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December 11, 2016 Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 8:00am and 10:30am

Monday 8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Fri. 12:00 noon, 1 week prior

bulletin@holynamewausau.com

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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 12th - December 18th

12 Monday 8:00 am † Communion Service 13 Tuesday 8:00 am † Louis and Bernice Depa

14 Wednesday 8:00 am † Betty Howe 15 Thursday 8:00 am † Charles Baumann 16 Friday 8:00 am † Harold and Rita Meyer

Fourth Sunday of Advent

17 Saturday 4:00 pm † Orville and Ruth Heinz 18 Sunday 8:00 am † Frank Skrzypchak

Living and deceased members of

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

10:30 am † Merle Behrens

December 11th - December 17th

The Church Blessed Sacrament Candle:

Dedicated to Marlene Nowitzke
Dedicated from: Kathy Bandock

The Chapel Blessed Sacrament Candle:

Dedicated to: Emil Zins Dedicated from: Ceil Zins



Why the Third Sunday of Advent is called Joyful Sunday

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Joyful Sunday, *Gaudete* in Latin, because as we draw closer to Christmas the Church uses as It's entrance chant on the third Sunday of Advent, the joyful words of the Prophet Zephaniah, "*Shout for Joy, sing joyfully, be glad and rejoice*!"

And yet, for many this year, it will be a challenge to rejoice. Sister Death, as Saint Francis called her, has made her presence felt among some families this year. The death of a loved one snaps us out of the ordinary routine of life. It reminds us of how quickly life passes in this world, and how short life can be for some. Death reminds us of how important it is to have a deep spiritual life, to have a strong faith-filled foundation to stand upon in difficult moments.

And yet unfortunately, too many are selling themselves sort in life. That inner joy and peace brought about by having an active relationship with God has been lost by so many in our world, and with it the loss of the hope of heaven. And if we allow our spiritual life to be choked off by the bad things that happen to us in life, or we hear about through conversation or media, we can be easily overwhelmed and crippled. Our eyes can grow dim, failing to see the beauty and goodness of God, and His work in our world and His promises to be with us throughout our lives.

Poverty, greed, corruption, political games, people taking advantage of others and senseless shootings can cause some to withdraw into cynicism and into darker places of discouragement and despair. Such things, if we allow them, can drain the sense of goodness and joy from our lives.

Certainly, every normal person will experience a certain amount sadness, loss and grief in the face of death and tragedy. And yet, the Entrance Chant today, during this penitential season of Advent, reminds us of a counterweight to such sadness, loss and grief. The counterweight of Christian joy and inner peace, is a very necessary counterweight to maintain the joy of God's presence within us. Our Lord lives among us and is present here in His Church and in His Sacraments, and He can be present within us as well, if we welcome Him into our lives, so that our soul can be alive and made holy. For some of us, Advent may be that time to once again rekindle that happiness, joy, and love in our lives.

Leon Bloy, a famous Catholic philosopher and writer, once wrote that joy is the infallible mark of a Christian. And in our times there is a great need for real Christians who are filled with joy even when the dark forces of terrorism, sin and evil work against us. It was on a dark night that the Angel's song of joy and glad tidings broke through the deep gloom of our world announcing the light and joy of a Savior.

Our Lord came into our world to be a light in the darkness of evil, sin and tragedy. You and I have the capacity to bear within our hearts, the power to make the joy of Christ's birth alive in our world despite the tragedies around us. If Christmas has any meaning for us, it ought to be that we have a Savior to show us how to live through the darkness of this world by allowing His Light to shine within our hearts. May each one of us Rejoice in the Lord always, so that God's peace will strengthen, protect and guard our hearts and minds throughout our journey in life.

SOUTHWEST WAUSAU CIRCLE OF JOY

Once again, the generosity of Holy Name of Jesus Parish has been <u>unbelievable!</u> Your gifts of food, turkeys and cash donations were appreciated by the <u>22 families</u> we were able to give a Thanksgiving meal to this year!

We'd like to thank the students in Holy Name's Religious Education Program for their food drive. The amount of food and money collected at Mass on Thanksgiving morning was also wonderful! Special thanks goes to our wonderful parish secretary, Judy Borchardt, for all her help when turkeys and food were dropped off at 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 Dan Torgeson 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 <u>each and every one of you</u> 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 <u>your help!</u> THANK YOU, THANK YOU!



Bad Weather Policy for all Religious Education, Sacramental **Preparation and Youth Ministry Events**

If Wausau schools are closed for the day, or dismissed early, our classes and programs are cancelled. If deteriorating weather conditions make driving hazardous later in the day, classes, and programs may be cancelled. The decision, in this case, will be made by 3:00 pm. Information will be made public through local television and radio stations. In the case of a deteriorating weather cancellation, the religious education building will remain open until 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. This is to ensure students are able to come inside in the event a parent was not aware of the cancellation. Please feel free to call the office if you are unsure 715-842-4543 ext 4.

St. Anthony Spirituality Center-Marathon, WI.

Exploring Happiness in the New Year December 31, 2016 to January 1, 2017 | Cost: \$90

We will discover different levels of happiness and discuss the barriers in place that keep us from achieving true

Featuring: Intriguing program by Deacon Bryan Hilts, Center Director. Delightful social to ring in 2017 - relaxed continental breakfast - Feast day Mass - New Year's Day brunch - This retreat will start with registration at 5:30 p.m. and Satur-

day supper at 7 p.m. The program will conclude by 1 p.m. on Sunday. Cost includes meals and overnight accommodations.

Contact: 715-443-2236, info@sarcenter.com for reservations.

Catholic Charities Homeless for the Holidays Give the Gift of Love: There are many homeless

members in our community sleeping on park benches or underneath bridges. One of our guests Sarah said, "I can't sleep on the park bench no more." She had asked and asked for help, but no one would listen, until she found Tristine, a staff member at one of our community homeless facilities. Sarah needed someone to stand up for her and help make phone calls and connections; someone to offer a listening ear and a compassionate heart. Tristine did just that and now Sarah has been living in her own apartment for the past month. This is just one story of how a life was changed through one of Catholic Charities' Community Homeless Facilities. We urgently need you to make a gift of love this holiday season and you can do so on our website at www.cclse.org. Your gift is vital to helping us provide service to those in our community who are dealing with homelessness or living on the edge of homelessness. It will help us keep our centers open so we can provide a place for our homeless guests to sleep, shower, get a hot meal, but most importantly, your gift will provide dignity and hope to those in need. The Wausau Warming Center and Beyond Shelter are places of hospitality and hope to homeless members of our community. Without your help, Sarah might still be one more homeless woman sleeping on a bench in our backyard. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Readings for the week of December 11, 2016				
Sunday-11	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11			
Monday-12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt			
-	13/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47			
Tuesday-13	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32			
Wednesday-14	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23			
Thursday-15	Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30			
Friday-16	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36			
Saturday-17	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17			
Sunday-18	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24			



Accessing the resources is easy.

Go to Formed.org

Winter

- Click on "Register"
- Enter our parish code R2QYZG on the homepage
- Create your personal account with your name/email and private password
- Start exploring and enjoying all the Catholic content!

You might want to begin to explore Formed by checking out the Advent Reflections. Open Formed, click on Programs, click on Advent, and scroll to Advent to open the reflections. SOMETHING NEW! Formed has added some children's sections! Kristophen and the First Christmas Tree is an e-Book the kids are sure to enjoy as you put up your Christmas tree. Always wondered about the story of Our Lady of Guadeloupe whose feast we celebrate Dec. 12? Read the new book about her.

Opening the Word is found on the feature page of Formed and shares reflections on the Sunday readings. The Gospel this week finds John the Baptist in prison with doubts about Jesus the Messiah. John, like others expected a military leader, not a teacher and healer. John then recognized Jesus as the one foretold in Isaiah and went on to prepare Israel and us to hunger for God.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Join Fr. Robert Schaller and Fr. Kevin Louis on an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, January 22-February 1, 2017. Information is available on: www.eastsideparishes.org – click on the banner for the pilgrimage brochure. Please call St. Michael Parish Office at 715-842-4283 for additional information.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 17th and 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30:00 AM
EM		
Ken Behring	Paul Missett	Nancy Manowski
Darlene Martin	Carol Mroczenski	Kathy Oelke
Helen Pagenkopf	Marit Stumpner	Pam Thompson
Mary Rader	-	
Mary Sleeter		
Beth Gorski		
XXXXXXXX		
Lectors		
Doris Martin	Jim Schroeder	Shirley Fosbender
Servers		
XXXXXXXX	Alex Stumpner	Nick Torgeson
XXXXXXXX	Emily Stumpner	Faith Torgeson
Ushers		
Jim Reel	Ron Hoffman	Dan Torgeson
Jody Rhyner	Tom Miller	David Torgeson
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Marlene Zoromski	**Carl Westrich	Sue Sullivan

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Parish News & Events

December 11th - December 18th

Sun-11 Children's Liturgy at 10:30

Santa Claus Visits after 10:30 Mass

DTS at Resurrection Church 6:30-8:30

Mon-12

Tue-13 Fr. Mass at Wausau Manor

Wed-14 Communion Service at Mt. View 2:00

Religious Education 6:15-7:30

First Reconciliation 6:15

Thur-15 Fri-16

New Years Day

Sat-17 Sun-18 Children's Liturgy at 10:30

> Our sympathies and assurance of prayers to the families of

> > **David Treu** Irene Bub Theresa Tulickas



May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

In the loving memory of Chester and Irene Olds

A big thank you to the family of Chester and Irene Olds for donating the outdoor nativity set that has been placed by the Church next to the parking lot. Holy Name of Jesus Parish is very grateful for this generous gift which helps bring us the true spirit of Christmas.

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 print their name on your envelope or insert a piece of paper with their name on it.

Thank you!

HOLY NAME PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Report for December 4, 2016

Adult Envelopes	. \$ 7	7,390.00
ACH Weekly Deposit	\$	430.00
Student	\$	3.00
Offertory	.\$	740.13
Maintenance		
Weekly Collection	\$8	3,024.00
Second Collection (Debt Retirement)	\$	503.30

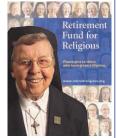
Annual Appeal as of December 5th

Our Target	\$54,944.00
Pledged	\$15,042.50
Remaining	\$39 901 50

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help.

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.



Please give generously to today's second collection.

Area Penance Services

Saturdays	3:00	Holy Name
Saturdays	3:00	St. Michaels
December 18th	6:30	St. Matthews
December 19th	6:30	St. Therese



Christmas and New Years Liturgy

If you have not returned your Christmas liturgical volunteer sheet, please do so immediately as we have quite a few openings on the schedule. Thank you to all who are volunteering for the many needs during our Christmas season liturgies.

Holy Name of Jesus Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Saturday, Dec 24th 4:00pm and 8:00pm **Christmas Day** Sunday, Dec 25th 8:00am and 10:30am (Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God) **New Years Eve**

Saturday, Dec 31st

Sunday, Jan 1st 8:00am and 10:30am



SCRIPTURE STUDY USING THE FORMED PROGRAM

We invite you on

Wednesday, December 14, 6:25 – 7:25 in Simmons Hall

to discuss the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent using the Formed program. Here are the Scriptures we will discuss: <u>Isaiah 7: 10 -14; Psalm 24: 1 - 2, 3 - 4, 5 - 6; Romans 1:1 - 7; Matthew 1: 18 - 24.</u> Mark your calendar to join in learning more about Formed and these Advent Scriptures as well as learn about Lectio Divina, a method of Scripture reading. This is a very informal meeting with the goals of appreciating the Advent Sunday readings, helping more parishioners to know about the wonderful material available on our subscription to Formed and to spend a short time in prayer. You do not have to be a Bible scholar or have attended other Scripture study programs to participate! This program is sponsored by the HNP Education Committee. Call Jeanne Lang at 715-845-3024 if you would be willing to be one of the readers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Religious Education

2016-2017 Religious Education Schedule

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

Dec 14 Rel Ed—1st Reconciliation (2nd Grade)

Dec 21 Rel Ed, Recon Service (3-10 Gr) & Xmas Party

Dec 28 NO Rel Ed—Christmas Vacation Rel Ed & Eucharist Parent Mtg # 1 Jan

Jan 11 Rel Ed

Jan 18 Rel Ed, Finals Week-NO High School Classes

Jan 25 Rel Ed

Feb Rel Ed & Eucharist Parent Mtg # 2

Youth Ministry Annual

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for the Religious Ed. Sacramental & Youth Ministry Programs

Tuesday, Jan. 24th, 2017 When:

Time: 4pm-7pm

Where: Simmons Hall - Church basement

Cost: \$7.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for kids 3-10 yrs

Free for 2 yrs & under

Includes: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert &

juice, milk or coffee

Donations Help us Raise More!

Donations help us keep the costs down and raise the most money for the various programs we are supporting. 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)

And Desserts—Desserts are greatly needed. Anyone that likes to make "sweets for their sweets", your help would be appreciated. Desserts can be dropped off the day before or day of the Spaghetti Dinner. See future bulletins for a more detailed listing.

Thank you for your continued support of this, and all of our youth programs.



DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY **Next meeting:** Sunday, Dec. 11th from 6pm-8pm

NEWMAN SCHOOL NEWS

NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Need registration information?



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

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Newman Catholic MS/HS: 1130 W. Bridge Street, Wausau, 715-845-8274

Central Office – 715-845-5735

www.newmancatholicschools.com

YOU CAN "GIVE BACK" WHEN DOING YOUR CHRISTMAS

You can both shop for Christmas gifts and support Newman Catholic Schools by participating in the SCRIP program (link at newmancatholicschools.com) and Amazon Smiles (smile.amazon.com).

CALLING NEWMAN ALUMNI: Newman Alumni Night

Please join the Alumni events on Friday, January 6 -7:15pm. Help cheer on Newman Girls Basketball vs. Auburndale. 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

1st Reconciliation Reminder

1st Reconciliation will be celebrated Dec.14th. Students will begin in the 2nd Grade classroom. Mark your calendars.





Help Casa Raise Money! Dec. 17 & 18 after all Masses

Great stocking stuffer Necklaces \$10 ea or 3/\$20 Rosaries \$10 ea or 3/\$25 Bracelets \$5 ea or 3/\$10

These items were made by the children at Casa Hogar. Fr. Hirsch sent them with us to help raise money for Casa and the many needs they have throughout the year.

For advance sales, or in case you cannot attend masses that weekend, items are available for sale in the Religious Education office on Tuesday and Wednesdays until items are gone. Call Noel at 715-842-4543 with any questions.







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