

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28, 2024



Mass Intentions This Week

Mon	29	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service (SL)
Tue	30	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service (SL) +Susan Osowski (SL)
Wed	31	7:00 a.m.	+Amy Szczybialka (SL)
		8:45 a.m.	+Marvin Klawikowski By Violet Weiler
Thu	1	7:00 a.m.	+Barb Dunn (SL)
Fri	2	7:00 a.m.	L/D CCW (SL)
		8:45 a.m.	+Eleanor Sazama By Rich & Nellie Larsen
Sat	3	4:00 p.m.	++Arlyn & Lorraine Dorshorst By Family
		6:00 p.m.	For the Parishes (SL)
Sun	4	8:30 a.m.	++Sylvester & Adeline Rybicki By Howie & Sue Nigon
		10:30 a.m.	+Robert Oligney

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS – February 3-4

Lectors:	4:00 p.m. Keith Wirtz 8:30 a.m. Al Hoffmann
Servers:	4:00 p.m. Dylan & Dawson Jeske 8:30 a.m. P Grassl – O Montero
Ushers:	4:00 p.m. P Augustyniak-C Pulchinski 8:30 a.m. Mancl's
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m. Joan Kelnhofer 8:30 a.m. Pat Hoffmann

Deanery Mass – Sunday – 6:00 p.m. SS P & P



ELECTRICAL PANELS AND WIRING are being updated in the boiler room for safety reasons and to comply with code. The project will cost \$8,300. If you wish to donate to this project, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Electrical Project." Thank you.

TOWEL COLLECTION...St. Mary Court 998, 1891 Financial Life, will hold its annual collection of towels during Lent.



THE 2023-2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

Our target this year is \$25,280. We are now at 60% of our goal with \$15,133 from 67 envelope holders. Extra pledge cards

are 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...we have a way to go. Money not collected will have to be paid from our parish treasury. A portion of the money received helps support our seminarians and retired priests. Please be generous.



OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST,

sponsored by 1891 Financial Life, St. Mary Court 998, is set for Sunday, March 3, serving from 8-12 in Wagner Hall. There is a signup sheet in back of church, so please stop and sign up or call Patti Van Asten at 435-3454. Bakery is also needed for the Bake Sale. All proceeds and \$1,500 matching funds from the Home Office will be used for rectory updates.

2024 PARISH PICNIC

A reminder to be looking for prizes for small games (stuffed animals, toys, etc.) and gently used Christmas decorations and shoe boxes. Items can be dropped off in Wagner Hall.

Thank you.

WHEN MAKING OUT A WILL OR UPDATING YOUR CURRENT ONE, PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PHILIP IN YOUR PLANNING.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended

to the family & friends of Robert Schmid, Sr. May perpetual light shine upon him.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Marge Schenk (Arborwood), Sylvia Weiler, Evelyn Dobbs, Loretta Slattery, Rich Hamus, Mike Steuck, Penny Junemann, Gary Lessig, (Edenbrook), Viola Joosten, Tracy Millard



CHURCH SUPPORT – JAN. 21

Adult Envelopes	-	\$5000.00
Offertory	-	\$ 346.91
Donation	-	\$ 25.00
Electrical Donation	-	\$ 350.00

2023 Statements are available for those who requested them last year. If you need one, contact Barb at zeke@tznet.com or 715-435-3792.

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

WIDOW / WIDOWERS LUNCH will be held on Monday, February 12 at 11:30 in Wagner Hall. Kay Zimmerman from Mornin' Sunshine Farm will provide the food. A free will offering will be taken. Please RSVP by 2:00 on February 8, along with your phone number. Come to socialize and provide support!!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK will be celebrated January 28 to February 3. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about what great schools we have here. Invite another family to experience Assumption Catholic Schools. An all-ACS Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. at St. Vincent on Wednesday, January 31.

SEEKING ALL CATHOLIC 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS! Please consider the ACS 4K and 5K programs. 4K is new for 2024 and will be based at OLQH in a full day format. Must be 4 prior to September 1. 5K students must be 5 prior to September 1. Registration for both open on February 1. 4K and 5K are eligible for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. **OLQH 5K KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** will be held on Thursday, February 1 from 4-6 at OLQH School. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record. Questions? 422-0901.

EARN SOME MONEY FOR YOUR PARISH OR FOR TUITION... Purchase Scrip at the ACS Office: Monday 9-12, Tuesday 9-1, Thursday 11-6 and Friday 9-1.

ACS JOB OPENINGS: Full Time Finance/Central Office Assistant – Full Time 4K Teacher – Full Time MS/HS Spanish Teacher – Varsity Volleyball Coach. Details can be found at <https://www.assumptioncatholicschools.org/acs-central-office/human-resources/>



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ST. ADALBERT, ROSHOLT BREAKFAST EVENT – Sunday, January 28, serving 8:30-11:30. All you can eat...Adults \$12.00, 6-12 \$5.00, 5 & under are free.

ST. BRONISLAVA, PLOVER BREAKFAST – Sunday, February 4, 8:30-12:00 – Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Ham. Adults \$10.

ST. JOSEPH, STEVENS POINT WINTERFEST – Friday, February 9, 4:30-7:00 – Fish Fry & Raffle, Dine-In or Carryout.

HOLY ROSARY NIGHT OF GAMES – Saturday, February 10. Doors open at 5:30. Bingo 13 & older \$7.00 – Sheephead \$7.00 – Includes luncheon.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL YOUTH FUNDRAISER BRUNCH – Sunday, February 11, 10-Noon. French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs – Adults \$8.00, 4-12 \$5.00. \$40 max per family. Raffle Baskets.

HOLY ROSARY LUSCIOUS LASAGNA – Drive-Thru – Tuesday, February 13, 3:30-6:00. 9 x 13 for \$20, 8 x 8 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. To place your order call Melissa Mattheis at 435-4286 no later than Friday, Feb. 9.

ST. PATRICK, HALDER LENTEN FISH FRIES – Feb. 16 through March 29. Dine In or Carryout – 4:00-8:00. Fish & Shrimp Combos.

LENTEN MISSION AT ST. PETER, STEVENS POINT – February 25-27, 6:30 p.m. Speaker Deacon Keith Strohm.



Candlemas Day is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. According to the Book of Leviticus (12:1-4), when a woman bore a male child, she was considered "unclean" for seven days. On the eighth day, the boy was circumcised. The mother continued to stay at home for 33 days for her blood to be purified. After the 40 days, the mother and the father came to the temple for the rite of purification, which included the offering of a sacrifice — a lamb for a holocaust (burnt offering) and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering, or for a poor couple who could not afford a lamb, two pigeons or two turtledoves. Note Joseph and Mary made the offering of the poor (Lk 2:24). So the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas."

Two other interesting tidbits highlight this day:

First, the feast of the Presentation officially closes the celebration of Christmas. For this reason, Blessed John Paul II began the custom of keeping the Nativity scene in St. Peter's square until February 2.

Second, Candlemas Day also was important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went as follows:

*If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Come, Winter, have another flight.
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,
Go, Winter, and come not again.*

So if the bright sun "overshadows" the brightness of Candlemas Day, there will be more winter. However, if the light of Candlemas Day radiates through the gloom and darkness of the day, the end of winter is near. In America, Protestants decided we should replace Catholic Candlemas Day with Groundhog Day.

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