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MASSES & INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

NOTRE DAME

MONDAY | 8am | *Apr. 6* – † Willis & Monica Loew

WEDNESDAY | 8am | *Apr. 8* – Living & deceased members of the Joseph & Mary Turany family

THURSDAY | 8am | *Apr. 9* – † Ruth Bourget

SATURDAY | 8am | *Apr. 11* – Catherine Goebel

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TUESDAY | 5:30pm | *Apr. 7* – † Dan Prince

WEDNESDAY | 8am | *Apr. 8* – † Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY | 5:30pm | *Apr. 9* – † Lewis Roger Good

FRIDAY | 8am | *Apr. 10* – † Jerry Naiberg

SUNDAY MASSES

ST. BRIDGET

SUNDAY | 9:15am | *Apr. 12* – † Steve Henry

HOLY GHOST

SUNDAY | 7:30am | *Apr. 12* – For the parishes

SUNDAY | 11am | *Apr. 12* – † Staci Brady

NOTRE DAME

SATURDAY | 4:30pm | *Apr. 11* – † Martin & Bess Rasmus

SUNDAY | 8am | *Apr. 12* – † Jack O'Neil

SUNDAY | 10:30am | *Apr. 12* – † Susan DeLong

SUNDAY | 7pm | *Apr. 12* – † 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: Tuesdays: 5pm-5:20pm. Thursday: 3pm-4:50pm | Fridays, 5 min after Mass.



From Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Holy Week is a very grace-filled time in the life of the Church. It is a time of spiritual growth for many as we participate in the sacred rites of the Triduum and Easter, especially the renewing of our baptismal promises or, for some, getting baptized. The Easter Vigil on Saturday night is when many people are baptized or received into the Church. There are reports of record numbers of people being baptized this year. At our parishes, we welcomed thirteen new members of the Church at the Easter Vigil! Nine received the saving grace of baptism and four came into full communion with the Catholic

Church along with another three who were baptized Catholic and are now fully initiated. Congratulations and welcome to the Catholic family. We are so very happy to have you as a part of the Church and our Catholic community! We will have about another dozen persons entering the Church next Sunday and a few more in the weeks and months ahead.

All of these received some invitation to explore or re-examine the Catholic Church. So many people are searching for a spiritual family, but no one has invited them. Will you consider being a little brave and inviting your family members or friends to consider Catholicism? If you are not Catholic but came to one of our three parishes this weekend, would you consider joining Christian Initiation and learning more about God, how Jesus has saved us, what is the best way to live, how to have a relationship with God, and what being a member of the Catholic Church has to do with these things? I invite you to come.

One of my favorite Easter hymns is "At the Lamb's High Feast." The third verse of the hymn explains the origin of the triumph and joy of Easter, which is Jesus vanquishing the powers of hell (the Devil), conquering death, bringing us life and light, and opening up the gates of heaven.

Mighty victim from on high, / Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; / You have conquered in the fight, / You have brought us life and light. / Now no more can death appall, / Now no more the grave enthrall: / You have opened paradise, / And in you your saints shall rise.

Happy Easter!

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OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lady of the Falls

Join us as we observe Bereaved Mother's Day on April 19 at 1pm. We meet in the GREC Mary Room (22 S Prairie Street Chippewa Falls). There we will connect, join in prayer and have time to plant flowers outside Notre Dame for families to remember their child/children they have lost. Contact Kate Zweber at 715-705-2240 for details and to RSVP

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12 (1st Sunday after Easter) at 1:30pm. Please join us, there will be talks and devotions to this great feast of Mercy. Guest speaker is Father Ben Cameron from the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy will be talking on "The Cross: Infinite Wellspring of Divine Mercy," the talk concludes at 3pm. Location: Notre Dame Church 1:30pm- 4pm with confessions available.

Birding @ Bridget's The presentation will take place after the 9:15am Mass on April 12 at St. Bridget's. Cookies and refreshments will also be provided and the event is free! Door prizes. Free—but monetary donations are welcome and will go to St. Bridget's. See flyer in back of church for more details.

St. Bridget

BIRTHDAYS - Apr.5-12: Lauren O'Neill, Kathy Marek, Bailey Raap, Trent Roberts.

THIS & THAT — Singing the "Happy Word" again! | Singing in the classroom with children, I would teach this song: "Everybody sing Alleluia, Alleluia means PRAISE THE LORD. It's the happiest word I've ever heard, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!" During Lent we put the "happy word" to rest, but today being Easter, we begin to sing it again! Happy Easter as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord! We've known the story for as long as we have known about Jesus. We can look at the crucifix because we know that it's the prelude to the best

news in the world. In the Gospel of John 20:1-9, Mary Magdala came to the tomb on the first Easter morning and found the stone rolled away. She ran to tell Peter and John. Peter ran; John ran. Finding the empty tomb made Jesus' followers bewildered and confused. grasping for various possible answers to account for it. Only when the disciples experienced the risen Lord did the meaning of the empty tomb become clear. The stone was rolled back not so Jesus could get out, but so we could get in and be assured that his tomb of death will remain empty forever. He is risen! ALLELUIA! Today, as we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus, let us together rejoice that He has conquered sin, death and the devil and that He is with us forever! Have a blessed week and stay healthy! – Sr. Yvonne

Holy Ghost

Mass Intentions Available: Holy Ghost has several openings for weekday Mass Intentions. Daily Masses at Holy Ghost are at 8am on Wed. & Fri. and at 5:30 pm on Tues. & Thurs. To schedule a Mass Intention at Notre Dame, Holy Ghost, or St. Bridget, stop by the Notre Dame rectory during office hours or call 715-723-7108.

Faith in Action For lent do not forget our food insecure in our community. Please consider picking up a couple of non-perishable food items when shopping for SFRC. Personal care items are also welcome. Bring and place them in our basket in the back of church. Thanks for your generosity.

Notre Dame

Notre Dame's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Is On May 2 This Year! **Theme - 60's and 70's Television** RSVP by going to the announcements page of OLF's website or by calling the office.

Special Needs Friendship Ministry | Meeting Apr.6

This ministry for adults with special needs. We meet on the first & third Mondays of each month from 3:45pm-5pm in the St. Charles Borromeo, Fellowship Hall. Join us for prayer, fellowship and a craft. Call Rolanda Rada at 715-726-1812 if you have any questions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

† Patricia Joan (Thibedeau) Nicolai (HG)
† Tonya Jo Jacobson (SB)

Divine Mercy Sunday | April 12

(1st Sunday after Easter).

Please join us for an afternoon of talks and devotions to this great feast of Mercy. Our guest speaker is Father Ben Cameron from the Congregation

of the Fathers of Mercy. His talk will begin at 1:30pm and conclude by 3pm to begin the Divine Mercy devotions. Father's title of his talk will be "The Cross: Infinite Wellspring of Divine Mercy." This event will be hosted by Notre Dame in the church from 1:30pm-4pm with confessions available by several area priests.



Hospitality Sunday | April 12 | After the morning Masses

On 2nd Sunday of April, Apr.12 after the morning Masses.

This isn't just your average donut Sunday, we will have special treats and mimosas to celebrate those being confirmed and receiving first sacraments on that day, Divine Mercy Sunday! Join us in the GREC Dining Hall as we welcome, with great joy, these newly confirmed Catholics!

St. Charles Borromeo & St. Peter the Apostle

Venerate the "Madre Peregrina" - Pilgrim Mother Sculpture | Mar.19-Apr.5 | St. Charles Borromeo. The "Madre Peregrina" - Pilgrim Mother is a life-size sculpture depicting the Virgin Mary in her apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. The complete schedule while at St. Charles can be found online at: stcharles-cf.com

Notre Dame Church Red Cross Blood Drive

Notre Dame Church is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Friday, April 10. It will be at the GREC Dining Hall (22 S. Prairie St) from 9am-3pm. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "Notre Dame" to schedule an appointment.

Moments of a Mother's Hope | Apr.19 | 1pm

Moments of a Mother's Hope (for families who've lost children) - Flower Planting Event - GREC Mary Room

First Communion Date - May 17th

Notre Dame - 10:30am Mass Holy Ghost - 11am Mass

Please join us in praying for the little ones who are preparing for their first reconciliation right now and later receiving their first communion.

Troop 13 Eagle Scout Project | Noah Koenig

Noah Koenig from Troop 13 is completing his Eagle Scout project. He's collecting non-perishable foods and hygiene products for St. Francesca. There are 2 boxes in the back of Holy Ghost & Notre Dame churches. He will be collecting items until May 1.

LOCAL & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chippewa Falls Knights of Columbus Council 974 will be holding the annual Smelt Feed open to the public, Apr.30, at Columbus Hall, 236 Pumphouse Road in Chippewa Falls. An *All-You-Can-Eat* meal of deep-fried smelt, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and homemade bread with refreshments for \$15 at the door. All attendees are entered in Cash drawing prizes. Smelt Feed is from 4:30pm-8pm. Carry outs available.

FRIDAY FISH FRY - Friday, Apr.10 Sacred Heart Parish in Jim Falls serving their Friday Fish Fry. Includes soup, 3 pieces of deep-fried fish, potato, beans, coleslaw, roll, beverage, dessert. Cost \$14/Adults, \$6/Children 4-12 & Free Under 3. Serving 4:30pm-6:30pm.

Lenten Forgiveness Workshop at Immaculate Conception Church in Eau Claire. No cost. | Time: 6pm-7:30pm. **Dates:** Apr. 8, Apr. 15. | Location: Oak Room in the lower level of the school. **Please RSVP** at recineann@gmail.com or 715-441-3202

St. Paul's & St. John's Parishes - Men's Faith Formation Program Saturday mornings, 6:30am-8am. Enter at the front or back doors of St. Paul's school, 1222 Main Street, Bloomer. Deepen your faith through "That Man is You!" No pre-registration necessary. Contact Mark Anderson for questions: markjmjanderson@gmail.com or 715-933-0481 (text or call).

Monthly Confession Opportunities Confession is offered during Eucharistic Adoration at St. Paul's in Bloomer and St. John the Baptist's in Cooks Valley every month. Confession is available at the start of each hour following St. John's 8:30am Mass until 6pm on Thursdays before the 1st Friday of each month. A week later, Confession is available at the start of each hour following St. Paul's 7:30am Mass until 6pm on Thursdays before the 2nd Friday of each month.



Happy Easter!

Did you know that, in our diocese during the last 3 years, we have been averaging 100 adult baptisms per year, plus another 130 baptisms of older children (age 7-17)? God is very much at work, drawing new spiritual children to himself. Going into this weekend, we expect even higher numbers of adult and teenage baptisms. It's an exciting time to be Catholic, but most of our parish structures aren't geared toward one-on-one or small group accompaniment. *May the Risen Jesus, our Good Shepherd, lead us to reimagine how our faith communities can be there to walk with those he is calling to himself.*

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KC974 Friday Jackpot Bingo - Doors open @ 4, food @5, Bingo @7.
Details www.KC974BINGO.com. We can use more volunteers from our
KC Council!! Contact Mike @ 608-764-0113

What's coming up...

- **Smelt Feed** – April 30 – 4:30pm at the KC Hall.
- **KC 974 Blood Drive** – April 28 – 1pm – 6pm at the KC Hall.
- **KC WI State Convention** – May 15th & 16th, Madison WI
- **Clergy Appreciation & Awards Banquet** – May 28, KC Hall, 5-6 pm Social, 6:15 pm dinner followed by awards.
- **KC974 Express Baseball Game** – Fan Deck, Saturday June 28th, Starts 2:05pm, Carson Park.

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



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

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Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have contributed so far!

- Notre Dame: \$128,525 (130% of our \$98,145 goal) Congratulations!
- Holy Ghost: \$54,815 (97% of our \$56,420 goal)
- St. Bridget: \$12,007 (76% of our \$15,855 goal)

PARISH SUPPORT

St. Bridget Support

Collection Received Mar. 22: \$1,029.00

Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received Mar. 22: \$6,357.70

Notre Dame Parish Support

Collection Received Mar. 22: \$6,574.86

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

- **Apr. 11** | EPIC Families Gathering, 5:30pm - Call parish office for location
- **Apr. 12** | Divine Mercy Sunday - Talk "The Cross: Infinite Wellspring of Divine Mercy." & Devotions, 1:30pm-4pm - Notre Dame Church
- **Apr. 12** | Hospitality Sunday Celebrating Newly Baptized & Initiated Catholics, After morning Masses - GREC Dining Hall
- **Apr. 13** | Catholicism on Tap, 6pm - GREC Dining Hall
- **Apr. 19** | Moments of a Mother's Hope - Flower Planting Event, 1pm - GREC Mary Room
- **Apr. 23** | Christ with Us Adult Study: *Our Lady Of Good Counsel*, 9am - GREC St. Joseph Room
- **May. 2** | Notre Dame's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (60s & 70s TV Theme), 5:30pm - GREC Dining Hall.
- **May. 3** | Hospitality Sunday, After Notre Dame's morning Masses - Notre Dame GREC

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

Tuesdays | 9:30am-11am | Bible Study - GREC Mary Room

Wednesdays | 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

Adoration

Can't sleep? Neither can He. Jesus said to His apostles on the Mount of Olives, the night He was betrayed, "could you not keep watch for one hour?". By leaving us the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus gives us the chance to be with Him every day and every night. An adorer is needed for the following hours:

Sun. 4pm **Thur. 2am** **Thur. 9am** **Fri. Midnight**
Wed. 11pm **Thur. 7am** **Thur. 11pm**

Please call or text Andy at 708-846-6681 if you can help with any of these hours. There are also many afternoon and night hours that need a second adorer. You will not regret spending time with Jesus, who so much desires to spend time with you.





News from ...

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**Registration Open for Spring
Spectacular** Saturday, April 11th
Join us for an evening of giving



and celebration with the annual Spring Spectacular benefiting MACS. This year's event will feature the induction of seven alumni into our Hall of Fame. To register, scan the QR code.



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