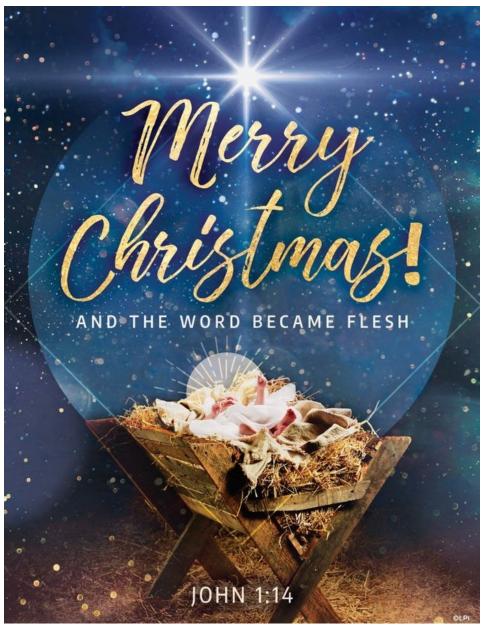


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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the pastor 1-2 months
Prior to date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made 6 months in advance. Contact the Pastor.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults desiring baptism, confirmation or full membership in the Catholic Church, contact Deacon Wendt. Sessions begin in Fall.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the parish office or fill out one of the Family Registration sheets in the back of church. They can be handed in the weekend collection

VISITATION

Please notify the pastor when a hospitalized / homebound parishioner desires holy communion.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the church office or the Pastor.

DECEMBER 24, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 pm (SB)
Sunday: 8:00 am (SL) & 10:00 am (IC)
Tuesday: 5:30 pm (SB)
Wednesday: 8:00 am (SL)
Thursday: 8:00 am (SL)

Friday: 8:00 am (IC) & 11:00 am (SB) CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 pm (B) Sunday: 7:30 am (L) Sunday: 9:30 am (IC)

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear People of God,

First of all, I wish you a very Merry Christmas. How are all in your family? I pray at the Altar of Christ for your happiness and good health. Many more blessings of God be with you all.

There is a little difference in this year. Both the fourth week of Advent and the Christmas Eve fall on the same day. So, I would like to write here about Christmas, not about the readings of fourth week of Advent. Christmas is a milestone in the history of our salvation. So, it is lovely to know that God is with us. The central message of Christmas is the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we have every reason to be happy because the prince of peace is born.

Isaiah proclaims: "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the one who brings the Good News." (Is: 52:7) Indeed, the good news himself is among us. It is the good news of love, peace, hope, happiness, and salvation.

The gospel of John (1:1-18) concisely gives us the synopsis of what happened on the birth day of Jesus. "The Word was with God...The Word was made flesh, He lived among us, and we saw His glory." Today, God the Son has revealed God the Father. The Word that was with the Father as Spirit

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday - Christmas Eve - 12/24/23 St. Boniface

4:30 pm † Hans P. Stolz by His Family

Monday-Christmas Day -12/25/23 St. Lawrence

8:00 pm † Kathy Speltz by Sam Speltz & Family

Monday - Christmas Day-12/25/23 Immaculate Concept

10:00 pm † MaryAnn Senn by Mark & Jane Senn

Tuesday - 12/26/23 St. Boniface

5:30pm All Entrusted To Our Pastor's Care

Wednesday - 12/27/23 St. Lawrence

8:00 am † H. Gregory Green by Charlotte Green

Thursday - 12/28/23 St. Lawrence

8:00 am Renee Earney Birthday by Pam & Dave Earney

Friday-12/29/23 Immaculate Conception

8:00 am † John & Florence Grossell by Scott & Kris Ressie

Friday-12/29/23 St. Boniface

NO MASS

Saturday - 12/30/23 St. Boniface

4:30 pm † Urban & Esther Pronschinske by Their Children

Sunday - 12/31/23 St. Lawrence

8:00 am † Jeff Steffen by His Family

Sunday – 12/31/23 Immaculate Conception

10:00 am † Allen Kochenderfer by Family

Monday — 1/1/24 Immaculate Conception

(Not a day of obligation)

8:00 am † Mike & Irene Waletzki by Family

is now with us both as flesh, as well as spirit.

What we celebrate today is love because: "...God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son (Jn 3: 16). We must be ready to share this love. God sent Christ out of love. Christ accepted to come to us because of his love for us. Also, Mary and Joseph cooperated with God to bring Christ into the world due to their love for humanity.

Today, we celebrate sacrifice. So, we, too, must be ready to sacrifice something for the good of our brothers and sisters as Christ did by leaving his heavenly throne to be with us. Today, we celebrate humility. We must learn humility from Christ, who, though was rich, became poor for our sake. Yes, he was born in the lowliest place, the manager.

Finally, today, we celebrate the reign of peace because the prince of peace is with us. Today, we celebrate hope because Christ's birth is the hope of our salvation. The Lord has made known his salvation. "All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy." (Ps 97).

Once again, I wish you all a Joyful Christmas. Let our Baby

Jesus give us Peace, Protection,

Happiness, Love, Good Health and Prosperity.

Yours In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Doss

MINISTRY SCHEDULE | DEC 30-31

SATURDAY I 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Faith Pronschinske

Lectors: Teri Putz

Servers: Trevor Mahutga

Marshall Mahutga

Ushers: Pat Pronschinske

Howard Misch

SUNDAY | 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Thomsen

Lectors: Carolyn Thomsen

Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Ron Brownell

Dean Haigh

SUNDAY I 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Wolfe

Lectors: Bernice Semling

Servers: Goettings

Ushers: Peter Schaffner

Donnie Bjorge

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas Schedule

St. Boniface—Christmas Eve, 24th- 4:30pm St. Lawrence—Christmas, 25th—8 am Immaculate Conception—Christmas, 25th— 10am



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

All the parishes will be decorating after Mass this weekend. All are welcome to help.

BACK OF CHURCH

2024 Calendars

The new calendars are here and have beautiful Catholic art pictures.

Focus on Energy

Still available from Focus on Energy, we have LED light bulbs, water saving showerhead & aerators, and weatherization kits with window film, weatherstrip tape, door sweeps and outlet sealers. They are all free. Focus on Energy is partnering with Wisconsin utilities to help residents save money on their electrical cost.

Church Directory

We have extra church directories from the last time. You are welcome to them.





NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



This year is not a holy day of obligation but there will be one Mass Jan 1st @ 8am at Immaculate Conception.



The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is Luke 1:2638. Now the Readings turn our focus to the events surrounding the birth of the Savior. The angel Gabriel announces, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God... for nothing will be impossible for God." The words of the angel remind us that Advent is a season of HOPE. We are not to be afraid, for with God, nothing is impossible.

The season of Advent is a time to grow in the virtue of hope – to not be afraid. One way is to commit to pray three Hail Mary's with a specific intention in mind, something that heretofore might even have seemed impossible. We will want to ask Our Lady to pray with us, as she is one who experienced the "impossible". Mary, Mother of the Christ Child, will intercede for us. Let us ask her to prepare our hearts to receive the true Gift of Christmas—Christ Himself—in a much deeper way, as she was the first to receive Him as a newborn Babe on Christmas Day.



Jesus wants to stay with us always.

Jesus loves each one of us so much that He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion at Mass. We receive Jesus Himself. When the priest prays the words of Jesus over the bread and wine at Mass, they are no longer bread and wine but the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus gives Himself to us because He wants to stay with each one of us always.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

Jesus, thank You for always wanting to stay with us.

This week, read from Scripture about the birth of the Christ Child in Luke 2:1-7

HELP NEEDED Liturgical Ministries

Church is in need of the faithful who are willing to share their time and talent as one of these important roles at mass:

Readers, Servers, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers.

There will be a training or refresher class available. Please contact Connie in the office

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GIFT IDEAS

**It's that time of year when you start thinking of what kind of gift to give to a teacher, delivery driver, postman, neighbor, etc. Or just need a quick stocking stuffer.



Remember the Knights are selling Kwik Trip Grocery and Gas Gift Cards. They have several different denominations available so you can quickly check off people on your gift list and know you will also be helping the Knights in all the good work they do.

**There are some new tags on the tree in back of church. No money involved just some caring and thoughtful ideas how you can bring happiness to others during this holiday season. Please take a tag or two and between now and Christmas try to spread some Holy Moments with others. It just might make their day.

**Speaking of Holy Moments there are copies on the table in entrance of church. Please take a book for yourself or for perhaps someone who is homebound, in assisted living, or someone who just needs some feel good moments in their lives. This easy read book has inspiring stories on how to spread good to others which in turn makes you feel better about yourself. There all also other books on the shelf which may be of interest to you.

ST. MARY'S QUILTERS



Rather The quilting group will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month throughout the winter, weather and driving conditions co-QUILTING operating. If there is any question about the weather or road conditions, please call

Simone Heitman 608 687 8239 or Jenny Schaffner 608 687 8466. No quilting on Tuesday, Dec 26th.

The Gift

Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."

"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night.



ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



St. Boniface School Holiday **Donation Drive**

Waumandee State Bank is collecting gifts for the school, who has put together a want/need list on Amazon. Items include:

Cravola Cravons

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Cash donations also accepted. You can click the OR Code or go to:



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Memorial Donations

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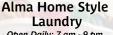
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