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MASSSES & INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

NOTRE DAME

MONDAY | 8am | **Nov.24** – † Sue DeLong

WEDNESDAY | 8am | **Nov.26** – † Kathryn & Richard
Armstrong

THURSDAY | 8am | **Nov.27** – † Cheryl Dejno

SATURDAY | 8am | **Nov.29** – † Dave Bowe

HOLY GHOST

TUESDAY | 5:30pm | **Nov.25** – † Deceased members
of the Hoehn family

WEDNESDAY | 8am | **Nov.26** – † Joanne Oleson

THURSDAY | 5:30pm | **Nov.27** – NO MASS

FRIDAY | 8am | **Nov.28** – † Beverly Mattingly

SUNDAY MASSES

ST. BRIDGET

SUNDAY | 9:15am | **Nov.30** – † Gladys Vavra

HOLY GHOST

SUNDAY | 7:30am | **Nov.30** – † Richard & Janet
Begley

SUNDAY | 11am | **Nov.30** – † Matt Kuhlman

NOTRE DAME

SATURDAY | 4:30pm | **Nov.29** – † Susan DeLong

SUNDAY | 8am | **Nov.30** – † John Zielinski

SUNDAY | 10:30am | **Nov.30** – For the parishes

SUNDAY | 7pm | **Nov.30** – Eileen Van Den
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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. David Nowicki

One hundred thirty five years ago this week, Fr. Charles Francis Xavier Goldsmith took his last breath at the age of forty-four. His was a life of frenetic activity: under his leadership, the present church was constructed, the Catholic hospital was founded, the parish school was founded with the help of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (of whom we have benefitted from the vocation of Sr. Yvonne, among others), and Holy Ghost was established as one of twelve daughter churches of Notre Dame Parish, among many other accomplishments. Fr. Goldsmith lived his life as though we were to die tomorrow, but he did his work so that he "may tell the next generation that such is our God, our God forever and always." (Ps. 48:13-14).

To that end, Fr. Goldsmith's final request was a memorial chapel where he could be buried. Far from a self-promoting action, this chapel was to remind those who come after him of God's goodness in spite of our finitude – a fitting reminder for the month of November in remembrance of All Souls. This chapel is what we currently use as the adoration chapel where, in the crypt below the altar, one can pray at the tomb of this remarkable man. It's an arresting thought that the same place that exists as a memento of our death now shelters the Bread of Life.

This end of the liturgical year is also a reminder of the sights we as Christians are to fix our eyes upon: the King of Kings will return to take His throne and rule over all heaven and earth. We are called to be the caretakers and stewards of that kingdom. While we constantly try to usurp the throne by our sin, time and again we find ourselves incapable of assuming the crown that is rightly Christ's. We absolutely need the King to return in our lives when we kick Him out in rebellion. This was why Fr. Goldsmith lived his life the way he did: all for the glory of the true King. This week, take some time to visit that king in the adoration chapel, and while you're there, stop downstairs and pray for Fr. Goldsmith at his tomb, with the hope that one day he, you, and I can rejoice in the return of the King to restore all things in Himself.

- Fr. Nowick

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OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lady of the Falls

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The Chosen - Season Three. 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.

Stuebenville Youth Conference "We are taking a bus to Stuebenville 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.



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

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THIS & THAT — "CHRIST THE KING AND THANKSGIVING" | This is the last Sunday of the Church year when we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King followed by Thanksgiving at the end of the week. Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, and the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. In today's Gospel from Luke 23:35-43 we see the greatest surprise of all. We see the crucified Jesus whom faith tells us is King and Savior of us all. The inscription placed on the cross contains a profound truth that read: "This is the King of the Jews." The leaders at the time jeer, but the thief crucified at his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King and finds salvation. Jesus says to him: "Today you will be with me in paradise." Jesus is not the kind of king we might

have imagined, but those who had their eyes of faith were able to see who Jesus was. Today's gospel invites us to make our own judgment and to recognize Jesus as King and Savior of all. We might sing the words of the song using the words of the good thief: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." We give thanks for God's many blessings to us. As part of the faith community of Our Lady of the Falls Catholic Community, we are thankful for all those who step forward in leadership, those who share their time and talent teaching and inviting people to follow Jesus. Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Have a blessed week and stay healthy. - Sr. Yvonne.

Holy Ghost

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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

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Thank you for being a part of our Time and Talent at Notre Dame & contributing to the Mission of Our Lady of the Falls! If you missed it, we have volunteer cards in the pews and would be delighted to see your name on a card. Please grab one!

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.

The Men of Notre Dame invite you to serve the LORD with the voice He gave you. Please join us for rehearsals at 5:30pm in the choir loft on Wednesdays, Dec. 3 & 10 as we prepare the music for the Dec. 14 Sunday 10:30am Mass. Please contact Dave Van de Loo at 715-396-1895 with questions. Thanks.

OUR LADY OF THE FALLS COMMUNITY



BIBLE STUDY

Study of the Epistles of St. John is set to begin Tuesday Nov. 25, 9:30-11am in the GREC. Contact Deanna at jdsuilmann@gmail.com for more information.

MOMS GROUP

The Catholic Moms group Chippewa Valley meets every Thursday morning at 10am with their kids and monthly on the 3rd Thursday evening for Moms night out. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Our Lady of the Falls office at 715-723-7108. They will put you in contact with Lisa Ruf for the group chat information.

CHIPPEWA CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS (CCYA)

The CCYA is a community of faith-driven individuals in their 20s and 30s who come together to deepen their Catholic faith, support each other in faith. We have monthly Adoration and community days, plus a monthly event and weekly sports. Whether you're a lifelong Catholic or exploring your faith, any young adult is welcome! For updates on events, text 715-705-2240, email kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org, or join the GroupMe for updates at, https://groupme.com/join_group/91240539/QHocs2uT

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Do you know someone interested in exploring the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic? Christian Initiation is for them! Sunday 9am sessions will introduce them to Jesus, the Church, Christian life, and much more. Any interested person can contact John Shakal at jshakal@ourladyofthefalls.org.

St. Charles Borromeo & St. Peter the Apostle

Agnes Table | Agnes Table will start serving in the St. Charles fellowship hall the first Tuesday of December. They serve evening meals to the community every Tuesday and Thursday. St. Charles is busy working on plans and preparations to be a good host! If you would like to make a donation to them, you can mark Agnes Table and drop it in the collection. A donation to Agnes Table goes a long way in helping a lot of people in town.

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.

DON'T MISS IT! — 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.

Baptism

Please welcome recently baptized at Notre Dame

Riley Eleanor Lemke,
daughter of Peter Lemke & Ashley (Schmitz) Lemke



Bulletin Announcements

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



LOCAL & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec.1-10: McDonell Schools are hosting an Ignatius Press Book Fair
Dec.1-10. Join us at St. Charles Primary School during the week or before and after weekend masses on Dec.6-7, hours TBA. Books for PreK-8. Take a sneak peek at: store.ignatiusbookfairs.com. Books make wonderful Christmas gifts!

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.

Dec.5: St. Olaf's All You Can Eat Fish
4-7pm. See poster in back of church.

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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.

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

Save the date for the next year's Christ With Us Adult Study.
Jan.22 | Feb.26 | Mar.19 | Apr.23 | 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 will be served.

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

- **K of C Spirituality Nights (Cor)** - Nov. 20, 2025.

The Latin Mass—75 years. 6:30 pm at the KC Hall. Light refreshments served.

- **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 the church exits and display it in your front yard from Advent through the Baptism of the Lord.



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: \$86,130.47 (88% of our \$98,145 goal)
- Holy Ghost: \$18,060 (32% of our \$56,420 goal)
- St. Bridget: \$1,660 (10% of our \$15,855 goal)

PARISH SUPPORT

St. Bridget Support

Collection Received Nov. 9: \$1,780.00

Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received Nov. 9: \$12,668.00

Notre Dame Parish Support

Collection Received Nov. 16: \$9,470.85

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 as 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.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 (OCIA) - GREC St. Joseph Room

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. 24-28 – Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 29-Dec. 8 – 10 for 10 Days of Giving
- Dec. 1 – Open Enrollment Begins
- Dec. 6 – Breakfast with St. Nick, 9-11am, at McDonnell Central School
- Dec. 8-Dec. 12 – Holy Spirit Week

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