

# OUR LADY OF THE FALLS

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. BRIDGET

HOLY GHOST

NOTRE DAME



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 21, 2024

### Regular **Weekday Mass** Schedule

Mon	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Tue	5:30 pm	Holy Ghost
Wed	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Wed	8:30 am	Holy Ghost
Thur	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Thur	5:30 pm	Holy Ghost
Fri	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Fri	8:30 am	Holy Ghost
Sat	8:00 am	Notre Dame

### **Confession** Schedule

*Confessions also available by appointment.*

**Notre Dame:** Weekdays beginning 5 minutes after daily Mass.

Saturday: 3:45-4:15 pm

Sunday: 7:15-7:45 am; 9:15-9:45 am;  
6:15-6:45 pm

**Holy Ghost:** Weekdays 15 minutes before daily Mass (except on Wednesday during the school year).

Thursday: 3-4:50 pm; Saturday: 4-4:45 pm

### Regular **Sunday Mass** Schedule

Sat	4:30 pm	Notre Dame
Sat	5:00 pm	Holy Ghost
Sun	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Sun	8:00 am	Holy Ghost
Sun	9:30 am	St. Bridget
Sun	10:00 am	Notre Dame
Sun	11:00 am	Holy Ghost
Sun	7:00 pm	Notre Dame



## St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the Order of St. Dominic against his parents' wishes and persevered in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. He was nicknamed the "dumb ox" because of his silent ways and huge size, but he was really a brilliant student. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest influential theologians of all time. St Thomas was canonized in 1323 and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius V. He is the patron of universities and students.



A COMMUNITY OF THREE PARISHES

MISSION:

*To invite all people to encounter Christ,  
and to inspire them to become saints.*

## DAILY READINGS

### Sunday, Jan. 21

*Third Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 (68) Pss III

### Monday, Jan. 22

*USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children*

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30 (317) or, for the Day of  
Prayer, any readings from the Mass "For Giving  
Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life"  
(*Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, 947A-947E), or the  
Mass "For Justice and Peace" (887-891)

### Tuesday, Jan. 23

*St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;*

*St. Marianne Cope, Virgin*

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35 (318)

### Wednesday, Jan. 24

*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20 (319)

### Thursday, Jan. 25

*The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 (519)

Pss Prop

### Friday, Jan. 26

*Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops*

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 4:26-34 (321)

### Saturday, Jan. 27

*St. Angela Merici, Virgin; BVM*

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 (322)

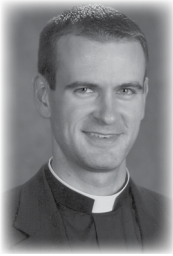
### Sunday, Jan. 28

*Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 (71) Pss IV

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday, Jan. 20</b>	4:30 pm	✠ Catherine Rada . . . . .	ND
	5:00 pm	✠ Matt Kuhlman and BJ Michalek . . . . .	HG
<b>Sunday, Jan. 21</b>	8:00 am	✠ Joanne Van Den Heuvel. . . . .	ND
	8:00 am	✠ Sally Kjorlien. . . . .	HG
	9:30 am	✠ Michael Campbell. . . . .	SB
	10:00 am	✠ Catherine Rada . . . . .	ND
	11:00 am	✠ Larry Erickson. . . . .	HG
<b>Monday, Jan. 22</b>	7:00 pm	For the parishes . . . . .	ND
	8:00 am	✠ Robert and Catherine Rada. . . . .	ND
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 23</b>	5:30 pm	NO MASS . . . . .	HG
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 24</b>	8:00 am	NO MASS . . . . .	ND
	8:30 am	✠ Debbie Sykora . . . . .	HG
<b>Thursday, Jan. 25</b>	8:00 am	✠ Mary Pat McDowell . . . . .	ND
	5:30 pm	NO MASS. . . . .	HG
<b>Friday, Jan. 26</b>	8:00 am	NO MASS . . . . .	ND
	8:30 am	Living & deceased of the Schindler, Swoboda, and Mayer family. . . . .	HG
<b>Saturday, Jan. 27</b>	8:00 am	✠ Dave Turany. . . . .	ND
	4:30 pm	✠ Judy Vaudreuil. . . . .	ND
	5:00 pm	✠ Jim Lockbaum . . . . .	HG
<b>Sunday, Jan. 28</b>	8:00 am	✠ Gary and Barbara Tozer . . . . .	ND
	8:00 am	✠ Ken Briggs. . . . .	HG
	9:30 am	✠ Clarence and Bernice Kranig. . . . .	SB
	10:00 am	✠ Margarite Joseph Dachel . . . . .	ND
	11:00 am	For the parishes . . . . .	HG
	7:00 pm	✠ Lyle Rykal . . . . .	ND



## From Fr. Jesse Burish

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Our readings this Sunday convey the urgency and seriousness with which we are called to change our lives and follow Christ as his disciple. Our first reading from the book of Jonah provides a most ironic example of the foolishness of being slow to respond to God. The book of Jonah is different from the other Old Testament prophets in that it consists largely of a narrative that may be historical, or fantasy, or a little of both, to convey a message of truth to Israel. The narrative is famous for its fantastic details, such as Jonah being swallowed by a great fish only to be later vomited up alive on the shore so that he can fulfill his call from God to preach repentance to the pagan/Gentile city of Nineveh.

Jonah had willfully defied God's express will for him to preach there by getting on a boat and sailing for Tarshish. The Gentile sailors on the boat, on the other hand, actively sought to be faithful to God's will. They woke Jonah and urged him to pray amid a storm on the sea. Even when they discovered that Jonah has thoughtlessly endangered the entire crew and cargo by making them complicit in his defiance against God by having him in the boat, the sailors showed humanitarian concern for Jonah's welfare and attempted to row ashore to save his life. Only with great reluctance did they cast him overboard, after which he is consumed by the fish. Then they piously offered sacrifice to the God of Israel in gratitude for being saved from the storm which then subsided.

The great irony of the story of Jonah continues as the response of the Ninevites to his reluctant preaching is surprisingly similar to that of the sailors. Jonah's preaching gives them no hope for salvation; it's just an absolute statement of imminent destruction: "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed!" Though given no reason for hope from Jonah himself, they engage in mass repentance in such a way that is hardly ever seen in Israel. They immediately throw themselves at the mercy of the God of Israel, while Jonah himself becomes angry that they actually listened, and that God had mercy on them. The great irony of the story is that the sinful pagan Ninevites, who are enemies of Israel, are being held up as examples of the kind of immediate repentance that is appropriate when we hear the word of God.

In our Gospel, St. Mark describes Simon, Andrew, James, and John dropping everything to follow Jesus immediately. It all sounds strangely abrupt, but we know from the other Gospels that there was a little more backstory to Jesus' relationship with these men. This was not the very first time they had seen or heard Jesus. Yet the point of Mark's narrative is correct: when the time came, these four Galilean men lost no time in responding to Jesus' call.

The response of the Apostles sets an example for us. Simon and Andrew "abandoned their nets," whereas James and John "left their father... in the boat." They gave up their profession and family relationships. All of us need to be ready to do that. Of course, for many of us, following Jesus faithfully may mean doing a better job at our professions or caring more deeply for our families. The point is not that professions or family relationships are inherently bad. Rather, it's that nothing can take priority over obedience to God.

Another significant way in which we seek to follow the Lord more closely is recognizing and striving to break free from the attachments that each of us have in life. Our attachments are those things that can become little gods for us: our expectations for things to go a certain way, certain material comforts or indulgences that we feel we cannot live without, immature dependencies we may have on other persons, or any other thing that puts a barrier between us and our full surrender to God and his will for our lives. To do this, it helps to take the approach of St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, our second reading. We are to look on our most precious things in this world—our spouses, our temporal joys and sorrows, our property, and our jobs—as if they were already gone, because someday they will be, because all in this world is passing. What would you be most afraid of losing in order to gain Christ?

What is Jesus calling you to abandon in order to follow him today or this week? For some, it may be truly dramatic, like quitting your job or schooling and entering formation for the priesthood or religious life. For others, it may mean dropping that hobby or obsession that dominates your thoughts and affections and keeps you from prayer and truly giving of yourself to those around you. For still others, it may mean ending

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



### Adorers Needed at the Goldsmith Chapel

By leaving us the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus gives us the chance to be with Him every day. Stop by anytime—open Sunday 8 am - Friday 10 am.

Adorers Needed for the following hours:

Sunday 10 am

Sunday 11 am

Sunday 3 pm

Tuesday 9 am

Tuesday 3 pm

Friday 1 am

Please call Andy at 715-568-5243 if you can help with any of these hours.

### Adoration, Confession, Evening Prayer and Mass at Holy Ghost

Thursdays from 3-5 pm Adoration with confession followed by 5 pm evening prayer, Benediction, and 5:30 pm Mass.



## Baptism

Please welcome recently baptized at Holy Ghost

*Maxwell William Clark,*  
son of Timothy & Rebecca  
(Zurawski) Clark

### ► Fr. Burish's Article continued

a relationship that isn't healthy and isn't leading you toward Christ. Some of these things require discernment, and perhaps some spiritual counsel from a wise friend. Most of all, we all need humility to recognize where we have been sinful, where we have resisted what we know deep down inside to be God's will and word. We need to abandon that sin or attachment, reaffirm Christ Jesus as our king, and enter his kingdom.



## PARISH SUPPORT

*Our Lady of the Falls Catholic Community is not an entity that can receive donations. Please make donation checks out to the individual parish.*

### St. Bridget Support

Collection Received ..... Jan. 7: \$1,277.00

### Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received ..... Jan. 7: \$5,373.89

How to give to either St. Bridget or Holy Ghost: Donations from visitors or non-parishioners are welcome. You can place your contribution in the collection basket at Mass or:

- Mail your envelope to Holy Ghost, 412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.
- Contact the parish office to set up ACH automatic withdrawal, or visit the parish website for online giving via credit card.

### Notre Dame Parish Support

Collection Received ..... Jan. 7: \$10,641.01  
Jan. 14: \$8,172.20

We need your financial support! There are several ways you can make a contribution. You can place it in the collection basket at Mass or:

- Mail your envelope to us at Notre Dame, 117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.
- Contact the parish office to set up ACH automatic withdrawal, or visit the parish website for online giving via credit card.
- Remember to drop off or mail in your Capital Improvement donations

**Do you want to receive informational emails from the parish?** Email [communicate@ourladyofthefalls.org](mailto:communicate@ourladyofthefalls.org) to sign up.



### St. Francesca Resource Center

*Located on the west side of the GREC.  
Enter the single green door by the flag pole.*

**Open Tuesdays: 9 am-1 pm & 4-7 pm**

715-215-2638 | [st.francesca.rc@gmail.com](mailto:st.francesca.rc@gmail.com)  
[www.stfrancesca.org](http://www.stfrancesca.org)

Catholic Charities offers FREE financial management sessions. Call Catholic Charities at 715-832-6644 to confirm availability.

## LOCAL & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Knights of Columbus Friday Night Jackpot BINGO:** Fridays at 7pm. Doors open at 4pm, food available for purchase starting at 5 pm. See [KC974BINGO.com](http://KC974BINGO.com) for all the details.

**Jan. 26:** Catholic Charities cordially invites you to join us for our 14th Annual Evening in the Chippewa Valley. Our *In My Name Award* will be presented to this year's recipient. Fundraising to benefit the Sojourner House & Catholic Charities programs assisting community members in need in the Chippewa Valley. Friday, Jan. 26 at The Florian Gardens, 2340 Lorch Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701. 5:30pm— Welcome & Hospitality, 6:15pm— Dinner & Entertainment. \$50/Person or Reserve your table of 8 for \$400. RSVP by Friday, Jan. 12.

**Jan. 26:** Immaculate Conception is sponsoring a Fish Boil on Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, Mar. 8, Mar. 22. Dine In & Carry Out 4:30 to 6:30pm. New England Style Fish Boil includes: Fish Chowder, Red Potatoes, Onions, Carrots, Coleslaw, Mac & Cheese, Vienna Bread, Ice Cream Cup, Beverage, Hot Dogs for Kids. Ticket Prices & Sponsors to be announced. Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria, 1722 Highland Avenue, Eau Claire.

**Jan. 28:** Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale at St. Joseph Church, Boyd Jan. 28 from 9:30am-1pm. Pancakes, strawberries, eggs, and sausage links Adults: \$10 | Children 4-12: \$8 | Children under 3 are free. Matching funds provided by: Catholic Order of Foresters CT 1536. All funds will benefit the school.

**Jan. 30:** Chippewa Falls Community Blood Drive Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Goldsmith Council #974 from 2pm-6pm. Held at the Columbus Hall, 236 Pumphouse Road, Chippewa Falls. All donors will receive a voucher for \$10 worth of 50/50 raffle tickets at any KofC Friday Night Bingo Event and can enjoy a free snack and drink after their donation! Appointments are appreciated, by calling 800-280-4102. Walk-ins are also welcome. Questions and appointments may also go to Robert Parkhurst at 715-225-0549. Thank you for helping us SAVE LIVES!

**Feb. 4:** Boy Scout Troop 13 Pancake Breakfast| Begin your week with Mass and a delicious breakfast! BSA Troop 13 will hold their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 4 in the Holy Ghost Church basement. The "All-you-can-eat" menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. The Scouts will be serving from 8am-12:30pm. This free will offering breakfast supports Troop 13 scouting activities. Troop leaders will also be available to answer questions about Scouting. Feel free to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. Boy Scouts will be handing out bags for food collection after masses Jan. 27 & 28. Come join Troop 13 as we celebrate the 114th anniversary of Boy Scouting in America.

**Feb. 10:** Reserve your spot! There will be an elegant Valentine Dinner on Feb. 10, at Lilydale in Chippewa Falls. Celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage and reconnect with your spouse at this special event. The evening will include a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and two complimentary drinks per couple, dinner, dessert, piano music, and inspirational presentation by **Patrick Conley**, host of Relevant Radio's: The Inner Life. Early bird tickets are \$85/couple (\$100 after Feb 3). Registration is limited to the first 50 couples. Reserve your tickets at [lilydalewi.com](http://lilydalewi.com) under Public Events. We hope to see you there!

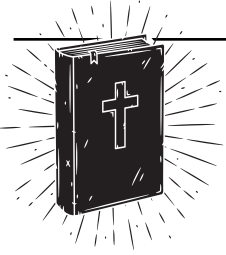
## Diocesan Annual Appeal

There is a poster in the back of church showing our progress. Please make a donation to this if you haven't already. Thank you for helping us to reach our goal this year.

## Chili Cook-Off | Sunday Jan.21 | CANCELLED

The Chili Cook-Off scheduled for Sunday, Jan.21 at Holy Ghost has been cancelled.

## FAITH FORMATION



**Bible Study:** The Tuesday morning Bible study group will begin a study of the Gospel of John commencing Jan. 9, 2024. We will be using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible to guide us.

All are welcome to join us in the GREC at 9:30am Tuesdays. For more information, contact Deanna at: [jdsuilmann@gmail.com](mailto:jdsuilmann@gmail.com)

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)** Do you know anyone

interested in becoming Catholic, or Catholic and wishing to be confirmed?

Contact John at [jshakal@ourladyofthefalls.org](mailto:jshakal@ourladyofthefalls.org) for more information.

**Christ With Us Adult Study** Join us for faith and fellowship once a month on Thursday mornings from 9-10:30am in the GREC, St. Joseph room at the Notre Dame campus. Refreshments available.

■ Feb. 15 | The Three Cloths of Christ

■ Mar. 14 | St. Faustina & Divine Mercy

■ Apr. 18 | Eucharistic Miracles

**People of all faiths** and ages are welcome to attend *Catholicism on Tap*, occurring on the first Monday of every Month at 6pm that offers local food, beverages, and a presentation about various Christian faith topics. All On Tap events are hosted in the Notre Dame GREC. To learn more (and register your kids for child care) go to <https://www.ourladyofthefalls.org/catholicism-on-tap>.

**Children's Adoration is now weekly!** The hour is on Mondays from 5pm to 6pm in the Goldsmith Adoration Chapel. Families of Our Lady of the Falls, take an opportunity to grow in faith with your child during Children's Adoration hour. Stay for as long as you want, 5 minutes, 15 minutes, or the whole hour. While still remaining as quiet and respectful as possible, parents can guide their children through Adoration.

**Nationally recognized Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation** Leader and AML certified Montessori guide Carolyn Kohlhaas will be giving a presentation, "What is CGS and is He calling You?" on Thursday Jan. 25 at 6:30pm at St. Charles Preschool & Primary School.

Please come learn more about this beautiful work, observe a presentation as the children do, and explore the Atrium. All are welcome!

## Share the Joy | Send a card to a fellow parishioner!

Help us Share the Joy of our Faith and of the Eucharist by taking this opportunity to make a connection in this unique way. Please take a couple of the cards from the back of church & write a note to a parishioner.



**Share the Joy!** — We are asking YOU to find a couple of things each month to increase your own Joy in the Faith and to share that Joy with others!

**Share the Joy January Suggestions:** Find opportunities to introduce yourself or your family to other parishioners, help someone find the correct page in their hymnal, or invite someone to a daily Mass or parish activity.

## THIS & THAT FROM SR. YVONNE

**"NOW" is the time for me!**

In the Gospel today, (Mk 1: 14-20) Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John to be his disciples. There are a few things for which we would be willing to drop everything and follow the call. Yet this is the immediacy with which these first disciples responded to Jesus. These first disciples were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God the most important thing in their lives. Think about the times you were asked to "drop everything," changing your plans in order to help someone. For many of us, myself included, it is not easy to drop everything to respond to the needs of another. Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John because he loves them and trusts them to share in his mission. Through our Baptism, we are called to be Jesus' disciples (followers) in whatever path our life takes. A few of us are called to serve through priesthood, diaconate or religious life, but most of us are lay folks, trying to follow the Lord the best that we can. So, if you are married, single, rich or poor we can give our best efforts to being faithful to God's call to be his disciples, wherever we are and whatever we might be doing. The remainder of Mark's gospel will show us just how difficult it is for the followers of Jesus to accept his message and pattern their lives on following him. When a couple says: "I do" on their wedding day, they mean it, but have little idea of the demands of living that promise for "better or for worse." The same was true for the disciples. They dropped their nets willingly enough, perhaps thinking they would have a new adventure, but discovered how hard the demands of not only abandoning their nets, but their very self to what would be expected of them as disciples. We can receive multiple callings in our life. Maybe at one time we are called to focus mainly on the needs of our family, or another time we might be called to meeting the needs of our brothers and sister, or by teaching others the faith, or for caring for the poor. We are grateful for the ways Jesus has called us. It is not always so easy to say "yes" because we know there will be hardships as well as joys. So it is **NOW** and not tomorrow, not even when we turn 80 or 90 years old, but **NOW** is the time to open our lives more to Jesus and to the gospel. As Our Lady of the Falls Catholic Community, let us pray for each other, to help others to come to the Lord. Together we offer the most perfect prayer when we come together for Mass. Jesus invites us too, to be fishers of women and men.

Happy fishing! Have a blessed week!

## GENERAL PARISH INFO

**St. Bridget** .....715-723-4890  
412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

**Holy Ghost Office** .....715-723-4890  
412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

**Notre Dame Office** .....715-723-7108  
117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

### Bulletin Announcements:

Due on Mondays by noon. Submit to  
[bulletin@ourladyofthefalls.org](mailto:bulletin@ourladyofthefalls.org).

**If you are interested in becoming a new member** of Notre Dame, St. Bridget, or Holy Ghost and have not yet registered, we would love to have you! Contact Kate Zweber via a text message or phone call at 715-705-2240 or email [kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org](mailto:kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org).

**Marriage Preparation:** Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Contact Dan at the administration office 715-705-2241.

**Baptism:** To arrange for baptism contact Dan at the administration office 715-705-2241.

**Homebound:** Please give us a call if you or someone you know is homebound and would like a parish contact. Contact Notre Dame or St. Bridget/Holy Ghost parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick** Available any time.  
Contact the administration office at  
715-723-7108.

**Goldsmith Adoration Chapel Contact:**  
Andy Shakal | 715-568-5243

\***GREC**=Goldsmith Religious Education Center

**SB**=St. Bridget/**HG**=Holy Ghost/**ND**=Notre Dame



**Prayer Requests / Ministry of Prayer** If you have prayer intentions that you would like to submit, please contact:

**ND:** Janet Michaud at [jmmichaud@charter.net](mailto:jmmichaud@charter.net)  
**SB:** Marilyn – 715-723-0514  
**HG:** Letty – 715-861-3998

COVER ART:

*"The Calling of Saint James and Saint John"*  
by James Tissot

## OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### St. Bridget

**Jan.21-Jan.28 – Birthdays:** Steve Henry, Shery Shong, Kim Lancette, Chad Bormann, Boone Poziombke, Maxine Ische, Trevor Burich.

**Finance Council** meeting on Jan. 31 at 6pm.

**Winter coat and clothing drive**— St. Francesca Resource Center has started a program to provide one set of clothing and one coat to recently released Stanley Prison inmates in need. St. Francesca Center is in desperate need of gently used Men's winter coat (L-4XL) All men's, women's and children's clothing and coat donations are appreciated. A donation box will be located at the back of the church. - St. Bridget's Social Concerns: Scott & Jody Pulver

**Feb. 1 is the Feast of St. Bridget of Ireland.** How will we celebrate?

**Baptism of Isaiah Wehling** on Jan. 21, congratulations to Andrea and Eric Wehling!

**Pray for shut-ins and the sick of our parish!**

### Holy Ghost

**Faith in Action January** Please help "Stock the Shelves" at St. Francesca Resource Center with purchasing soup. Some ideas are cream of chicken, chunky soups, soup mixes, vegetable beef, and cheesy broccoli. Any kind will do. As usual, all non perishable goods are welcome. Thank you for your continued generosity to the food insecure. Please put in our basket in the back of church. May the New Year bring you many blessings.- HG Social Concerns

**Diocesan Annual Appeal Update** Holy Ghost has currently raised \$31,136 of the \$59,370 goal set by the Diocese. Deadline to reach this goal is June 30. If you have misplaced your pledge card, please contact Karin at the parish office.

### Notre Dame

**Diocesan Annual Appeal Update** Notre Dame has currently raised \$76,635 of the \$92,845 goal set by the Diocese. Deadline to reach this goal is June 30. If you have misplaced your pledge card, please contact Karin at the parish office.

**Convent Open House.** For those interested in touring the convent building before demolition begins in the spring, there will be an open house after both the 8am and 10am Masses on Sunday, Jan. 21. The main entrance of the convent will be open to anyone who wants to look around.



### Special prolife intentions for your family prayer time:

That the life of every person, from conception to natural death, will be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts;

#### **We pray to the Lord.**

For women and men suffering after abortion:  
May the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing through Christ's endless mercy;

#### **We pray to the Lord.**

For those nearing the end of life:  
May they receive care that respects their dignity and protects their lives as they place their hope in the promise of eternal life;

#### **We pray to the Lord.**

May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health;  
**We pray to the Lord.**



News from . . .

## McDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Submitted by MACS. For more information call 715-723-0538. [www.macs.k12.wi.us](http://www.macs.k12.wi.us)

Jan. 21, 2024

### **\*New\* Parishioner Priority Enrollment Period Jan. 22 - 28**

Enrollment season has begun at MACS! New this year: Chippewa Deanery Parishioners have priority enrollment for grades 3K-12 starting Jan. 22-28. We invite you to schedule a school tour to meet our caring faculty, and learn how we make Catholic Liberal Arts education affordable for all families, regardless of income. Parishioners have until Jan. 28 to submit an application in order to be considered for priority enrollment. Of course, you may also submit an application at any time. Go to the Admissions tab on our website or call Admissions Coordinator Kathleen Adams at (715)723-0538 today!

### **Kids Winter Carnival**

Mark your calendars for Jan. 28 for the Kids Winter Carnival! Bring the whole family to St. Charles Preschool and Primary School and enjoy food, fun games, & a bouncy house! Tickets are \$3/person or \$10/family.

### **Fiddler on the Roof Musical**

Tickets are now on sale for the Fiddler on the Roof musical! McDonell Central Catholic High School Theatre Production team will perform Feb. 1-4 during Catholic Schools Week. Feb. 1-3 performances will begin at 7pm and Sunday's will begin at 2pm. Secure your tickets at: [mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/arts](http://mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/arts)

### **Mid-Winter Mardi Gras**

Attend MACS Mid-Winter Mardi Gras 2024! Take a stroll through the streets of New Orleans on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 5pm-10pm at McDonell High School. Games of skill beckon guests into the booths that line the Quarter. Don't forget to attend the parade and meet the Royal Court. Sample different cuisine all night with a New Orleans Themed small plate buffet including dessert, live music by our own McDonell High School Jazz Band and renowned local Troppo Big Band. The night is not complete without raffles, live auctions, MACS Show Choir performance, and much more. Reserve your cash raffle tickets online or purchase them in person at the Central Office. 1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100. Need not be present to win. Purchase your Event Tickets on the MACS Website under "Support MACS" for the night. \$75/single and \$145/couple. For more information contact Amber Leibrandt at 715.723.0538.

### **McDonell Central Catholic Diaper Drive**

McDonell Student Ambassadors is hosting their annual diaper drive from Jan. 3-Feb. 1 at McDonell Central Catholic High School. Students and families of McDonell are asked to bring packaged diapers (sizes 1-4) that will be distributed to community centers at the end of the drive. With the increase in the cost of consumer products, the need for these donations is more important than ever. Community members of local churches are encouraged to participate as well. Please drop off any diaper donations to the office at McDonell High School.

### **Employment Opportunities**

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