## Welcome to

# Holy Name of Jesus Parish

1104 South 9th Ave, Wausau, Wisconsin



### We Welcome New Parishioners!

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November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

### Mass Schedule - Not to exceed 170 people per Mass.

Saturday 4:00pm

**Sunday** 8:00am and 10:30am

Monday 8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday - Saturday 8:00am

### Confessions

Tuesday-Saturday 7:00am -7:45am

**Saturday** 8:30am -10:00am and 3:00pm-3:45pm

### **Parish Center and Chapel Hours**

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 4:30pm Friday 8:00am - 12:00 noon

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday 12:00 noon, 1 week prior bulletin@holynamewausau.com

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Contact Father Martin for preparation classes. These are required for parents and recommended for Godparents.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Contact Father Martin 6 months in advance.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Father Martin 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 Father Martin to visit you during your hospital stay, make sure to leave our church name upon registration.

### **Mass Intentions**

### November 30th - December 6th

30	Monday	8:00 am		Communion Service
1	Tuesday	8:00 am	+	Karen and Tom Murtha
2	Wednesday	8:00 am		William McCarthy
2 3	Thursday	8:00 am		Mary Muecke
	Friday	8:00 am		Theresa and Tony Kuntz
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)	Saturday	8:00 am	1	Marie and Regina Gau

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

5	Saturday	4:00 pm	†	Joe Gantner
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Sunday 8:00 am † St, Catherine's Council

Living and deceased members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish

10:30 am † Kathryn Kratwell

### November 30th - December 6th

**The Church Blessed Sacrament Candle**Dedicated to: James and Adeline Piaszak
Dedicated from: Harold and Barbara Jablonski

### The Chapel Blessed Sacrament Candle

Dedicated to: Health Intention for Dorothy

Dedicated from: A Friend



### From the Pastor's Desk

Praised be Jesus Christ! Happy New Year! Because you're a very informed Catholic, you already know that Advent begins a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. And given the many challenges of this past year, many are eager for a fresh beginning. Advent is a gift from God in that it invites us to prepare for the event that has forever marked the divide between our time in exile and our time as pilgrims on the way home to the Father. Although some secularists have tried to remove them, most still refer to those epochs as B.C. (before Christ) and A.D. (the year of the Lord, or "after death"). That first Christmas changed the world, though it was only as time went by that its impact would become clear.

Advent is our annual preparation for Christ's entrance into the world He created. Because we're restless creatures, we find patience difficult and often succumb to the relentless pursuit of whatever comes next. A local radio station started playing Christmas music sometime in early November. I remember driving home one Christmas after my last Mass and for the life of me, I could not find any Christmas music on the radio. The world was already on to the next thing!

Advent slows us down so that we can prepare our hearts for the coming of the great King. Because God speaks in the silence, we're encouraged to set aside time to be alone with the Lord and meditate on His Presence and His humility. We might consider "fasting" from social media and technology more often in these weeks before Christmas. Creating space in our lives and hearts for God has always borne fruit in deeper peace and more courageous hope. One prayer that comes to us from long ago is aptly titled the "Christmas Novena." It begins on the Feast of Saint Andrew (November 30<sup>th</sup>) and is recited 15 times per day until Christmas day. As with any sincere prayer, we're changed slowly but surely as we recite the words. Here is the prayer for those who would like to pray it . . . and at 15 times per day, you'll have it memorized in no time:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son
Of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at
midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.
In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to
hear my prayer and grant my
desires, through the merits
of Our Savior, Jesus
Christ, and of His
Blessed Mother.
Amen.

Advent is also a time to think of others and focus on ways of serving Christ in our brothers and sisters. Gift giving at Christmas is a source of joy as we see the happiness of others when they open our gifts. As in many things, it's important to exercise moderation and not spend beyond our means. Incidentally, buying things is only one way to experience the joy of giving. I found the following anecdote on a friend's blog and it illustrates a beautiful truth that is championed by Advent:

They brought balloons to a school. One was given to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it and throw it in the hallway. The teachers then mixed all the balloons. The students were given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search, no one found their balloon. At that point the teachers instructed the students to take the first balloon that they found and deliver it to the person whose name was written on it. Within 5 minutes everyone had their own balloon.

The students were then given the lesson: "These balloons are like trying to find happiness. We will never find it if everyone is preoccupied with looking for their own. But if we care about other people and help them find theirs, in the process we'll find ours too."

In saving the best for last, Advent is an invitation to allow the Christ Child more deeply into our life. In prayer we can even experience the wonder of holding Him as a baby. While our hearts cannot yet bear the full mystery of a God who became one of us, allowing Him to take away our shame and guilt is still the most powerful means we have for truly trusting Him. Jesus knew we feared God, so He came in the most approachable way imaginable. After all, who could ever be afraid of a baby! In the sacrament of confession, we become like Jesus in humbling ourselves. Unlike Jesus, we admit that there are things in our life that we regret. There is something about a baby that awakens a deep desire in us to be good, holy, and right with others. Jesus knew this, so He left His power of forgiveness and reconciliation in the world. Every validly ordained priest carries this power and makes it regularly available in the confessional. There are many opportunities for you to let Jesus take your sins away. He invites you to trust Him.

Advent is difficult because we're always in a hurry. COVID has slowed our world down considerably, like it or not. And that's not all bad. Mistakes are multiplied when we hurry, and stress and anxiety increase when we feel under the gun. Learning to patiently prepare and wait for Jesus' birth is not easy for us. But we often find in life that the best things are the most challenging. The old adage, "the greater the struggle, the more glorious the triumph," comes to mind. This past year has been an extraordinary struggle. But for those who engage it, Advent signals the glorious triumph that even now is coming over the near horizon.

May we embrace Advent, so that we come to Jesus' birth with clean souls and peaceful hearts!

Your friend in Christ, Father Martin

### 1st Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

## St. Anthony Spirituality Center Marathon, WI.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY RETREAT Dec 31, 2020 - Jan 1, 2021. Cost: \$105.

Fr. Tom Zelinski, OFM Cap, will be here to help us ring in the New Year again this year! His talks and our time together will help us process the experiences of this year and prepare to move with optimism and courage into 2021.

Registration begins at 3 pm on Thursday, followed by orientation at 6:00 and supper at 6:30. The retreat concludes on Friday after Mass and the noon meal.

This retreat will be limited to 19 participants, So Register Early! Guests will be asked to wear a mask or face covering in common areas except at mealtimes. We strongly encourage each guest to bring his/her own face covering; however, a limited number of masks will be available for those who do not have their own.

To register, call 715-443-2236 or e-mail info@sarcenter.com

### Readings for the week November 29, 2020

Sunday-29 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-

19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday-30 Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-

22

Tuesday-1 Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk

10:21-24

Wednesday-2 Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt

15:29-37

Thursday-3 Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday-4 Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31 Saturday-5 Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is

30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday-6 Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2

Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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### Four Reasons to be Thankful

- 1. Those who cultivate the habit of thankfulness experience true Christian joy. And isn't this something that we desire? When we count our many blessings, our attitude can turn away from any discouragement and lead us to be more generous with others.
- 2. The more we hear "thank you" come from our mouth, the more we notice what people are doing for us and it can help to shift an attitude of discouragement as well. This Thanksgiving, consider a person in your family you need to verbally thank for something specific; or thank a family member for who they are and what they mean to you. Growing in the habit of being thankful to God and others is well worth the effort.
- 3. We have every reason to be thankful. Jesus gave His life for us, experiencing the worst possible pain on the Cross, so that we can have eternal life with Him forever. And the Cross is in the shape of the letter "t" which reminds us of the word "thanksgiving." Giving thanks to Jesus will foster greater humility as we recognize His incredible love for us.
- **4.** Being thankful leads to peace and calm, which keeps us healthy. When we focus on what we do have, rather than what we don't have, stress diminishes, our shoulders relax and we can function better in so many ways.

### **DECEMBER SCRIP NEWS**

## We have Scrip at the Parish Center to purchase and can help you place an order.

Christmas is coming and the scrip office is ready to help you! In Stock for Christmas: \$10 Buffalo Wild Wings, \$10 Barnes & Noble, \$10 Target and \$10 Walmart gift cards. Kwik Trip Savings

Kwik Trip \$25/50 (NCS) @ 9% for a limited time – We also offer Krist Oil and Shell gift cards at a 10% rebate.

Perfect timing, Fleet Farm rebate is 9.09%! Great for Christmas gifts, hunting and the winter driving season.

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Last day for special orders before Christmas December 14<sup>th</sup>.

December Scrip Hours.: Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 - 5:30 Scrip Office phone number: 715-842-4805 Ext 1

Scrip Office is located at

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scrip@newmancatholicschools.com Click Scrip at the bottom.

### PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### November 29th - December 6th

Sun-29 Religious Education All 9th & 10th Gr Virtual

Advent Mission 4:00 - 5:00 C

Mon-30 RCIA 6:30-8:00 PC

Tue-1 Religious Education 6th, 7th, & 8th virtual students

Wed-2 Religious Education Classroom 6:15-7:30

Thurs-3 Fri-4 Sat-5

Sun-6 Religious Education All 9th & 10th Gr Virtual

Advent Mission 4:00 - 5:00 C

#### **Advent Confession Times**

Besides the usual times (Tuesday through Saturday from 7:00-7:50 a.m.; Saturdays from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:50 p.m.), confession times will be extended during Advent. Each Saturday I'll begin an hour earlier (i.e. 2:00-3:50 p.m.) and I'll also be available each Sunday after the Advent mission (from 5:00 p.m. until the last person is done). Finally, for those who like to procrastinate, I'll be available on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and



Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00-5:00 p.m. (or until the last person is done). The one exception is Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Mass that morning will be at 7:00 a.m. and there will not be confessions from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

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# CHRISTMAS CAROLING

THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Sunday, December 13, 2020 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

We will meet in front of the school building.

No registration required, but would be helpful to ensure we have enough music books. RSVP to Noel Furger at 715-842-4543



### HOLY NAME PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Report for November 22, 2020 Not available at time of publication

Annual Appeal as of November 20, 2020

Our Target	\$55,155.00
Amount Received	
Remaining	\$24,115.00
Percent of goal received	

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Online Giving is available for the Diocesan Annual Appeal on the web page of the Office for Stewardship and Development at <a href="https://diolc.org/donate-online">https://diolc.org/donate-online</a>.



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Tuesday, December 8th 8:00am and 6:00pm



### St. Catherine's Council

Due to COVID-19
St. Catherine Council has canceled their
Annual December Christmas Party.
We will continue to pray for all of you
and look forward to gathering again in safer times.



#### **Christmas Flowers**

We are now accepting donations for Christmas flowers. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please clearly print the name on your envelope or insert a piece of paper.

Thank you!

### SOUTHWEST WAUSAU CIRCLE OF JOY

Once again, the generosity of the parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Parish has been unbelievable! Your gifts of food, turkeys, and cash donations were appreciated by the 20 families we were able to give a Thanksgiving meal to this year!

The money collected at Mass on Thanksgiving morning was also wonderful! Special thanks to our wonderful parish secretary <u>Judy Borchardt</u> for all her help when turkeys and food were dropped off at the Parish Center. Thanks also to <u>Jim Dreikosen</u> for helping to carry the donated food down to the pantry and for all the cardboard box recycling help.

<u>A very special thanks</u> also goes to <u>Andrew Lamb of Lamb's</u> <u>Fresh Market</u> and to his wonderful manager, <u>Keith Vilter</u>, who shopped and delivered the groceries to the Parish Center on time, and also, for giving us <u>many</u> discounted items.

The parishioners of <u>Holy Name of Jesus Parish</u> are truly AMAZING!

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## Religious Education



### 2020-2021 School Year Classroom Schedule

Classroom sessions are on Wednesday evening from 6:15-7:30

Dec 2 Class

Dec 9 Class & 1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg # 3

Dec 16 Class & Reconciliation Service grades 3-1

Dec 23 No Class—Have a Merry Christmas

Dec 30 No Class—Have a Happy New Year

Jan 6 Class

### Online Learning Schedule

	Sunday High School—Grades 9 & 10 6:15-7:30 pm			<u>Tuesday</u>				
				Grades 6 & 7—5:30-6:15 pm				
				Grade 8—6:30-7:15 pm				
	Nov	29	Class	Dec	1	Class		
	Dec	6	Class	Dec	8	Class		
	Dec	13	Class	Dec	15	Class		
	Dec	20	Class	Dec	22	No Session		
	Dec	27	No Session	Dec	28	No Session		



# Religious Education Reminders

All Virtual and Classroom sessions resume this week.



### **Religious Education Needs Bottled Water**

Our supply of bottled water has almost run out. We are very fortunate to have had a steady supply donated to our program, but we find ourselves very low at this time. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center or the Rel Ed office.



1st Reconciliation Retreat & Sacramental Celebration

Saturday, December 12th 8:00 am Mass—11:00am

First Reconciliation will be celebrated Saturday, December 12th. The retreat and celebration will begin with 8:00 am Mass.

Following Mass we will have a snack and then proceed with a mini-retreat. Following the retreat the children will celebrate their First Reconciliation. To bring together the lessons that were taught at home as a family, we strongly encourage parents to go to reconciliation with their children on that day.

Please feel free to call Noel at 715-842-4543 with any questions or concerns regarding this date.

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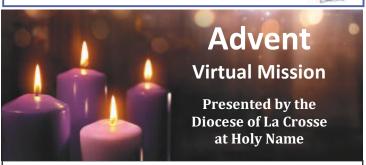
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715-845-8274

<u>Central Office</u> – 715-845-5735 www.newmancatholicschools.com



Holy Name is offering an Advent Virtual Parish Mission "Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph."

Sunday evenings, Nov. 29th—Dec. 20th 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Holy Name of Jesus church

Holy Name will be hosting this Advent Virtual Mission each Sunday evening during Advent. The four presentations will be roughly 30-40 minutes with discussion following.

Week 1: "St. Joseph: The Man Selected by God to be

11/29 Closest to Mary and to Jesus."

Presenter: Msgr. Joseph Diermeier

Week 2: "Joseph and Mary: A Holy Love Story"

12/6 Presenter: Msgr. Joseph Hirsch

Week 3: "That Holy Night, through Joseph's Eyes"

12/13 Presenter: Fr. Alan Wierzba

Week 4: "Joseph, Son of David... You are to Give Him the

12/20 Name Jesus"

Presenter: Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Registration would be appreciated to make sure we have enough handouts each week, but not required. We welcome anyone that is able to attend to join us for one or all four of the weeks. To register in advance, please call Noel Furger at 715-842-4543.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd SIGN UP TODAY!

Children ages 3-12 years are invited to attend CGS (children can begin anytime during the year). For information on the dates and times of the sessions or if you would like to bring your child and walk through the atrium to see if it would be a good fit, please contact Noel at 715-842-4543 to set up an appointment.



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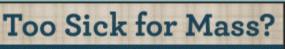
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