# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 21, 2025

### Holy Mass Intentions This Week

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| Mon | 22 | 7:00 a.m. | Communion Service (SL) |
| Tue | 23 | 5:00 p.m. | +John Ranek (SL) |
| Wed | 24 | **CHRISTMAS EVE (Incense Used)** | |
| | | **4:00 p.m.** | **+Irene Smits by Helen Zubella** |
| | | 8:00 p.m. | +Greg Kujawa (SL) |
| Thu | 25 | **NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Incense Used)** | |
| | | **8:30 a.m.** | **++Steve Polum & Richard Raflik By Al & Sue Polum** |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | ++Harold & Helen Cox (SL) |
| Fri | 26 | **NO MASS** | |
| Sat | 27 | **4:00 p.m.** | **+John Raikowski by A & S Polum** |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | +Ralph Diver (SL) |
| Sun | 28 | **8:30 a.m.** | **++Richard & Jeannine Hess By Steve & Leslie Kozicki** |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | SP/SL Parishes (SL) |

**LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS – December 27-28**

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| Lectors: | 4:00 p.m. | Mary Skytland |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Sue Polum |
| | New Year's Day 8:45 – Becky Engstrand | |
| Servers: | 4:00 p.m. | Emmercyn & Logan Breu |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Aubrey & Miles Ferkey |
| Ushers: | 4:00 p.m. | Jerry Rybicki-Dean Bubolz |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Chris Grassl-Dave Hamus |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | 4:00 p.m. | C Haupt & M Skytland |
| | 8:30 a.m. | S Koback & S Polum |

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Our parish allocation is $26,565, and we have reached $24,475 (92%) from 64 parishioners.** If you haven't made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing it soon...we are so close to our goal. **Thank you to all who have already made their pledge!! God Bless!!**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Calling all parishioners, family and friends! St. Philip is hosting another Versiti Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 14 from 1:30-6:00. More information coming soon.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS are being accepted. Please mark your envelope "Flowers." Thank you.

**CITY WIDE ADVENT RECONCILIATION will take place on Sunday, December 21, Noon - 4:00 at Saints Peter & Paul with multiple priests available. There will be adoration throughout the afternoon with evening prayer at 3:30. Prepare for the Lord's coming.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – OLQH –** Christmas Eve 4:00 and Midnight – Christmas Day 8:30 and 10:30.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS TIMES**
December 31 – OLQH – 4:00 p.m.
January 1 – St. Philip - 8:45 a.m.
St. Lawrence – 5:30 p.m.
OLQH – 9:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.

**Photos are back and available in the back of church. There is still time to order a directory if you have not already done so. The cost is $20. Please place your $20 in an envelope with your name, marked "Directory" and return it to church by January 2. Directories should be available mid to end of January.**

## Holy Baptism

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY...

through the Sacrament of Baptism, Archie Alan Huser, son of Nathan & Carissa. Congratulations and God's blessings!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Would you consider leaving your Christmas decor up a little longer this year? Christmas can be celebrated until Candlemas on February 2 – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The children will continue to ponder the mystery and history of the Incarnation through all of January. It truly is the 'most wonderful time of the year.' May you all have a Blessed Christmas a very Happy New Year! **No classes December 21-January 4.**

**SAVE HAVEN BABY BOX FUNDRAISER...**SS Peter & Paul Church, in partnership with the Safe Haven Baby Box Company and the City of Wisconsin Rapids, is launching a fundraising effort to bring a Safe Haven Baby Box to our community. Our goal is to raise $30,000 to have one installed at one of our Wisconsin Rapids Fire Departments. Your contribution will help purchase and install the box, as well as support the required annual inspections and maintenance fees. **Please see the flier in the bulletin today for more information and how to make a donation. Checks should be payable to SS Peter & Paul Church and sent to 1150 2nd Street North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 and include SHBB on the memo line of your check. Thank you so much.** Their Facebook page is Safe Haven Baby Box-Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

ASSUMPTION
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Join us at AHS for the 71st Annual Golden Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 10:00. Prelude music will begin at 9:45. All are invited.

BINGO at Assumption will be held on Sunday, January 4. Doors open at 12:00 – First game called at 1:00. Concessions, 50/50 Raffle.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...**
Steve Koback, Gerri Laska, Sylvia Weiler, Viola Joosten

## CHURCH SUPPORT – DEC. 14

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| Adult Envelopes | $3955.00 |
| Offertory | $ 309.00 |
| Flowers | $ 60.00 |
| Religious Retire. | $ 425.00 |
| Donation | $5000.00 |

**Financial contributions for 2025 must be received by December 28.**

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

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

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Catholic Radio – Relevant Radio 93.9 FM or the free Relevant Radio App

GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A SPOUSE? Or do you know someone who is? Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar. St. Francis Xavier, Knowlton. Call 715-693-3120 to register.

St. Philip's Parish - November, 2025

| Receipts | |
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| Adult Envelopes | $9,523.00 |
| Offertory | 1,448.00 |
| Donations/ Cans/Flowers/Candles | 147.00 |
| Rent - Hall/Grotto/Welcome Ctr/Rectory | 900.00 |
| Charitable Collections | 50.00 |
| Religious Education | 150.00 |
| SCRIP Rebate | 96.42 |
| Grotto Payroll Reimbursement | 602.36 |
| Interest | 2.60 |
| Total | $12,919.38 |

| Disbursements | |
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| Parish Payroll | $ 5,775.19 |
| Liturgical Expenses | 79.98 |
| Office Expenses | 1,148.88 |
| Media Expenses | 137.87 |
| Janitorial Expenses | 859.57 |
| Miscellaneoous Expenses | 390.54 |
| Utility Expenses | 571.16 |
| Assumption Schools | 6,051.83 |
| Total | $ 15,015.02 |

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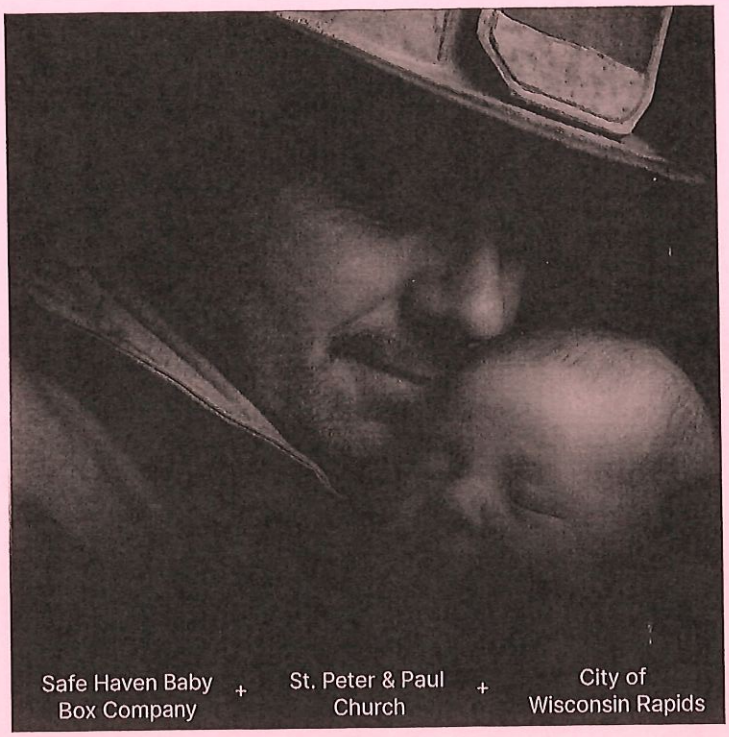
| Balance - October 31 | $ 27,577.44 |
| Receipts | $ 12,919.38 |
| | $ 40,496.82 |
| Disbursements | $ 15,015.02 |
| Balance - November 30 | $ 25,481.80 |

# Protecting Newborns, Supporting Parents

## Help us bring the first Safe Haven Baby Box to central Wisconsin!




### Why We Need Your Help

We need your help to raise the funds to install a Safe Haven Baby Box at one of the Fire Stations in Wisconsin Rapids. This effort is made possible through the collaborative partnership of the Safe Haven Baby Box Company, St. Peter & Paul Church, and the City of Wisconsin Rapids, working together to bring this life-saving resource to our community. Your contribution could save a life and ensure a safe, secure future for a newborn in crisis.

Our goal is to raise $30,000 to:

- Purchase and install a Safe Haven Baby Box
- Fund maintenance and annual inspection fees

The mission of the Safe Haven Baby Box is to prevent illegal abandonment of newborns by raising awareness, offering a 24-hour crisis hotline, and providing Safe Haven Baby Boxes as an option for parents who need complete anonymity.

### What a Baby Box Provides

A Safe Haven Baby Box is a secure, temperature-controlled, ventilated, alarm-equipped device that allows a parent to safely and anonymously surrender a newborn. Staff are notified immediately so the infant receives instant care and protection.

Installing a baby box in Wisconsin Rapids helps to inform and educate about safe haven laws, creates a compassionate alternative for parents in crisis, prevents unsafe abandonments, and promotes the well-being of both child and parent.

### About Wisconsin's Safe Haven Law

Wisconsin's Safe Haven Law (Statute 48.195), enacted in 2001 and expanded through Wisconsin Act 79 (2023), allows a parent to anonymously and safely relinquish an unharmed newborn under 72 hours old to designated professionals or via approved infant safety devices.

Since the law's inception, 386 infants have been safely relinquished as of 2023, with annual numbers increasing from 12 in 2015 to 27 in 2023. If you want to learn more, please visit Safe Haven Baby Box Company at ***https://www.shbb.org/.***

***By check*** *(Please include this slip with your donation)*

**Name:** _____

**Address:** _____

**Make checks payable to:** St. Peter & Paul Church

***Or online!***