



SS. PETER AND PAUL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER
STAFFED BY PRIESTS OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE INCARNATE WORD



January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

WELCOME
TO OUR PARISH
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We are grateful you have chosen to join us in worship today. Do you have questions about our parish faith community? Please call the parish office at (507) 388-2995 to talk with one of our priests, religious, or staff members. You can also find more details at our parish website.

¡Bienvenidos a nuestra comunidad parroquial! ¿Son nuevos en la zona? Llaman a la oficina parroquial (507) 388-2995 o visiten a nuestro sitio web para ver en que podemos servirles. ¡Que la Virgen María bendiga su hogar, le guarde y proteja siempre!



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 7:00 am Monday to Friday
Saturday: 8:00 am
Sunday: 5:15 pm (Vigil)
7:30 am & 9:30 am
11:30 am TLM @ Loyola Campus
1:00 pm (Español)

Rosary is prayed 1/2 hour before every Mass



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:45 am, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm
Daily: 7:45 am

ADORATION

Monday - Friday: 7:45 am - 9:00 pm

Holy Hours for Priests/Vocations:

- Mondays @ 10:00 AM
- Tuesdays @ 9:00 AM
- Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 2:00 PM
- Fridays Hispanic @ 5:00 PM

40 HOURS FOR
VOCATIONS

To sign up and for
more details visit:
www.40horas.org

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pam Hallberg, Helga Nefzger, Paul Scheurer, Betty Sohler, Margaret Brewer, Rose Morris, John Janc, Leslie & Martha Allen, Dennis McCabe, Richard and Mary Keltgen, Liliana Jones, Darlene Mocol, Mary Willaert, Fr. Tom Schloemer, SJ,

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS AND CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7

- 10:30 am - Coffee and Rolls in Jesuit Hall after 9:30 Mass
- 3:00 pm - Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus in Church

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:30 am - †Anniv. of Frank Wenner: *Family*
- 9:30 am - offered for the Intentions of the Parishioners
- 11:30 am - Loyola Chapel : †Family of Minh Tong: Minh Tong
- 1:00 pm - (en español) Intentions of General Superior Mother Corredentora Rodriguez: *Elena Lopez*

Monday, January 8

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:30 am - †Bernie Koenigs: *Kim and Dan Scott*

Tuesday, January 9

- 1:00 pm - Bible Study in Jesuit Hall
- 7:00 pm - Women of Jerusalem in Jesuit Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:00 am - †Souls in Purgatory: *Peter Hoang*

Wednesday, January 10

- 9:00 am - Mission Quilters in the Upper Room
- 6:00 pm - Leo's Discussion Class Xavier Hall, Room 302

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:00 am - †Jeremy Wyrowski: *Chuck and Rosie Bernard*

Thursday, January 11

- 5:00 pm - German Club meeting in Upper Room
- 5:30 pm - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in Jesuit Hall
- 6:15 pm - Spanish Legion of Mary in Room 302 Xavier Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:00 am - †Colin Kerry: *Kendall Soderberg Family*
- 11:00 am - (@ Oaklawn) †Craig Goodrich: *Ronald and Kathleen Meinhardt*

Friday, January 12

- 11:00 am - Ladies Sewing Group in DeSmet Meeting Room
- 8:00 am - Legion of Mary in Room 302 Xavier Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:00 am - †Ethel Frost: *Judy Reinbold Family*

Saturday, January 13

- 11:00 am - Confessions
- 4:00 pm - Confessions

MASS INTENTIONS

- 8:00 am - †Bernie Koenigs: *Jan Bauer*
- 5:15 pm - †Regina Sieberg: *Ollie Sieberg*

Sunday, January 14

- 8:30 am - Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast in Jesuit Hall
- 3:00 pm - Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus in Church

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:30 am - †Re and Liz Bach: *Jim and Betty Wolff*
- 9:30 am - Offered for the Intentions of the Parishioners
- 11:30 am - Loyola Chapel: †Khuon Nguyen Lucia: *Lisa Nguyen*
- 1:00 pm - (en español) †Antonio Cano: *Gloria Cano*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



OUR PARISH STAFF
IS HERE TO HELP

On the Solemnity of Epiphany the Church continues to contemplate and to celebrate the mystery of the birth of Jesus the Savior. In particular, this day stresses the universal destination and significance of this birth. By becoming man in Mary's womb, the Son of God did not only come for the People of Israel, represented by the Shepherds of Bethlehem, but also for the whole of humanity, represented by the Magi. And it is precisely on the Magi and their journey in search of the Messiah (cf. Mt 2:1-12) that the Church invites us to meditate and pray today. We heard in the Gospel that having arrived in Jerusalem from the East they asked: "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him" (v. 2). What kind of people were they and what kind of star was it? They were probably sages who scrutinized the heavens, but not in order to try to "read" the future in the stars, possibly to profit by so doing. Rather, they were men "in search" of something more, in search of the true light that could point out the path to take in life. They were people certain that something we might describe as the "signature" of God exists in creation, a signature that man can and must endeavor to discover and decipher. Perhaps the way to become better acquainted with these Magi and to understand their desire to let themselves be guided by God's signs is to pause to consider what they find on their journey, in the great city of Jerusalem.

First of all they met King Herod. He was certainly interested in the Child of which the Magi spoke; not in order to worship him, as he wished to make them believe by lying, but rather to kill him. Herod was a powerful man who saw others solely as rivals to combat. Basically, on reflection, God also seemed a rival to him, a particularly dangerous rival who would like to deprive men of their vital space, their autonomy, their power; a rival who points out the way to take in life and thus prevents one from doing what one likes.

Herod listened to the interpretations of the Prophet Micah's words, made by his experts in Sacred Scripture, but his only thought was of the throne. So God himself had to be clouded over and people had to be reduced to mere pawns to move on the great chessboard of power. Herod is a figure we dislike, whom we instinctively judge negatively because of his brutality. Yet we should ask ourselves: is there perhaps something of Herod also in us? Might we too sometimes see God as a sort of rival? Might we too be blind to his signs and deaf to his words because we think he is setting limits on our life and does not allow us to dispose of our existence as we please?

Dear Brothers and Sisters, when we see God in this way we end by feeling dissatisfied and discontent because we are not letting ourselves be guided by the One who is the foundation of all things. We must rid our minds and hearts of the idea of rivalry, of the idea that making room for God is a constraint on us. We must open ourselves to the certainty that God is almighty love that takes nothing away, that does not threaten; on the contrary he is the Only One who can give us the possibility of living to the full, of experiencing true joy.

- Pope Benedict XVI

For the greater glory of God, and the salvation of souls

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SACRAMENTS AND PASTORAL CARE

Please contact the Parish Office at 507 388-2995 for the following Pastoral needs:

- Anointing of the Sick
- Home Bound Communion
- Prayer Requests
- Marriage Preparation
- Baptism Preparation
- New Member Registration

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH



Baptism

We wish to welcome into the Family of God:
Liliana Rose Martinez Sigaran
who was baptized this past weekend.

Bible Study Reminder

We will begin Bible Study on Tuesday, January 9th, at 1:00 pm in Jesuit Hall. This is beginner's Bible Study entitled Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. All are welcome. There is no book and no fee. I will hand out a reading schedule for you to read parts of the Bible for class. This class meets every Tuesday for 8 weeks. If you have never done Bible Study before, this class is for you. Call Linda Z with questions at 320-260-3715.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Next Sunday, January 14th, the Knights of Columbus will serve a Pancake Breakfast in Jesuit Hall from 8:30 am until 11:00 am. Proceeds will be for Options for Women and Birthright. Plan on joining us.

Ladies Sewing Group

Ladies Sewing Group will meet this Friday, January 12th from 11:00 am till 3:00 pm in DeSmet Meeting Room. For more information please call Sandy at 507 382-9156.

FINANCIAL REPORT

IN OUR GENEROSITY WE IMITATE GOD

| | Dec. 31, 2023 | YTD Giving | YTD Budget |
|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| ADULT ENV | \$ 11,224.00 | \$254,637 | \$298,558 |
| E-TRANSFER | \$ 1,325.60 | \$60,818 | |
| PLATE COL | \$ 1,450.40 | \$37,369 | \$32,712 |
| CHILDREN | \$ 8.00 | \$203 | \$519 |
| TOTAL | \$14,008.00 | \$353,026 | \$331,788 |
| Jan. 1, 2024 | \$ 1,711.12 | | |

Thank you for remembering our parish this Christmas Season through your prayers, donations, bequests, and other planned giving. The generosity of our present and past parishioners and benefactors has helped us to actively live out our faith and invite others to believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your help, generosity, and participation in the life and mission of Ss. Peter and Paul parish are crucial to the flourishing of our local and universal Church.

Father Andrew Whiting, IVE

Loyola Catholic Schools

The enrollment season for 2024-2025 is here! Preschool registration opens to the public on January 12th, while enrollment for Kindergarten through grade 12 is currently available. For further details, visit Loyola's website and Facebook page. Feel free to reach out to Ashley Braulick, Marketing, Admissions, and Enrollment Coordinator, at 507 386-5399 for any inquiries.

Get ready for an unforgettable musical showdown at Clash of the Keys, featuring popular Twin Cities group Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos. Grab your friends and family and join us for a night of music, passion, and pure talent.

Individual tickets are \$40 advance. Seats are first come, first serve, or skip the hassle and reserve a table of 8 for \$500. You can purchase your tickets or tables by calling Loyola's main office at 507- 388-0600

GIFT STORE

The Gift Store is always open after the weekend Masses. Feel free to stop by.

Celebrate the Gift of Life

WITH A PARISH WIDE BABY SHOWER

January 27th 12:30-2 PM Jesuit Hall

How to Participate: Join us for the special occasion as we celebrate the miracle of Life and support our beautiful growing families of Ss. Peter and Paul. A light lunch and beverages will be served!

***Gifts:** We are accepting cash and check donations that will then be distributed via gifts according to age and gender of the families who register their unborn baby-6 month old. Checks can be made payable to Ss. Peter and Paul Church.

Please send in donations or volunteer to help by or before January 13th

Expecting Parishioners or Parents of Newborns - 6 months may register by contacting Courtney Schaefer at 507-382-0231 or joyfulmamajoyfulbaby@gmail

All families and ages are welcome!

Para la mayor gloria de Dios y la salvación de las almas

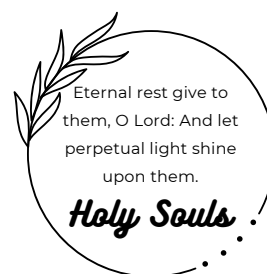
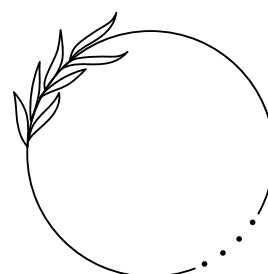


Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House

invites you to a men's three-day silent retreat on the beautiful grounds of Lake DeMontreville guided by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The retreat begins Thursday evening, January 18, 2024 and ends Sunday evening, January 21, 2024. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com

Pro-life Sidewalk Ministry Training

JANUARY 15, 7:00 PM. This free seminar trains ordinary men and women in peaceful, legal methods of saving children from abortion and helping their families. To register for the Sidewalk Ministry Training please contact Thomas Wilkin at Thomas.Wilkin@plan.org or call (651) 395-9312



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