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November 26, 2023



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did for one
of the least brothers
of mine, you did for me.”
- Mt 25:38-40

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MASS TIMES

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 6:30 pm

Weekend Mass may be viewed online: www.saintjosephparish.org

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 12:05 pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.... 920-735-9380

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office anytime.

REACHING IN, REACHING OUT, REACHING GOD

Br. Ray's Reflections

We mark the end of our Church year this weekend as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This King is not your typical ruler. Although he speaks with authority, he is never authoritarian. Although he is all powerful, he would rather take the place of the powerless. Although he is God made man, he empties himself of his Divinity taking the form of a slave. No, this King is very different. Beyond our wildest imaginings, he is the king who has fallen completely and utterly in love with his subjects. He never uses his power to oppress or humiliate anyone but uses that power to kneel before us and wash our feet. He uses his power to show us the most tender love. He is the Good Shepherd who tirelessly runs after us when we stray and, when he finds us, he doesn't scold us but carries us all the way home with an unconditional embrace. Even when we raised him high on the cross and he felt the pain of all suffering and sin and utter abandonment, he didn't condemn us but said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing." Yes, this King doesn't fit the mold of most kings throughout history. This king uses his power to free us, empower us, and carry us through the most difficult moments of our lives. This is Christ the King. The greatest reverence we can give this King is to follow him in his compassion.

"I was hungry, and you fed me, thirsty, and you gave me a drink, naked, and you clothed me, a prisoner, and you visited me, a stranger, and you welcomed me..."

We are called to build the Kingdom of God and Christ, our King, has shown us the way.

St. Joe's Christmas Bazaar

Join us for our Christmas Bazaar featuring Craft Sale, Bake Sale with Candy Shoppe, and Silent Auction.

Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 am - 5 pm

Sunday, December 3rd from 8:00 am - Noon

In the Great Hall

As a special treat, Saint Nicholas will be visiting us after the 8 am and 10 am Masses on Sunday with candy treats for every child (and for those who are a child at heart!)

Crafters: Continue working on your crafts for our upcoming bazaar. Knitted dishrags are really needed, as well as Christmas crafts and gift items.

Bakers: Help us by baking your favorite holiday baked goods, fudge, cookies or chocolates.



Christmas Luncheon



Celebrate the holidays with us!! You are invited to a catered Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 5th at 12:45 pm in Holly Hall.

RSVP by Friday, December 1st by 2:00 pm at: 920-734-7195. A suggested free will offering of \$7.00. Hosted by the Senior Committee.

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners

November 12—John & Ellen LaBrasca—\$25

November 13—Greg Linnemanstons—\$25

November 14—Anne & Tom Decker—\$25

November 15—Tony & Dara Rodziewicz—\$25

November 16—Claire Hruby—\$25

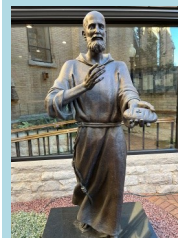
November 17—Ethan Stoegbauer—\$25

November 18—Patrick Hollenbach—\$25

Winter Safety Reminder

As the Winter season is upon us, a friendly reminder that snow removal equipment has the right of way. Please be aware of them when they are cleaning and salting our parking lots and sidewalks. Thank you for your support.

Blessed Solanus Casey



This weekend, we celebrate Blessed Solanus Casey's birthday. He was born 11/25/1870 near Prescott, WI. He was ordained a Capuchin Priest in 1904 and said his first mass here at St. Joseph's. He lived an extraordinary life of ministry. Many people visited him burdened with cares of all kinds. He reassured them that "everything is going to be all right." And much to the relief of the multitudes who visited him, everything was all right!

Our Prayer Garden is dedicated to him. The entrance to the garden says, "Ask. Seek. Knock." Blessed Solanus, Pray for Us.

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:
Lynn Bayness, Dave Hendricks, Jackie Groth, Ellen Lutz, Tim Lutz, Mercedes Hartkopf, Mary Jane Pusnik, Elaine Siegrist

Remember also our nursing home residents and shut-ins, and pray for the intentions recorded in our Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please pray for our parishioners or family members of parishioners who have died.

St. Joseph Parish Blood Drive
Sunday, December 10, 2023
7:00 AM - 11:30 AM



To schedule your life-saving appointment, please sign up in the back of church. You may also register by calling (800) 280-4102, or visiting: communityblood.org/donor. Log in, click "Donate Now" and enter sponsor code N149. We appreciate your generosity and support!

Raffle Calendars

Raffle Calendars are available in the back of church. There should be an envelope for each parishioner in those boxes. We are asking every parishioner to try to buy/sell three raffle calendars that are in each envelope. We have until the end of 2023 to do this. This has been our most successful fundraiser each year. Thank you for your support!

Giving Tree



Our St. Joe's Giving Tree is up in the Great Hall. Please consider taking one of the tags from the tree (if there are any left) to help Vida & members of our parish community. Please return the tags to the Parish Office **by the date listed on the tag**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Book Club

The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place at 6 pm, on Tuesday, December 12, in Room L4 at St. Mary. The book selected for discussion is **A Redbud Christmas**, by Fannie Flagg. Welcome to the charming town of Lost River - and an enchanting, unforgettable Christmas.

The book selected for January 9, 2024, is **Bookshop by the Sea** by Denise Hunter. Sophie Lawson should be enjoying her sister's wedding day, but nothing could have prepared her to see the best man again.

For more information, please contact Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474. New members are welcome to attend anytime.

Financial News

Tithing Needed\$16,777.00
 Last Week's Tithing..... \$9,275.84
 Auto Withdrawal\$24,738.00
 Children's Collection..... \$19.01
 IRA's/Donations \$1,260.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Readings for the Week of November 26

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45

Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14

Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27

Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87

Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37

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Songs Stories & Fun!

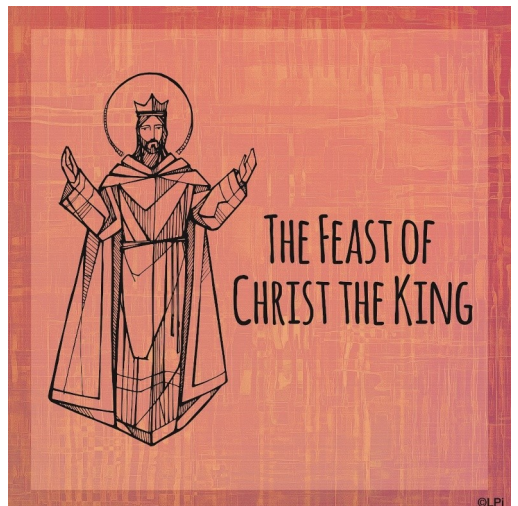
at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

Dec. 1 Marquette Street Campus
6 McDonald Street Campus

All events begin at 9:00 a.m.

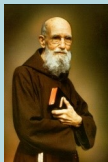
Open to children **ages 2-5**
 with parents/grandparents.
 Younger siblings welcome!





NOVEMBER 26, 2023

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS



*Blessed Solanus Casey
Pray for Us*

Tuesday, November 28

12:05 pm For the Tooke, Worden & Reed Families

12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, November 29

12:05 pm Judy Schmidt

Friday, December 1

12:05 pm Dec. Thomas Pfefferle

Saturday, December 2

4:00 pm Dec. Joe & Evelyn Barczynski

Sunday, December 3

8:00 am Maureen Holland & Members of St. Joseph Parish

10:00 am Dec. Charles DeGroot

6:30 pm Dec. Joe Zimmer

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, November 28

6:00 pm First Reconciliation in Church

7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting, Holly Hall

Wednesday, November 29

4:45 pm Grades K-5 Faith Formation Classes

6:30 pm Grades 6-11 Faith Formation Classes

6:30 pm Long Dark Nights Book Club, St. Joseph Room

6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting

Friday, December 1

10:30 am First Friday Adoration

Saturday, December 2

9:00 am Private Reconciliation

Christmas Bazaar - Saturday, 9:00 am - 5 pm and

Sunday, 8:00 am - Noon in the Great Hall

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **please immediately call the civil authorities and then the Diocese.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:



Diocese of
Green Bay

Office of Safe Environment
Diocese of Green Bay

920-272-8174 or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

YOU MATTER TO US—THERE IS HOPE!

ST JOSEPH PARISH

Women's Advent Retreat

Thursday, December 7 to Sunday, December 10 is the Advent retreat for women at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh.

Ms. Carol Ackels, as retreat director, will help retreatants focus on the spiritual riches we can encounter during the Advent and Christmas season, and throughout the year.

For reservations: office@jesuitretreathouse.org or 920-231-9060. For retreat questions call:

Marcie: 920-923-2446

Pam: 414-708-4253

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MONDAY DEC. 4, 2023, 7 PM



With **Fr. Michael Warden**
Pastor, St. Mary Greenville

One year after the death of the pontiff who inspired his priesthood, Fr. Michael remembers Pope Benedict XVI and explores his legacy and impact on the Church.

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre

1600 W Prospect Ave., Appleton, WI

No tickets needed / Free will offering encouraged
For details, google CIAFMO or call 920-450-3025



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