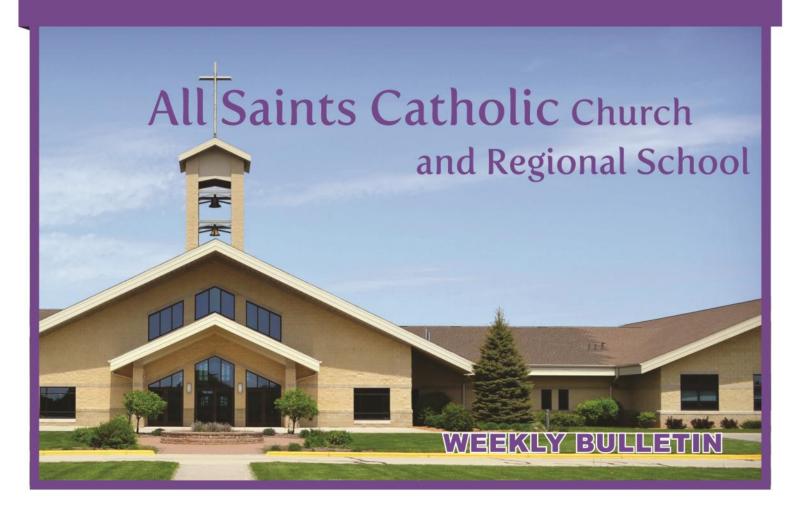


Growing in the Spirit





Silva Linings with Father John

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah seems to shout out good cheer as he paints a picture of what the long-awaited Savior will usher in: "the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag...the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the Lord has ransomed [that's us!] will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee."

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

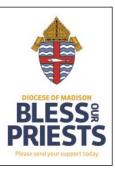
This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain. We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, connects the prophecy of Isaiah to the arrival of Jesus, almost word for word. In this passage we find the imprisoned John the Baptist sending his disciples to ask Jesus if he is indeed the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus' reply is almost identical to Isaiah's prophetic words. He says, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." The Savior really has arrived just as promised! Yet that arrival was 700 years after Isaiah's prediction. God always fulfills his promises, but patience and firmness of heart are required as we await his perfect timing.

As John's disciples go off to report this wonderful news, Jesus has high praise for John. "Among those born of women, there has been none greater." Yet, Jesus adds, "The least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Honorable as it was for John the Baptist to serve as the one who would announce the Savior's arrival, it is a much greater privilege to attain membership in His kingdom.

Let us rejoice in the knowledge that God has called us to enter this kingdom. Let us keep our hearts firmly fixed on this eternal goal and strive with all our might to give God and others the very best of ourselves in gratitude for such a privilege.

Bless Our Priests Collection - Make sure to remember the retired priests of our diocese by making a gift to the Bless Our Priests collection. This collection is used to directly support all retired priests' welfare including the rising cost of healthcare, long-term care and medical costs. Please use the special envelopes inserted into the bulletins this weekend to return your gift. These envelopes can be mailed directly to the diocese or dropped in the collection basket with checks made payable to "Bless our Priests". If you prefer to give online, you may visit: https://madisondiocese.org/bop. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese!



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

Saturday, December 10

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

5:00 pm 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 †

Monday, December 12 - No Mass

Tuesday, December 13

4:00 pm Our Lady - Tom & Julie Gnewuch †

5:15 pm All Saints - Lucille Hibicki †

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 am Our Lady - Regina Anderson †

8:00 am All Saints - Kermit Frahm †

Thursday, December 15

8:00 am Our Lady - Oscar Busboom †

9:15 am All Saints - Lorraine Barnes †

Friday, December 16

8:00 am Our Lady - Norene Seaman †

8:00 am All Saints - SI for Angie Chikowski for her 92nd B-day

Saturday, December 17

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

5:00pm Our Lady - (Fr. J) - Bud & Bernadette Lubarsky †

Sunday, December 18

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

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

10:00 am All Saints (Fr. T) - Ann Marie Frost †

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



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

Saturday December 17	All Saints 4:30 pm	Our Lady 5:00 pm
Lector	Ruth Jodarski	Bev Teachout
Eucharistic Ministers	Beth Nighbor Beth Pierce	Bill Riebe
Ushers		Dave & Pam Nawrocki

Sunday December 18	All Saints 7:30 am	Our Lady 8:00 am
Lector	Steve Thomas	Art Egbert
Eucharistic Ministers	Ed Hart Bob Schmitz	Robin Wallenfang
Ushers		David & Nancy Chikowski

Sunday December 18	All Saints 10:00 am
Lector	Jody Heil
Eucharistic Ministers	Gretchen Derleth, Joan Stemler

MEMORIAL LIGHTS FOR THIS WEEK

All Saints Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Margaret Green Our Lady Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Mary Ann Sondalle





UPCOMING EVENTS

KC's - Tue 12/13 - 6:30pm - All Saints mtg room

TMIY - Wed 12/14 - 5:30am - All Saints social hall

Communal Penance - Wed 12/14 - All Saints - 1:00, 4:00, & 6:00 pm

Religious Ed - Wed 12/14 - All Saints - 3:30pm & 6pm

Choir Practice - Wed 12/14 - 7pm - All Saints choir rm

Bible Study - Thur. 12/15 - 8:45am & 6pm - Our Lady

Church Decorating - Sun. 12/18 - All Saints - 11:00am

BINGO - Sun. 12/18 - 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>Dec.11 - KC's</u> Cakes: Bonnie Lundt, Louise Sedarski <u>Dec.18 - CCW</u> Cakes: Mary Bonneville, Donna Schroeder Kitchen: Joanne Simon, Debi Dowen

Thank You!

BEHOLD! Thank you to all who helped with and attended the Advent Ladies night of Prayer and Adoration event December 1st. We want to especially thank Fr. Andrew and Erin Mueller for the blessed and inspirational Mass and Holy Hour, and Michelle Wolff for organizing this event. Thank you to the wonderful ladies who decorated and brought desserts to make the social hall festive, faith-filled and fun. Thank you to the five Holy Name members who helped serve during and clean up after the event. May God bless you all.

BOXES OF JOY - Thank you to the parishioners of All Saints and Our Lady of the Lake for generously contributing to the Box of Joy project. 216 boxes were delivered to Oshkosh on the way to the children in need. Please pray for the children, that they get the box the Lord intends them to have.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors at All Saints Please check you email inboxes for the schedule for Jan—Feb—Mar 2023. If you did not receive it, there are extra copies available in the servers sacristy, or call the parish office. Thank you!

End of Year Bookkeeping Notes - It's hard to believe but the end of the year is only a few weeks 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 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.

Welcome - Douglas & Rosemary Langeberg and Jeffrey & Maria Skou and Family to our All Saints Parish Family. We are blessed to have you!

Rest in Peace - Cecelia Wilkum and Easton Thom whose funerals were held last week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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.

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

Join us on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church. Students in grades K-8 will perform a Christmas play and musical pieces to celebrate the joy of the season. 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!

Changes to Wednesday Adoration and Confession Schedule at All Saints Church

With Communal Penance Services to take place on Dec.14 and the students setting up and practicing for their Christmas Program on Dec. 21, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on either of these dates. There will be no Wednesday evening confessions on Dec. 21 either. Wednesday Adoration and Confessions will resume as usual after Christmas on December 28.

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

\$ 8,298,070.70 raised as of As of December 6, 2022!

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All Saints Regional Catholic School and Religious Education Center Building Update



It's exciting to watch the progress being made on our future All Saints Regional Catholic School and Religious Education Center! The project continues to move forward on schedule. The cement has been poured for the slabs, and the walls are going up!

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.

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.

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
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****youth hoodies have not arrived yet****
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Youth Crewneck - \$15
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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.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

ALL SAINTS (week 22)

*Weekly Envelope Goal \$14,600.00 Actual Weekly Offertory \$12,285.13 Difference (-\$ 2,314.87)

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OUR LADY of the LAKE (week 22)

*Weekly Envelope Goal \$3,890.00 Actual Weekly Offertory \$3,070.00 Difference (-\$ 820.00)

Envelope YTD Goal: \$85,580.00

<u>Actual YTD Total:</u> \$85,416.34 *Difference:* (-\$ 163.66)

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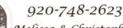
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SCHEDULING EVENTS

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.