

# OUR LADY OF THE FALLS

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. BRIDGET

HOLY GHOST

NOTRE DAME



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 14, 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



## Saint Anthony of Egypt (c. 251–356)

Feast Day: January 17

At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor" (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. Anthony decided to become a hermit. He begged an elderly hermit to teach him about the spiritual life. Anthony also visited other hermits so that he could learn each one's most outstanding virtue. Then he began his own life of prayer and penance alone with God. Many people heard of his holiness and came to him for advice. Anthony would tell them how they could become closer to God. Once he said, "The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices and when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross." Anthony died in solitude at 105. (Also known as Anthony of the Desert.)



A COMMUNITY OF THREE PARISHES

MISSION:

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

## DAILY READINGS

### Sunday, Jan. 14

*Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
(65) Pss II

### Monday, Jan. 15

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22 (311)

### Tuesday, Jan. 16

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28 (312)

### Wednesday, Jan. 17

*St. Anthony, Abbot*

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313)

### Thursday, Jan. 18

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12 (314)

### Friday, Jan. 19

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19 (315)

### Saturday, Jan. 20

*St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; BVM*

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21 (316)

### 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



PRAY FOR THE UNBORN.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Jan. 13** 4:30 pm ✠ Marvin and Sylvia Franz . . . . . ND

5:00 pm ✠ Vernon and Rose Turner . . . . . HG

**Sunday, Jan. 14** 8:00 am ✠ Catherine McDowell . . . . . ND

8:00 am ✠ Yvonne Briggs. . . . . HG

9:30 am ✠ Lillian White. . . . . SB

10:00 am Seminarians of the La Crosse Diocese . . . . . ND

11:00 am For the parishes . . . . . HG

7:00 pm ✠ Gary & Barbara Tozer . . . . . ND

**Monday, Jan. 15** 8:00 am NO MASS . . . . . ND

**Tuesday, Jan. 16** 5:30 pm ✠ Brian Wogernese. . . . . HG

**Wednesday, Jan. 17** 8:00 am NO MASS . . . . . ND

8:30 am ✠ Tom Bleskachek. . . . . HG

**Thursday, Jan. 18** 8:00 am NO MASS . . . . . ND

5:30 pm ✠ Donna Snyder. . . . . HG

**Friday, Jan. 19** 8:00 am ✠ Betty Schemenauer. . . . . ND

8:30 am Peg Klinkhammer. . . . . HG

**Saturday, Jan. 20** 8:00 am ✠ Kristopher Rahr . . . . . ND

4:30 pm ✠ Catherine Rada . . . . . ND

5:00 pm ✠ Matt Kuhlman and BJ Michalek . . . . . HG

**Sunday, Jan. 21** 8:00 am ✠ Joanne Van Den Heuvel. . . . . ND

8:00 am ✠ Sally Kjorlien. . . . . HG

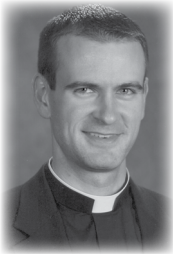
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10:00 am ✠ Catherine Rada . . . . . ND

11:00 am ✠ Larry Erickson. . . . . HG

7:00 pm For the parishes . . . . . ND





## From Fr. Jesse Burish

Praised be Jesus Christ!

How do I know God is calling me to do something? How do I know his will for my life, or for any number of specific situations in my life? These are questions that inevitably arise for anyone who is striving to be a disciple of Christ. Our first reading this Sunday from the Old Testament first book of Samuel is a story that brings these questions to the surface.

God calls this young boy Samuel while he is asleep. Samuel, not knowing it is the Lord, thinks it is the priest Eli and goes and wakes him up, until eventually Samuel figures out (with the help of Eli) that it is *God* speaking to him, and finally Samuel avails himself to God's call and will.

The situation, however, that surrounds this story is a rather troubling one. The two sons of the priest Eli, whose names are Hophni and Phineas, were corrupt. They used their positions of authority to take advantage of people. Eli, unfortunately, was a rather weak leader and father. He never really cracked down on his sons. By the time he did say something, it was too late and had no effect. This whole ugly situation that Samuel finds himself in during his youth in the temple really provides a powerful reflection for us about how we listen to God and discern his will in our life.

Notice that the passage began by saying that Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was. Perhaps this is an indicator that something is not quite right. In other places in the Bible being asleep is not the posture that one wants to have in the presence of God. Recall Jesus telling his disciples to stay awake and keep vigil with him in the Garden of Gethsemane just before his Passion. We must be spiritually awake and attentive to God's often subtle voice, namely by not being distracted by material things or worldly pursuits. Also, the existence of unconfessed or unrepented sin/corruption/lack of integrity hidden away in our lives is a sure way to drown out God's voice and prevent us from hearing him.

So, how are we to know that God is speaking to us or calling us to something? How are we to know his will? In his book entitled *In the School of the Holy Spirit*, spiritual author Fr. Jacques Philippe proposes several criteria confirming that an "inspiration" comes from God. His first point for our discernment is that God is consistent and doesn't contradict himself. In other words, God doesn't call us to do anything that contradicts the teaching of the Scriptures or the Church, or the demands of our vocation.

Another criterion for discerning God's inspiration or voice comes from Jesus' words in the Gospel: "A tree is known by its fruit." If something is from God, it should produce within us peace, joy, charity, communion, and humility, as opposed to sadness, bitterness, or pride. Of course, this may only become obvious to us in retrospect, but we can gain experience for future discernment, and some of these fruits may become apparent to us even before putting a decision in effect.

Peace, joy, and the like are certain fruits of the Holy Spirit; the Devil is incapable of producing them in a lasting way. By contrast, trouble and persisting sadness are the sure marks of the evil spirit, and the Holy Spirit cannot produce them. In practice, however, things are often more complex. An inspiration may come from God and still cause a lot of turbulence in us. But this turbulence comes from our resistance to that inspiration. Once we accept it in docility and cease putting up resistance, then we find peace little by little pouring into our hearts.

One final criterion for discerning something coming from God is constancy. There is nothing more inconstant than our moods and wishes. The tactic of the Devil is to distract us, pushing us in one direction and then another so that, in the end, we accomplish nothing at all. What comes from God, however, is stable and constant. For this reason, it's generally good to take some time to discern something is coming from God to verify that it doesn't quickly dissipate.

There is, of course, much more that could be said about hearing and discerning God's voice/inspiration/will in our life, but for now, I'll leave it at that. God's call sometimes disrupts our comfortable lives. But if God wants our response, he'll keep calling, like he did with Samuel, as long as we do not have our hearts completely blocked or distracted from hearing him.

## 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.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

† Lyle Sonnentag (ND),

† Alexandra Clementine DeCook (ND),

† Donna Snyder (HG)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. Amen.



## Baptism

Please welcome recently baptized  
at Notre Dame

*Isaac Christopher DeCook*  
son of Alex DeCook & Jacinta  
(Jaramillio) DeCook

## 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 ..... Dec. 31: \$923.00  
ACH for January \$555.00

### Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received ..... Dec. 31: \$6,795.00  
ACH for January \$4,954.50

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 ..... Dec. 31: \$8,435.00  
ACH for January \$16,206.52

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. 17:** Bereavement Ministry meeting for Our Lady of the Falls is Jan. 17 at 6:30pm. Meeting in the Mary Room of the Notre Dame old school building, 22 S. Prairie St. This ministry is for anyone who has lost someone they care about, find comfort in community and to remember and pray for our loved ones.

**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 6:30 PM 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 Pumhouse 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, sign up with QR code above or call 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!



### Chili Cook-Off | Sunday Jan. 21, 2024

Chippewa Falls Catholic Community will have a Chili Cook-Off Sunday, Jan. 21, 12:30-3pm, 1pm judging, at Holy Ghost Parish. Fun for the whole family, open to all. Come eat all the chili you can! One chili entry per person. Judges include area Priests. Your family eats for free if you bring a chili, a side, or a dessert. \$3/person without a chili, side, or dessert. Card games, open gym for the kids. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3VuWXj5> or [phanson@ourladyofthefalls.org](mailto:phanson@ourladyofthefalls.org)

## Save the Date!

Nationally recognized Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation leader and AML certified Montessori guide, Carolyn Kohlaas, will be giving a presentation "*What is CGS and is He calling you?*" on the evening of Thursday Jan. 25, 2024.

Look for more details in next week's bulletin to learn more.

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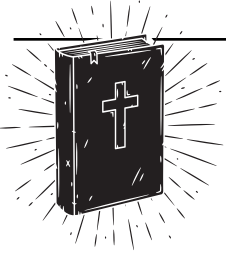
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## FAITH FORMATION



**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.

- Jan. 18 | The Precious Blood of Jesus
- 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.

### Bishop Barron Comments on Recent Vatican Document

While I included a couple resources on the recent Vatican document on blessing of same-sex couples in my Friday email to parishioners, I'd also like to offer this brief commentary by Bishop Barron, dated Dec. 21, 2023, found on the USCCB website. WASHINGTON – The document released this week by the Vatican on the pastoral meaning of blessings insists that marriage is a union of one man and one woman in lifelong fidelity and openness to children, said Bishop Robert Barron of Winona-Rochester. Following the publication of *Fiducia supplicans* by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, addressed questions and concerns that have emerged. "In my capacity as chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, I would like to respond to some of the questions and concerns that have emerged in the wake of the publication of the Vatican document, *Fiducia Supplicans*. The statement in no way calls for a change in the Church's teaching regarding marriage and sexuality. In fact, it goes to great lengths to insist that, in accord with unchanging doctrine, marriage is a union of one man and one woman in lifelong fidelity and openness to children. "The blessings that it allows for those in irregular relationships are not liturgical in nature and hence do not imply any approbation of such relationships. Rather, these benedictions are informal and spontaneous, designed to call upon God's mercy to heal, guide, and strengthen. Despite some misleading coverage in the press, the declaration does not constitute a 'step' toward ratification of same-sex marriage nor a compromising of the Church's teaching regarding those in irregular relationships. "*Fiducia Supplicans* is very much congruent with Pope Francis's long-held conviction that those who do not live up to the full demand of the Church's moral teaching are nevertheless loved and cherished by God and invited to accept the Lord's offer of forgiveness."

### 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.

### Share the Joy by sending 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.

## THIS & THAT FROM SR. YVONNE

### "Share God With Others"

Andrew found his brother Simon and told him: "We have found the Messiah." Andrew brought Simon to Jesus (John 1: 35-42) This life-changing act done by Andrew, helped not only Simon, but the whole church. Through that invitation, Simon (Peter) was able to respond to his call to be a great leader among the early Christians, and eventually to become our first pope.

Today's gospel reading follows John the Baptist's testimony, calling Jesus the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. Andrew shared his love of God, especially with his brother Simon Peter.

Jesus says to us as he said to his first disciples:

"What are you looking for?... Come and See." We too, are Jesus' disciples. As we pray and have conversations with Jesus, we can share that joy with our family and friends.

We follow Jesus, but no one is a disciple of Jesus alone. To be a follower of Jesus is to be part of a community.

We call that community the CHURCH! From the very beginning of the Church, families helped one another to know and follow Jesus. Dear God, let this be true in our family life. The better we know Jesus, the more we want to follow him and share his many blessings.

The liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week. We leave the celebration of Christmas, but not the awareness that God sent his only begotten Son Jesus into the world for our salvation. We bring each other to God by helping one another to see and listen to God at work among us. As Our Lady of the Falls Catholic Community, let us pray for each other, sharing God with others. Have a Blessed week!

On January 15th we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He received a call to ministry that led him to preach and teach non-violence and justice for all people. He shared God with others.

**Pope Francis shared a Prayer For Peace. Let it be our prayer too.**

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace and guide our steps in the way of peace.

Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!" With war, everything is lost.

Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!



## 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 Saints Peter and Andrew"*  
by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio

## OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### St. Bridget

**Jan.14-Jan.21 – Birthdays:** Stephanie Raap, Jenna Ische, Steve Henry, Sherry Shong.

**Cans for India.** Recently Joe Wendtland was able to cash in on our aluminum cans for \$54.61. We continue this project to send funds to Fr. Victor's Our Lady of Fatima School in India. Thanks Joe, and thanks to those who continue to save aluminum cans for recycling. Let's keep on keeping on with this project.

**The 13th Annual Our Lady of Fatima Dinner** will be held, Saturday Feb. 10 at the Moose Lodge in Eau Claire. To learn more about attending, sponsoring the event, or providing an auction article, contact Linda Dekan at 715-875-4837.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal.** St. Bridget's has now collected 39% of our \$15,410 target goal. Thanks to Scott Pulver who continues to mark our progress on the chart on the basement door. Let's keep Scott busy as we climb up the ladder!

**Good reading and prayer help** is available for free on the back table. THE WORD AMONG US and BEAUFUL EUCHARIST are waiting for you.

**When buying your groceries,** can you add one extra article to put in the food basket at the back of church? When the basket is full, we share it with a local food pantry in the area. Jesus says: "When I was hungry you gave me to eat."

**HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR OF 2024!**

### 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

**Mass in remembrance of Donna Snyder** at Holy Ghost on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 5:30 pm.

**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.

**Elevator Repair** The cost to repair elevator came to \$7,671.10. Since this was an unplanned large expense, the funds were taken from our Emergency Savings. Please give generously to the Annual Appeal. Once our goal is reached, any excess funds will be returned to the parish and we can replenish our Emergency Savings. If you would like to contribute directly to replenishing this fund, please put your contribution in an envelope marked Elevator and put in the collection basket or send to the parish.

### 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.

**SCRIP** gift cards make great stocking stuffers for anyone on your gift giving list. Stop by the Scrip table at the back of church. We now carry Express Mart \$20 cards!

A sincere thanks for the many thoughtful cards, gifts, and treats, and the ways you are kind and hospitable to us. May God bless you and your families this Christmas season and New Year!

**– Fr. Jesse Burish and Fr. Brandon Guenther**



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. 14, 2024

### Priority Enrollment for Parishioners

Enrollment season has begun at MACS and parishioners have priority enrollment starting Jan. 22–Jan. 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 enroll to be considered for priority enrollment. Go to the Admissions of 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 & Primary School and enjoy food, fun games, and a bouncy house! Tickets are \$3/person or \$10/family.

### 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 to 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

We are seeking great candidates for Director of Advancement. For more details, such as job descriptions and requirements, please search [mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/about/opportunity.cfm](http://mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/about/opportunity.cfm) or email [hr@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:hr@macs.k12.wi.us).

### Scrip

MACS is seeking a volunteer who would be available to organize the Scrip week with volunteers and tasks. We currently have about five consistent volunteers to sell Scrip and would like to increase this amount so we can expand our selling times. If you have great customer service skills, enjoy scheduling and have about two hours a week you would like to volunteer please contact Kathleen Adams at [k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us) or 715.723.0538. Thank you for your consideration!

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