MASS INTENTIONS

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SAT 12/30	4:30 PM	Michael Chase by Irene Chase and family	
SUN 12/31	7:30 AM	Margaret Petraszak by Rachel Petraszak	
	10:00 AM	All Saints Family	
MON 1/1	9:00 AM	Dick Brooks by Terry & Joanne Guden	
TUES 1/2		No Mass Office Closed	
WED 1/3	9:15 AM Staff	Robert Christensen by All Saints Parish Staff	
THURS 1/4	8:00 AM	Parents of Bertha Jaimez	
FRI 1/5	8:00 AM	Charles Honl	
SAT 1/6	4:30 PM	Bob Krause by Bob & Sue LaBuda	
SUN 1/7	7:30 AM	All Saints Family	
	10:00 AM	Special Intention of Irene Sedarski Bombinski by Mike Bombinski	

Please Note - Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated at St. Michael's Oratory at 9:15 AM.

MAINTENANCE PERSON

All Saints Catholic Parish, Berlin has an opening for a maintenance employee - 28-30 hours per week. The maintenance employee is responsible to complete routine maintenance tasks and oversee overall maintenance of All Saints Parish Church Complex, including all buildings and grounds. This position involves physical labor, the ability to work with others and represent All Saints Parish in a professional manner. Knowledge of the procedures and practices of the Catholic Church is preferred. Male, Female or couple encouraged to apply. To learn more about the job duties, stop at the parish office at N8566 State Road 49, Berlin or call 361-5252.



PARISH PRESS

Season's Greetings

Christmas Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone at All Saints Parish. I am thankful to God for another year of blessings for the parish assembly, our Catholic School and our Religious Ed Program. I'd like to express gratitude to our parish staff who give 100% every day, and to *all* those who volunteer in so many different ways. You help make our parish a community of people who care, and share the light of Christ.

I received a Christmas card with words I'd like to pass on to you:

"I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love – how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is."

Amidst this season of celebrations, family dinners, gift giving, merry-making (and the preparations that go with it) let us remember the reason behind it all! Be sure to make room at hearth and home for the Christ Child. May He then abide with you this Christmas and in the New Year. God bless you and yours!

~Fr. David

Come to the Manger

I've been told that nearly every year, there's discussion about where to place the stable of Bethlehem. We have a beautiful nativity, and the favored place is in the front of the sanctuary, but space and physical layout do not allow for the size of the nativity that we have. We would like to have it in a spot where families will file past it as they enter and depart, but there just doesn't seem to be a "perfect place". Thus, in its location by the east windows, some may need to take a few extra steps to visit the Holy Family. Considering the long and difficult journey Mary and Joseph made, it's the least we can do! Come to the manger!

~Fr. David

SANCTUARY LAMP - lit to signal the True Presence of Christ in the tabernacle, is donated by Bertha Jaimez in memory of her parents.

WELCOME-Louise Urmanski to our parish family at All Saints.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN - will not meet in January.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - will meet the second Monday, this month, January 8 at 6:30 PM in the Reading Room.

BINGO - The next bingo will be Sunday, January 7, 2018, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Cakes: Louise Sedarski and Ann Budde

DONATIONS TOWARD CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - in memory of a loved one, or just as a donation to help defray the cost, may be placed in the weekend collection, mailed to the parish at PO Box 269 or you may stop by the office. Thank You!

THE COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER - is considering having a Sunday morning blood drive at All Saints Parish on Sunday, February 4th from 8:30 AM until 11.30 AM. With so many of us working during the day, it is not always possible to be able to go to the local blood drives which are held during the week. We would like to know if there is enough interest from those who can not attend the local blood drives to make the Sunday blood drive a success. Please call Nancy Trochinski at 361-3679 if you are interested. Deadline for calling in is December 31st.

CATHOLIC HERALD - Are you receiving the Catholic Herald subscription at your home? Do you know that our parish is billed for this subscription? If you are receiving the Catholic Herald, this is just a reminder that we ask each subscriber to contribute \$25 a year for their subscription to help defray the cost charged to our parish. If you have not paid for your subscription you may place your money in the weekend offertory collection in an envelope marked Catholic Herald, mail to the parish office or stop in at the parish office. If you have any questions regarding your Catholic Herald subscription please call the parish office at 361-5252.

HOLY NAME CHRISTMAS PARTY - Monday, January 8th in the Social Hall. Refreshments at 5:30, followed by a pot luck dinner at 6:30 PM. Please call Wayne Lundt (361-0645) or email lun5350@charter.net for reservations and your dish to pass.

OFFERTORY DRIVE/COMMITMENTS – Just a reminder – if you signed a commitment card during the fall offertory drive and you have not already changed your offertory commitment – your new commitment should begin in January 2018. Thank you!

THANK YOU - I would like to thank the many members of our parish who participated in our Live Nativity; those who transformed First National Bank's parking lot into Bethlehem with a stable; those who generously "loaned out" their animals; "costume makers" who took us back in time with authentic looking costumes; cast members who braved the cold; those who kept us warm with cookies and hot chocolate; and those who helped to take down after a long day. A special thank you to Peter Mauel for the use of his building and First National Bank for the use of their parking lot. We are blessed to be able to present our faith in action to the world that needs the Truth of our Savior's birth.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP July 2017-November 2017

DIFFERENCE

-\$29,864.95

<u>ACTUAL</u> \$282,565.56 <u>BUDGET</u> \$312,430.51 THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS PARISH...

	January 1 - 7, 2018	
Monday:	Solemnity of Mary - Mass at 9:00 AM -	
-	Choir will sing	
Wednesday:	2 TMIY	
	RE Classes - See Schedule Below	
	No Choir Rehearsal	
	Private Confessions - 4:30 - 6:30 PM	
Thursday:	Adoration 2:30 - 6:30 PM	
Sunday:	Mass at 10:00 AM - Choir will Sing	
	Bingo - 6:30 PM - Parish Hall	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wednesday, January 3, 2018				
Grades K - 5	3:30 - 5:00 PM	All Saints Church		
Grades 6 - 8	6:00 - 7:30 PM	All Saints Church		

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING - On January 6th the All Saints Youth Group invites youth of the parish in grades 6-12 to our annual bowling party. The bowling party will take place from 2-4 pm at Berlin Lanes. If you have any questions please contact Jana Dahms at 361-5252 or jdahms@allsaintsberlin.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS -

The Knights of Columbus are offering two - \$500 scholarships and also one - \$500 'Special Needs Scholarship' to children or grandchildren of a member of our local council who is enrolled in a 4-year college or an accredited technical program.

To Qualify for the 'Special Needs Scholarship, an individual would have to have been previously identified by school district personnel with an educational disability, and has been determined to be in need of or has received in the past special education services to address his or her needs.

We have extended the application period to March 19, 2018. Please call Bob Markofski at 920-376-1296 with any questions you may have or for an application.

24th ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL for the Preborn and their Mothers & Fathers - Friday, January 19, 2018 at historic DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. Free

admission, no tickets required. Catholic Mass at 7:30 AM-doors open at 7:00 AM. March for Life Rally 8:30-10:30 AM. Homilist will be Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life.

MEN'S RETREAT - Join us for this life changing experience on January 18 - 21, 2018 at the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh. A retreat is a very personal and private experience. It's getting in touch with yourself by relaxing your mind, body and spirit that you have probably overworked and burnt out once too often. It's taking the time to reflect on the people and relationships that are important to you; and evaluating what you treasure most in you life. Call Tom Malchetske at 920-229-9925 or Pat Garczynski at 920-361-7219 to make your reservation.

Solemnity of Mary

