Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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Buildings and Grounds, Ken Mallak Ext. 6 BULLETIN DEADLINE Fri. 12:00 noon, 1 week prior

Mass Schedule Saturday - 4:00pm Sunday - 8:00am and 10:30am Monday 8:00am Communion Service Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

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Confessions Saturday 3:00pm-3:45pm

Parish Center and Chapel Hours Monday - Thursday 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m. Fridays 8:00a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Sacrament of Baptism Contact Fr. Bob for preparation classes. These are required for parents and recommended for godparents. Sacrament of Marriage Contact Fr. Bob 6 months in advance. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Contact Fr. Bob for Information Anointing of the Sick: If you would like the Anointing of the Sick before entering the hearital for a schedulad surgery, or if you're at heare

the hospital for a scheduled surgery, or if you're at home or nursing facility, please contact Judy. If you would like Fr. Bob or Fr. Dan to visit you during your hospital stay, make sure to leave our church name upon registration.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

December 21st - December 27th

21	Monday	8:00am		Communion Service		
22	Tuesday	8:00 am	Ť	Marcy Petrowski		
			Ť	Charles Baumann		
23	Wednesday	8:00 am	Ť	Glenn Hoffmann		
			Ť	Wayne Thompson		
	The Nativity of the Lord					
24	Thursday	4:00 pm	†	Elroy Brandt		
		8:00 pm	†	Richard and Florence Beilke		
25	Friday	9:00 am	†	Lee Fosbender and Cindy		
	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph					
26	Saturday	4:00pm	†	Orville and Ruth Heinz		
	-	-	Ť	Living and deceased members of Holy		
				Name of Jesus Parish		
27	Sunday	8:00am	†	Joseph A Nowak		
		10:30am	Ť	Ronnie Cichon		

The Church Blessed Sacrament Candle:

Dedicated to:Fr. Bob ThornDedicated from:Holy Name ParishionersThe Chapel Blessed Sacrament Candle:Dedicated to:Fr. Dan ThelenDedicated from:Holy Name Parishioners



THE MIRACLE OF LIFE IS LOVE

When I lived in Guatemala I had two cats, Maya and Taichi, both females. I decided not to have them spayed which resulted in several litters, or kindles, of kittens over the years. On one occasion I entered my one room house after work and found Maya's four little kittens on the straw mat in the room. Another time I watched as Taichi gave birth to one fluidcovered kitten after another. Once they were all birthed she cleaned each one and gathered them together. She taught them how to use the litter box and eventually how to drink water and eat food from a dish. She was a good mother. On one occasion, I woke up in the middle of the night to the gentle purring of a kitten. I looked up just as Taichi leaped up on the bed with one of her kittens — she was carrying them by the crook of the neck — and placed it near my head. Before I knew it I had five little kittens cuddling around my head and purring in my ears. The cats were easy to care for. They pretty much did what they wanted without much interference from me. I just set out the food and the water and they were on their own.

A baby girl or boy, on the other hand, requires a great deal of attention. It takes a special person to nurture, love, and care for a vulnerable little baby.

I find it so humbling that the God who created this universe, the God who is even greater than, and more immense than the universe He created, would choose to come to us as a little baby ... not only that, he chose to start out as a seed in the womb of the Virgin Mary. God didn't have to do that, obviously, and the fact that he did should remind us of how vulnerable our God is willing to become in order to show us how much He loves us.

This vulnerability is an important lesson for us to learn and imitate as we enter into the final days before Christmas. God yearns for us to let go, to be vulnerable, to not rely on our own abilities, but on His. It is like one of the lessons in learning to trust that is commonly used today: You are blindfolded and told to fall backward after you are assured someone is behind you who will catch you — as you fall backward you are make yourself vulnerable to another person. When you "let go and let God" you suddenly find that there was nothing to fear and you discover just how little you have to do, because He will do it all for you, because he loves you. This is the gift of Christmas — LOVE.

We await the coming of the Lord, who is love. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! ... The Lord is near," we hear. The 'closeness' of God is not a question of space and time, but a question of love: love draws near!

Christmas reminds us of this fundamental truth of our faith, and, in front of the Nativity scene, we can taste Christian joy, contemplating in the newborn Jesus the face of God, who out of love drew close to us.

~ Fr Bob

God give you blessings at Christmas time; Stars for your darkness, sun for your day, Light on the path as you search for the Way. God grant you courage this coming year, Fruit for your striving, friends if you roam, Joy in your labor, and love in your home.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Fr. Bob, Fr. Dan and the Staff at Holy Name of Jesus Parish

~Myra Scovel

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Our Catholic Faith Through the Ages

Fr Dan's lecture series on the history of the Catholic Faith this Advent.



The fourth century marks an incredible turn in events. The Christian Church is finally accepted by the Roman Empire. Persecution stops and the Church is able to focus upon theological issues. The Church, however, faces a

new enemy - that of having power and influence. See how the saints rise above this. Come to know the great theologians, the desert fathers, and the emerging monastics who each contributed to make this century one of the most important in the Church. Class will follow the 12:05 Mass on Tuesday December 22nd. Additional classes will be December 29th, January 5th, and January 12th. Meet in the new Gathering Space in the Angelorum at St Matthew Parish. No cost to participate. No need to have attended previous classes.

Want to Grow in Holiness in 33 Days?

Want to start the New Year in a way that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life? Are you ready to learn the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness? In our hectic day and time, St. John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Join us on a journey to holiness as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration on February 11, 2016. We will individually read about, and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and St. John Paul

II. They will teach us how to draw closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, Mondays beginning January 11, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, we will pray, share our insights within our small group, and watch a 30-minute DVD presentation. The teaching DVD by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and livable focus. If you are looking for a simple, yet profound way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for the 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat. Please contact Judy Borchardt at 715.842.4543 ext. 3 for more information and to register. The cost of the program is \$25 for the book and the participant workbook. However, please do not let the cost prevent you from registering. Deadline for registration is January 4, 2016.

St. Anthony Spirituality Center ~Marathon, WI.

New Year's Eve Retreat

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, Begins with 7 p.m. Thursday supper and ends by 2 p.m. on Friday. Invite God into your new year! Fr. Al Burkhardt, pastor of St. Anne Parish in Wausau, will explore several ideas for us to plan our spiritual bucket list for 2016. The next morning, Sr. Jolynn Brehm will offer reflections on how to hire God as our travel guide for our life's journey. Cost: \$90. includes six delicious buffet meals and overnight accommodations.



Contact: 715-443-2236, <u>info@sarcenter.com</u>. Go to <u>www.sarcenter.com</u> to register for an upcoming event.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 24th and 25th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 26th and 27th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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4:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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Dee DeLaporte	Father Bob	Sara Lewitzke	Ken Behring	Sara Lewitzke	Kathy Oelke
Helen Pagenkopf	Jim Schroeder	Jim Cherek	Helen Pagenkopf	Jim Schroeder	Kathy Brengosz
Beth Gorski	Darlene Martin	Lois Murphy	Beth Gorski	Norma Borowicz	Nancy Manowski
Jo Ann Heinz	Kathy Oelke	Jodi Kurtzweil	Diane Holzschuh	Jim Cherek	
Kerry Hoffmann	Mary Sleeter	Pam Thompson	Linda Franke	Paul Missett	
Mark Hoffmann	Ken Behring	Sharon Thompson	Mary Rader	Lois Murphy	
Linda Franke	Deacon Anderson	Deacon Anderson	Deacon Anderson	Deb Rupe	
Jeanne Lang					
Paul Missett					
Deb Rupe					
Deacon Anderson					
Lectors			Lectors		
John DeLaporte	Doris Martin	Shirley Fosbender	Bill Franzen	Tim Murphy	Shirley Fritsche
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Alex Stumpner	Virgil Arrowood	Margaret Murphy	Kelly Knetter	Alex Stumpner	Jon Torgeson
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Jon Torgeson		Kelly Knetter		Emily Stumpner	Nick Torgeson
Nick Torgeson	XXXXXXXX	Jeff Ford			Faith Torgeson
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Carry Baby Jesus Jack Lambrecht	Eli Schuett (Oelke)	Calen Fransen (Loos)			
Ushers		. ,	Ushers		
Denis/Craig Lang	Marlene Zoromski	Pat Hiatt	Marlene Zoromski	John Borowicz	Sue Sullivan
Kelly Lang	XXXXXXXX	Dixie Cherek	Pat Hiatt	Dixie Cherek	Mike Tomsyck
Rhyan and Tyler Lang	XXXXXXXXX	Tim Murphy	Jim Reel	Jim Cherek	Mikayla Tomsyck
Jane Rasmussen	XXXXXXXX		Sharon Thompson	Ron Hoffmann	Bernie Ford
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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

December 20th - December 27th

Sun-20	Communion Service at Primrose 11:00
	Choir Practice 7:00 C
Mon-21	
Tue-22	Fr. Dan Mass at Wausau Manor 3:00
Wed-23	Fr. Bob Mass at Mountain Terrace 10:00
	No Religious Education
Thur-24	Parish Center Closed - Christmas Eve
Fri-25	Parish Center Closed - Christmas
Sat-26	
Sun-27	No Children's Liturgy
	Communion Service at Primrose 11:00

Last Advent Penance Services December 21st 6:30 St. Therese



Christmas Flowers We are now accepting donations for Christmas flowers. If you would like to give a donation in memory of a loved one, please clearly write their name on your envelope or nsert a piece of paper with their name on it... Thank you!

HOLY NAME PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Report for December 13th

Adult Envelopes	. \$8	3,016.00
ACH Weekly Deposit	\$	275.00
Student	\$	2.00
Offertory	.\$	434.55
Maintenance	\$	202.00
Weekly Collection	\$8	8.929.55
Second Collection (Religious Retirement)	\$	879.00

Diocesan Annual Appeal as of December 14th

Our Target	\$54,341.00
Pledged	\$29,620.00
Remaining	,\$ 24,721.00
Families Pledged	

Parish Center ~ Holiday Hours The Parish Center will be closed Thursday, Dec 24th and Friday, Dec 25th. We would like to wish all of you, a safe and blessed **Christmas Season!**

Holy Name of Jesus Holiday Mass Schedule

Sunday-20

Christmas Eve Christmas Day (Blessed Virgin Mary the mother of God) **New Years Eve New Years Day**

Thursday, Dec 24th Friday, Dec 25th

Thursday, Dec 31st Friday, Jan 1st

4:00pm and 8:00pm 9:00am

Readings For The Week of December 20, 2015

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/

6:00pm 9:00am



SOUTHWEST WAUSAU CIRCLE OF JOY

Once again, the generosity of Holy Name of Jesus Parish has been **unbelievable**! Your gifts of food, turkeys and cash donations were appreciated by the 25 families we were able to give a Thanksgiving meal to this year!



We'd like to thank the students in Holy Name's Religious Educ tion Program and Wausau Area Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Troop #462 for their food drives. The amount of food and mon collected at Mass on Thanksgiving morning was also wonderful Special thanks goes to our wonderful parish secretary, Judy Bo chardt, for all her help when turkeys and food were dropped of the Parish Center. Special thanks also goes to Jason & Kristin Fritsche, owners of Rib Mountain Quality Foods, for allowing us to purchase items at discounted rates. Jason even did the shopping for us! We also want to thank Craig, Kelly, Tyler and **Rhyan Lang** for picking up and delivering the food to the Parish Center. Thanks also to Ken Mallak for all the cardboard box recycling help.

The list of parishioners who donated money, turkeys or food has gotten so large that it has become space-prohibitive to list all the names. Please know that each and every one of you who contributed has made a real difference in the lives of those in need. We could NOT complete our mission to "feed the hungry" without your help! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Southwest Wausau Circle of Joy Dee DeLaporte, Kathy Oelke, Pat Messerschmidt, Debbie Legenza, Cindy Boehm

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re	Monday-21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-
		21/Lk 1:39-45
	Tuesday-22	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56
ica-	Wednesday-23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66
	Thursday-24	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5,
ney		27, 29/Lk 1:67-79
ıl!	Friday-25	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts
or-		13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
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		14

Lk 1:39-45

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Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk
2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17/Mt
10:17-22
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 84:2-3,
5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-

Advertiser of the week

17/Lk 2:41-52

Dentists at Corporate Cove Dr. Kohl, Dr. Fox and Dr. Peerenboom



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



2015-2016 Religious Education Schedule

Classes on Wed. 6:15-7:30 (unless otherwise noted)

Dec	23	NO Rel Ed - Merry Christmas!
Dec	30	NO Rel Ed - Happy New Year!
Jan	6	Rel Ed & 1st Eucharist Prt Mtg # 1
Jan	13	Rel Ed & Safe Environment Mtg for Parents
		(Only for parents still needing to complete)
Jan	20	Rel Ed & No High School for finals week
Jan	27	Rel Ed
Feb	3	Rel Ed & 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg # 2
Feb	10	Rel Ed starts at 6pm for Ash Wed Mass
		All students are required to attend.
		Parents are encouraged to join your student.

Mark Your Calendars for Christmas Vacation



Rel Ed Off - Dec 23rd & Dec 30th CLOW Off - Dec 27th & Jan 3rd



First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment

On Jan 10th, during 10:30 mass, children from our parish that are preparing to receive First Eucharist this spring will be celebrating the Rite of Enrollment.

As part of the Rite of Enrollment, the children come before the Priest and outwardly express their wish to be continue to study and work towards their First Communion.

Youth Ministry Annual



When: Tuesday, Jan. 26th. Time: 4pm-7pm Where: Simmons Hall - *Church*

basement

- Cost: \$7.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for 3-10 yrs, Free children 2 yrs & under Includes: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread,
 - dessert & juice, milk or coffee

NEWMAN SCHOOL NEWS

NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



Need registration information? Call and come visit your Newman Catholic Schools: Licensed Child Care St. Michael: 615 Stark Street, Wausau, 715-848-0206 St. Therese: 112 W. Kort Street, Rothschild, 715-355-5254 Preschool, 4 Pre K St. Mark: 602 Military Road, Rothschild, 715-359-9662 St. Michael: 615 Stark Street, Wausau, 715-848-0206 Kindergarten – Grade 5 St. Mark: 602 Military Road, Rothschild, 715-359-9662 St. Anne: 604 N. 6th Avenue, Wausau, 715-845-5754 **Grades 6 – 12** Newman Catholic MS/HS: 1130 W. Bridge Street, Wausau, 715-845-8274 **Central Office** – 715-845-5735 www.newmancatholicschools.com

Christmas Break!

Last day of classes for NCS Preschool - grade12 students is December 18th – Classes resume January 4 Child Care Centers will be closed December 24, 25 and Jan 1 Please see the Newman Catholic Schools Website for sitespecific hours at <u>www.newmancatholicschools.com</u> Newman Catholic Schools wishes your family a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year!

CALLING NEWMAN ALUMNI: Newman Alumni Night

Please join the Alumni events on Friday, January 8 – 7pm. Help cheer on Newman Girls Basketball vs. Wausau East. Alumni receive free admission and popcorn along with other fun! A special invitation goes out to all Band Alumni to bring your instrument and join the NCHS Pep Band as they liven up the gym! Please let us know to expect you by calling NCHS 715 845 8274

Please spread the word to fellow alums and join us for an exciting evening of fun, fellowship and basketball!

Please Help Us with Donations

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Keeping costs down, will help the teens going on the mission trip raise the money they need for their airfare and lodging at Casa. If you are able to donate any of the items listed below, your donation can be dropped off at the Religious Ed office or the Parish Center. *Monetary donations are always appreciated to purchase items not donated.*

Supplies with largest amount needed are:			
Spaghetti Sauce (cans or jars)	Tomato Paste		
Spaghetti Noodles	Ground Beef		
Garlic Bread	Lettuce (1#or 2 # bags)		

Desserts — Anyone that likes to make "sweets for their sweets"? Your help would be appreciated. Desserts can be dropped off the day before or of the Spaghetti Dinner.

See future bulletins for a more detailed listing.

All proceeds from this fundraiser be put towards the Casa Hogar Youth Ministry Mission Trip general fund. Thank you for your continued support of this, and all of our youth ministry programs.

