, Wisconsin

715-435-3379

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Please patronize our sponsors as a thank you for their generosity and let them know you saw their ad.

PLEASE PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

ADVENT

a Time to
Prepare

