

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024



*Behold I am
the handmaid of
the Lord*

Lk. 1:26-38

Mass Intentions This Week

Mon	23	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service (SL)
Tue	24	CHRISTMAS EVE	
		4:00 p.m.	+Dorothy Hamus by J Budzinski
		12:00 Midnight	+Dewey Hafermann (SL)
Wed	25	NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
		8:30 a.m.	++Steve Polum & Richard Raflik By Al & Sue Polum
		10:30 a.m.	++Harold & Helen Cox (SL)
Thu	26	7:00 a.m.	Int of Joseph Smith (SL)
Fri	27	7:00 a.m.	Int of Isaiah Linzmeier (SL)
		8:45 a.m.	L/D Tosch Family by Family
Sat	28	4:00 p.m.	+Ron Larsen by M & P Augustyniak
		6:00 p.m.	++Edward & Susan Osowski (SL)
Sun	29	8:30 a.m.	++Mr & Mrs Carl Brandl By Louise & Dave Hamus
		10:30 a.m.	SP/SL Parishioners (SL)



LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS – December 28-29

Lectors:	4:00 p.m. Mary Skytland
	8:30 a.m. Sue Polum
Christmas Eve: K Wirtz Christmas Day: B Engstrand	
Servers:	4:00 p.m. Cole & Addie Adamski
	8:30 a.m. Jenna & Isaac O'Shasky
Christmas Eve: Miles Ferkey-Obed Montero	
Christmas Day: Lucy & Elliot O'Shasky	
Ushers:	4:00 p.m. Jerry Rybicki-Harry Engstrand
	8:30 a.m. Steve Koback-Dennis Lobner
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m. Carol Haupt
	8:30 a.m. Becky Engstrand

Deanery Mass – SS Peter & Paul Sunday 6:00 p.m.
No Sunday 6:00 Mass at SSPP after next Sunday.

NEW YEAR'S MASS:

Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God will be Wednesday, January 1, 8:45 a.m.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. Masses at St. Lawrence are Dec. 31 at 5:00 and Jan. 1 at 10:30.



2024-25 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

To date we have pledges of \$19,045 from 66 envelope holders (73% of total). Money collected is used to support vocations, priests and deacons, retired priests, missions, works of charity, parish ministry, parish service support

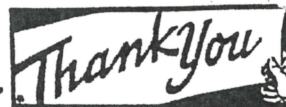
and Catholic schools. Please be generous and return your pledge as soon as you can. **Working together we can reach our goal...we're getting closer. God Bless!!**

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS to decorate our church for Christmas are still being accepted. Please mark your envelope "Flowers."



AN AREA-WIDE PENANCE SERVICE

will be held today, Sunday, December 22, 12:00-6:00 p.m. at Saints Peter & Paul with many priests available.



THANK YOU to those who came to decorate cookies, put the 68 plates together and donated the

delicious cookies and candy. We appreciate your generosity and support.

Friends of St. Philip Youth

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS: If you wish to claim your parish contribution or diocesan annual appeal donations for tax purposes for 2024, you must have your contribution to the parish office (or diocese by December 31). If you mail it, it must be postmarked on or before December 31. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: If you plan to attend a Mass at St. Lawrence during the month of January, Mass will be held in the basement dining area due to remodeling of the sanctuary.



BINGO AT ASSUMPTION...
 will resume **January 5 & 19th**. See you there.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Ron Peters, Geri Laska, Sylvia Weiler,
 Evelyn Dobbs, Rich Hamus, Penny
 Junemann, Viola Joosten



SCRIP NEWS... The Scrip Office will be closed from December 23 and will reopen on January 2. Scrip hours are Mon 9-12, Tuesday 9-1, Thursday 11-6 and Friday 9-1. No orders will be placed the week of January 6.

ADVENT GREETINGS from the students and staff at ACS. Our thanks to you for your support. Education is a key mission of the Catholic Church and the contributions made by the parishes and individual supporters helps us to continue to educate to the truth, beauty and goodness of God's creation. We are truly blest here in the greater Wisconsin Rapids area. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

A MINUTE WITH JESUS: Jesus was born in Bethlehem which means "house of bread." Because there was no room in the inn, Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger, which is significant because it is a feeding trough for animals. This is really the whole meaning of Christmas. Jesus came to give us Himself as food – He literally is the Bread of Life.

TOTS: Theology of the Storyteller – STAR WARS: The Original Trilogy. Watch a film, deepen your faith, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven on three Sundays – January 12, January 26 and February 9, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

CHURCH SUPPORT – DEC. 15

Adult Envelopes	\$ 970.00
Offertory	\$ 446.00
Religious Retire.	\$ 65.00
Flowers	\$ 140.00
Votive Candles	\$ 56.00
Aluminum Cans	\$ 38.00

Please remember St. Philip Church when making out a will or in your estate planning.

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

Catholic Radio – Relevant Radio 93.9 FM
 or the free Relevant Radio App
 Join in for the Family Rosary Across America at 7:00 p.m.
 and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. every day.

A Holy and Blessed Christmas



Peace on Earth

THIS CHRISTMAS

MEND A QUARREL
 FIND THE TIME TO LISTEN
 LAUGH A LITTLE MORE
 SEEK OUT A FORGOTTEN FRIEND
 BE GENTLE
 GIVE A SOFT ANSWER
 SPEAK YOUR LOVE
 SPEAK IT AGAIN
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St. Philip's Parish - November, 2024

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>		<u>Parish</u>	<u>Rel Educ.</u>	Disbursements - Parish	\$
Adult Envelopes	\$10,685.27	Parish Payroll	\$ 4,046.25			Disbursements - Parish	\$ 38,501.53
Offertory	1,814.50	Insurance & Retirement	873.03			Disbursements- Rel Educ	\$ 6,155.19
Donations/ Cans/Miscellaneous	214.00	Office Expenses	131.44			Total	\$ 44,656.72
Charitable Collections	270.00	Liturgical Expenses	850.19			Balance - October 31	\$ 64,482.27
Rent - Hall/Grotto/Welcome Ctr/Rectory	1,100.00	Professional Expenses	1,345.00			Receipts	\$ 38,940.71
Votive Candles	42.00	Rectory Expenses	379.33				\$ 103,422.98
SCRIP Rebate	124.95	Maintenance/Repairs	5,014.60			Disbursements	\$ 44,656.72
Bathroom Project Donation	2,500.00	Utility Expenses	635.91		31.94	Balance - November 30	\$ 58,766.26
Transferred from Savings	21,530.80	Utilities-St. Lawrence	159.98				
Grotto Payroll Reimbursement	658.49	Assumption Schools			6,123.25		
Interest	0.70	Charitable Donations	1,035.00				
Total	\$38,940.71	Bathroom Project	24,030.80				
		Total		\$ 38,501.53	\$ 6,155.19		

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 2024



*May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.*

Mass Intentions This Week

Mon	30	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service (SL)
Tue	31	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service (SL)
		5:00 p.m.	+Henry Kopacz (SL)
Wed	1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	
		8:45 a.m.	+Louise Raikowski by Diane Wanta
		10:30 a.m.	Int of William Smith (SL)
Thu	2	7:00 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory (SL)
Fri	3	7:00 a.m.	L/D Mbrs of PCCW (SL)
		8:45 a.m.	+Diane Koback by D & A Mrozek
Sat	4	4:00 p.m.	+Mark Bushmaker by Chris Milkey
		6:00 p.m.	SP/SL Parishioners (SL)
Sun	5	8:30 a.m.	+Patrick Hoffmann By Linda Hobbs
		10:30 a.m.	+John Carroll (SL)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS – January 4-5

Lectors:	4:00 p.m. Kristin Rybicki
	8:30 a.m. Carrie Mancl
	New Year's Day – Barb Ziebell
Servers:	4:00 p.m. Lucy & Elliot O'Shasky
	8:30 a.m. Peyton Grassl-Eric Van Asten
Ushers:	4:00 p.m. John Van Asten-Mark Bade
	8:30 a.m. Howie & John Nigon
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m. Joan Kelnhofer
	8:30 a.m. Pat Hoffmann

Deanery Mass – SS Peter & Paul Sunday 6:00 p.m.
No Sunday 6:00 Mass at SSPP after TODAY

JANUARY 1, THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. Mass at St. Philip will be January 1 at 8:45 and at St. Lawrence on December 31 at 5:00 p.m. and January 1 at 10:30 a.m.



2024-25 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

To date we have pledges of \$19,700 from 70 envelope holders (76% of total). Money collected is used to support vocations, priests, and retired priests. Extra pledge cards are available in back of church. Any money over and

above our target amount will returned to the parish. Please be generous and return your pledge as soon as you can. **Working together we can reach our goal...we're getting closer. God Bless!!**



THANK YOU to the crew who so beautifully decorated our church, inside and out, those who donated for flowers, the choir, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, servers and ushers. Also, thank you to Mark Bade for the donation of the wreaths for the outside of church. *God Bless!!*

Only financial contributions received or postmarked on or before December 31 will be credited to 2024. Please support your parish by using the envelopes that you receive in the mail.

PLEASE NOTE: If you plan to attend a Mass at St. Lawrence during the month of January, Mass will be held in the basement dining area due to remodeling of the sanctuary.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME
Next week there will be packets available for families with the Epiphany Blessing of the Home prayer, as well as holy water bottles and blest chalk. They will be available at the entrance.

Thank You!

SINCERE THANKS for the donations to the Parish and Grotto from

the Estate of Marge Schenk. We appreciate their donation. God Bless!!



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SCRIP NEWS... The Scrip Office will reopen on January 2. Scrip hours are Mon 9-12, Tuesday 9-1, Thursday 11-6 and Friday 9-1. No orders will be placed the week of January 6.

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU to become part of our school family! We'd love to show you firsthand. Come experience the nurturing environment, academic excellence, and faith-filled community that set us apart. To schedule your personal tour, please call the ACS Enrollment Office at 715-422-0901. **4K and 5K Kindergarten Registration is Thursday, January 30.**

Coming Events

TOTS: Theology of the Storyteller – STAR WARS: The Original Trilogy. Watch a film, deepen your faith, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven on three Sundays – January 12, January 26 and February 9, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Contact Father Weller at fr.weller@our-lady.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR STUDENTS...Crosswoods Adventure Camp for Middle and High School – June 22-27 \$600 includes lodging, transportation, meals and registration. **Steubenville, Rochester for high school students – July 11-13 - \$400.** Contact Matthew Aaseng – matthewa@rapidscatholic.org for more information.

FUN AND GAMES at St. Alexander in Port Edwards – Friday, January 3, 6-9 p.m., featuring dozens of board and card games or bring your own.

ST. WENCESLAUS, MILLADORE will have a **drive-thru Soup Sale** on Saturday, January 11 from 2-4. \$8 per quart with rolls. Chicken with Homemade Noodles, Potato & Sausage, Beef Barley, Italian Meatball. **A Take & Bake Pizza and Calzone Sale** will be held on February 1 from 2-4. See the bulletin board for details.



SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

- Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
- Count your gains instead of your losses;
- Count your joys instead of your woes;
- Count your friends instead of your foes;
- Count your smiles instead of your tears;
- Count your courage instead of your fears;
- Count your full years instead of your lean;
- Count your kind deeds instead of your mean;
- Count your health instead of your wealth;
- Count on God instead of your self.

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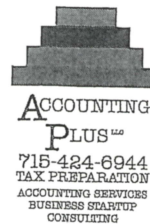
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 9 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven.



COR JESU will be held on First Friday, January 3, 6:30-7:30 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Join us for Adoration and Confession.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION