

# OUR LADY OF THE FALLS

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. BRIDGET

HOLY GHOST

NOTRE DAME



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | JANUARY 12, 2025

### New **Weekday Mass** Schedule

Mon	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Tue	5:30 pm	Holy Ghost
Wed	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Wed	8:30 am	Holy Ghost
Thur	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Thur	5:30 pm	Holy Ghost
Fri	8:00 am	Holy Ghost
Sat	8:00 am	Notre Dame

### **Confession** Schedule

*Confessions also available by appointment.*

**Notre Dame:** Weekdays beginning 5 minutes after daily Mass.

Saturday: 3:45-4:15 pm

Sunday: 7:15-7:45 am; 9:45-10:15 am; 6:15-6:45 pm

**Holy Ghost:** Weekdays beginning 15 minutes before daily Mass (*except on Wednesday during the school year*).  
Thursday: 3:00-4:50 pm

### New **Sunday Mass** Schedule

Sat	4:30 pm	Notre Dame
Sun	7:30 am	Holy Ghost
Sun	8:00 am	Notre Dame
Sun	9:15 am	St. Bridget
Sun	10:30 am	Notre Dame
Sun	11:00 am	Holy Ghost
Sun	7:00 pm	Notre Dame



**Saint Anthony of Egypt** (c. 251–356)

Feast Day: January 17

At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor” (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. Anthony decided to become a hermit. He begged an elderly hermit to teach him about the spiritual life. Anthony also visited other hermits so that he could learn each one’s most outstanding virtue. Then he began his own life of prayer and penance alone with God. Many people heard of his holiness and came to him for advice. Anthony would tell them how they could become closer to God. Once he said, “The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices and when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross.” Anthony died in solitude at 105. (Also known as Anthony of the Desert.)



A COMMUNITY OF THREE PARISHES

MISSION:

*To invite all people to encounter Christ, and to inspire them to become saints.*

**DAILY READINGS**

**Sunday, Jan. 12**

*The Baptism of the Lord*

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, in Year C, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 (21) Pss Prop

**Monday, Jan. 13**

*St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20 (305) Pss I

**Tuesday, Jan. 14**

Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 (306)

**Wednesday, Jan. 15**

Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39 (307)

**Thursday, Jan. 16**

Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45 (308)

**Friday, Jan. 17**

*St. Anthony, Abbot*

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12 (309)

**Saturday, Jan. 18**

Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17 (310)

**Sunday, Jan. 19**

*Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*

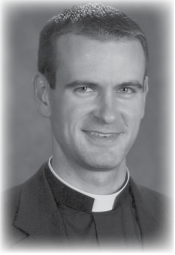
Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 (66) Pss II



**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday, Jan. 11</b>	4:30 pm	† Armie Vaudreuil . . . . .	ND
<b>Sunday, Jan. 12</b>	7:30 am	For the parishes . . . . .	HG
	8:00 am	† Thomas Bleskachek . . . . .	ND
	9:15 am	† Ralph Statz . . . . .	SB
	10:30 am	† Joe Kastelic . . . . .	ND
	11:00 am	† Wayne & Toots Feuling . . . . .	HG
	7:00 pm	† Peter Biletzky . . . . .	ND
<b>Monday, Jan. 13</b>	8:00 am	† Harold Gingras . . . . .	ND
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 14</b>	5:30 pm	† Marion Jacobson . . . . .	HG
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 15</b>	8:00 am	† Armie Vaudreuil . . . . .	ND
	8:30 am	† Ron Jepson . . . . .	HG
<b>Thursday, Jan. 16</b>	8:00 am	† Michael Woste . . . . .	ND
	5:30 pm	Barb Miley . . . . .	HG
<b>Friday, Jan. 17</b>	8:00 am	† Betty Reichert . . . . .	HG
<b>Saturday, Jan. 18</b>	8:00 am	† Larry Goettl . . . . .	ND
	4:30 pm	† Sylvia Justus . . . . .	ND
<b>Sunday, Jan. 19</b>	7:30 am	† Helen Fijalkiewicz . . . . .	HG
	8:00 am	† Bill Mc Ilquham Sr. . . . .	ND
	9:15 am	† Duane Bowe . . . . .	SB
	10:30 am	† Bill Siepel . . . . .	ND
	11:00 am	† Betty Ruhe . . . . .	HG
	7:00 pm	For the parishes . . . . .	ND





## From Fr. Jesse Burish

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The book of the prophet Isaiah, from which comes our first reading on this, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, speaks of a "servant" who will suffer and take on the punishment for the sins of others, ultimately bringing redemption and healing to people through his sacrifice. Isaiah says that although this servant acts and speaks with no violence, he will

be led to an unjust trial and death with criminals. This servant in Isaiah is popularly called the "suffering servant." This suffering servant prophesy about who the Messiah would be was recognized by the early Church as referring to none other than Christ Jesus himself. Christ was the Messiah whom the Lord had sent as a suffering servant.

Our first reading this Sunday from Isaiah, chapter 42, lists several other qualities about this suffering servant: he is the Lord's chosen one with whom he is pleased; he has put upon him his spirit; he shall bring forth justice for the nations; he won't try to draw attention to himself by making a lot of noise. Then Isaiah describes a quality of the Messiah that I've always wondered about. He says, "A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth. . ."

What does it mean that the Messiah, the one whom God will send to save us, will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick? It means that he will be a gentleman. He will be both gentle and manly. He is the King of the universe, yet he will humble himself to come down to our level and conform his dealings with us to our limitations and our needs. This is one key truth that the event of the Baptism of the Lord conveys. Jesus is not baptized because he has sins that he wishes to repent of. Rather, he enters the waters to show his identification with sinful humanity. His mission, as Isaiah spoke of centuries before, was to take upon himself the sins of many. This baptism with sinners is the prelude to his whole public life of associating with sinners and calling them to repentance. It's the prelude to his being crucified with two criminals.

We, therefore, are like a bruised reed or a smoldering wick. Both of these two things are nearly dead. They are damaged, wounded, or at their near end. The life in a reed is threatened by being bruised or wounded or folded over. It can't grow up straight anymore. And the life of the fire in a candlewick that is smoldering is in the process of dying, of going out. Christ the Messiah is the Divine Physician who comes to heal our spiritual sickness and he will be tender and gentle with us. He will not give us sufferings we cannot endure, or moral laws we cannot obey, even though we often fear we will not be able to endure certain sufferings or obey certain moral laws.

Isn't this precisely the reason, deep down inside, many people stay away from the Lord and his Church? Or isn't this the reason many of us remain stagnant in our spiritual growth? We are paralyzed by fear of the struggles that will come to us or the demands that will be made of us, and so we hold back from giving the Lord our whole lives, and thereby hold back from living truly full lives. This is also important for us to realize as we engage persons in our life who are away from the Church and strive to bring them back. We want to be confident about the goodness of the Lord, his gentleness, and give them hope that they will be given the grace they need to respond to the Lord's call faithfully.

We are not as weak as we think we are. We can become saints because God doesn't call us to things that are impossible for us. We can obey the moral law and do a lot better than we do. We can grow in prayer, virtue, and a fuller surrender to the Lord and his will. And we can endure and bear up under greater sufferings than we think. We have more courage than we think. St. Paul says that God will not give us any trial or temptation without also giving us a way out, a deliverance, a way of at least enduring it, so that whatever does not kill us makes us stronger.

So, the next time you think God is giving you a temptation you can't resist, or a suffering you can't endure and emerge from stronger and wiser, think again. If you think that you can't fully live the Christian life with all its demands and become a saint, think again. There is a beautiful tension in our life of faith that we must always keep before us. On the one hand, Jesus says, "without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). That's because we are weak, bruised reeds and smoldering wicks. But on the other hand, St. Paul reminds us that "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me" (Philippians 4:13). Christ has come to us in humanity, and this is the message of his baptism.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



### Adorers Needed at the Goldsmith Chapel

Jesus said to His apostles on the Mount of Olives, the night He was betrayed, "Could you not keep watch for one hour?" Jesus gives us the chance to be with Him every day and every night. Would you like a private audience with the King of kings and the Lord or lords? Then a night hour of adoration may be the perfect thing for you.

Adorers Needed for the following hours:

<b>Tuesday 9am</b>	<b>Tuesday Noon</b>
<b>Wednesday 11am</b>	<b>Wednesday Noon</b>
<b>Wednesday Midnight</b>	<b>Wednesday 1am</b>
<b>Friday Midnight</b>	<b>Friday 3am</b>

Please call Andy at 568-5243 if you can help with any of these hours, or to schedule any other hour with Jesus. There are MANY hours that need a second adorer.



### Confession, Evening Prayer and Mass at Holy Ghost

Thursdays from 3-5pm Confession followed by 5pm evening prayer, Benediction, & 5:30pm Mass.



## Baptism

Please welcome recently baptized at Notre Dame

*Anthony Van Avery Hensley,*  
son of Charles Hensley & Anna (Flosi) Hensley

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Please welcome the recently baptized at Holy Ghost

*Noah Steven Frank,*  
son of Nathan Frank & Kayla (Hanley) Frank.

## PARISH SUPPORT

*Our Lady of the Falls Catholic Community is not an entity that can receive donations. Please make donation checks out to the individual parish.*

### St. Bridget Support

Collection Received ..... Dec. 25: \$740.00  
Dec. 29: \$1,341.50

### Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received ..... Dec. 25: \$7,725.00  
Dec. 29: \$7,024.05

How to give to either St. Bridget or Holy Ghost: Donations from visitors or non-parishioners are welcome. You can place your contribution in the collection basket at Mass or:

- Mail your envelope to Holy Ghost, 412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.
- Contact the parish office to set up ACH automatic withdrawal, or visit the parish website for online giving via credit card.

### Notre Dame Parish Support

Collection Received ..... Dec. 25 & 29: \$20,966.80  
Jan. 5: \$12,721.81

We need your financial support! There are several ways you can make a contribution. You can place it in the collection basket at Mass or:

- Mail your envelope to us at Notre Dame, 117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.
- Contact the parish office to set up ACH automatic withdrawal, or visit the parish website for online giving via credit card.
- Remember to drop off or mail in your Capital Improvement donations

**Do you want to receive informational emails from the parish?** Email [communicate@ourladyofthefalls.org](mailto:communicate@ourladyofthefalls.org) to sign up.



### St. Francesca Resource Center

Located on the west side of the GREC.  
Enter the single green door by the flag pole.  
**Open Tuesdays: 9 am-1 pm & 4-7 pm**  
715-215-2638 | [st.francesca.rc@gmail.com](mailto:st.francesca.rc@gmail.com)  
[www.stfrancesca.org](http://www.stfrancesca.org)

## LOCAL & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bereavement Ministry for Our Lady of the Falls:** This ministry is to help anyone who has lost someone they care about find comfort in community and to remember and pray for our loved ones. Please reach out to the parish office at 715-723-7108 if you have any questions. These meetings are held on the second Wednesdays of each month at 6:30pm. The upcoming meeting dates are Dec. 11, Jan. 8 & Feb. 12. Meetings are held across the street from Notre Dame at 22 S. Prairie St. (the GREC) in the Mary Room.

**KC 974 Friday Night Jackpot BINGO** | Doors will open at 4pm, Great food at 5pm, & BINGO at 7pm.

All other details at: [www.KC974BINGO.com](http://www.KC974BINGO.com)

**Jan.17, Feb.7, Feb.21, Mar.7, Mar.21, Mar.28:** St. Olaf's Men's Club All-You-Can-Eat Friday Fish Fry St. Olaf Parish 2407 North Lane, Eau Claire. Menu: Batter-fried or baked fish, French fries or baked potato, vegetables, salad bar and coleslaw. Prices: \$15 Adults, \$6 Children (5-12), Ages 4 and under eat free. Carryout 3-piece dinner \$15. Serving from 4pm-7pm.

**Jan.17: Trivia in Tilden** at St. Peter's Church Food and drinks, including beer and wine starts at 6 pm, Trivia starts at 7 pm. Cash prizes and 50/50 Raffle. Admission is \$5 per person. Maximum team size is 8.

In a world that seems to be marked by division, conflict, and indifference, **PEACE** often feels distant. Yet, at Catholic Charities we experience the goodness and generosity of people every day, and we strive to bring peace and hope to our neighbors across the 19 counties we serve.

Through your generous support, **Catholic Charities brings PEACE:**

- To the homeless, offering the warmth of a bed, a meal, shower, laundry, and a safe place at our shelters.
- To those in need of long-term housing through our Beyond Shelter, House of Mercy, Thriving Families programs, and other initiatives.
- To couples longing to become parents as we guide them through our Adoption program.
- To individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families through compassionate care in our Disability Services program.
- To women who are pregnant and frightened, and unsure of what to do through our Pregnancy Support program.
- To immigrants seeking a new beginning through our Immigration program.
- To families on the verge of losing their homes through the lifesaving work of our St. Lawrence Community Services program.

Will you help us continue to **BRING PEACE** to our community? We invite you to join our mission through both your prayers and a financial gift that will allow us to keep delivering these vital services to those who need them most. Together, let us become messengers of peace in a world longing for hope.

Catholic Charities | 888.212.4357 | [cclse.org](http://cclse.org)

## Calling all Mothers

Young and old who have experienced the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillborn, death or infertility.

Join us as we gather on Jan. 18 at 9am in the Mary Room of the GREC for light snacks, craft and discussion. We welcome anyone to do a craft with us and share or to just listen as we talk about our experiences and find comfort in a community.

## Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

	Goal	Pledged	Remaining
Notre Dame	\$98,855	\$94,414.44	\$4,440.56
Holy Ghost	\$57,465	\$48,650	\$8,815
St. Bridget	\$14,915	\$7,015	\$7,900

We need everyone who is able to contribute to this appeal. If you misplaced your pledge card, pick 1 up in church or contact the parish office. These cards are parish specific so you use the one for your parish.



## FAITH FORMATION

**Bible Study:** Meets on Tuesdays from 9:30am-11am in the GREC. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Deanna at [jdsuilmann@gmail.com](mailto:jdsuilmann@gmail.com)

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)** Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic, or Catholic and wishing to be confirmed? Contact John at [jshakal@ourladyofthefalls.org](mailto:jshakal@ourladyofthefalls.org) for more information.

**Christ With Us Adult Study** Join us for faith and fellowship once a month on Thursday mornings from 9-10:30am in the GREC, St. Joseph room at the Notre Dame campus. Refreshments will be served.

■ Jan. 23 | Why 1st Fridays & 1st Saturdays?

■ Feb. 20 | TBD

■ Mar. 20 | St. Faustina & Divine Mercy

■ Apr. 24 | TBD

■ May 15 | Our Lady of Fatima

For questions contact Renee Zimmerman at [rzimmerman@ourladyofthefalls.org](mailto:rzimmerman@ourladyofthefalls.org) or 608-697-0527.

**MONDAY PRAYER GROUP** We meet at the temporary Adoration Chapel next to the Goldsmith Chapel, the Avila Room. We meet every Monday from 9am-10am. The object of the group is to pray for personal requests, our church, nation, and world. The prayers consist of The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary, & the Litany of Trust. *"When people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking. It is very easy to break a single stick, but if you join it to others to make a bundle, it cannot be broken. In union, there is strength."*

— St. Louis-Marie de Montfort

**Steubenville Youth Conference** Attention High Schoolers (rising freshman through graduated seniors): We will be taking a group of eight to the Steubenville Youth Conference in Joliet, Illinois, over the weekend of June 25-27, 2025. Expect to hear keynote talks from the likes of Fr. Mike Schmitz, Lisa Cotter, Michael Gormley, and more, time before the Blessed Sacrament, worship and fellowship with hundreds of other teens—email Alexis at [dre@stcharles-cf.com](mailto:dre@stcharles-cf.com) for cost, fundraising opportunities, and other details.

### Mass Schedule Change Updates

When changes were made to the weekend Mass schedule at the beginning of *September*, it was indicated that we would take the next few months to discern any final changes following the reopening of Holy Ghost Church after the renovation. After careful consideration, we've decided to make the following minor changes:

- **Beginning the Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 29**, the **8am** Mass at Holy Ghost will shift to **7:30am**, and the **9:30am** Mass at St. Bridget will shift to **9:15am**. The **11am** Mass at Holy Ghost will **remain the same**. *The Saturday vigil Mass at Holy Ghost will remain discontinued.*
- **Additionally, starting Friday, Dec. 27**, all **Friday morning** Masses at Holy Ghost will be at **8am**. *Friday morning Masses will be discontinued at Notre Dame.*

In addition to the Friday Masses at Holy Ghost, there will be an opportunity to submit Mass intentions for nursing home Masses celebrated on Fridays at Wissota Health, Veterans' Home, & Chippewa Manor. Thank you again for your flexibility and God bless!

### The Chosen

Join us Tuesday evenings beginning on Jan. 7 at 6pm in the GREC as we watch Season 1 of *The Chosen* together. We will watch, and then discuss the episode (with the help of the St. Augustine Institute) each week. We will meet 8 weeks in a row. Come and see why so many people are watching a show about Jesus and how viewers come to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him. This event is open to the public and a great way to invite someone back.

Contact the Notre Dame office at 715-723-7108 to RSVP

(we want to make sure we have enough materials) or if you have questions. Let us know if you need childcare - we will do our best to arrange it for you if you give us at least 1 week notice.

## THIS & THAT FROM SR. YVONNE

**"THIS IS MY BELOVED"** | Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord as told to us by Luke. This day is traditionally considered the end of the Christmas season. We recognize that Jesus opened himself to a gift that John needed to give. This gospel account reminds us that our own baptism is a gift that calls us to live in relationship, mutuality and communion with all God's people. John the Baptist uses a baptism of repentance to symbolize one's desire to put off sinful ways and to live as God wants. But for the Christian community, going under the baptismal waters also signifies a death to one's former life and an emergence into new life in the risen Christ. By accepting Baptism, Jesus publicly embraces our human condition. By His incarnation, Jesus became fully man. But by his baptism, he made it clear that he was identifying himself with our full humanity. Jesus emptied himself, humbled himself, and submitted to a baptism he didn't need in order to bring us the salvation we did need. HOW GREAT IS THAT? It was only when Jesus was baptized, and God announced to the world "This is my beloved Son" and the Spirit came down upon him that the world was to know who Jesus was. So often we forget who we are and that we also are God's beloved. The TV commercials are always telling us that we don't measure up, or we are not as beautiful or stylish or popular and happy as we should be. The TV ads tell us that their products will make us over into someone worthwhile. But God has already made us worthwhile. Through our Baptism we have been defined forever as God's children. The only one who can destroy the dignity that has been given to us is we, ourselves. As we celebrate Jesus' baptism, may we at the same time celebrate our own. Let us rejoice in God's gift of love and life given to us and live up to the high dignity with which God has blessed us. Birth and baptism are both miracles, but both are just beginnings. If you have a child who is not yet baptized could you make some arrangement for your child to receive this wonderful gift? Call the rectory and make some arrangement for your child to receive this wonderful sacrament. As we end the Christmas season and take down our tree and decorations, may we grow in generosity as disciples of Jesus. If you are stuck in a valley of depression, or struggling with something in your life, listen to the voice of God that spoke to Jesus and that spoke to you at your baptism: "You are my beloved, with you I am well pleased." We can be reminded of our baptism, when we come into church and bless ourselves with holy water, making the sign of the cross. I see that many parents are teaching their children to bless themselves as they come into church. That's great! Together, let us pray that we will always be grateful for our baptism and faithful to following the Lord Jesus in our day-to-day life. Have a blessed week! Happy New Year of 2025!



## GENERAL PARISH INFO

**St. Bridget** .....715-723-4890  
412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

**Holy Ghost Office** .....715-723-4890  
412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

**Notre Dame Office** .....715-723-7108  
117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

### Bulletin Announcements:

Due on Mondays by noon. Submit to [bulletin@ourladyofthefalls.org](mailto:bulletin@ourladyofthefalls.org).

**If you are interested in becoming a new member** of Notre Dame, St. Bridget, or Holy Ghost and have not yet registered, we would love to have you! Contact Kate Zweber via a text message or phone call at 715-705-2240 or email [kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org](mailto:kzweber@ourladyofthefalls.org).

**Marriage Preparation:** Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Contact Dan at the administration office 715-705-2241.

**Baptism:** To arrange for baptism contact Dan at the administration office 715-705-2241.

**Homebound:** Please give us a call if you or someone you know is homebound and would like a parish contact. Contact Notre Dame or St. Bridget/Holy Ghost parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick** Available any time. Contact the administration office at 715-723-7108.

**Goldsmith Adoration Chapel Contact:**  
Andy Shakal | 715-568-5243

\***GREC**=Goldsmith Religious Education Center

**SB**=St. Bridget/**HG**=Holy Ghost/**ND**=Notre Dame



**Prayer Requests / Ministry of Prayer** If you have prayer intentions that you would like to submit, please contact:

**ND:** Janet Michaud at [jmmichaud@charter.net](mailto:jmmichaud@charter.net)  
**SB:** Marilyn – 715-723-0514  
**HG:** Donna at [dark\\_dove@charter.net](mailto:dark_dove@charter.net)

COVER ART:  
"Baptism of Christ"  
By: Guido Reni

## OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### St. Bridget

**Jan.12-Jan.19 | Birthdays:** Jim Bielecki, Marge Hebring, Rollie Marko, Stepanie Raap, Jenna Ische.  
**Welcome to newly registered members John & Linda Hanson and Mark & Kris Kuula.**

**Thank you** to those who weekly clean the church, who show up for assigned ministries of lecturing, ushering and greeting. Thank you to those who take care of SCRIP and Sojourner House. Your generosity is appreciated. Anyone not assigned, but wanting to help in some area, please see Sr. Yvonne after Mass.

**Soon** we will need help to clear away the Christmas decorations.

**HELP, HELP, HELP!** We need more people to contribute to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. See the chart on the door of church and know that there are extra envelopes for the DAA on the back table.

**Please continue to pray for our shut-ins and those who are sick, in the hospital or nursing home JUBILEE 2025--PILGRIMS OF HOPE AND FRATERNITY** All are encouraged to perform the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, to pray, engage in Eucharistic adoration, and be people of hope in our troubled world of today. Each of us can make our world a better place. LET'S DO IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Holy Ghost

**Faith in Action** St. Francesca Resource Center is in need of baking and cooking items. When shopping, consider purchasing some items for the food pantry. They can use flour, sugar, salt, spices, cake mixes, frosting, baking soda and baking powder. Any non-perishable item is wanted and needed.

Please bring your donations and put them in our basket in the back of church. Thank you for your continued generosity to the food insecure.

**Thanks to all!** A sincere expression of gratitude for everyone who helped with making our interior renovation possible. There are too many individuals to list, but know that each one of you is appreciated. This was a massive project. From the Renewal Committee members who have put in countless hours to make this happen to those who helped move things from the church into the Little Theater or storage to those who cleaned the church of all the inevitable construction dust to those who moved things back, your efforts were invaluable.

### Notre Dame

## A Sincere Thanks

Sincere thanks to everyone for the thoughtful cards, gifts, and treats at Christmas time. Fr. Nowicki and I are grateful and humbled by your appreciation for our ministry. May God continue to bless you and your families!

## Totus Tuus Team Missionaries Needed

### Is God calling YOU to serve?

The Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis is hiring Catholic college age men and women who have a missionary heart, love children/youth and are committed to their Catholic faith who feel called to share the gospel with youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese the summer of 2025! Totus Tuus missionaries summer service is either a 7-week commitment beginning on May 29, earning up to \$4,359 with lodging provided, most meal included, and a one-week break for the 4th of July Holiday. Highlights of the summer include a fun week of training before starting ministry at your parishes, staying with host families each week, sharing Christ's love with hundreds of kids, and praying with your team every day! Applications are now open, apply today. Scan the QR Code below or contact Nancy Palacheck at 651.291.4489 or [totustuus@archspm.org](mailto:totustuus@archspm.org).





News from . . .  
**MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Submitted by MACS. For more information call 715-723-0538. [www.macs.k12.wi.us](http://www.macs.k12.wi.us)

Jan. 12, 2025

**Open Enrollment to Parish Families!**

Enrollment season has begun at MACS! Chippewa Deanery Parishioners have priority enrollment for grades 3K-12 starting **Jan. 20 - Jan. 27**. We invite you to schedule a school tour to meet our caring faculty, and learn how we make Catholic Liberal Arts education affordable for all families, regardless of income. Parishioners have until Jan. 27 to submit an application in order to be considered for priority enrollment. Of course, you may also submit an application at any time after today. Visit our website under the "admissions" tab, email [enrollment@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:enrollment@macs.k12.wi.us), or call 715.723.0538 to inquire today!

**Tickets to Experience Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Now Available!**

McDonell Central Catholic High School & Notre Dame Middle School students will be performing Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka!* Come out and support the amazing talent of our students and faculty who work so diligently in the theater department! Shows are Jan. 30-Feb. 1 starting at 7pm, and Feb. 2 starting at 2pm. Tickets are available for purchase on the front page of our website, or by scanning the QR code to the right.



**MACS Spaghetti Spectacular & Kids Carnival— Sunday, Jan. 26**

Kick off Catholic Schools Week with the 17th Annual Spaghetti Spectacular & 5th Annual Kids Carnival at McDonell Central Catholic High School (1316 Bel Air Boulevard, Chippewa Falls) from 11am to 6pm! Enjoy a delicious spaghetti meal, carnival games, bouncy houses, prize drawings, and more.



**Meal Pricing:**

- \$15/Adult (16+)
- \$12 (Ages 11–15)
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