



December 25, 2022

CHRISTMAS

The Nativity of the Lord

FROM OUR PASTOR

Merry Christmas to one and all!!

We hear from the different Mass settings the following antiphons taken from scripture.

"Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory."

"Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven."

"A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel."

"All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God."

Another reflection on this great feast is from Louise Gluck, a poet, and her poem,

"Nativity poem."

It is the evening
Of the birth of god.
Singing and
With gold instruments
The angels bear down
Upon the barn, their wings,
Neither white
Wax nor marble. So
They have been recorded:
Burnished,
Literal in the composed air,
They raise their harps above
The beasts likewise gathering,
The lambs & all the startled
Silken chickens....And Joseph,
Off to one side, has touched
His cheek, meaning
He is weeping—

But how small he is, withdrawn
From the hollow of his mother's life,
The raw flesh bound
In linen as the stars yield
Light to delight his sense
For whom there is no ornament."

So no matter where you draw your reflections from in the season of Christmas, may it be filled with great joy, fresh hope and compassionate love. May the Christ child find a warm welcome in all of your hearts.

Father John

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of December 25, 2022

Sat. Dec. 24	4:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Greg Cowan</i>
	11:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Dec. 25	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Heather Tremi</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jon Wafle</i>
Tues. Dec. 27		NO MASS
Wed. Dec. 28		NO MASS
Thu. Dec. 29	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Andy Petrowitz</i>
Fri. Dec. 30	8:00 AM	<i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph</i> For All Deceased Members of the <i>Howard G. Rose Family</i>
Sat. Dec. 31	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun. Jan. 1	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Daniel Simon</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Lou Arens</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Janel and Randy Mullenberg.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Janie Asberry, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Will Post, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandowski and Ethan Jasinski.

Next Sunday, January 1st we celebrate *The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.*

For those subscribing to “The Word Among Us”, your January issue is available on the rectory porch.

RECTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: Our office will be CLOSED on Monday, December 26th and Tuesday, December 27th. Hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (December 28th—30th) will be limited. If you are planning on stopping in, please call ahead to make sure someone is in the office. If you have an EMERGENCY, please call Father John on his cell phone at 715-933-1645.

Gala 2023—Save the Date! Saturday, February 18th—This year’s theme ~**MARDI GRAS!!** Cocktails at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM. Musical entertainment provided by Pat McCurdy. Raffles, silent auction, drawings and more! Tickets will be available soon.

**Stewardship Corner ~ December 17th & 18th, 2022
(506 Registered Families)**

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 4,735.00
On-Line Giving		1,794.00
Children’s Envelopes	9.61	17.00
Loose Offering	385.00	341.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,048.46	\$ 6,887.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 217,163.04
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 203,016.96

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 42,539.00 for this fiscal year.

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Weekly Calendar

No Scheduled Activities this Week

Footsteps of Fr. Joe Walijeski Pilgrimage - July 5-15, 2023 This unique spiritual journey will be led by Fr. Woody Pace and Julie Studinski as the group follows the missionary footsteps of Fr. Joe Walijewski. This trip is designed primarily for a first-time visitor to Casa but previous participants may apply to be added to a waitlist. The Footsteps of Fr. Joe Pilgrimage is \$2,500 and includes: airfare, meals, lodging and transportation in Peru. Personal encounters with families, staff and the community and behind the scenes tours. For more information or to reserve a spot contact Julie Studinski at 715.340.4846 or julieastud@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Revival: A Minute with Jesus for Dec. 25th

Jesus came into the world to save us.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which means “house of bread.” Because there was no room in the inn (motel) Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger, which is significant because it is a feeding trough for animals. This was all part of God’s plan for His birth on earth, to point to the fact that Jesus came to save us. This is really the whole meaning of Christmas. Jesus came to give us Himself as food – He literally is the Bread of Life – supernatural bread (this is Jesus Himself) that saves us, that spiritually nourishes and strengthens us with His grace. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: “*Jesus, thank You for coming into the world as our Savior.*” This week, read how the birth of Jesus took place in Luke 2: 1-7

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**“UNSCRIPTED,”** a new episode in this web series from the Office for Family Life is now available! In this episode, we talk with **Valentyna Pavsukova** who is a force for good in our community and for the people of Ukraine. She leads Chalice of Mercy, which is a powerful local charity whose efforts directly benefit the beleaguered, the homeless, the wounded, and the elderly in Ukraine. Since February 24th, 2022, their herculean efforts have assisted hundreds of thousands of people. **Use this QR code to access this episode of “Unscripted”.**



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of December 24th & 25th**  
**Saturday, 4:00 PM**

Lectors: Mia Wang, Hudson Randall, Caroline Marien  
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm  
Servers: Aedyn Lubinski, Owen Lubinski, Jack Vinopal  
Musicians: St. Patrick School Choir  
Greeters: Spencer Turpin, Elizabeth Wolf, Harper Marien  
Ushers:  
Gift Bearers: Brix Barnharst, Toby Vinopal, Caleb Turpin

**Saturday, 11:00 PM**

Lector: Lisa Pouillie  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Servers: Brayden & Kellen Housworth  
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir  
Greeters: Volunteers Needed  
Ushers:  
Gift Bearers: Volunteers Needed

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: David Hoffmann  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Servers: Seth Schwedersky, Canaan Becker  
Musicians: Ann Benz, The Becker Family  
Greeters: The Becker Family  
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer  
Gift Bearers: George & Ruth Trembl

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Paul Curran  
Eucharistic Minister: Gina Boppart  
Servers: Kaden Cook, Johnny & Eddy Riley  
Musicians: Ann Benz, Anna Boppart  
Greeters: Bill Thill  
Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Steve Powers  
Gift Bearers: The Beth Waffle Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st**

**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Kevin Quist  
Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser  
Servers: Carter Field, Landynn & Theron Miller  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Kevin Quist  
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss,  
Tom Schoettler

Gift Bearer:

Scrip Seller: NO SALES—Happy New Year

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Lector: Paul Schaller  
Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Schanke  
Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey  
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer  
Gift Bearers: Rosemary Buelow

Scrip Seller: NO SALES—Happy New Year

**Sunday, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Lisa Pouillie  
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Horabik  
Servers: Weston & Garrett Pouillie  
Musicians:  
Greeters: Kris Mazur, Nancy Horabik  
Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie  
Gift Bearers:  
Scrip Seller: NO SALES—Happy New Year

**Culture of Life Summit - Jan. 21, 2023** ~ The Diocese of La Crosse is excited to partner with the Diocese of Superior to hold a Culture of Life Summit. This will take the place of our Pilgrimage for Life. This will be a day of live music, speakers and a time where you can discuss the issues that pertain to respecting the dignity of life. The event will be held at Regis Catholic High School. To register please visit: <https://diolc.org/vya/youth-opportunities/culture-of-life/>

**GIVEN Retreat - Jan. 28, 2023** ~ GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, and adoration, prayer and reconciliation. GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church. This mini retreat will:

- ◆ Encourage a greater devotion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist
- ◆ Develop a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage through Theology of the Body
- ◆ Provide couples the encouragement to live the vocation of marriage well in a culture that is increasingly more hostile to the sacrament.

Married, Engaged and Seriously Dating Couples are invited to attend. Speakers will be Ted and Julie Imgrund and Michael and Jacqueline Van Hemmert. Cost: \$45 per couple. For more information, contact Chris Rogers at [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

**For gifts made to the parish and dropped off during Christmas week:** If your gift is dated for 2022 and dropped off or mailed during Christmas week, it will be recorded for 2022. The collection taken at Mass on Saturday, December 31st will be recorded for 2022. The collection at Masses on Sunday, January 1st will be recorded for 2023.

*"For it is good to be children  
sometimes, and never better  
than at Christmas,  
when its mighty Founder  
was a child Himself."*

—CHARLES DICKENS



**Prayer Opportunities**

**Hour of Mercy:** Tuesdays from 3 PM to 4 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world.

**Holy Hour:** Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.



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