

Growing in the Spirit





1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



Gilva Linings with Father John

Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent. It is a season meant for preparation. But what exactly are we preparing for?

Two things actually — the celebration of our Savior's birth and the anticipation of His second coming. These are weighty tasks that have eternal consequences. So, let us Christian stewards make the words of

the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths."

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a "perfect" Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church's guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb. But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent.

St. Paul makes this so clear in his letter to the Romans, our second reading today. He instructs, "It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep." And what should we do once awake? We must become like Christ. St. Paul puts it this way: "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh."

Our Lord Himself gives us several powerful images to fix in our minds as we travel through the Advent season. First, He calls to mind for us the image of Noah preparing the ark in the days before the flood. While Noah used his time (and talents) to follow God's instructions in preparation for the coming flood, everyone else around him was "living it up." This is exactly what it can feel like for us as we attempt to focus our time on spiritual matters in the days leading up to Christmas! But when the flood came, those unprepared were carried away by the water while Noah endured unharmed. Jesus warns that this is how it will be at His second coming.

To further illustrate the suddenness with which He will return, Jesus describes it as two men out in a field. One man gets taken while the other is spared; and as two women grinding at a mill, one taken, the other spared. Then he describes his return as a thief in the night, certainly the image of a sudden and unexpected event. "Therefore, stay awake!" He implores, adding, "So, too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, Son of Man will come."

How can we Christian stewards prepare ourselves and our families for a holy celebration of Jesus' birth on Dec. 25 and for his certain second coming at a date we do not know? We can push back against the world's pressure to have the "perfect Christmas." Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, and the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for spiritual preparation: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, performing acts of kindness.

It may feel like a mountain climb, but in the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again. Let's go climb the Lord's mountain!



Eucharistic Adoration

All Saints Church has Adoration every Wednesday from 8:30am—3:30pm. *We invite anyone who has time to stop in for a visit with our Eucharistic Lord.*

Can you commit to 30 minutes or more once a week on Wednesdays? Please sign up in the gathering space, see Sr. Michaeleen or call the office. The new schedule goes until January 25, and time slots are now in half-hour increments. Even if you are not signed up, you are welcome to come any time, for any amount of time, whether it's an hour or only a few minutes.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

Saturday, November 26

4:30 pm All Saints (Fr. J) - Shirley Frost †

5:00 pm Our Lady (Fr. T) - Our Lady Parish Family

Sunday, November 27

7:30 am All Saints (Fr. J) - All Saints Parish Family

8:00 am Our Lady (Fr. T) - Pat Green †

10:00 am All Saints (Fr. J) - Don Seaman †

Monday, November 28 - No Mass

Tuesday, November 29

4:00 pm Our Lady –David Meier †

5:15 pm All Saints - Dick Doro †

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 am Our Lady - Heather Benesh †

8:00 am All Saints - Marge Lesniak †

Thursday, December 1

8:00 am Our Lady – Nolan Wallenfang †

9:15 am All Saints – Norbert Piotrowski †

Friday, December 2

8:00 am Our Lady – Earl & Mary Laneri †

8:00 am - All Saints – Anthony Dolata, Jr. †

Saturday, December 3

8:00am Our Lady - Norene Seaman †

4:30pm All Saints (Fr. T) - All Saints Parish Family

5:00pm Our Lady - (Fr. J) - Cindy Mullowney †

Sunday, December 4

7:30 am All Saints (Fr. T) - Dorri Engebretson †

8:00 am Our Lady (Fr. J) - Our Lady Parish Family

10:00 am All Saints (Fr. T) - Dec'd members of the Petit & Briski Families †

Care & Prayer Ministry

If you or a loved one are ill or unable to come to church, please let us know. We would be happy to pray for you and bring Holy Communion. Many assisted living places and hospitals do not let us know when you are there, so please call us. We want to be able to support you.

Did you know? We also have a prayer circle for both parishes with people who pray each week for those on our list. If you or someone you know would like to be added to that list to be prayed for, or if you would be interested in being a pray-er, contact the All Saints Parish office at 920-361-5252. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

Saturday December 3	All Saints 4:30 pm	Our Lady 5:00 pm
Lector	Joel Spaulding	Jim Mueller
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe & Ginni Hoinacki	Betty Rowley
Ushers		Dan & Tina Ciukaj
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Sunday December 4	All Saints 7:30 am	Our Lady 8:00 am
Lector	Mary Seaman	Bobbie Erdmann
Eucharistic Ministers	Faye Grover Patti Trochinski	Robin Wallenfang
Ushers		David & Nancy Chikowski

Sunday
December 4All Saints
10:00 amLectorKristin Gonyo

Eucharistic Ministers | Mary Jo Miller, Donna Schroeder

MEMORIAL LIGHTS FOR THIS WEEK

All Saints Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Deceased Members of the Steve Strebelinski Family



UPCOMING EVENTS

TMIY - Wed 11/30 - 5:30am - All Saints social hall
Religious Ed - Wed 11/30 - All Saints - 3:30pm & 6pm
Choir Practice - Wed 11/30 - 7pm - All Saints choir rm
Bible Study - Thur. 12/1 - 8:45am & 6pm - Our Lady
Ladies Night Out - Thur. 12/1 - 5:30pm - All Saints
BINGO - Sun. 12/4 - 6:30pm - All Saints social hall
Pro-Life Rosary - Mon. 12/5 - 5:30pm - frontage road outside PlannedParenthood - Oshkosh

Christmas Flower Donations are gratefully accepted at either church. Donations can be made in honor or memory of a loved one, or just to help defray the cost of bringing the beauty of the season into our worship space. Donations can be dropped in the collection basket or sent to either parish office. Thank you!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



BINGO! Join us for Bingo on Sunday evenings. Doors open at 5 PM for food and refreshments. Bingo begins at 6:30. Nov. 27 - KC's Cakes: Janet Lambert, Shirley McCarthy Dec. 4 - CCW Cakes: Leanne Hansen, Julie Ottman

Kitchen: Julie Ottman, Anita Youngbauer

All Saints Angel Tree Program

This year we are partnering with the Boy's and Girl's Club in sponsoring a family with four children who need some Christmas cheer and giving. The Angel Tree will be set up in the church gathering space next week. On each angel tag there will be information regarding one of the children, and what they are asking for. We ask that if you take a tag, to



please return the gift wrapped with the angel tag by December 2nd to the church. We are also looking to put a food basket together, so the family can enjoy Christmas dinner together. If you are interested in donating please contact the All Saints parish office.

Giving Tuesday—Each year, nonprofits, small businesses, corporations, schools, and faith-based organizations celebrate this global day of giving. This GivingTuesday, which falls on November 29th, 2022, we encourage and ask you to consider giving back locally to your own All Saints Catholic Church & School. You can mail any Giving Tuesday general donations for our church or school to our All Saints Catholic Church address: P.O. Box 269, Berlin WI 54923 You may include a note with your donation to specify if

you wish to have your donation go to the Little Saints Fund, The All Saints Endowment Fund, The General Operating Fund or the New School Capital Campaign Fund (Which will be matched as part of the generous \$2M matching gift) Or you may give online through our giving link: https://pushpay.com/g/allsaintsberlin Simply select GIVE ONE TIME, enter your donation amount and select from any of the funds from the drop down box you wish to donate to. We appreciate your generosity and support of All Saints Catholic Church & School. #BeTheGive #GivingTuesday #GiveBack #ShareYourTalentsWithAllSaints

Baptisms - Ovidio Ricardo and Camila Rose Adame, children of Adam and Hailey (Prachel) Adame were baptized at All Saints Church on November 19. We welcome them and ask God to bless them and their family.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors at All Saints We'll soon be putting together the schedule for Jan-Feb-Mar. This schedule will also include Ash Wedndesday (Feb. 22). Please check your schedules and let the office know of any preferences or conflicts by Dec. 9. Not on the schedule but interested in becoming a weekend lector or minister? Contact Sr. Michaeleen or the church office. Training is necessary for those starting in either of these ministries. Thank you!

Mollie B will be back in Berlin on May 21st, 2023! Tickets are now available by contacting Tom Pionke at 920-290-0984. Tickets make great Christmas presents!

"Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs are available for sale for \$5 each through the Knights of Columbus. Contact Tom Pionke, 920-290-0984 to purchase a sign.

End of Year Bookkeeping Notes - It's hard to believe but the end of the year is only about a month away! There is still time to make any contributions that you would like counted in the 2022 business year. Please make sure any All Saints contributions get to the office by Wed. Dec. 28th. Our Lady of the Lake contributions need to be received or postmarked by Dec. 31st.

Another thing to consider: Congress has made permanent the IRA Charitable Rollover. If you are 701/2 years old or older, you can make a charitable gift up to \$100,000 from your IRA. Your gift will qualify for your required minimum distribution and you will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given directly from your IRA to charity. Please consider such a gift to your parish.

Oplatki – The blessed Christmas Wafer, will be available in the gathering space at our church beginning Sunday, Nov. 27, the first Sunday of Advent. There is a complete story of this tradition on the back of each envelope of wafers to share with your family. Purchase an envelope of 2 wafers for \$1 in the gathering space. Cash or a check to CCW (Council of Catholic Women) would be fine. Glory to God in the Highest & Peace to all God's People on Earth.

All Saints Capital Campaign		Up to \$2 <i>MII</i>	LION MATCH	SAINTS
\$ 8,285,536.70 raised as of	Pledged-	\$1,099,794		Contraction 1
As of November 21, 2022!	Matching Pledge-	<u>\$1,099,794</u>	Matching Pledge Goal-	\$2,000,000
Thank you for your generosity!	Matching Pledge Total	\$2,199,588	Left to Match-	\$ 900,206

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND FAITH FORMATION

Save the Date! Bishop Hying is traveling the Diocese of Madison this spring to preach kerygmatic missions, helping people rediscover the life-changing message of the Gospel. In most instances, his talk begins each evening at 7:00pm and is preceded by a holy hour. All Saints will be hosting Bishop Hying January 22-24th, 2023. Please mark your calendars to attend one or both days of the parish missions event. Stay tuned for more information regarding times in the bulletin as we get closer to the date.

From Mass to the Mountain Movie Screening - This is a free event December 2, at 6:00 pm (Friday night), at the Marcus Campus Theater in Ripon, thanks to an awesome sponsor. This documentary follows the work and mission of Fr. Wally in eastern Panama. We understand not all will be able to attend in person so it will also be made available all of the Dec. 2nd weekend through a virtual event. Here is the link for the virtual event: <u>https://freelandvirtualfestival.eventive.org/</u> Please feel free to share this link with friends and family, too! It's full of wonderful and inspirational stories that we know you will enjoy. We hope to see you there in person or online.

Behald!

Ladies of All Saints and Our Lady of the Lake, Please join us on Thursday, Dec. 1 for a Ladies' Night Out at All Saints.

> The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. there will be a Holy Hour and Meditation with Fr. Andrew presiding Followed by faith, fun and fellowship in the social hall.



4th Grade students at All Saints Catholic School met with area veterans earlier in the month to learn about their experience in the military.

Looking ahead to December

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Thursday, December 8. There are several Mass times for this holy day of obligation:

Wed. 12/7 - 6:00 pm at both All Saints AND Our Lady

Thur. 12/8 - 8:00 am at Our Lady,

Thur. 12/8 - 9:15 am and 6:00 pm at All Saints.

Communal Penance Services will be held at All Saints Church on Wednesday, December 14th at 1:00, 4:00, and 6:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend any one of the services.

All Saints Catholic School Annual Christmas

Program will be held on Wednesday, December 21 at All Saints Catholic Church. Please join us for a delightful performance by students in grades K-8. The program will be held in the Church and will begin at 6:00 pm; doors open at 5:30. Everyone is welcome to attend!

*Weekly Envelope Ge	
Difference	(- \$ 1,786.20)
Envelope YTD Goal:	\$ 292,000.00
Actual YTD Total:	\$ 258,369.25
Difference:	(-\$ 33,630.75)

Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God! To Parish5-8% To Diocese1%

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

To Charities.....1-4%

Would you prayerfully consider treating All Saints / Our Lady of the Lake as one of your children in your will/estate planning? Call your Parish Office for details.

OUR	LADY	of the	LAKE	(week 20)

*Weekly Envelope Go		\$3,890	.00
Actual Weekly Offerto	ry	\$3,119	.00
Difference	-	(-\$771.	00)
Envelope YTD Goal:	\$77,	800.00	
Actual YTD Total:	\$78,	805.84	
Difference:	+ \$1	,005.84	

* Envelopes can be dropped off at either Parish The Parish's expected increased income flow revolves around Christmas and Easter time.





Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church



530 Ruth Street Green Lake, WI 54941

ESTABLISHED 1908

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 8:00 AM

OLOL OFFICES

Rectory/Parish Office	
Parish Secretary	Robin Wallenfang
(Monday and Tuesday 8:30 AM	- 12:30 PM)
Parish Email	OLGLCatholic@gmail.com
Website	https://www.olol.center

All Saints Catholic **Church and Regional School**

Pastoral Council Chair	Nathan Polcyn
Finance Council Chair	Rita Thrasher
Financial Secretary	Betty Rowley
Building & Grounds	Hal Pohlman
Music Director	Erin Mueller
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ESTABLISHED 1870

ALL SAINTS MASS: Saturday 4:30 PM & Sunday 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

ALL SAINTS OFFICES

Office/School	151 S. Grove Street, Berlin, WI 54923
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Office Hours	Tuesday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM
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ALL SAINTS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Office 920-361-1781

School Website https://allsaintsberlin.org/catholic-school School Principal Jana Dahms

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SCHEDULING EVENTS

All parish activities or meetings need to be scheduled on the parish calendar. Please call the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday - Noon

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our parish family. Please stop by or call the parish office for information about registering as parish members.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

We are happy to bring the Holy Communion to those confined to their homes. Please notify the parish office.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION/ADORATION

All Saints Confession: Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:30 AM Tuesday: 5:45-6:15 PM Wednesday: 5:45-6:45 PM

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday: 5:45-6:45 PM Wednesday: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM Our Lady of the Lake Confession: Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 7:30 AM Friday: 8:30-9:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday: 8:30-9:30 AM

Communal Penance Celebrations are scheduled during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

BAPTISM

Baptism dates are arranged through the parish offices. First time parents are required to attend baptism preparation program before the baptism of their child. Please call the parish office for more information.

MARRIAGE

To Schedule a wedding date, call the parish office. The common policy of the Diocese of Madison requires a 6-month minimum notice. We strongly recommend at least one year in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to arrange individual celebrations.

ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERY