THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

We welcome guests celebrating Mass with us this weekend. No matter who you are, or where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome at All Saints Parish. Would you like to join us as an active parishioner? There are registration forms available in the kiosk in the gathering space or you may stop in our parish office anytime Tuesday-Friday from 8:00AM-4:00PM or visit our website: **allsaintsberlin.org** Find **Registration** under **the About Us** tab at the top We are blessed to have you here.

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit to signal the True Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle and is donated in memory of John Klak

Welcome: Ashley Clausen and her son, Morrison, to our parish family at All Saints.

Rest in Peace: Ronald A. Chier whose funeral Mass was held at our church on December 13. May God grant him eternal rest.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!



| SAT 12/14 | 4:30 PM | Verlyn and Bernie Bitney |
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| SUN 12/15 | 7:30 AM | All Saints Family |
| | 10:00 AM | Kathy Baxter |
| MON 12/16 | No Mass | |
| TUES 12/17 | 5:30 PM | Gene Klimke |
| WED 12/18 | 8:00 AM | Aleksander Miladinovic |
| THURS 12/19 | 9:15 AM school | Florence Reed |
| FRI 12/20 | 8:00 AM | Kimberly Parker |
| SAT 12/21 | 4:30 PM | Msgr. Douglas Dushack |
| SUN 12/22 | 7:30 AM | Frank, Genevieve, and Richard Weir |
| | 10:00 AM | All Saints Family |

PARISH PRESS

Friday February 7, 2020 NIGHT 6-9 pm

We are so excited to be an official host

church for this year's Night to Shine,

sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. On one night, hundreds of churches of different denominations from all over the world will come together to celebrate people with special needs! We will also need many volunteers to really make this a night to shine! **Volunteer forms are on the kiosk, and are due by January 1, 2020**. Or you may contact Michelle Wolff at 920-361-5252 or mwolff@allsaintsberlin.org.

Please tell your family and friends about this exciting new event! To learn more and see all the churches that are a part of this worldwide movement, check out www.timtebowfoundation.org

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PARISH BERLIN, WI



EVENTS

BINGO - The kitchen opens at 5:00 PM to serve a light lunch, dessert, and beverages. Bingo begins at 6:30 BINGO Sunday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 PM (CCW) Cakes: Bonnie Lundt, Mary Bonneville Kitchen Workers: Bernadette Krentz, Trevor Krentz NO BINGO on Dec. 22. Bingo will resume Dec. 29.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - We

graciously welcome donations to help defray the cost of bringing the beauty of the season into our worship space. You may place your donation in the weekend collection, mail it to the parish at PO Box 269, or stop by the office.

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS PARISH. . .

December 16 - 22, 2019

| Monday: | Parish Office Closed | |
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| Tuesday: | Rosary - 6:00 PM | |
| | Parish Council - 6:30 PM - meeting room | |
| Wednesday: | TMIY - 5:30 AM - parish hall | |
| | Religious Ed. gr. K-5 - 3:30 - 5:00 PM - church | |
| | Religious Ed. gr. 6-8 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM - church | |
| | Choir Practice - 6:30 PM | |
| Thursday: | ASCS Christmas Concert - 6:30 PM - church | |
| Friday: | Parent's Night Out - 5-8 PM - parish hall | |
| Sunday: | 10:00 Mass - Choir will sing | |
| | NO BINGO | |
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SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are still looking for people who can help with the sidewalks and smaller areas around the church and/or the school. Please call the office if you are able to help with this. Thank you!

OPLATKI - The Christmas wafer is now available in the gathering space for \$1 per envelope. The history of the wafer is on the back of the envelope. Share it with your family and introduce this old custom of breaking and sharing the wafer at your Christmas dinner.

THE COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER will hold a blood drive at All Saints Catholic Church on Sun., Dec. 15, from 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM. The blood drive is open to the public and we welcome new donors. all Nancy at 361-3679 to set up an appointment. Please be sure to drink plenty of fluids and bring identification with you.

BOOKKEEPING - Please note: The parish books will close at 4:00 PM, Friday, Dec. 27, 2019. Please make any contributions that you would like to be included in this year's business before that time. If you plan to make a contribution for 2019 and 2020 at the same time, a separate check for each year is required. Thank you.

SCRIP Cards Make Great Christmas Gifts! Scrip is now offering some lower denomination gift cards, through Christmas. They make great gifts. They do need to be ordered though. Please try to get your order in one week before you are going to need it to ensure you will have it in time. Bad weather can cause some delays. I put my orders in on Monday morning by 9 a.m., and they typically get delivered Wednesday afternoon. To guarantee your order will arrive before Christmas, please have them to me by <u>9 a.m. on Monday, December 16</u>. Thank you! ~Stacy - scrip@allsaintsberlin.org

MOLLIE B TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE - But they are going fast! Make plans now to enjoy an afternoon of live

music and dancing with *SqueezeBox*, featurning Mollie B and Ted Lange on Sunday, May 17, 2020 from 1-5 PM at Clay Lamberton School. Tickets are \$15 in advance and kids under 12 are free with a paid adult. Contact Tom Pionke at 920-290-0984. **Tickets will sell out - so don't wait!**

WE DID IT AGAIN! We loaded the trailer over the top! Thank you to all who generously donated to our Berlin Food Pantry drive. A BIG thank you to the students and staff at ASCS who donated 621 items! That is totally awesome! Food pantry estimated that our donation totaled about 1,600# of grocery items plus cash donations. Thanks to Lawrence Nigbor for the use of his trailer and to Lawrence, Wayne Lundt, and Larry and Ann Budde who helped unload the items at the food pantry.



FULL TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY - FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR - ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PARISH

Education and Experience: Minimum of an Associate's Degree in accounting or finance with experience in budgeting and management experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience with Quickbooks accounting software required. Quickbooks certification preferred. Knowledge of all Microsoft Office Programs. Experience working with social media preferred. Previous experience with non-profit/tax exempt accounting principles desirable. This is a position of high confidentiality. Knowledge of Catholic policies, procedures, and sacraments preferred. To apply please stop by the parish office or email resume and cover letter to Kari Clark at kclark@allsaintsberlin.org.

All Saints Catholic School



Building Saints, Scholars, and Children of God

All Saints Catholic School office hours are Monday through Friday 7:30am - 3:30pm. SCRIP can be purchased at the school office during the week, or after the weekend Masses.

ASCS CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2019 CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Please join us at the parish on the hill on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm. The K-8th grade students of ASCS will perform their musical *Christmas Around The World*, which was written by Mrs. Ahasay and directed by Mrs. Kraft. All are welcome to join. Students should arrive no later than 6:15pm. Guests are asked to arrive no earlier than 6:00pm.

Please keep in mind that the concert is being held inside the church, not the parish hall, so we will be in a sacred place. Father David will remove the Blessed Sacrament before the concert begins, and the alter will be covered. At the end of the concert, Father will return the Blessed Sacrament.

We are excited to present a musical concert in which students will perform speaking parts, singing, solos, playing instruments, sound effects, and stage crew, to represent Christmas Around the World.

Contact Mrs. Dahms or Mrs. Jamie-Lynn Kraft if you have any questions at jdahms@allsaintsberlin.org or jkraft@allsaintsberlin.org. We look forward to seeing everyone!



Parents' Night Out will be on Friday, December 20, from 5 - 8 PM in the All Saints Parish Hall. Parents can drop their children off and enjoy a date night for themselves, or finish up some Christmas shopping. Children will be served a meal and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of indoor activities: games, building with legos and singing and dancing. All Students age 4 through fifth grade are welcome to attend. Cost will be \$10.00 per student / paid at the door. An RSVP is appreciated; please email jhandrich@allsaintsberlin.org 3 days prior to the evening. Older children wishing to attend will not be charged, but will be asked to assist with the younger students. The funds raised will go towards the 8th grade end of year Class Trip and their Gift to the School. Any further questions, please call Julie Handrich, 8th grade homeroom teacher, 920-361-1781 ext. 213

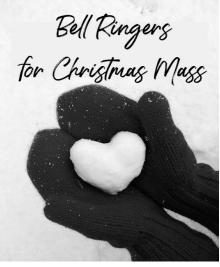
Our Mission Statement:

All Saints Catholic School offers a Christ-centered education that develops the academics, morals, and values needed for students to reach their full potential as children of God. Principal Jana Dahms All Saints Catholic School 151 S. Grove St. Berlin, WI 920-361-1781 https://school.allsaintsberlin.org St ch

FAITH FORMATION

Bell Ringing - Once again this year, we would like have bell ringers for the Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30PM and 7:30PM; and Christmas Day Mass at 10:00AM. At each Mass we would like the bells to be ringing a half hour prior to Mass starting. So we would need families to be here at least 30 minutes prior to Mass starting. We have 20 pairs of red mittens, scarves, and bells so we are hoping to have a group for each Mass to help greet all parishioners by standing at the doors...ringing bells and greeting "Merry Christmas" to all who enter to join us to celebrate the Holy Mass. We will have pews reserved for our bell ringers. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area or find the link on our website to sign up.

Calling all youth!!! On Wednesday, December 18th, All Saints School and Religious Education Programs will be holding choir practice for all those students who wish to participate in the Christmas Eve Children's Mass. Practice will take place at 5:00pm in the social hall. Please contact Michelle Wolff or Jana Dahms with any questions.



Looking ahead to upcoming Mass times for the Holy Days.

| Tuesday, | Christmas Eve Mass and Children's Liturgy 4:30 PM | |
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| December 24 | Christmas Eve Mass & choir concert Mass at 7:30 PM; concert at 7:00 PM | |
| Wednesday, | Christmas Morning Mass | |
| December 25 | 10:00 AM | |
| Tuesday, | Mary, Mother of God (holy day of obligation) | |
| December 31 | Vigil Mass at 4:30 PM | |
| Wednesday, | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (holy day) | |
| January 1 | Mass at 9:00 AM | |

| Looking Way Ahead | |
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| First Holy Communion: | |
| Sunday, April 26 at the 10:00 AM Mass. | |
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<u>Confirmation:</u> Saturday, May 2 at 7:00 PM

Love Begins Here (LBH)

It is hard to believe, but summer is right around the corner and so is LBH! LBH is a youth missionary program that serves those in need - materially and spiritually - in the Madison Diocese. This is the 5th year that All Saints youth have participated LBH . I encourage students grades 6-12 to consider participating. We will also be looking for adults and parents who would like to be lead missionaries and participate on the trip as well! Registration will open on Monday, December 16th. There is information found on the kiosk, discussing the upcoming mission trip. Please contact Michelle Wolff, D.R.E. at mwolff@allsaintsberlin.org or 920-361-5252, with any questions!

High School Week 1

St. Cecilia, Wisconsin Dells June 14 - 19

<u>Middle School Week 1</u> Sts. Bernard and Henry, Watertown June 21 - 24



MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT - at the Jesuit Retreat House, January 16-19, 2020. The retreat begins Thursday with dinner at 7:15pm and ends Sunday after 11:30 AM Mass followed by lunch. Weekend retreats include daily Mass, periods of private reflection, devotions, spiritual direction and Reconciliation and Healing services. Even though the retreats are silent, there is time following the evening meal for recreation and chatter with fellow retreatants. To register or for more information, contact Greg Heiar at 361-4077.

Buildings and Grounds update for All Saints Catholic School:

You may recall, in the January 20, 2019 bulletin, it was announced that members of the Parish Council, Education Commission and Finance Council met in November of 2018 to initiate a collaborative effort to analyze the operations of our Parish School and plan for both immediate and future needs. Four subcommittees were formed to work on Marketing/Enrollment, Fundraising, Technology and Building. The Building subcommittee was given the task of exploring various options for the future of the All Saints Catholic School. Lengthy discussion included such options as:

- 1. Building a new school building on the hill adjacent to the church
- 2. Building an entire new school on the existing site in town
- 3. Building on to the existing school at the existing site

Both option #2 and #3 would include the possibility of having to remove the oratory and erect a multi-purpose building adjacent to the existing school. This would serve as a gym, cafeteria, additional room for music class, fine arts, and a stage for school productions. The committee has asked for estimates and has sent a letter to the city asking if a variance would be needed.

Relying on monies that remain in the original building fund, we would be able to cover the cost of the third option. According to church **and** government law, those dollars in the building fund can only be used for "new building". It cannot be used in other areas or moved to the general parish fund. The monies remaining in the original building fund and any gain realized from investment of these funds has been segregated from other parish funds.

It is important to know that we are ONLY in the planning, talking and thinking stages. **Nothing** has been decided by the steering committee, the councils or Father. These committees were formed to help build our school community and continue our mission of having a Catholic School that is strong both academically and spiritually. We will try to keep you updated as things progress.

| Elizabeth Ann Seton, Patron of Catholic Schools | Pray for us! |
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| Saint Ann, mother of Mary who taught her when a child | |
| Mary, Mother of God who taught Jesus as a child | Pray for us! |

WHAT IS THE PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND? WHY CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND?

The All Saints Congregation Endowment Fund was established December 1, 2017. Thanks to a very generous anonymous donation, Father David and the Finance Council agreed it was the appropriate time for an endowment fund to help ensure the financial future of the entire parish.

The purpose of an endowment fund is to financially sustain the mission and work of a charitable organization. The principal of an endowment fund is kept intact, invested and ONLY THE GAIN on the funds can be used by our parish for financial support. As the fund grows, it can offer an additional stream of income to help pay the expenses! The larger the base amount, the greater the gain that is generated for parish use.

As people created in God's image, but nonetheless mere humans, we all like to see physical things that provide beautiful symbols of our Catholic faith and reminders of our loved ones. When we consider a donation to God's Church we are often moved to provide funds to purchase such memorial treasures. It is pleasing to us to see the result of our efforts. A donation to the Parish Endowment Fund may not provide such "immediate gratification" but it will keep giving long after your initial donation is made.

Hopefully, our parish will always have sufficient funds so we can continue to share our Catholic faith with the generations to come – in our own families and the entire community. We pray our doors will always be open to celebrate Mass and provide the precious gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and to provide each other with support, comfort and friendship.

Please consider the Parish Endowment Fund for memorial gift donations, other special donations above your regular giving or in your estate planning.

Stewardship & Sacraments

Stewardship: Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given

Online Giving Now Available



Online giving is a help to the parish finances especially during the summer when vacations and schedules change. Setting up your Online Giving Account is rather effortless. Fr. David asks us all to ponder signing up. E-Giving Options include your regular weekly offertory, holy day offering, school support, diocesan assessment or any other unrestricted donation. You may designate your donations to any of these funds on your preferred schedule. If you have any questions, call the parish office for assistance 920-361-5252.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

- Little Saints Tuition Assistance Fund
- All Saints Congregation Endowment Fund
- The Berlin Catholic School Endowment Fund, Inc.

Envelopes are available in the kiosk in gathering space or contact the parish office.

Remembering the Parish in your Will

An important way for members of one generation to have a lasting impact on the parish and it's institutions is to make a lump sum bequest, or estate percentage bequest, in one's Will.



Use AmazonSmile to shop and select All Saints Catholic Congregation in Berlin, WI

Baptism

At All Saints Parish, Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays after the 10 am Mass.

Sacraments

All parents who wish to baptize a child are asked to call the Parish Office 920-361-5252 to speak with Father David about scheduling the Baptism.

Baptism for adults is part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA program)

Marriages

Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance. Marriage Preparation courses are required.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the Thursday before the First Friday 2:30-6:30 PM

Communion to the Homebound

All Saints Parish feels that it is important the sick, elderly, and homebound of our parish still receive the Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know is ill or is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist outside of Mass, or would like a visit, please contact the parish office.

Parish Hall Information & Rental

Contact the parish office Phone: 920-361-5252 Email: parishoffice@allsaintsberlin.org