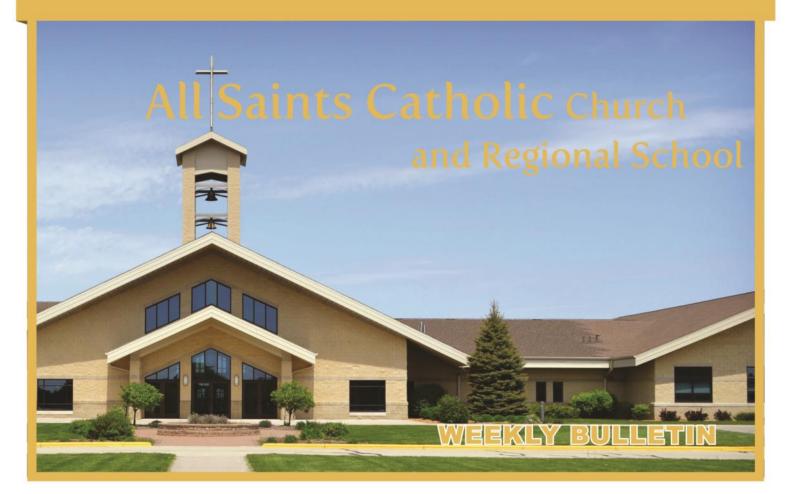


# Growing in the Spirit



### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

## **JANUARY 1, 2023**



Gilva Linings with Father John

Today is a double feast so to speak, but the two feasts are closely associated. This is the Octave Day of Christmas, or the eighth day of Christmas. It always falls exactly one week after Christmas Day; Christmas

Day is of course the first day, and then when we count to eight, we have today. "Octaves" have been celebrated in the Church in relation to Holy days and feasts almost from the very beginnings of the Church.

However, today is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In Jewish tradition a male child was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. On that same day the child was officially given his name. Thus, it was on this day that the Lord received the name Jesus. The third connection of these two liturgical celebrations is the addition of calling our Blessed Mother the Mother of God. Among Vatican II documents it is clearly stated, "Clearly from earliest times the Blessed Virgin is honored under the title of Mother of God."

This feast is naturally a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. It stems from the Greek word theotokos that translates as "She who gave birth to God." That title was adopted at the First Council of Ephesus, held in the summer of 431 AD. Ephesus is in present day Turkey, and this was a gathering of Bishops; the Nicene Creed is another product of that Council.

Our First Reading from the Book of Numbers is familiar to most of us because of its inclusion of the prayer of Aaron that we may have experienced often within our lives as Catholics and Christians. Stewardship helps us understand and appreciate that we are gifted by God. What greater gift can we have beyond "The Lord let His face shine upon you"? To be aware that God may look upon us and be pleased, not because of who we are or what we may have done, but because we are in Jesus Christ, might be the largest source of peace and power in our lives. However, we need to realize that, and we need to live our lives as that is the reality.

Three times within this blessing we hear "The Lord." In the first it is God the Father who blesses His children; then it is God the Son whose face shines upon us and brings us grace; finally, it is God the Holy Spirit who communicates to us the feelings of God, and Who gives us peace as a result. There are no accidents in Scripture, and this threefold blessing from our three Gods in One is no accident either.

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, our Second Reading, Paul states "God sent His Son, born of a woman." That simple statement ties together with today's feasts as well as to the initial reading and the Gospel message. Jesus came not just as God's Son, but also as one born to a woman. Being "born of a woman" is a somewhat veiled confirmation of our belief in a virgin birth represented by the Immaculate Conception. Although Jesus called Himself consistently the Son of Man, Paul never states that Christ was born of a man and a woman. He was born of a woman with God as the Father. Paul, too, seems to confirm that Mary is truly the Mother of God.

Everything we celebrate today is brought to completion and to coordination by the Gospel Reading from St. Luke. As is often the case in these reflections, this reading is so rich in content and meaning there is no way we can truly do it justice in this short space. However, focusing on a specific statement within it often helps us explain it. It is the last few verses that put it all together: "When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by an angel before he was conceived in the womb." There we find the Octave of Christmas (eight days) and the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother of God.

The next verse from Luke speaks to "When the days were completed for their purification"... What a strong reference to the Octave of Christmas as well as to the Motherhood of God by Mary. It does not say "his" purification, but "their" purification. Mary, the Mother of God, and Jesus, the Son of God, were both pure.

#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

### Saturday, December 31

4:30 pm All Saints (Fr. T) - Dec'd members of the Pribnow Family †

5:00 pm Our Lady (Fr. A) - Mary Ann Sondalle †

#### Sunday, January 1

7:30 am All Saints (Fr. T) - Alan Daus † 8:00 am Our Lady (Fr. A) - Our Lady Parish Family

10:00 am All Saints (Fr. T) - All Saints Parish Family

#### Monday, January 2 - No Mass

#### Tuesday, January 3

4:00 pm Our Lady – Patricia Green †

5:15 pm All Saints - SI for the Kurczek Family

#### Wednesday, January 4

8:00 am Our Lady - Jeanette Brenner †

8:00 am All Saints - Fredrick Warnecke †

#### Thursday, January 5

8:00 am Our Lady - Norene Seaman †

9:15 am All Saints - Debbie Barnes †

#### Friday, January 6

8:00 am Our Lady – Sr. Thomasita Fessler †

8:00 am All Saints - Tom Brotske †

#### Saturday, January 7

8:00 am Our Lady - David Meier †

4:30 pm All Saints - (Fr. J) - Judy Wehner †

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

#### Sunday, January 8

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

8:00 am Our Lady (Fr. T) - Judy Egbert †

10:00 am All Saints (Fr. J) - Jane Bartol †

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

All Saints Church has Adoration on Wednesdays 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 through 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.

"And behold, **I am with you always**, until the end of the age." Matt 28:20

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

Saturday Jan. 7	All Saints 4:30 pm		Our Lady 5:00 pm
Lector	Carol Wa	all	Bill Riebe
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe & Ginni Hoinacki		Shirley Patin
Ushers			Dave & Pam Nawrocki
Sunday Jan. 8	All Saints 7:30 am		Our Lady 8:00 am
Lector	Tom Barnowske		Mark Kramer
Eucharistic Ministers	Dirk & Deena Verheyen		Dennis Green
Ushers			David & Nancy Chikowski
Sunday Jan. 8		All Saints 10:00 am	
Lector		Bob Markofski	
Eucharistic Ministers		Bridget Garczynski, Cindy Wiegel	
MEMO			

#### **MEMORIAL LIGHTS FOR THIS WEEK**

All Saints Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Leonard Reetz Our Lady Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Sandra Walker

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Pro-Life Rosary** - Mon. 1/2 - 5:30 pm - frontage road outside the PlannedParenthood facility - Oshkosh

NO CCW meeting in January

KC Officers - Tue. 1/3 - 6:00pm - All Saints meeting rm

Bingo - Sun. 1/8 - 6:30 pm - All Saints social hall

**TMIY (That Man is You)** resumes Wed. 1/11 - 5:30 am All Saints social hall. New participants are always welcome!

**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 February 5-7, 2023. Please mark your calendars to attend one or both days of the parish missions event. Stay tuned for more information regarding times as the date gets closer.

### **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.

Jan. 1 - KC's Cakes: Bonnie Lundt, Ruth Jodarski Jan. 8 - CCW Cakes: Sue Koch, Gloria Lichtfuss Kitchen: Sue Koch, Gloria Lichtfuss

Baby Jesus Shower - Our CCW, in conjunction with Green Lake County-WI Right to Life, will once again collecting baby items for area agencies that help needy families to care for their babies. Look for bassinets to be set up at the entrance to All Saints Church in the upcoming week for you to leave your donation. Thank you in advance for supporting families who have chosen to bring their babies into this world and need a little help in meeting all of their needs. God bless you for sharing your good fortune with those who need a little help.

#### For Your Marriage

- Yee-Haw!! Callin' all married couples to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter SQUARE DANCE on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 in St. Ann's gym (323 N Van Buren, Stoughton). Potluck dinner (no nut/peanuts please) followed by 2 hours of guided square dancing by an official Square Dance Caller. We will learn as we go, so if you're up to learning something new, enjoying a lot of laughs and getting your heart pumping, this will be a night y'all will remember! There is no cost to attend but free-will donations accepted. Registration is requested but not required (Amy & Jim @ 608-215-5197 or awollangk17@gmail.com)
- Retrouvaille Weekend Is your marriage coming apart? Does separation and divorce seem inevitable? There is hope. Madison Area Retrouvaille is a ministry for struggling marriages. Couples have rediscovered each other and their marriages through this program. A Retrouvaille program is scheduled January 27-29, in Green Lake, WI. Visit www.helpourmarriage.orf for more information and/or for registration.

#### **Registration for Camp Gray 2023!**

Summer Camp 2023 is going to be our best summer yet! Registration will open on January 24th for returning campers (and those who were on the 2021 & 2022 waitlist) and January 25th for the general public.

Start Planning Now by Checking Out the Session Chart! https://campgray.com/summer-camp/session-chart-2/

Welcome! David & Samantha Keran to our All Saints Parish Family. We are blessed to have you!

**Rest in Peace -** William Greening who was buried from All Saints Church recently. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

#### All Saints Regional Catholic School and Religious **Education Center Building Update**



Progress continues to be made on our future All Saints **Regional Catholic School and Religious Education** Center. Interior stud walls are going up, and masons are beginning to work on exterior block walls. Thank you to all those who have supported and made generous donations towards the building project!

• Knights of Columbus Scholarships - The Knights of Columbus, Berlin Council 1547, are offering two \$1000 scholarships and also one \$1000 special needs scholarship to children or grandchildren of a member of our local council, who proves enrollment in a 4 year college or accredited technical program. To qualify for the special needs scholarship, an individual would have had to previously been identified by school district personnel with an educational disability and determined to be in need of, or has received past educational services to address his or her needs. Any qualified student in the Berlin Area School District may apply for the special needs scholarship. Applications must be submitted by March 30. Please call Bob Markofski at 920-376-1296 with any questions you may have or for an application.

Mollie B will be back in Berlin on May 21st, 2023! Food and beverages will also be available along with a charity raffle drawing. Tickets are available now by contacting Tom Pionke at 920-290-0984.

All Saints Capital Campaign		Up to \$2 <i>MI</i>	LLION MATCH	SAINIS
\$8,407,850 raised as of As of December 27, 2022!	Pledged-	\$1,161,128		Contracts B
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Thank you for your generosity!	Matching Pledge Tot	al \$2,322,256	Left to Match-	\$838,872

### ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND FAITH FORMATION

Jesus is the reason for the season! We are so proud of the All Saints Catholic School students for the fantastic job they did with their Christmas program! Thank you to Jamie-Lynn Kraft, our amazing music teacher, who led our students in a beautiful Christmas program, and thank you to the more than 500 people who came out to support our

students and enjoy the event. For those of you who missed it, you can view a recording by going to our Facebook page, or by following this link: https://fb.watch/hGSHRnyRe9/









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ALL SAINTS (week 2	25)
*Weekly Envelope G	oal \$14,600.00
Actual Weekly Offerto	ory \$17,283.96
Difference	\$ 2,683.96
Envelope YTD Goal:	\$ 365,000.00
Actual YTD Total:	<u>\$ 333,631.85</u>
Difference:	(-\$ 31,368.15)

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God! To Parish ......5-8% To Diocese ......1% 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 25)

*Weekly Envelope Go	oal \$3,890.00
Actual Weekly Offerto	ory \$3,783.00
Difference	( -\$ 107.00)
Envelope YTD Goal:	\$97,250.00
Actual YTD Total:	<u>\$97,409.34</u>
Difference:	\$ 159.34

\* 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
+	emueller@allsaintsberlin.org

#### N8566 State Road 49 P.O. Box 269 Berlin, WI 54923

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
Parish Office	
Office Hours	Tuesday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM
Parish Email	parishoffice@allsaintsberlin.org

ALL SAINTS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Office ...... 920-361-1781

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

#### Website ..... allsaintsberlin.org Parish Advisory Council Co-President ...... Amy Wenig Parish Advisory Council Co-President ...... Cathy Hargrave Finance Council President ...... Wendy Seaman

Sexton: David LaBuda ...... (cell) 920-290-2581

#### ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY

Sexton: Roger Mayo ...... 920-361-6161

#### JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

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Father John A. Silva 920-294-6440/920-361-5252

#### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Anthony Thirumalareddy 920-294-6440/920-361-5252

**Director of Religious Ed.** Michelle Wolff 920-361-5252 mwolff@allsaintsberlin.org

#### 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