

# Growing in the Spirit

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### **Mass Schedule**

Weekends Saturday - 4:30 PM Sunday - 7:30 AM Sunday - 10:00 AM

Sunday 10:00 AM Mass will also be Livestreamed on Facebook and can be viewed later on our website.

> **Reconciliation** Wednesday 4:30-6:30 PM

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### **DECEMBER 27, 2020**

## WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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? Please 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 this week in memory of Ken Seaman

**Rest in Peace**: Patrick Caulfield whose funeral was this past week at Barbola Funeral Chapel. May God grant him eternal rest.

Friday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. Masses for this holy day will be **Thursday, December 31st at 4:30 PM, and Friday, January 1st at 9:00 AM.** The 9:00 AM Mass on Friday will also be livestreamed.

SAT 12/26	4:30 pm	Kimberly Parker
SUN 12/27	7:30 AM	All Saints Family
	10:00 AM	Paul Krause
MON 12/28	No Mass	
TUES 12/29	No Mass	
WED 12/30	No Mass	
THURS 12/31	4:30 PM (holy day)	Tom Markofski
FRI 1/1	9:00 AM (holy day)	Jennifer Gitzel
SAT 1/2	4:30 PM	Joan Hodge
SUN 1/3	7:30 AM	All Saints Family
	10:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Bulchuck & Resop Families

MASS INTENTIONS

# PARISH PRESS

Blessed Christmas & Kappy New Year!

Dear Parishioners of All Saints,

Do you ever find yourself wondering what the dark, narrow streets of Bethlehem really must've been like on that miraculous night, so long ago? Over time, the world has referred to that night in many ways - beautiful, enchanting - even magical. Truth is, it was very likely pretty chilly, the stable floor was the ground itself, and it probably didn't smell so good. Nonetheless, it was a night that changed the course of human history. The Almighty left the heavens to take on human flesh - born of the Virgin. By doing so, he opened doors that you and I would never be able to pass through! The birth of Christ is a sign of the Mercy of the Father. His message shines on our wounded world, consoles the afflicted, and gives hope to the oppressed. May it please God to bring about conversions of hearts in all parts of the world!

As we know, the season and celebration doesn't end with Christmas Day. This year on the Church calendar, Christmas continues until January 10! During that time we will be reminded that another year has ended, and a new one is begun. As we stand on the threshold of **2021** we are reminded that what Scripture says about the "passing of time" is true - every word of it. Three of them stand out to me:

- 1. Time passes more quickly than we think.
- 2. The time to express your love to family and friends is now. Now.
- 3. As mortals, our time is best spent storing up treasure that will matter in the life to come. (Mt. 6:19-21).

When visiting deathbeds, never does a priest hear: "Father, I wish I had spent more time at the office." 😳

Lastly, I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the 30 employees of All Saints Catholic Parish and School. I get to see firsthand, how they put everything they've got into their work. It's obvious to me, that our staff have a love for Christ and his Church! A big thank you to Deacon Jim Hoegemeier (and to the Diocese for giving us his assistance). I feel Deacon is a pleasure to work with, and a blessing to us all. Good work, Deacon Jim! Finally, to all our parishioners- both adult and youth, who help in **any** way: the list is long, and the tasks are varied, but all of them are for the glory of Christ and the good of His Church. God sees your works and may he bless you for it!

# EVENTS

#### **BINGO is BACK!!** Join us for "In-Person" Bingo again this

Sunday, January 3rd in the social hall! Doors open at 5 PM for food and

January 3—CCW Kitchen: ?? Cakes: ??

January 10-KC's Cakes: Debi Dowen, ?

#### THIS WEEK AT **ALL SAINTS PARISH**

#### December 28, 2020 - January 3, 2021

Mon. - Fri.: Parish Office Closed Tuesdav: No Mass Wednesday: No Mass or Confessions 4:30 PM-Mass, Mary Mother of God, holv day Thursday: Friday: 9:00 AM-Mass, Mary Mother of God, holy day Saturday: 4:30 PM Mass 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM Mass Sunday: 6:30 PM - Bingo - parish hall

#### End of Year Bookkeeping and Holiday Office Hours

Our parish office will be closed for a Christmas break beginning at Noon on Christmas Eve and continuing through the week of December 28 - January 1. The office will re-open with regular business hours on Tuesday, January 5th. Office staff will be periodically checking voice mail and email during the week, but please save any nonessential business until the office reopens on January 5th. Thank you and have a blessed Christmas Season!

There will also be NO Masses, Mon.- Wed., Dec. 28-30 and no private confessions Wednesday evening. There will be Mass for the Holy Day, Mary Mother of God on Thursday, Dec. 31 at 4:30 PM and on Friday, Jan 1 at 9:00 ÅM. The weekend Mass schedule will be as usual.

Please note: The last day to make any contributions you would like counted in the 2020 business year is the weekend of Dec. 26 & 27. We will be counting monies received in the collection basket for that weekend, but any donations received after that weekend will be counted in 2021. Thank you!

Donations for Christmas Flowers - You can still make a donation to help defray the cost of bringing the beauty of the season into our worship space. You can place your donation in the weekend collection, drop it in the mail slot, or mail it to PO Box 269. Thank you!

Eucharistic Adoration in January will be on Thursday, January 7. Due to the holiday and Holy Day falling on the first Friday this month, Adoration will be moved to the following Thursday - January 7th from 2:30 - 6:30 PM. Also please note that Adoration will be livestreamed from now on, so if you're not able to be here in person, you can still be here spiritually while spending some quiet time of prayer and meditation at home. You can view the livestream on our Facebook page, the same way you view the Holy Mass.

**Calendars for 2021** - The Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home has been generously providing the parish with religious calendars for many years, and they continue to do so. John and Cindy Skipchak regret that for 2021, their usual, high-quality calendars will not be available due to a pandemic related disruption of the supply chain. They have, however, found a lower quality substitute for now. Calendars are now available to pick up in the gathering space of the Church. Thank you, John & Cindy!

Knights of Columbus Charity Benefit Raffle Tickets now available. Tickets are: 1 for \$5; 3 for \$10; 9 for \$20. All proceeds go to charitable causes including our own church and school. Lots of great prizes including cash prizes. Contact Tom Pionke at 920-290-0984 or Jim Carriveau for more information or to get your tickets.

Box of Joy Thank You - JOY IS ON THE MOVE! Thank you to everyone who blessed a child with a Box of Joy this season. The 146 boxes were delivered to the drop off location (St. Jude's Parish, Oshkosh) and are on their way to precious children in desperate need of a Christmas blessing! Soon, the gifts will arrive at Catholic missions in Haiti, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic, where they will bring hope and happiness to children living in the poorest communities. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with these children.

Ann Budde and Debra Dowen



# All Saints Catholic School Building Saints, Scholars, and Children of God

### What's Happening at All Saints Catholic School

This year, like so many things, All Saints Catholic School was unable to host and in-person Christmas Concert due to the pandemic. In an effort to still bring the students together and hold a program, students in individual classes continued to work on their parts of *Once Upon a Starry Night*. Last week, during specific times, students were all recorded doing their parts, to bring together a video production of our school Christmas program. You can watch the concert at this link: *https://youtu.be/\_d8wnjvK9p0* The link can also be found on our website.

We continue to look forward to the days when we can be together again to share in the moments like the annual Christmas program but our students have learned the importance of being resilient and moving forward during these challenging times. This Christmas season we have continued to keep students engaged and excited, while learning about the coming of Christ, a joyous time of year.





Despite not having the program in person, it is always a wonderful opportunity to share the gift of religious education with our students, just as we did through this year's Christmas play. We hope you are able to access the link and enjoy watching it as much as the All Saints Catholic School students enjoyed presenting it!





# FAITH FORMATION

Our Religious Education Students have been busy this past semester studying and praying together. Our 2nd graders prepared for and received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time, and our older students have been writing letters to some of our homebound parishioners. Our Religious Education students are enjoying a Christmas break and will resume classes again at our regular times on Wednesday, January 6. Wishing you all the joy and peace of Christ. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### SEEKING CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS!



Are you 21-29 years old and love Christ? Do you want to share the faith with others?

SPIRITUS is a missionary team based in Menasha, Wisconsin

- Lead dynamic retreats and parish youth ministry for grades 2-12
- Nine months of service (August-May)
- Receive weekly formation and monthly spiritual direction
- Housing, food, and health insurance is provided in addition to a monthly allowance and \$2,000 upon mission completion

Visit us at www.spiritusministries.org/beamissionary

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/beamissionary, contact Rachel at recruiter@spiritusministries.org, or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.

**Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year** - We have had a few people ask about missalettes for the new year so they can follow along when participating in the Holy Mass at home.

We have decided not to purchase a large quantity of the Breaking Bread missalettes at this time, without knowing if/when we would be able to have them in the pews again. Purchasing a small quantity without the bulk pricing is cost prohibitive. (about \$18 each) So we did not purchase any extra Breaking Bread books for people to have/purchase from us. You can purchase your own copy of Breaking Bread if you'd like; the website is ocp.org.

Another option would be a less expensive missalette, which you can order from Amazon for about \$2. It is called the New St. Joseph Sunday Missal, and has all the Sunday readings for the liturgical year, as well as the other Mass parts and prayers that Father says. Here is the link to Amazon for this book. *https://www.amazon.com/Joseph-Sunday-Missal-Hymnal-American/dp/1947070711* 

**The Rosary** is on WFDL 1170 AM daily at 12:35 p.m. Would you like the Rosary prayed for your special intention, in memory of someone, or a special occasion? This is possible on the Rosary Program. For information, contact Kevin at 262-707-7205 or send your request with donation to KC Radio Rosary, 428 Forest Street, Hartford, WI 53027. Rosary Intentions for the Week of December 27, 2020

The Rosary this week is being Co-sponsored by:

- The Knights of Columbus Unity Council St. Lawrence/ Allenton, being prayed for our Priests and deacons and for the respect for life in all its stages.
- Shepherd of the Hills Parish in Eden, being prayed for Faith, Hope and Love



If you haven't already, check out Bishop Hying's YouTube channel where each day he inspires the faithful with a brief *Moment with the Bishop* video: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2bjxQbqE8m2Bavdf5PiB7sAy5q6jph-y



# **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.



God, we thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen.

Fun Fact Q & A:

Q: Why does Mark put water into the piano from time to time?

A: My pat joke response is, as some of you know, it's like your garden---you water the garden to get the plants to grow. I'm watering the piano to grow a new piano.
Serious answer is, when you look at a piano, you can see that it's mostly wood. Wood dries out over time, especially in the winter. There is a humidifier installed in the piano to keep the wood within an acceptable tolerance of humidity. I'm adding water to keep the system working. If the wood dries out, it warps eventually, and affects the tuning and the structure of the piano if left unchecked.

# Stewardship & Sacraments

### Stewardship: Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given



**Online Giving** GIVE NOW USING Now Available

Online giving is a help to the parish finances especially during the summer when vacations and schedules change. Setting up your Pushpay Giving Account is rather effortless. You can find the bright red link as shown above on our website or app.

Now it's easier than ever! Just scan the QR code on this page and go directly to our PushPay giving portal. 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 its institutions is to make a lump sum bequest, or estate percentage bequest, in one's Will.

### Sacraments

### Baptism

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

All parents who wish to have a child baptized 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.



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### Parish Hall Information & Rental

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



