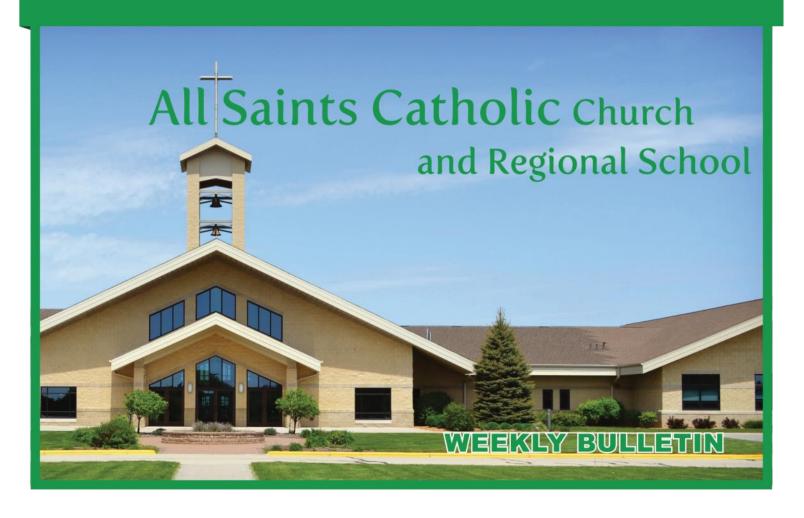


## Growing in the Spirit





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Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness and gloom of original sin, have been born again into the great light that is God's grace in us. We have become cherished members of God's family. What a privilege!

Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home.

In our second reading, from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul urges us to keep the responsibility of sharing the Gospel our foremost priority. In this passage he addresses the divisions and rivalries that have cropped up in the Christian community in Corinth. He urges the Christians there to "be united in the same mind and the same purpose," reminding them that it was Christ and only Christ Who was crucified for us. We owe everything to Him. Our lives our therefore not about us, our egos, our personal ambitions and loyalties. Those things cannot satisfy us, anyway. Our loyalty must be to Christ above all else and our priority must be to bring His light to everyone He puts in our path.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life. We see this in our Gospel passage from Matthew, where we find Jesus on the move. He has left Nazareth and goes to live in Capernaum, fulfilling what was said of Him through the prophet Isaiah, as we recall from today's first reading. "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

Later in this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord sees Simon and his brother, Andrew, living an ordinary day as fishermen when He said to them, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." The two did not hesitate. They didn't think about themselves or how this might disrupt their business. Rather, "at once they left their nets and followed him." Then, Jesus called two more brothers, James and John. They, too, were living an ordinary day as fishermen, working alongside their father mending nets in their boat. Jesus called them and "immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." They did not worry about their personal lives and how their father might react. They put our Lord and His will first and responded without hesitation.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do — it's who we are.



#### **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.

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, January 21

4:30 pm All Saints (Fr. J) - Roberta Silva and Marlene Obert †

5:00 pm Our Lady (Fr. P) - The Wagner Family

#### Sunday, January 22

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

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

10:00 am All Saints (Fr. J) - Robert Blazel †

#### Monday, January 23 - No Mass

#### Tuesday, January 24

Our Lady - NO MASS

5:15 pm All Saints - Jeannie Bell †

#### Wednesday, January 25

8:00 am Our Lady - Regina Anderson †

All Saints - NO MASS

#### Thursday, January 26

Our Lady – NO MASS

9:15 am All Saints – Rosie & Bud Beulen †

#### Friday, January 27

8:00 am Our Lady - Dec'd Members of Our Lady CCW †

All Saints - NO MASS

#### Saturday, January 28

4:30 pm All Saints (Fr. P) - Dec'd Members of the Brotske & Marsh Families †

5:00 pm Our Lady (Fr. J) - Father Wally Kasuboski †

#### Sunday, January 29

7:30 am All Saints (Fr. P) - Charlotte Klatt †

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

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

#### **Daily Mass Schedule Changes**

Please check the weekly Mass schedule above for weekday Masses. Confession and Adoration schedules will remain the same. This weekend we welcome Fr. Jay Poster, the current pastor of St. Joseph in Baraboo, to celebrate Masses at Our Lady of the Lake. Next weekend we welcome Fr. Luke Powers to celebrate Masses at All Saints. Fr. Powers is currently an associate pastor at St. Joseph in Baraboo.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

Saturday Jan. 28	All Saints 4:30 pm		Our Lady 5:00 pm
Lector	Greg Heiar		Betty Rowley
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue LaBu Sr. Micha		Amy Polcyn
Ushers			Chip & Rhonda Horvath
Sunday Jan. 29	All Saints 7:30 am		Our Lady 8:00 am
Lector	Bob Schr	nitz	Bill Riebe
Eucharistic Ministers	Faye Gro Ed Hart	ver	Robin Wallenfang
Ushers			David & Nancy Chikowski
Sund Jan.	•		All Saints 10:00 am

Sunday Jan. 29	All Saints 10:00 am
Lector	Tricia Polakowski
Eucharistic Ministers	Julie Olson, Doris Holmes

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

All Saints Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of John Green Our Lady Sanctuary Lamp burns for the special intentions of Sandra Walker





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

TMIY - Wed. 1/25 - 5:30 am - All Saints social hall.

Religious Ed. - Wed. 1/25 - 3:30 & 6:00 pm - All Saints

Bingo - Sun. 1/29 - 6:30 pm - All Saints social hall

Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 29 - Feb. 4



**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.org for more information.

## **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>Jan. 22 - CCW</u> Cakes: Therese Snell, Jane Seiler Kitchen: Therese Snell, Jane Seiler

Jan. 29 - KC's Cakes: Bonnie Lundt, Louise Sedarski

Baby Jesus Shower - Our CCW, in conjunction with Green Lake County-WI Right to Life, is once again collecting baby items to help local families in need care for their babies. Bassinets are set up at the entrance to All Saints Church for you to leave your donation. All baby items are appreciated and there is a suggested list posted at the bassinets. We will take donations through the end of January. All donations will be going to Bella Medical, a pregnancy care center in Oshkosh. 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. May God bless you!

Lost & Found - The Lost & Found Basket at All Saints Church is overflowing with some very nice items looking to be reunited with their owners! If you think you may have left something behind, please check the basket located in the ushers' room. (Check with any usher if you are unsure where the room is.) There are nice new gloves, new earrings, scarves, baby items and more.

Holy Name Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, February 5th. Pancakes, sausage, apple sauce and scrambled eggs. Serving 8 AM until noon in the All Saints Social Hall. Cost is \$7, children under six eat free.

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 or for an application.

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



Our future All Saints Regional Catholic School and Religious Education Center is really starting to take shape! Masonry work and steel bearing wall construction continues. The roof trusses have been delivered and builders are prepping to set them. Thank you to all those who have supported and made generous donations towards the building project!

**Soul Food** - All Saints will be hosting Soul Food this Thursday, Jan. 26 at Grace Lutheran Church. If you can bring a dessert, please sign up in the gathering area.

Registration for Camp Gray opens on January 24th for returning or waitlisted campers and January 25th for the general public. Register at <a href="https://campgray.com/summer-camp/registration/">https://campgray.com/summer-camp/registration/</a>

**End of Year Giving Statements** have been emailed to All Saints Parishioners. Please check your inboxes. If you did not receive a statement via email, but would like to have one, please contact the office at 920-361-5252.

Healing from Abortion - Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer Hope and Healing for women and men who have struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Referrals to a priest and /or therapist also available. Confidentiality is assured. The next retreat is: March 24 - 26, 2023. Whether recent or long ago, Visit: www.madisondiocese.org/rachel or call or email Mary at 608-821-3177 Rachel@madisondiocese.org

#### **All Saints Capital Campaign**

\$8,443,927.70 raised as of As of January 17, 2022!

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#### What's Happening at All Saints Catholic School

Students in 4th grade at All Saints Catholic School learned about the Southwest Spanish Missions and how they helped establish instruction in the Catholic Faith and religious conversion among the natives of the area. Following the lesson, students got into groups and used legos to create their own colonies that may have been part of the missions.





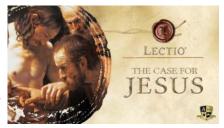




Registration for Middle School LBH is open! Students in grades 6th-8th are welcome to attend. This year we will be traveling to Cassville, WI, to St. Charles Borromeo Church from July 17th-20th. Contact Michelle Wolff to register: mwolff@allsaintsberlin.org *or* 920-361-5252.

## Bible Study- The Case for Jesus

Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do they communicate



truth – or fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be? Dr. Brant Pitre draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels while taking an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the Proclamation of His Divinity. This 9 week course will take place at Our Lady of the Lake beginning Feb. 23rd. The cost of the guide is \$15. Sign up sheets are located in the back of both churches. Dr. Pitre's powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," but also confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### **ALL SAINTS** (week 28)

\*Weekly Envelope Goal \$14,600.00 Actual Weekly Offertory \$14,203.10 Difference (-\$396.90)

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#### **OUR LADY of the LAKE** (week 28)

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Envelope YTD Goal: \$108,920.00

<u>Actual YTD Total: \$110,029.34</u>

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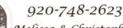
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#### **SCHEDULING EVENTS**

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.

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