

# Growing in the Spirit





## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### **DECEMBER 4, 2022**



Gilva Linings with Father John

As we begin the second week of Advent, let us recall our motto for this season: we are climbing God's holy mountain. Our readings inspire us and help us focus for this journey toward holiness.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah continues the theme of a journey towards the holy mountain, the Kingdom of God. The prophet gives us a beautiful glimpse of this mountain,

where Christ will reign forever. It will be a place of peace, justice, and harmony among all God's creatures. "There shall be no harm or ruin in all my holy mountain... [This] dwelling shall be glorious."

Our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, encourages us to focus our preparation in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." How has Christ welcomed us? By becoming one of us through His incarnation, one with us through the Eucharist, and freeing us from our sins through His death and resurrection so that we can finally live with him for all eternity in Heaven.

The idea of welcoming others as Christ welcomes us is the essence of Christian hospitality. This kind of hospitality involves seeing people as God sees them and being ready to invite others into our lives whenever and however God asks; it is an attitude we take with us wherever we go, whether at home, at the parish, or out and about at work, school, or in the community. This kind of hospitality is a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist in our Gospel passage from Matthew. John has the honor of preparing the people for the arrival of the Savior and the coming of the Kingdom of God. His words apply just as much to us in our own Advent preparations today. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Though it may not seem obvious at first, there is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality. By recognizing and repenting of our sins, we become aware of our need for a Savior and his great mercy towards us. With this awareness and the gratitude to God that comes with it, we are freed to see the good in others and welcome them into our lives just as Christ has welcomed us.

How can we put all of this into action? How can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent and then make it a regular part of our "Ordinary Time" too. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. We climb farther up God's holy mountain and attract others to join us on the path toward holiness. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.



#### **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. We especially need people from 2-3 pm. 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, December 3

8:00am Our Lady - Norene Seaman †

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

5:00 pm 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 †

#### Monday, December 5 - No Mass

#### Tuesday, December 6

4:00 pm Our Lady – Nolan Wallenfang †

5:15 pm All Saints - Gordon & Margaret Jodarski †

#### Wednesday, December 7

8:00 am Our Lady - Jeanette Brenner †

8:00 am All Saints - Frederick Warnecke †

6:00 pm Our Lady (I.C. Vigil) - Pat Green †

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#### Thursday, December 8—Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Our Lady - Judy Egbert †

9:15 am All Saints – All Saints Parish Family

6:00 pm All Saints - Jean Chier and Jane Bartol †

#### Friday, December 9

8:00 am Our Lady – David Meier †

8:00 am - All Saints – David Marvin †

#### Saturday, December 10

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

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

#### Sunday, December 11

7:30 am All Saints (Fr. J) - Jack Pierce †

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

10:00 am All Saints (Fr. J) - Kathy Baxter †

#### December 8 is The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On this feast day, we reflect on the conception of Mary (not Jesus!) We believe Mary to be free from sin since the moment of her conception, hence, the Immaculate Conception. 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.

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

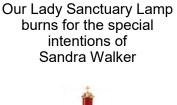
Saturday December 10	All Saints 4:30 pm	Our Lady 5:00 pm
Lector	Sr. Michaeleen	Betty Rowley
Eucharistic Ministers	Ed & Linda Marks	Amy Polcyn
Ushers		Chip & Rhonda
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Sunday December 11	All Saints 7:30 am	Our Lady 8:00 am
Lector	Gerene Bartol	Bill Riebe
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe & Bev Van Ryzin	Nancy Chikowski
Ushers		Dennis Green John Roesch, Jr.

Sunday December 11	All Saints 10:00 am
Lector	Students
Eucharistic Ministers	Julie Olson, Julie Ottman

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

All Saints Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Bob & Elaine Heiar



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CCW - Mon 12/5 - 5:30pm - All Saints social hall KC's Officers - Tue 12/6 6:00pm - All Saints mtg room TMIY - Wed 12/7 - 5:30am - All Saints social hall Religious Ed - Wed 12/7 - All Saints - 3:30pm & 6pm Choir Practice - Wed 12/7 - 7pm - All Saints choir rm Bible Study - Thur. 12/8 - 8:45am & 6pm - Our Lady Confirmation Class - Sun 12/11 - 8am-noon - All Saints BINGO - Sun. 12/11 - 6:30pm - All Saints social hall

**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.

<u>Nov. 27 - KC's</u> Cakes: Janet Lambert, Shirley McCarthy <u>Dec. 4 - CCW</u> Cakes: Leanne Hansen, Julie Ottman Kitchen: Julie Ottman, Anita Youngbauer

#### Our Lady of the Lake Angel Tree Program

<u>The Angel Tree at Our Lady of the</u> <u>Lake</u> supports the Green Lake County Health and Human Services. Tags on the tree have specific requests for a child or family. Please take an angel from the tree, buy the gift requested on the angel, and attach it to the unwrapped gift. Please return the gift by December 9th. Thank you for



making Christmas a joy for others in your community.

If you took a tag from the <u>Angel Tree at All Saints</u>, please return the gift wrapped with the angel tag <u>no</u> <u>later than Tuesday</u>, <u>12/6!</u> We are also putting a food basket together for the family, so if you are interested in donating please do so by Tuesday. Thank you!

The Worldwide Women's Rosary is on Thursday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This worldwide rosary (25 countries are participating) is held to express the search for peace that only God can give, and the firm conviction that every person is equal in dignity. The rosary is prayed to publicly unite women in defense of churches, life, motherhood, the family and to proudly say to the whole world that "We are daughters of the Blessed Virgin Mary and we want to follow her example." Please join the women of All Saints and Our Lady 30 minutes before each Mass for the rosary on this Feast day of Our Blessed Mother Mary.

**Next Weekend! Bless Our Priests Collection** for Diocesan Retired Priests - Please take advantage of this opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our diocese by helping provide for their retirement needs. Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us! Thank you.

**Soul Food** - All Saints will host Soul Food at Grace Lutheran Church on Thurs. Dec. 8. Please sign up in the gathering space if you can provide a dessert. **Baptisms -** Clay James Lehr, son of Cole and Kristie (Murkley) Lehr was baptized at All Saints Church on November 26. We welcome this child and ask God to bless him and his 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 Wednesday (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 <u>All Saints</u> 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 70½ 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, is available in the gathering space at All Saints Church. As we share the holy wafer with one another at our Christmas meal, we offer forgiveness to each other for all the wrongs we have committed, as Christ forgives us. 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.)

All Saints Capital Campaign		Up to \$2 <i>MI</i>	ILLION MATCH	SAIL
\$ 8,286,780.70 raised as of	Pledged-	\$1,100,538		CANTRAL CONTRACT
As of November 29, 2022!	Matching Pledge-	<u>\$1,100,538</u>	Matching Pledge	Goal- \$2,000,000
Thank you for your generosity!	Matching Pledge Tot	al \$2,201,076	Left to Match-	\$ 899,462

### **ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL** AND FAITH FORMATION



#### Looking Ahead

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!

#### Christmas Eve and Christmas Mass Times:

Saturday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve 3:45 pm - All Saints Christmas Pageant 4:00 pm - All Saints Children's Mass 5:00 pm - Our Lady of the Lake Mass 9:00 pm - All Saints Choir Prelude 9:30 pm - All Saints Mass

Sunday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Morning 8:00 am - Our Lady of the Lake Mass 9:00 am - All Saints Choir Prelude 9:30 am - All Saints Mass

#### All Saints Gear makes great gifts!

Looking for a Christmas present for a student or just want to support the school? Pick up gear at the school.

> Adult Hoodies - \$25 Youth Hoodies - \$20 \*\*\*\*youth hoodies have not arrived yet\*\*\*\* Adult Crewneck - \$20 Youth Crewneck - \$15 Hats - \$10 Drawstring Bag - \$10

Another gift idea to benefit the school: Suzie Mashuda, Pampered Chef consultant is hosting an online party. www.pamperedchef.com/party/ ascsfundraiser1114 .She is donating all her commission from this online event to All Saints Catholic School! If you would like to order by looking at a paper copy, please reach out to an All Saints Catholic School student or family.

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 as the date gets closer.

TEC Retreat Coming to St. Dennis Madison: Wed., Dec. 28 (noon)- Fri., Dec 30 (ends 3:30). TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is especially designed to help us grow in our love for Christ and our Holy Catholic Church. It is an amazing experience for the young at heart who are 15 years of age or older. Regardless of your present walk in our Catholic Faith, you will be rejuvenated. More information can be found at www.MadisonDiocese.org/ TEC or contacting Marie Lins at 608.821.3135.

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

#### ALL SAINTS (week 21)

Difference:

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*Weekly Envelope Goal		\$14,600.00
Actual Weekly Offertory		<u>\$10,359.35</u>
Difference	-	(- \$4,240.65)
Envelope YTD Goal:	\$	306,600.00
Actual YTD Total:	\$ 2	268,728.60

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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 21)

*Weekly Envelope G Actual Weekly Offert Difference	
Envelope YTD Goal:	\$81,690.00
Actual YTD Total:	<u>\$82,346.34</u>
Difference:	+ \$ 656.34

\* 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

#### PASTOR

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