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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | **NOVEMBER 30, 2025**



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MASSES & INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

NOTRE DAME

MONDAY | 8am | **Dec.1** – † Norm & Joyce Johnson

WEDNESDAY | 8am | **Dec.3** – Intention of Patsy & Mary Harvey

THURSDAY | 8am | **Dec.4** – † James & Armilla Geist

SATURDAY | 8am | **Dec.6** – † Marie, Eugene, & Elaine Cosgrove

HOLY GHOST

TUESDAY | 5:30pm | **Dec.2** – † Tom Przybylski

WEDNESDAY | 8am | **Dec.3** – † Susan Rooney

THURSDAY | 5:30pm | **Dec.4** – † Ken Prince

FRIDAY | 8am | **Dec.5** – † Patrick Greening

SUNDAY MASSES

ST. BRIDGET

SUNDAY | 9:15am | **Dec.7** – † Pete Olson

HOLY GHOST

SUNDAY | 7:30am | **Dec.7** – For the parishes

SUNDAY | 11am | **Dec.7** – † Francis Bohl

NOTRE DAME

SATURDAY | 4:30pm | **Dec.6** – † Kristine Selberg

SUNDAY | 8am | **Dec.7** – † Mike & Jan Krejchi

SUNDAY | 10:30am | **Dec.7** – † Elaine Cosgrove

SUNDAY | 7pm | **Dec.7** – † Andrew Hable

Confession Schedule

(Confessions also available by appointment)

ND: Weekdays beginning 5 min after daily Mass.

Saturday: 3:45-4:15pm | Sunday: 7:15-7:45am; 9:45-10:15am; 6:15-6:45pm.

HG: Weekdays beginning 15 min before daily Mass *(except on Wednesday during the school year)*. Thursday: 3pm-4:50pm | Fridays, 5 min after Mass.



From Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

Peace be with you! As we begin Advent, I encourage you to live this season in your home. There are so many resources out there to help you do this. My main advice for incorporating Advent in your household is: 1) Keep it simple. Maybe it is to pray a decade of the rosary each day before bedtime with the household, or to pray one Hail Mary and light the Advent Wreath each Sunday morning after Mass, or some other practice. 2) Be consistent. Try to incorporate something that is daily or weekly. 3) Begin again. If you fall off the bandwagon, don't abandon your Advent practices, just begin again the next day.

There were a couple of Advent practices that formed me while I was growing up. The Advent Calendar, in various forms. Each of my siblings took turns opening the new window and reading the Scripture verse or eating the hidden candy each day. It helped us to countdown until Christmas day and to prepare our minds for it. Another practice was that, at the dinner table, we had an Advent Wreath. We had a simple ritual each evening at dinnertime that we would follow. We prayed a special Advent prayer after the meal blessing, then one kid would light the correct number of candles, depending on what week of Advent it was. During the days of the "O Antiphons" (Dec. 17- Dec 23), we would add the singing of the verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" that corresponded to the Antiphon of the day. Lastly, we would get a Christmas tree (a REAL one) around Gaudete Sunday (the 3rd Sunday) and, although we would prepare by decorating for Christmas, we would not light up any Christmas lights until Christmas Eve.

These practices formed in me a foundational spiritual disposition of learning how to wait in hope for God's promises to come to fulfillment. I remember feeling what it must have felt like for the people of the Old Testament to wait for the coming of the Savior. Advent is the season that invites us to make time for special prayers and practices that help us enter this spiritual space of waiting in hope for God's action.

This Advent, we are launching a deanery-wide initiative to have 24/7 (aka, "Perpetual") Eucharistic Adoration in the Goldsmith Chapel. The task of having Perpetual Adoration in the Chippewa Valley is no small one. But it is achievable. Eucharistic Adoration also taught me how to persevere through the apparent "silence" of God, with expectant hope that He IS with us... He is Emmanuel. I invite you to consider committing one hour each week to spend time with Jesus and to lift up the whole Church in constant prayer, waiting in joyful hope for His Advent.

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OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lady of the Falls

The Chosen - Season 3 Beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 6pm in the GREC as we watch Season Three of The Chosen together (8 weeks). We will watch, and discuss the episode with the help of the St. Augustine Institute. It's okay if you missed Season One or Two, we can catch you up. This event is a great way to invite someone back. Contact (715) 723-7108 to RSVP or have questions.

City-Wide Advent Confession Service on Dec. 16 from 7pm-9pm at Notre Dame with other local priests also present to hear your confessions.

Keep the Dec. 8 Holy Day of Obligation | Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Notre Dame Mass, 7am, Holy Ghost Mass, 8am, Notre Dame Mass, 6pm

Thank you to all who donated to St. Francesca's Resource Center. St. Francesca's Resource Center food pantry offers necessary food to families who may be struggling. Our parishes offer support to the resource center by volunteering, bringing food items, donating clothing, and donating monetarily.

St. Bridget

Prayers for Sister Yvonne as she recovers from surgery. She's been doing well.

Holy Ghost

Christmas Bazaar will be Dec.13-14. Drop off new and slightly used Christmas decorations at the rectory Tues-Thur from 9am-Noon. If hours don't work for you,

call Mary Harings 715-723-2069 to make arrangements. Also, get your recipes out as we will need baked goods.

Notre Dame

Rise Up, Men of Notre Dame and share joy through music. Please join us at 5:30 PM in the choir loft on Wednesdays, December 3rd and 10th to prepare music that will invite and inspire others to praise and reverence the LORD at 10:30 on Gaudete Sunday, December 14. Please call Dave Van de Loo at 715-396-1895 with questions.

Notre Dame Parish & Children's Trust Funds: Please keep these two funds in mind for your wills & estate planning. They are a great way to help the parish financially & to support our young people's Catholic education. Contact the parish office for more information on how to contribute or how to apply for assistance for children's needs and education.

Thank you to Notre Dame parishioners for helping surpass our Diocesan Annual Appeal goal. Remember every dollar over our goal comes back to the parish 100%.



Hospitality Sunday is next Sunday after the morning Masses.



Bulletin Announcements

All Bulletin Announcements due Mondays by noon. Submit to bulletin@ourladyofthefalls.org.



OUR LADY OF THE FALLS COMMUNITY



CHRIST WITH US ADULT SUNDAY

From 9am-10:30am GREC Joseph Room, 22 S. Prairie Street, across from Notre Dame Join us for faith and fellowship once a month on Thursday mornings. Each month we discuss a saint or a miracle drawn from the rich history of our Catholic tradition. Refreshments are provided. For more information contact Renee Zimmerman, (608) 697-0527 The date for December is Dec 18th. The topic is The Last Things. The following dates are: January - 22 - Topic Forgiveness/Bringing Loved Ones Back To the Church, February - 26, March - 19, April - 23, May - 21

CATHOLICISM ON TAP

The first Monday of the Month, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm GREC Dining Hall, 22 S. Prairie Street, across from Notre Dame Catholicism on Tap grew out of a strong desire of our parishioners to learn more about their Catholic Faith. A speaker presents on a topic of interest to Catholics. Food, wine, and beer (blessed by a priest!) all families are welcome, and childcare is provided (with an RSVP) For general questions about Catholicism on Tap, contact John Shakal: jshakal@ourladyofthefalls.org

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

We are taking a bus to Steubenville again this year! Any teens from eight grade to senior year can participate in a weekend retreat in Rochester Minnesota on Jul.10-12 2026. Registration is due Dec.1, 2025. See the QR Code for more details." (QR Code is attached)



St. Charles Borromeo & St. Peter the Apostle

Advent Parish Mission | Tuesday, Dec 9 Mass at 5:30pm - Feast of St Juan Diego Mission Presentation - 6:15-7:30pm Fr. Tim will be presenting his "Very Merry Guadalupan Christmas" presentation showing how Our Lady of Guadalupe's message is a key to understanding Christmas in an entirely new light. It is no accident that Mary appeared right before Christmas during Advent in her apparitions! Come and learn from Mary herself the meaning of Christmas!

St. Peter's Taste of Tilden | Dec. 10, 3:30-5pm | St. Peter the Apostle Church, 11358 Cty. Hwy. Q, Chippewa Falls Fresh homemade goodies for Christmas featuring homemade noodles, dumplings, Christmas cookies and candy, homemade soaps and more. Dumplings may be ordered ahead by texting/calling 715-577-6138 or emailing palongdo75@gmail.com | Free hot chocolate, coffee, and snacks | For updates on the event check the St. Peter's Christian Mothers' Society Facebook page.

NEED HEALING? — COME ON DEC.5

Mass & Healing Service Immaculate Conception Church (1712 Highland Ave, Eau Claire) will be hosting Mass & a healing service. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:30pm, Mass at 5:30pm, and Healing Service after Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

† Marjorie Dodge (ND) † Ann Sullivan (ND)
† James Butler (ND) † Dale Anderson (HG)
† Allen E. Schemenauer (HG) † Sylvia Kendzior (SB)

LOCAL & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec.4: Night of Worship at Immaculate Conception Parish for Adoration from 6-7pm. On Dec. 4, Mar. 12, & Apr. 23. Praise and worship music, silent prayer, and a Eucharistic procession around the church for each individual to come face-to-face with our Lord. A great opportunity for families to enjoy time with Jesus, and introduce young ones to Adoration.

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Dec.7: Stanley Knights of Columbus sponsored Holy Family Brunch Sunday, Dec. 7, 9am-1pm at All Saints Parish Hall, Stanley. Adults \$15, Age 6-12 \$10, 5 & under eat free. Families \$50 max for 5+ families. Eggs, Pancakes, Waffles, Potato Pancakes, Sausage, and more! Some of the profit will go to seminarian John Francis.

Dec.11: The Catholic Women's Club Luncheon is Dec. 11 at the St. Charles Fellowship Hall. Social hour at 11am and lunch at noon. Cost \$15. St. Charles ladies bring a dish to pass. Reservations call Lorraine at 715.723.0579. Father Daniel Sedlacek will talk about his Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope to Rome.

Dec.14: Congratulations to Father John Schultz on his 60th Anniversary of Ordination. St. Raymond's will have a celebration mass on Dec. 14.

Dec.21: Join us at Immaculate Conception Parish for a FREE Christmas Concert presented by the IC Parish Adult and Youth Choirs! The concert will be held in the church on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6pm. A reception will follow the Concert in Fr. Klink Hall.

Feb.8-13: Pilgrimage to Mexico with Fr. Tim — Marian Messengers Come visit Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fr. Tim Oudenhoven. We will be walking the steps of St. Juan Diego & learning of the incredible message

& mission that Mary has for us! Visit: www.marianmessengers.org or call 800-842-4842

St. Olaf's All You Can Eat Fish 4-7pm. See poster in back of church.

Catholic Charities Homeless for the Holidays campaign ensures more people can find not just shelter, but a pathway forward. Whether you give financially or through prayers, your support is a gift of hope. From our family at Catholic Charities to yours, may you be blessed with peace and joy this holiday season. If you have any questions, please contact Meghann Brennan, Marketing Coordinator at mbrennan@cclse.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLDSMITH COUNCIL 974

KC974 Friday Jackpot Bingo - Doors open @ 4, food @5, Bingo @7. Details
www.KC974BINGO.com

KC Events

- **Red Cross Blood Drive** - Mon, Jan 5, 2026 12-6pm, KC Hall
- **KC White Elephant Party** - Sunday Jan. 11, 2026. 6pm-8pm at the KC Hall. Potluck. Members & Families welcome.

Recent Donations

July through October Donations \$59,500 Total

- Blacktop-St Peters - \$25,000.00
- Coats for Kids - \$2,300.00
- Trichy Dioceses - India \$1,500.00 Transportation for Priests
- KC Disaster Relief - TX Floods \$1,000.00
- SEEK - \$2,000.00 MACS student trip.

To become a member of the Knights of Columbus contact us at 715-271-4737 or
ttozer77@gmail.com

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are giving away "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs
the first Sunday of advent.

Please pick one up at church and display at your home!



St. Francesca Resource Center

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

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

715-215-2638 | st.francesca.rc@gmail.com

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Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have contributed so far!

- Notre Dame: \$100,750.57 (102% of our \$98,145 goal) Congratulations!
- Holy Ghost: \$24,445 (43% of our \$56,420 goal)
- St. Bridget: \$3,365 (21% of our \$15,855 goal)

PARISH SUPPORT

St. Bridget Support

Collection Received Nov. 16: \$1,169.00

Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received Nov. 16: \$14,257.85

Notre Dame Parish Support

Collection Received Nov. 23: \$15,085.51

We need your financial support! There are several ways you can contribute.
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. | 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

● **Dec. 1** | Catholicism on Tap | Live Ask Your Father Podcast, 6pm - GREC Dining Hall

● **Dec. 8** | Feast of the Immaculate Conception (*Holy Day of Obligation*) Notre Dame Mass, 7am | Holy Ghost Mass, 8:30am | Notre Dame Mass, 6pm

● **Dec. 9** | Advent Parish Mission - St. Charles Church

● **Dec. 10** | OLF Bereavement Ministry, 6:30pm - GREC Mary Room

● **Dec. 13** | Baby Shower for Mary with Rooted, 2pm - Notre Dame & GREC Dining Hall

● **Dec. 13-14** | Holy Ghost Christmas Bazaar

● **Dec. 18** | Christ with Us Adult Study: *The Last Things*, 9am - GREC St. Joseph Room

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays | 9am-10:30am | Order of Christian Initiation Classes (Becoming Catholic) - GREC

Mondays | 9am-10am | Monday Prayer Group - Goldsmith Adoration Chapel

Tuesdays | 9am-11am | Bible Study - GREC St. Joseph Room

Tuesdays | 9am-1pm & 4pm-7pm | St. Francesca's Resource Center - GREC

Wednesday | Faith Formation - Locations and Times Vary

Thursdays | 10am-11:30am | Mom's Group - GREC Mary Room

OUR LADY OF THE FALLS MINISTRIES

The ministries below do not include Volunteer Ministries, for more information on volunteering or these ministries call/text 715-705-2240

Moments of a Mother's Hope - Women who have lost children

Chippewa Catholic Young Adults - Adults in their 20's & 30's

Mom's Group - Mothers with children still at home

Ave Maria Homeschool Co-op - Homeschooling Families

Monday Morning Prayer Group - Everyone

Rooted - Families with Young Children (0-6)

E.P.I.C. Families - Families looking for community

Emmaus Discipleship - Parishioners looking to become intentional disciples

OLF Bereavement Ministry - Those seeking comfort after loss

Prayer Ministry - Prays for all requested intentions

Faith in Action

Goldsmith Chapel Adoration: More than 10 new adorers have committed to an Adoration Hour since the newly renovated chapel was opened! Thank you to all those who have signed up for an hour or a second hour. Still, many more adorers are needed!

Sun. 8am-Thur. 11pm There is a great need for night adorers! Early Monday mornings & early Thursday mornings are most critical. Wed. 3pm Wed. 8pm Thurs. 1am Thurs. 2am Please call or text Andy at 708-846-6681 if you can help with any of these hours. You will not regret spending time with Jesus, who so much desires to spend time with you.



News from ...

McDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Open Enrollment Begins Dec. 1 Looking for a school where your child can truly thrive?

Join Us this 10 for 10 Days of Giving beginning on Nov. 29 leading up to our schools' patronal feast day on Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception! For over 140 years, together we have provided students with an excellent, Christ-centered education. Our vision is that each student will discover and develop his or her unique gifts to become a transforming force in society. We need Your help to make this vision reality. You can donate to the A.B. McDonnell Vision Fund and be the hero of our students today!



Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 29-Dec. 8 – 10 for 10 Days of Giving
- Dec. 1 – Open Enrollment Begins
- Dec. 6 – Breakfast with St. Nick, 9-11am, at McDonell Central School
- Dec. 8-Dec. 12 – Holy Spirit Week

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