Welcome to

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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December 25, 2016 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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 26th - January 1st

26	Monday	8:00 am	†	Communion Service
27	Tuesday	8:00 am	†	Tom Oudenhoven
28	Wednesday	8:00 am	†	Denise and Laurie Gregory
29	Thursday	8:00 am	†	Edward and Mathilda Brzezinski
30	Friday	8:00 am	†	Debbie Moeller

Mary the Holy Mother of God

Mary the Holy Mother of God					
31	Saturday	4:00 pm	†	Larry Jackman	
	-			Living and deceased members of	
				Holy Name of Jesus Parish	
1	Sunday	8:00 am		St. Catherine's Council	
			†	Frank Skrzypchak	
		10:30 am	†	Harold and Rita Meyer	
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December 25th - December 31st

The Church Blessed Sacrament Candle:

Dedicated to Fr. Bob Thorn

Dedicated from: Holy Name of Jesus Parish

The Chapel Blessed Sacrament Candle:

Dedicated to: Fr. Dan Thelen

Dedicated from: Holy Name of Jesus Parish



The Difference Between a Present and a Gift

This weekend we celebrate the gift of God's love for us in his Son Jesus Christ who became incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Back during Christmas of 2005, newly elected Pope Benedict XVI spoke about the true value of Christmas: "It is presence, not presents! That presence is our ability to be present to others. The real gift of Christmas is to bring joy to others, not expensive presents that waste both time and money."

He explained the difference between a present and a gift: A present is an exchange with the expectation of something in return. It is part of the system of give and take, in which I give to you, and you give to me.

A "gift," is different. When I truly give a "gift" there is no expectation of receiving something in return. "A gift can be given only by one who has no need for exchange, no need for thanks." This says something about the one who gives the gift. "The giver has no need of reciprocation ... the very nature of the giver is giving. For Christians, God is the only giver of the Gift."

The greatest gift God has given us is His Son, Jesus, who came to set us free from the power of Satan and bring us healing and peace. It is this gift that we celebrate, worship and adore during Christmas and each time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist — another gift of God left as a reminder of His love for us and His willingness to share His own life with us ... the Body and Blood of His Son.

This gift is freely shared and freely given to make us more Christ-like, more God-like, so that, ultimately, our giving will reflect that selfless giving which God, through His Son Jesus, has poured out on us.

May our celebration of Christmas be one of selfless sharing of the blessings we have received with others.

Fr. Bob

Christmas in Rome – Fr Dan

Many of you know that I spent four years in Rome studying theology.

This was a great blessing in many ways. But with every blessing there is a sacrifice. One which was extremely difficult was that for four consecutive years I had to miss spending Christmas with my family. Now that I am back in Wisconsin, I am so much looking forward to seeing my whole family on Christmas Day — especially my niece and nephew, who are three and one respectively.

Despite the great hardship in missing my family, Rome is a special place on Christmas. Throughout the city various churches set up incredible nativity scenes. Probably the most impressive is the one at the church of Santi Cosma e Damiano. Here over a hundred carefully crafted figurines depict the beautiful moment when Christ entered our world. Thousands of people pass by the display daily to see the various characters, many of which are set in motion – causing a truly spectacular scene. Another church a short distance away has an ancient tradition on Christmas Eve of placing a small wooden statue of the baby Jesus into a specially made crib in one of the church's many side chapels. This statue of the Christ child was carved from wood taken from the olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem.

Another truly remarkable place to see is the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Here in the confessio of the church directly below the church's main altar is preserved what is claimed to be the very crib in which the Lord was laid by his mother Mary on the first Christmas Day. The wood preserved here came from the East in the 7th century. It has been carefully preserved in this church in Rome ever since.

The final and probably most visited place in Rome on Christmas Day is St Peter's Basilica. Here on display in the center of the large public square is a life-size Nativity Scene and a fifty-foot evergreen tree.

This year an additional item is added: the spire of the Basilica of St. Benedict in Norcia. This church was destroyed in the recent earthquakes in Italy and for centuries stood over the very house where St. Benedict and St. Scholastica were born. On Christmas Eve, almost 20,000 people will join Pope Francis for Holy Mass and then the next day at noon he will give his annual Christmas blessing and 'urbi et orbi' message to the world.

Holy Name of Jesus Holiday Mass Schedule

(Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God) New Years Eve New Years Day

Saturday, Dec 31st Sunday, Jan 1st 4:00pm 8:00am and 10:30am



How did Christmas get to be celebrated on December 25th?

Thomas Talley in his book *The Origins of the Liturgical Year*, presents some new insights to this question. According to Talley the starting place for the date of Christmas is not the Roman festival of winter solstice, as many have thought, but rather the Jewish feast of Passover, 14 Nissan. This is the traditional date of Jesus' death, according to the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). In ancient tradition, the death date of a patriarch coincided with the date of his conception. If we accept this premise, Jesus would have been conceived and died on 14 Nissan. In the Roman calendar, this calculates to March 25, the present feast of the Annunciation. Counting forward nine months, we find ourselves at December 25th. Christmas Day thus finds its origins on the cross, not in the Roman celebration of the invincible sun.

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 happiness.

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



March for Life: Chicago January 15

Gather with others from around the Diocese and the Midwest for the March for Life: Chicago! -- Sunday, January 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m. -- Federal Plaza - 50 W. Adams - Chicago, IL.

Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses for transportation to/ from Wausau, Plover, La Crosse and Sparta. For information and to register, visit www.prolifewi.org and click on "Chicago March." For a complete Respect Life Calendar of Events, visit www.diolc.org/respectlife.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat February 3-4, 2017 NEW Class for Deacon Formation Begins in Fall of 2017

A Discernment Retreat for men who feel they may be called to the permanent diaconate will be held Friday-Saturday, February 3-4 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center. For information and a registration form, visit www.diolc.org/deacondiscernment. See general information about the Permanent Diaconate on the diocesan website. For more information, contact Christopher Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, at cruff@diolc.org or (608) 791-2664. The Discernment Retreat is mandatory for those considering applying for the class beginning fall 2017.

Readings for the week of December 25, 2016

Sunday-25 Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt

1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or

1:1-5, 9-14

Monday-26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday-27 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Wednesday-28 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18 Thursday-29 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps Friday-30

128/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday-31 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Sunday:-1

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Formed Holy Name of Jesus Parish is proud to announce that through a grant from the Diocese of LaCrosse, all of our parishioners (and even others who are interested!) will be able to access online a wealth of Catholic information, including sacramental preparation and enrichment, liturgical, Scriptural, theological, literary and entertainment resources! This magnificent electronic library even offers movies and eBooks! There is a wonderful selection of Christmas Season books and movies for adults and children currently available. Check the site often as it is always offering new material and other materials are removed. All this is completely **free** and available in your home 24/7 for your individual, family, and small and large group use, at least until June 30, 2017!

Accessing the resources is easy.

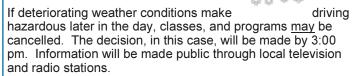
- Go to Formed.org
- Click on "Register"
- Enter our parish code R2QYZG on the homepage
- Create your personal account with your name/email and private password
- Start exploring and enjoying all the Catholic content!

The Nativity Story- Want to learn more about the Nativity of Jesus? Check out this wonderful video on Formed. Check out the many Christmas books for adults and kids that Formed offers. Opening the Word There are several choices for the Mass readings today. Formed reflects on the Gospel of John which says, "In the beginning...". On Christmas when we want to hear about the wonders of Jesus' birth, it seems like an out-of-place reading.

Formed reflects that everything is a part of God's plan. Before creation, God loved us so much He planned to send His Son. Throughout the Old Testament He foretold of Jesus coming. His birth was the culmination of Creation. God always has a plan. Perhaps this is a year that Christmas is not as you, or someone you know, expects that it will be due to illness, family dynamics, death, economics, or something else. Perhaps this Christmas reality will open your heart and mind to God's eternal plan and His love. Know that God is in control and that this unique moment in your life is one which God has held in His heart for eternity. Know that God is in control, waiting to give you His love if you but open yourself to His gift.

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

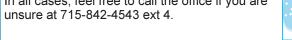
If Wausau schools are closed for the day, or dismissed early, our classes and programs are automatically cancelled.



Winter

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.

In all cases, feel free to call the office if you are



Parish News & Events

December 25th - January 1st

Sun-25 Merry Christmas!
Mon-26 Parish Center Closed

Tue-27 Fr. Mass at Wausau Manor 3:00 Wed-28 Fr. Mass at Mountain Terrace 10:00

No Religious Ed

Thur-29 Fri-30 Sat-31

Sun-1 Happy New Year!

Thank-You!

In the loving memory of Edward and Adeline Gehrke A special thank you to the family of Edward and Adeline Gehrke for donating the concreate bench next to the Lending Library in front of the Parish Center. Holy Name of Jesus Parish is very grateful for this generous gift that will give children and adults a place to sit as they decide on their next book.

Year End Contributions for 2016

Parish Contributions must be received in the Parish Center by 11:00am on Friday, December 30, 2016, to be included on your 2016 contribution statement.

The office will close at noon on Friday, December 30th and will be closed all day Monday, January 2, 2017.



Church decorating and liturgical ministry
Thank you so much to all who shared their
time and talents to set up the trees and
decorate the church for Christmas. Each
helping hand made our worship space more
beautiful. Special thanks to Ken Behring and
Mary Sleeter for their leadership and

decorating of the church for Christmas and all year long. HNP is also very grateful for all who volunteered to help at Masses during the Christmas season and all through the church year. Your service is very much appreciated. God's blessings upon all of you and your families as we celebrate the Nativity of our Savior. HNP Sacred Worship Committee

Take the chill out of your winter days.

HOLY NAME PARISH
WINTER FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

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Please join us for a delicious Chili Dinner
After the 4pm Mass on January 7th
in Simmons Hall.
There will be socializing and good food
with a few door prizes.
ALL ARE WELCOME! We'd love to see you there.
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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 18, 2016					
Adult Envelopes	\$7,463.00				
ACH Weekly Deposit					
Student					
Offertory	\$ 674.00				
Maintenance					
Weekly Collection	\$ 8,627.00				
Annual Appeal as of December 19th					
Our Target	\$54,944.00				
Pledged	\$15,042.50				
Remaining					
Families Pledged					

CHRISTMAS CHEER THIS YEAR-2016

WOW! Another <u>amazing</u> response from our parish members to our 7th Annual "Christmas Cheer This Year"! We had 37 parish families donate 183+ gifts for some of the precious children of our parish. The parents were overwhelmed when they saw how generous and kind you were.

Because of your generosity, we are able to help children from our parish have a <u>Christ</u>-filled Christmas. The Spirit of the Season was definitely shining at Holy Name of Jesus Parish! Thank you so much!



Holiday Office Hours.

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, December 26th. We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 31st and January 1st Mary, The Holy Mother of God

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
EM		
Ken Behring	Sara Lewitzke	Kathy Oelke
Beth Gorski	Paul Missett	Karie McAuliffe
Jan Klosinski	Carol Mroczenski	Nancy Manowski
Mic Klosinski	Lois Murphy	
Darlene Martin	Jim Schroeder	
Helen Pagenkopf	Jim Cherek	
Mary Rader	Mary Joswick	
Lectors		
Doris Martin	Tim Murphy	Shirley Fosbender
Servers		
Barry Guss	Christopher Medvecz	Belle Torgeson
Gary Kurtzweil	Thomas Medvecz	Faith Torgeson
Ushers		
Pat Hiatt	Carl Westrich	Bernie Ford
Ron Hoffman	Marge Westrich	David Torgeson
Jim Reel	Scott Lau	Jon Torgeson
Sue Sullivan	XXXXXXXX	Mike Tomsyck
Jody Rhyner		•

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Religious Education

2016-2017 Religious Education Schedule

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

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

Jan 11 Rel Ed

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

Jan 25 Rel Ed

Rel Ed & Eucharist Parent Mtg # 2 Feb

Feb 8 Rel Ed Feb 15 Rel Ed Feb 22 Rel Ed

Mar Rel Ed starts at 6pm for Ash Wed Mass All students are required to attend.



Mark Your Calendars for Christmas Vacation

No Rel Ed on Dec 28th; Resumes Jan 3rd CLOW Dec 25th & Jan 1st; Resumes Jan 8th



First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment

On Jan 15th, 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 continue to study and work towards their First Communion.



DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY Next meeting:

Sunday, Jan 8th from 6pm-8pm at Resurrection Parish

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

<u>Grades 6 – 12</u> Newman Catholic MS/HS: 1130 W. Bridge Street, Wausau,

715-845-8274

Central Office – 715-845-5735

www.newmancatholicschools.com

Welcome to Newman Catholic Schools!

2017 NCS Open House Event Schedule

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more information about Newman Catholic Schools - please join us for the following information sessions:

Jan 12 – St. Mark (preschool and DCE 4K through 5th grade)

8:00am to 2:30pm Open House 6:00pm to 7:00pm Parent Meeting

602 Military Road, Rothschild * 715 359 9662

Jan 16 – St. Therese (licensed child care, preschool, and DCE 4K)

8:00am to 5:00pm Open House 6:00pm to 7:00pm Parent Meeting

112 West Kort Street, Schofield * 715 355 5254

Jan 18 –Newman Catholic Middle School (grades 6 through 8)

6:30pm Parent Meeting

Newman Middle School 1130 W. Bridge St, Wausau * 715 845 8274

Jan 19 -St. Michael (licensed child care, preschool, and WSD 4K)

9:00am to 3:00pm Open House

6:00pm Parent Meeting

615 Stark Street, Wausau * 715 848 0206

Jan 30 – St. Anne (Kindergarten through 5th grade)

8:00am to 2:30pm Open House

6:00pm to 7:00pm Parent Meeting 604 N. 6th Avenue, Wausau * 715 845 5754

Not able to attend?

Please call with questions or for a tour: 715 842 4805

PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS OF FAITH IN EDUCATION AT NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

Youth Ministry Annual

When: Tuesday, Jan. 24th, 2017

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

Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert & Includes:

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:

Tomato Paste Spaghetti Sauce (cans or jars) Spaghetti Noodles **Ground Beef**

Garlic Bread Lettuce (1#or 2 # bags) And Desserts—Desserts can be homemade or store bought. They can be dropped off the day before or the day of the Spaahetti Dinner.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for the Religious Ed, Sacramental & Youth Ministry Programs Thank you for your continued support of this, and all of our youth programs.





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