FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 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 the deceased members of the Steckbauer, Yonke, and Trochinski Families.

CORRECTION:

Rest in Peace: Ronald A. Chier, whose funeral Mass was held December 13 at All Saints. May God grant him eternal rest.

Last week's bulletin incorrectly stated Robert Chier. We apologize for this mistake.

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God-is-with-us." ~Matt 1:23

MASS INTENTIONS

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	
MON 12/23	No Mass	No Mass	
TUES 12/24	4:30 PM	Betty Nigbor	
	7:30 PM	All Saints Family	
WED 12/25	10:00 AM	Ken Seaman	
THURS 12/26	No Mass	No Mass	
FRI 12/27	No Mass	No Mass	
SAT 12/28	4:30 PM	All Saints Family	
SUN 12/29	7:30 AM	Clem, Celia, and Sean Nigbor	
	10:00 AM	Paul Krause	

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 NO BINGO on Dec. 22. BINGO Sunday, Dec. 29 at 6:30 PM (KC's) Cakes: Debi Dowen, Bonnie Lundt

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 23 - 29, 2019

Monday:	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday:	Christmas Eve - Parish office closed
	4:30 PM Children's Mass
	7:30 PM Mass - choir to begin at 7:00
Wednesday:	Christmas Day - Parish office closed
-	10:00 AM Mass
Sunday:	10:00 Mass - Choir will sing 6:30 Bingo

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS - The parish office will be closed all day on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25. The office will be open on Thursday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 27 with regular office hours. The office will close at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31 and be closed all day on Wednesday, January 1. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2 with regular office hours.

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.

2020 CALENDARS - are available in the gathering area. Sincerest thanks to John and Cindy Skipchak for once again providing these calendars for our parishioners.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Corporate Communion and Breakfast: We are asking all Knights and their families to join us on Sunday December 29 at the 7:30 AM Mass and then enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast in the parish hall. Pews will be reserved for our group to sit together during Mass. There will be no charge for the breakfast. Please call John Brennan at (920) 279-9265 for breakfast reservations no later than December 26th.

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!

MASS BOOK AND SANCTUARY LAMP Just a reminder, the Mass book for 2020 is open and you are welcome to schedule Masses or the Sanctuary Lamp. Mass stipends are \$10 and the Sanctuary Lamp is \$5 for the week. We do have openings for both in January. You can stop in, call the office, or drop a note in the collection basket.

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!**

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.



Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas!

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.

Last week Father David joined the students at school and read a story as a guest reader. The students have been focusing on literacy the past few months and have enjoyed listening to stories from many guests readers. Students loved listening to Father read a Christmas Story.



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. Since the beginning of school ASCS has been focusing on their theme "Go Green for God." The middle school has been collecting the leftover food at lunch to feed their class pets, the worms. Worms are wonderful creatures. They do so many things that help our soils remain clean and fertile. They're nature's natural recyclers! Pictured are the 6th graders with their worms, and measuring how much compost liquid fertilizer has been collected this month.



Principal Jana Dahms All Saints Catholic School 151 S. Grove St. Berlin, WI 920-361-1781 https://school.allsaintsberlin.org

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.

Bell Ringers for Christmas Mass

Looking Way Ahead <u>First Holy Communion:</u> Sunday, April 26 at the 10:00 AM Mass.

<u>Confirmation:</u> Saturday, May 2 at 7:00 PM

Looking ahead to upcoming Mass times for the Holy Days.

Christmas Morning Mass

Vigil Mass at 4:30 PM

Mass at 9:00 AM

4:30 PM

10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Christmas Eve Mass & choir concert Mass at 7:30 PM; concert at 7:00 PM

Mary, Mother of God (holy day of obligation)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (holy day)

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Tuesday, December 24

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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!

<u>High School Week 1</u>

St. Cecilia, Wisconsin Dells June 14 - 19

Middle School Week 1

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.

SPIRITUS is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Visit www.spiritusministries.org, contact Rachel at recruiter@spiritusministries.org, or (920) 722-8918 x113.

News and Announcements

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.

Caroling for Christ

Saturday, December 14th, members of All Saints Catholic Church & School braved the cold and went Caroling to various places in the Berlin Community. Members, young and seasoned, climbed aboard the organized hay wagons and set out across town to start singing Christmas carols at the Patriot Place. You may have even caught a glimpse of them in the Walmart parking lot as they parked out front to sing a few favorite Christmas tunes. They traveled back across town as they sang "Jingle All the Way", while wrapped in blankets and sipping on hot apple cider and hot chocolate, to sing for the residents at Juliette Manor and Brown Wilcox Home. The Hayride even made a stop and

picked up Father David Greenfield on the way to join in some of the caroling fun. Before they concluded their Caroling for Christ event for the day, they made one last visit to the HeartSong Assisted Living facility to sing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" to the many residents who reside there.







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