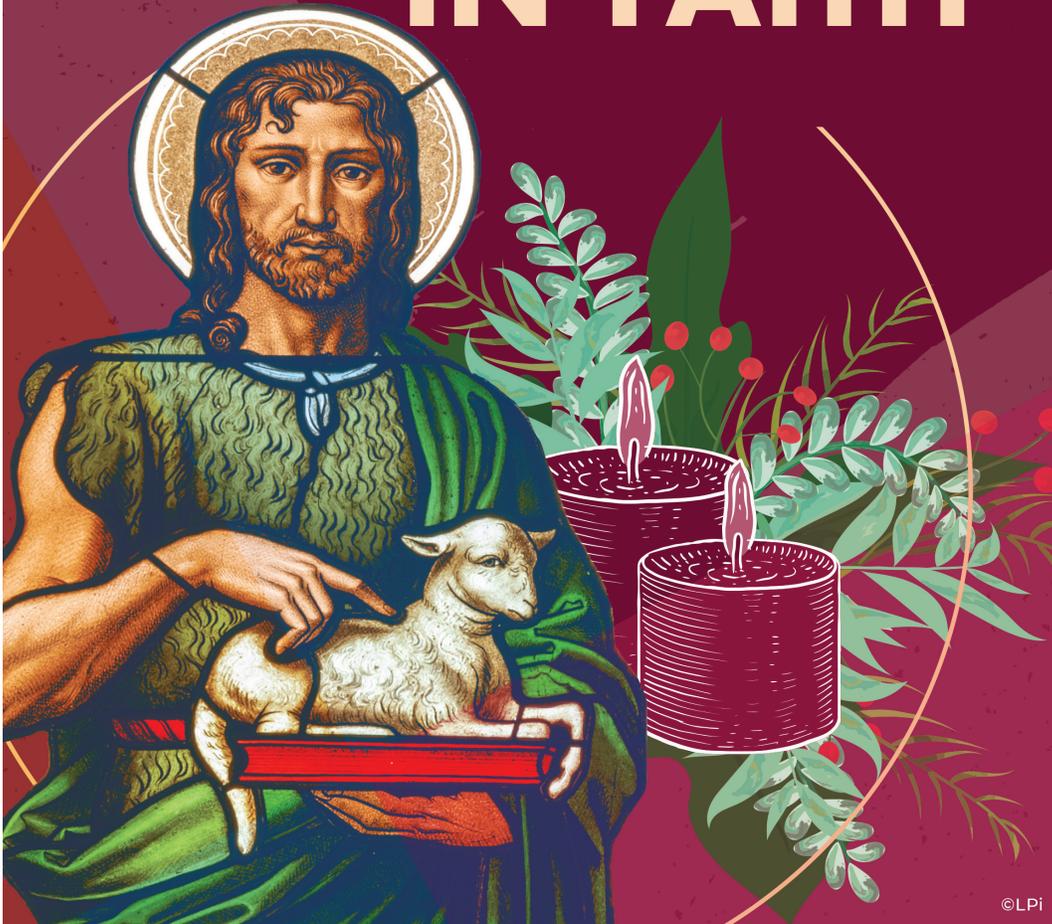




HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are a welcoming community of disciples who proclaim the Word, prayerfully worship, and compassionately serve.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLD ON IN FAITH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
4:00 pm

Sunday
8:00 am & 10:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 am (at church)

Thursday
8:15 am (at school)

RECONCILIATION

Thursday
5:30 – 7:00 pm

Saturday
3:30 pm

or by appointment

ADORATION

Thursday
5:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday
9:00 am – 12:00 pm



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PRAYER & WORSHIP

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

This Advent: Be Scrooge!

Most of us are familiar with the classic story about Ebenezer Scrooge from “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens. Scrooge is a cold-hearted miser who hates Christmas. He thinks only of himself, and he is very bitter. In the story, three ghosts visit him. They show him the joy of his youth, how the families around him are celebrating the present, and what his future will be if he does not change. At the end, there is conversion, and he is filled with joy. This transformation, the movement from being bitter to rejoicing, is why we have Advent.

As we celebrate the season of Advent, we should be celebrating in both hope and joy. There is a penitential dimension to Advent. We do extra prayer, we often give things up. The Church asks us to prepare spiritually for Christmas. However, next week, we will be hearing the prophet Isaiah explicitly calling us to rejoice, “I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.” It is not a superficial happiness, but a deep joy in our very depth as we know God’s great love for us.

On Christmas morning, when Scrooge wakes from his dream, he runs to the window and yells, “Boy, what time is

it? Is the goose still in the butcher’s window?” In his joy, Scrooge expresses generosity and love. Bitterness is focused inward, on self. Joy and hope are focused outward, toward others. If you find yourself depressed or hopeless, I encourage you to plan an act of kindness for someone else. Think of others. We often see Scrooge as a bitter miser, but I think of him as a person transformed in joy. During Advent, I hope you will come to know Jesus. Learn to have hope. Be transformed, and live in joy. Be Scrooge!

Peace,
Father Tom Pomeroy

SAINT AMBROSE | DECEMBER 7

Saint Ambrose was born to an aristocratic Roman Christian family in 339 in what is now Trier, Germany. One popular legend tells of a swarm of bees alighting on the infant Ambrose’s face, and leaving behind a drop of honey, which his father took as a sign that Ambrose would be an eloquent speaker with a ‘honeyed tongue.’

Ambrose was educated in law and rhetoric in Rome. Like his father, he went into public service, and was made governor of Liguria and Emilia. In the second year of his governorship, he moderated the election of the bishop of Milan, because the heretical Arians were challenging the succession. Unbaptized and untrained in theology, Ambrose was called by popular acclamation to be bishop. Though he attempted to flee, he was found. Within a week he was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop on December 7, 374.



As bishop, Ambrose studied scripture and the writings of Church fathers, he gave his property and wealth to the poor, and he became an impactful orator, hymn writer, and renowned teacher. He highly praised consecrated virginity, likely influenced by his sister who took the veil. A contemporary with St. Martin of Tours, he also defended the faith against the Arian heresy, and against the state. Ambrose required Emperor Theodosius do public penance after the massacre of Thessalonica. His classic education contributed to his writing and sermons which attracted and converted Saint Augustine of Hippo who Saint Ambrose baptized.

Saint Ambrose was one of four original doctors of the Church. He died in 397 in Milan. His remains can be seen at the Basilica di Sant’Ambrogio, where he lays with Saint Gervasus and Saint Protasus.

**THE GIVER OF
EVERY GOOD
AND PERFECT
GIFT HAS
CALLED UPON
US TO MIMIC
GODS GIVING.**

St. Nicholas of Myra



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

GROWING IN FAITH

FALL FEST GRATITUDE

Holy Family Catholic School would like to thank the many generous people who made Fall Fest successful this year.

Together we raised over \$75,000!

Through your support, our school is able to continue to offer a Catholic education. Funds raised allow us to provide families with financial assistance as well. The support of our parish community is an integral part of Fall Fest. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

ATTENTION HOLY FAMILY YOUTH

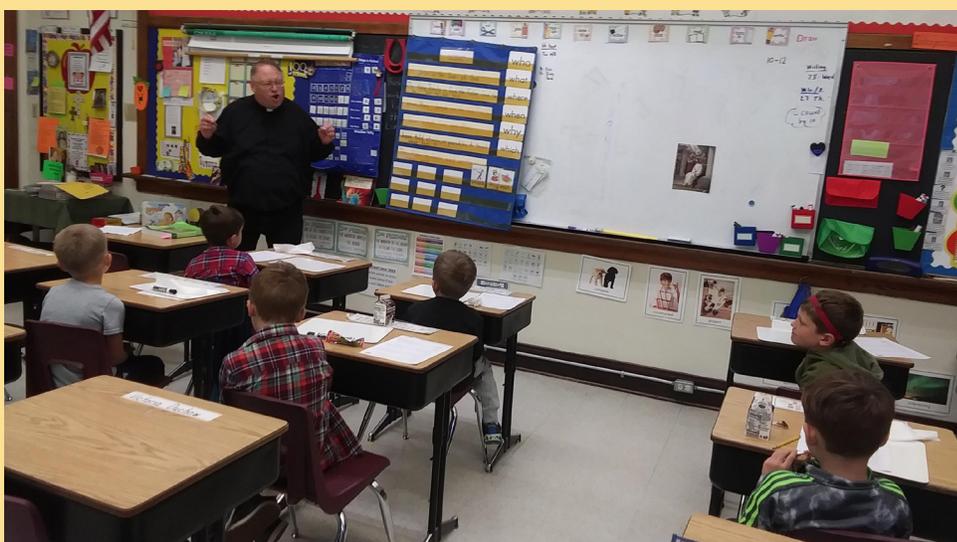
We invite *all* youth of our parish to be a part of the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass! Mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve Youth Choir practice at church: Wednesday, December 21 | 6-7 pm If you would like to sing a verse of “A Hallelujah Christmas,” or play instrumental Christmas music before Mass, please contact Ginger Van Thiel at 920-989-3099 or the Parish Office. The parish loves to see our young people praising the Lord!

THANK YOU BAKER BILL!

Baker Bill graciously donated his homemade Christmas candy to our Faith Formation program again this year. We thank him, and all those who purchased his delicious candy this weekend! ALL proceeds will go toward the Summer Camp Youth fund.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

Get email and/or text messages from Holy Family! Just text the word HolyFamily59 to 84576, or sign up at holyfamily59.flocknote.com. Flocknote will text you a confirmation message AND another message with a link you'll need to click to complete the process.



AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: The 1st graders are learning how to read question words. They came up with lots of questions for Father Tom. Did you know that his favorite saints are St. Thomas Becket and St. Michael the Archangel?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

For six years I lived with a priest from Iraq. His hospitality was amazing. Every single morning, he would greet me with gracious words and a friendly tone. “Father, good morning! It’s good to see you, my friend!” He never stopped doing it, even though we lived in the same house for years. It was remarkable, and I never forgot it.

It’s not easy to welcome those we live with, is it? Familiarity, grudges, resentments, fatigue, and distractions gunk up our daily interactions. Saint Paul says in Romans 15:7, “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” How has Christ welcomed us? With mercy, tenderness, joy, and above all, love ... not because we deserve it, but “for the glory of God.”

New year challenge: This morning, how did you greet the first three persons you encountered? If you’re like me, it was a bit routine, token, and loveless. I invite you this week to increase the love with which you greet people — especially if you see them every day. Instead of saying, “Hey” try “Good morning, beautiful.” Instead of “Hi” try “It’s really good to see you, how are you?” and so on. Above all, greet them with love. That’s how the Lord welcomes us. *-Father John Muir*

ST. ANDREW DINNER



Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022

5:30-8:00 PM

Calling all high school and college-age men! Join us for a gathering of disciples open to the priesthood. The evening includes Mass with Bishop Ricken at 5:30 p.m. and dinner/formation with the Vocations team to follow. Local priests, pastoral leaders, and campus/youth ministers are invited to bring men from among their flock.

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
140 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay

Additional Questions & Info:
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RSVP: GBVOCATIONS.ORG/REGISTRATION

STEWARDSHIP

FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING

THANK YOU to all those who donated to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry during Thanksgiving and throughout the whole year. God bless you!

SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE

Saturday, December 10 | 8 am - 8 pm
Tadych's MarketPlace Foods, Brillion
ALL donations on these two days will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000, by the Robert and Pat Endries Family Foundation. Thank you for your support!

FELLOWSHIP APPRECIATION

This month's Fellowship Sunday was hosted by the Parish Council. We are thankful for our active parish community, and the beautiful spaces we have to share our faith. If you missed Fellowship Sunday, please join us next time! We welcome all parishioners, and those who are visiting, to gather together with us!

SPONSOR A SUNDAY!

If you would like to host a Fellowship Sunday, please contact the parish office.

2023 HOSTS & MISSALETTES

To relieve the church of the cost of these items, we accept monetary donations in memory of your loved ones. The monthly donation for missalettes is \$280 and hosts are \$75. Please contact the parish office if you would like to donate.



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RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Next weekend, our second collection will benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to one or both of these groups. Please use the envelopes attached to this bulletin.



Give a \$5 or \$10 Scrip gift card as a token of your appreciation to a neighbor, teacher, mail person, hair dresser, etc. They make great stocking stuffers too! Available at the parish office Mon - Fri, Collins State Bank of Brillion during open hours, Holy Family Church after Masses, & online at raiseright.com/shop or the RaiseRight app. (Email scripholyfamilyparish@gmail.com for the enrollment code.)

WISH LIST

Hot Lunch Cards

Sponsor a Student
\$34 per card (10 lunches)

Parking Lot Renovation

Contributions of any amount.

Christmas Mass Postcards

Donations toward printing/ mailing costs of \$950 are appreciated!

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Please see next week's bulletin for the financial stewardship report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH

The Christian Mothers & Ladies Sodality annual Christmas party is Tuesday, December 6 at 7 pm. *We invite ALL women of our parish to join us!*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to honor a loved one, please include your intention on your donation envelope. Contact the parish office if you need to add this information. Donations received by December 27 will be included in the bulletin insert.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Due to early print deadlines, please submit content by the following dates:

Dec 18 bulletin – due Dec 8

Dec 25 bulletin – due Dec 14

Jan 1 bulletin – due Dec 21

Jan 8 bulletin – due Jan 2

Jan 15 bulletin – due Jan 5

HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

Visit the Delightfully Calumet Holiday Light Show, happening throughout the month of December! Drive through fourteen 150-foot displays with various themes, boasting over 140,000 lights, and choreographed to holiday music!

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays | 5-9 pm
Admission: canned food donation
Hobart Park/Calumet County Fairgrounds, Chilton

Delightfully Calumet is a joint venture of fourteen organizations in Calumet County. Donations will be distributed to five Calumet County food pantries. Monetary donations will be accepted for the future growth of Delightfully Calumet, and the participating organizations. For more information, like us on Facebook at Delightfully Calumet, or visit our website at www.delightfullycalumet.com.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

You won't want to miss a memorable weekend experience for married couples to explore feelings and enhance communication skills. Use this opportunity to discover together how your good marriage can be even better, or to find new pathways to get your marriage back on track. Join the Green Bay Marriage Encounter February 18-19 at the Quad-Parish Faith Formation Center for an experience you will treasure for a lifetime. It would be a perfect Christmas gift to appreciate during the cold days of February. Call 920-809-3496 or visit gbme.org for information/registration.



MASSES & EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8 am MASS

For the People of Our Parish

10 am MASS

For Bill & Audrey Schuster

*Wedding Anniv. Blessing
Capital Improvements Coll.*

Camp Candy Sale

KOC Raffle Ticket Sale

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30 am MASS

For Special Intention of Ron & Emily Reis

7 pm CMLS Christmas Party

St Nicholas, Bishop

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30 am MASS

For Special Intentions

6 - 7:30 pm FF Gr 1-8

6:30 - 8 pm FF Gr 9-11

St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 am MASS

ALL SCHOOL MASS

For Bert Zarnoth

4:30 - 6:15 pm

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:30 pm MASS

For Ambrose & Lorraine

Casper

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30 am MASS

For Carolyn Garfield

St Juan Diego Cuahitatzin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

6 am Mens Group

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4 pm MASS

For Clarence Thuecks

Confirmation Sponsor Enroll.

Priest/Rel. Retirement Coll.

Our Lady of Loreto

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8 am MASS

For the People of Our Parish

10 am MASS

For Daniel Mangin

Confirmation Sponsor Enroll.

Priest/Rel. Retirement Coll.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent