## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 4, 2024



## **Mass Intentions This Week**

Mon	5	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service (SL)
Tue	6	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service (SL) +Betty Kubisiak (SL)
Wed	7		+John Carroll (SL) +Larry Jackan by Judy Mancl
Thu	8	7:00 a.m.	+Jeanne Vollert (SL)
Fri	9	7:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	
Sat	10	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	+John Raikowski by C Kowieski +Alex Schiferl (SL)
Sun	11	8:30 a.m.	+Marge Schenk By Kathy & Rich Hamus

### LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS - February 10-11

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. Kristin Rybicki

8:30 a.m. Carrie Mancl

10:30 a.m. SP/SL Parishioners

4:00 p.m. E Breu & E Hartjes Servers:

8:30 a.m. Miles Ferkey & Lydia Smits

**Ushers:** 4:00 p.m. P Augustyniak-C Pulchinski

8:30 a.m. Mancl's

Eucharistic 4:00 p.m. Joan Kelnhofer Ministers: 8:30 a.m. Pat Hoffmann

ELECTRICAL PANELS &

Thank You WIRING...Work on the Boiler Room Electrical Panels & Wiring Project has

been completed. St. Philip's has received donations to pay for the entire project cost of \$8,300. Thank you to Jim Janz for his generous donation in memory of Rita. Also thank you to the other three donors who made donations to the project. God Bless these donors.

Please be generous in this week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the U.S., over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Checks should be made out to St. Philip.



## THE 2023-2024 DIOCESAN **ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:**

Our target this year is \$25,280. We are now at 60% of our goal with \$15,283 from 68 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.

Father Janusz is planning a trip to Poland September 9-20. Copies of the itinerary and more info is available in the office.

# Pancake Steel

**OUR ANNUAL** 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.

IN LOVING OUR DEEPEST REMEMBRANCE SYMPATHY is extended to the family & friends of Marge Schenk. May she find light, happiness & peace in heaven.

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!! Note that this is lunch, not breakfast.

**SEEKING ALL CATHOLIC 4 & 5** YEAR OLDS! Please consider the ACS 4K and 5K programs. 4K is new ASSUMPTION for 2024 and will be based at OLQH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 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 (tuition free). Apply from February 1-April 18.

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. All Kwik Trip purchases in February will receive a double rebate (10%).

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-

BINGO AT ASSUMPTION GYM...February 4 & 18. Doors open at noon with bingo at 1:00. Cash Only.

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Wisconsin Right to Life is looking for individuals in the Wisconsin Rapids and surrounding areas to become part of the grassroots volunteer chapter. We are facing uncertain times in our state & country in the pro-life movement and we need boots on the ground to make an impact in our communities. If you are interested call Matt Peeters at 715-459-4831

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

## CHURCH SUPPORT - JAN. 28

Adult Envelopes \$11,670.00 Offertory \$ 287.00 **Bulletin Ad** \$ 125.00 **Electrical Donation** 7,950.00

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



ST. BRONISLAVA, PLOVER BREAKFAT -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 - Sheepshead \$7.00 - Includes luncheon.

ST. WENCESLAUS, MILLADORE DRIVE THRU SOUP SALE - Saturday, February 10, 2-4 - \$8.00 per quart - includes rolls.

**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 435-4296 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.

ST. MARY, AUBURNDALE SHRIMP & BEER BATTERED FISH FRY - Feb. 16, March 1, 15, 29 -Carryout Only - Call 715-652-2747 to order. Meals include potato salad, French fries or baked potato, bread, cheese & coleslaw. Desserts are \$2.00.

KC DRIVE THRU FISH FRY - Sacred Heart, Nekoosa - Fridays, February 24-March 31, 3:00-6:00, beer battered cod, baked potato or potato salad, coleslaw, dinner roil, dessert - \$13.00

COF WILL MEET ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 6:00 IN THE WELCOME CENTER.



#### **Eucharistic Adoration: A Privileged Place of Encountering Jesus**

Spending time in prayer with Jesus, Who is present in the tabernacle in a Catholic Church, is different than praying prayers at home. The reason is that we are with Jesus in a more intimate and real way because He is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

A great way to begin this practice of spending time with Jesus in church is by stopping in to "make a visit" and spending 5 to 10 minutes just as we would stop by to see a family member. Being in the presence of Jesus Himself is an incredible opportunity and gift. When we make a simple visit to the Blessed Sacrament – another name for the Eucharist – we can bring to Jesus our concerns and joys. We want to express to Him in our own words our struggles, sorrows and joys. The Eucharist is Jesus; He is right there. The experience of being with Christ brings peace as He helps to calm any state of preoccupation, worries or discouragement and gives us a new perspective. When we walk out of church, it is amazing to realize how we leave with a quieted heart.

We want to thank Him for listening to us, helping us to "work things out" and giving us His peace. We also want to thank Jesus for His presence there and to know that He really wants us to spend time with Him.

Most people feel that they don't have time to make such a visit even for a short duration. However, once we make the effort to spend time with the God of the Universe we will find that the Lord begins to "free up time" from what appeared to be a full schedule. Gradually, we will start to see how He arranges things, guiding us in our lives to resolve problems. It will also become noticeable that with our responsibilities of life, time is saved rather than lost as different possibilities are opened. Eventually we will grow in our desire to spend time with Him even if there is no pressing problem. We value Him for Himself and not just as a problem-solver for us, although He is always there to help us. As our friendship grows, we want to be in His presence more often.

It is best to start slowly in making these visits. Over time, making a regular visit such as once a week will become a habit. As time goes on, perhaps you will want to make the visit longer. Some people spend 30 minutes to an hour with our Lord. Each of us has different responsibilities, so it wise to start with what is doable, possible and sustainable, such as stopping by once a week for ten minutes.

Catholic Churches are open during the day and so it is possible to "make a visit" to Jesus in the tabernacle when it is convenient. Many parishes have specific times set aside during the week for Eucharistic Adoration, where the Eucharist is exposed in a vessel called a monstrance. People are most welcome to "make a visit" anytime the church is open. What matters is that we have the desire and intention to be with Jesus, to deepen our walk with Him and experience His presence in our life in this special and perhaps new way. Keep making visits!

### Questions for reflection:

- 1. What day and time might be convenient for you to stop by church and "make a visit"? What amount of time is doable for you? Taking your children along may be necessary.
- 2. What do you think will be the effects of spending time with your Savior Jesus Christ?

### Ideas:

- 1. To ward off distractions, suggested reading resources to use during your visit are *The Divine Encounter* by Mark Hart or *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Fr. Jacques Phillip.
- Ask Jesus for the grace to strengthen your faith that He is truly present in the Eucharist.

By Ann Lankford, Director of the Office for Catechesis & Evangelization