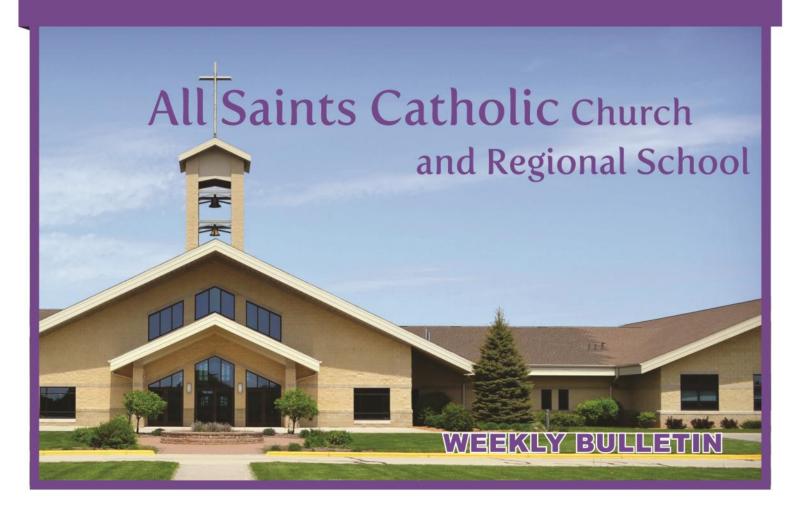


Growing in the Spirit



4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022



Silva Linings with Father John

As our Advent preparations draw to a close and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. As we reflect on the enormity of this gift, let us ask ourselves what we can offer in return.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Lord invites King Ahaz to "ask for a sign from the Lord, your God." And not just any sign. The Lord says, "let it be deep as the nether-world, or high as the sky!" Ahaz, though, cannot arouse himself from his bleak and limited outlook, and actually refuses this invitation. Undeterred by his negativity, the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah, that he

himself will provide the sign: "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son" and his name will be Emmanuel which means, "God with us." What great love and patience our heavenly Father has shown his people throughout all ages!

In the second reading, from Paul's letter to the Romans, St. Paul sends a blessing of "Grace…and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. This — grace and peace — is precisely the gift we celebrate on Christmas Day. Through his incarnation, Jesus brings the intimate love of God right into our midst; and through His death and resurrection, He saves us from our sins and restores us to right relationship with the Father. This is the peace that the world cannot offer.

In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he responds to God's call to him through the message of an angel. St. Joseph immediately and humbly obeys the instruction from the angel: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Open to this extraordinary role, he did as the angel commanded and "takes Mary into his home."

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ. We will no doubt find that the more we give ourselves away, the more our generous Father will fill us with His grace and peace — these are truly the best Christmas gifts we could receive.

There is still time to make a donation to the Christmas Memorial Fund! 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. Donors and their memorials will be included in a bulletin insert the week after

Christmas. Please make sure to get your donations in by noon on Wednesday, <u>Dec. 28</u> to be included in this insert. Donations can be dropped in the collection basket or sent to either parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

Saturday, December 17

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

5:00 pm 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 †

Monday, December 19 - No Mass

Tuesday, December 20

4:00 pm Our Lady - Fr. Philip Krogman †

5:15 pm All Saints - Catherine Schmidt †

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 am Our Lady - Patricia Green †

8:00 am All Saints - Tom Brotske †

Thursday, December 22

8:00 am Our Lady - Gerry Walter †

8:00 am All Saints - Heidi Nelson †

Friday, December 23

8:00 am Our Lady - Nolan Wallenfang †

8:00 am All Saints - Dec'd members of the

Robert & Eleanor Krause Family †

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm All Saints (Fr. J) - All Saints Family

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

9:30 pm All Saints - (Fr. J) - Dec'd members of the

Leon & Katherine Kurczek Family†

Sunday, December 25

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

9:30 am All Saints (Fr. J) - Ken Seaman †

~ A couple of notes ~

There is **no** Religious Ed on December 21.

There is no school on Thursday, December 22 so Mass at All Saints will be at **8 a.m**.

MEMORIAL LIGHTS FOR THIS WEEK

All Saints Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Dec'd Members of the Trochinski and Jacobson Families Our Lady Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of John & Cindy Mullowney





LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

Saturday	All Saints	
Dec. 24	4:00 pm	
Lector	Students	
Eucharistic	Joel Spaulding, Michelle Wolff	
Ministers	Joni DeRuyter, Jim Jodarski	

Saturday Dec. 24	All Saints 9:30 pm	Our Lady 5:00 pm
Lector	Mary Seaman	Betty Rowley
Eucharistic Ministers	Donna Petit Leanne Hansen	Bev Teachout
Ushers		Chip & Rhonda Horvath

Sunday Dec. 25	All Saints 9:30 am	Our Lady 8:00 am
Lector	Sr. Michaeleen	Art Egbert
Eucharistic Ministers	Greg & Celeste Blaskowski	Rita Thrasher
Ushers		Dennis Green John Roesch, Jr.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Church Decorating - Mon 12/19 - 9 am - Our Lady

ASCS Christmas Program - Wed. 12/21 - 6pm All Saints Church

Choir Practice- Wed 12/21- 6:30pm - All Saints choir rm

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



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.18 - CCW</u> Cakes: Bonnie Lundt, Louise Sedarski Kitchen: Mary Bonneville, Donna Schroeder Dec. 25 - Christmas - NO BINGO

Our Lady of the Lake Christmas Decorating

Volunteers are welcome to help decorate the Christmas Tree on Monday, December 19th, beginning around 9:00 a.m. Help is also needed in the arrangement of the Nativity. A big thank you to Oz, Dan, and Dave for getting the hard work and manpower done in preparation for decorations! We appreciate all of you and your time and talents for our parish. And thank you to all who have donated generously for our flowers for this year! Our "Flower Lady", Cindy Seltzner, is thrilled... and we appreciate all she does for our parish as well!

TMIY (**That Man is You**) has completed its fall session. There will be a brief winter break with NO meetings on Dec. 21, 28 and Jan. 4th. We will resume with the spring session on Jan. 11th and run through April 5th.

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. (There are currently no youth hoodies, but adult S is the same as youth XL) Adult Hoodies - \$25,

Adult Crewneck - \$20, Youth Crewneck - \$15 Hats - \$10, Drawstring Bag \$10

End of Year Bookkeeping Notes - The end of the year is fast approaching, but 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 - Omar Vera & Teresa Banuelos and Family to our All Saints Parish Family. We are blessed to have you!

Baptism - Xena Fern Skou, daughter of Jeffrey and Maria (Labiste) Skou was baptized at All Saints last weekend.

Rest in Peace - John Mullowney who was recently buried from Our Lady of the Lake Church. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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!

Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions Change

With the students practicing for their Christmas Program on December 21, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration or evening confessions at All Saints on this date.

Wednesday Adoration and Confessions will resume as usual after Christmas on December 28.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors at All Saints - You should have received the schedule for Jan—Feb—Mar 2023 in your email. If you did not receive it, there are extra copies available in the servers sacristy, or call the parish office. 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.

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

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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. Please keep this project in your prayers for continued good progress and the safety of all the workers involved!

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 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. Contacting Marie Lins at 608.821.3135 or visit www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC



Students at All Saints Catholic School gather around an advent wreath to learn about the season of advent and the meaning behind the advent candles. An empty manger also helps to give our children a faith-filled understanding of patiently waiting for Jesus during advent, and anticipating His glorious birth at Christmas!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

ALL SAINTS (week 23)

*Weekly Envelope Goal \$14,600.00 Actual Weekly Offertory \$15,398.60 Difference \$ 798.60

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OUR LADY of the LAKE (week 23)

*Weekly Envelope Goal \$3,890.00 Actual Weekly Offertory \$4,780.00 Difference \$890.00

Envelope YTD Goal: \$89,470.00

<u>Actual YTD Total:</u> \$90,196.34 *Difference:* \$726.34

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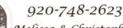
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SCHEDULING EVENTS

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.