

OUR LADY OF THE FALLS

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. BRIDGET

HOLY GHOST

NOTRE DAME



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 22, 2024

Temporary **Weekday Mass** Schedule

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

Confession Schedule

Confessions also available by appointment.

Notre Dame: Weekdays beginning 5 minutes after daily Mass.

Thursday: 3:00-4:50 pm

Saturday: 3:45-4:15 pm

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

Temporary **Sunday Mass** Schedule

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



The Holy Innocents

Feast Day: December 28

Matthew 2:16-18—When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace.



A COMMUNITY OF THREE PARISHES

MISSION:

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, Dec. 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 (12) Pss IV

Monday, Dec. 23

St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 (199)

Tuesday, Dec. 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79 (200)

Wednesday, Dec. 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13)

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15)

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (16) Pss Prop

Thursday, Dec. 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 (696) Pss Prop

Friday, Dec. 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697) Pss Prop

Saturday, Dec. 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 (698) Pss Prop

Sunday, Dec. 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

or, in Year C, 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 (17) Pss Prop

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 21 4:30 pm † Allen Gehl ND

Sunday, Dec. 22 8:00 am † Ronald Jepson ND

8:00 am Renny Kuhlman & † Matt Kuhlman. HG Little Theater

9:30 am † Jean Knitter. SB

10:30 am † Deceased family of Marie & George DeLong. ND

10:30 am † George Adrian. HG

7:00 pm For the parishes ND

Monday, Dec. 23 8:00 am † Raymond & Helen Bowe ND

Tuesday, Dec. 24 4:30 pm † Shawn Berg ND

CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30 pm † Henry & Ann Steinmetz, † Richard Eslinger HG

8:00 pm † Wilfred & Norma Sundly HG

Midnight † Marvin & Sylvia Franz. ND

Wednesday, Dec. 25 8:00 am † Raymond & Helen Bowe HG

CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 am For the parishes SB

10:30 am † Jackie & Lee Hepfler. ND

Thursday, Dec. 26 8:00 am NO MASS ND

5:30 pm † Ronald Jepson HG

Friday, Dec. 27 8:00 am Mavis & † Tom Bleskachek, Von & Bill Sullivan *50th Anniversary*. HG

Saturday, Dec. 28 8:00 am † John Schneider ND

4:30 pm † Rosina & Innocence Suilman. ND

Sunday, Dec. 29 7:30 am † Allen Gehl HG

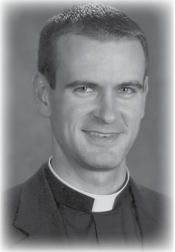
8:00 am Alex De Cook family ND

9:15 am † Floyd Wendtland. SB

10:30 am † Jerry Naiberg. ND

11:00 am For the parishes HG

7:00 pm † Christian Shafer Andershak. ND



From Fr. Jesse Burish

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As a priest in a parish, I've observed and come to appreciate the differences between men and women and how each have unique gifts and abilities that serve well Christ and his Church. These are generalizations that don't fit everyone perfectly, of course, but I've found that in many projects and initiatives in the parish, many men tend to be very practical and good at looking at the big picture. Many women are good at paying attention to details.

When we think of our families and family relationships, women, particularly as mothers tend to exhibit a special thoughtfulness and sensitivity. They are particularly conscientious about the needs of all the members of the family. Of course, the distinct role of men and fathers is just as vital, but these are some of the qualities that women often bring to the table in families and in other aspects of life.

Perhaps with this in mind, God, in his mysterious designs, has given a special place to Mary, the mother of his Son as our mother and special guide in our journey to union with God in this life and the next. Therefore, on this fourth and final Sunday of Advent before Christmas, the Church draws our attention to Mary in the Gospel. This Sunday's Gospel is the scene of what we call the Visitation. The angel Gabriel has just appeared to Mary. In a spirit of profound trust and obedience to God's will, Mary had just said "yes" to conceiving Jesus, the son of God, in her womb.

I'm sure she was overwhelmed, not only by the startling appearance of this supernatural messenger from God, but also by what was just asked of her. But what is important for us to notice is that Mary wastes no time at all to visit her cousin Elizabeth, whom she was told by the angel was pregnant as well. Elizabeth was a lot older, and pregnancy would certainly be difficult. It's clear here that Mary's primary concern here was not so much for herself, but for her cousin, who would now need some help.

The angel Gabriel never commanded Mary to go help Elizabeth. He seemingly didn't even suggest it. But Mary had the conscientious desire to help. Mary was attentive to seeing a need, and immediately responded by wanting to help. We see this same attentiveness of Mary in other parts of the Scriptures as well. Jesus and his disciples and his mother Mary were present for a wedding celebration in the town of Cana. At the party, neither the wine steward, nor the newlywed couple, nor the mother of the bride recognized that they had run out of wine. Only Mary did. Because she has a special love, she notices the details and does what is possible to help. And this is what she was doing from the time she was young and said yes to God.

As we are just a couple days away from Christmas, I think it is especially appropriate to look to Mary, our spiritual mother whom God has appointed over us to help us with the best preparation possible to receive the Lord at Christmas. While many people are inclined to say that Mary is just a distraction in our life of faith, that we should just "go to the source," Jesus and the whole Church are saying to us, "Actually, my mother is the best person to help you along your way."

Mary, whether we are fully conscious of it or not, is concerned about us and about all these things in our lives because she is primarily concerned with our relationship with her Son. She is the perfect mother who is concerned about the details of our life. She is thoughtful and wants to help us. She wants us to come to her, to ask her help and guidance and to invite her in. This is the special role that God has given her to demonstrate motherly concern for our souls.

Do you for any reason find this time of year overwhelming? Are you weighed down by serious and real anxieties or concerns? Do you humbly acknowledge that your relationship with the Lord is not quite what it could or should be? What is the obstacle you face or the concerns that weigh on you? Entrust this to Mary (pray to her daily, speak to her, ask her) who as a perfect mother wants to help with the details. And she will help prepare you in the best way for the coming of the Lord.

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:
Tuesday Noon **Wednesday Noon**
Wednesday Midnight **Wednesday 1am**
Friday Midnight

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 Notre Dame

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



Baptism

Please welcome the recently baptized at **Notre Dame**

Callen Benedict Martin,

son of Salvador Martin II & Tera (Nyseth) Martin

Ruth Ellen Dovre,

daughter of Luke Dovre & Mary (Ladisa) Dovre



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. 8: \$1,269.00
Monthly ACH \$555.00

Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received Dec. 8: \$16,981.00
Monthly ACH \$5,189.50

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. 8: \$15,514.75

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 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
www.stfrancesca.org

Catholic Charities offers FREE financial management sessions. Call Catholic Charities at 715-832-6644 to confirm availability.

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

Jan.3, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

† Alice Marshall (HG)

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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:

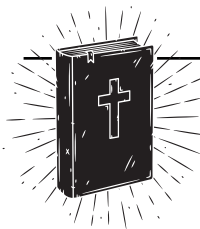
- **Beginning the Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 29**, the **8am** Mass at Holy Ghost will shift to **7:30am**, and the **9:30am** Mass at St. Bridget will shift to **9:15am**. The **11am** Mass at Holy Ghost will **remain the same**. *The Saturday vigil Mass at Holy Ghost will remain discontinued.*
- **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!

ST. FRANCESCA RESOURCE CENTER Celebrates 10yrs of service to our community!

The St. Francesca Resource Center opened its doors on Dec. 14, 2014 as a place of compassion and support for families in Chippewa County. What began with humble beginnings—serving just six households on its first day—has blossomed into a vital community center. Our mission is to help Chippewa County residents thrive by building a culture to elevate life and respect the inherent dignity of every human person. We recognize that nourishment is the foundation of well-being. Each week, we serve an average of 90 households, distributing approximately 14,000 lbs of food monthly. But our commitment extends beyond mere sustenance. Since opening we added a clothing closet and a Pregnancy and Family Support Center. Our clothing closet provides gently used clothing for all ages, insuring dignity and warmth for all who visit. Parenthood is a journey—one that requires guidance, knowledge, and emotional support. Our center offers parenting classes through the Earn While You Learn program. Here, young families gain tools for effective parenting while earning credits. Credits are redeemed for baby items including gas cards to help with transportation. At SFRC, we believe in more than just survival—we believe in thriving! When someone walks through our doors, they're met with more than a food box or a parenting class; they're met with dignity and love. We listen, empathize, and stand alongside them as they navigate life's challenges. As we celebrate our 10-year anniversary, we recognize that the SFRC wouldn't be what it is today without the unwavering dedication of our 43 volunteers, our generous financial supporters, and those who provide essential clothing and food items. Thank you for your continued support! We are dedicated to improving the lives of these families who grace our doors not with just a handout but a sturdy hand up with dignity and love through the services we provide. Celebrate with us! Saint Francesca pray for us! - *With Gratitude,* Tina Simmons/SFRC Program Director (715) 215-2638

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

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 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 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

First Sacrament Parents! – The schedule for First Sacraments for Our Lady of the Falls parishes is available on our website. You can scan this QR code to find the schedule and registration. For any questions please reach out to me, Caleb Heckman at heckman@ourladyofthefalls.org.



THIS & THAT FROM SR. YVONNE

"BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED" | The Gospel of Luke gives us an insight into the heart and person of Mary. Prompted by the Spirit, Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth who miraculously conceived in her old age. Mary did not think twice, but went in haste to see Elizabeth and to share the joy of her own impending motherhood. Elizabeth cannot contain her joy and bestows blessings upon her young cousin Mary. These two women helped one another see God working in their lives. When Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, she offers us an example of simple kindness. For Mary to spend time with Elizabeth is not earth-shattering accomplishment, but it gave comfort to an elderly woman struggling with a difficult pregnancy. In a similar way, our small actions of generosity and kindness are truly valuable. When we pick up the phone to call a friend who has just lost a spouse, when we take a few minutes to tell someone how proud you are of them and their accomplishments, when you treat the clerk or a fellow shopper with kindness, we are offering a genuine gift of goodness and peace in a world that truly needs it. In the rush of the Christmas season, even small actions make a difference. With Mary, we pray that we may eagerly prepare for the Lord's coming. We are now close to Christmas, and we are already full of joy. Let it not be superficial cheer but a joy that comes from saying "Yes" to God, to his plans, and to his love for those around us. Perhaps we can inspire someone's heart to leap for joy today!
MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

A Christmas Message From Pope Francis

May the Virgin Mary help us to hasten our steps to Bethlehem, to encounter the child who is born for us, for the salvation and joy of all people. May Mary obtain for us the grace to live the joy of the gospel in our families, at work, in our parish communities, and everywhere. May it be a joy, fashioned of wonder and tenderness like the joy of a mother and father as they look at their newborn baby and feel that he or she is a gift from God, a miracle for which they can only give thanks. Do not be afraid of being joyful. The Lord gives us joy when we allow him to enter our life. This Christmas may we receive that joy so that we can go out to the margins of life and proclaim the Gospel. May Jesus, who was born for us, console all those who are afflicted by illness and suffering. May Jesus sustain those who devote themselves to serving our brothers and sisters and those who are most in need. *Happy Christmas to all from Pope Francis.*

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH & ALTAR | DECEMBER 22

Everyone is invited to attend a special 10:30am Mass at Holy Ghost on Dec. 22 where Bishop Battersby will dedicate the church and new altar. *There will be no 11 am Mass that day.* The 8 am Mass that day will still take place in the Little Theater. There will be planned potluck in the Holy Ghost basement afterwards. Those with last names beginning with A-H should bring a cold dish, I-P should bring a dessert, Q-Z should bring a hot dish. All from the community are welcome to celebrate this historic event for Holy Ghost Parish. **Please make your calendars!**

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.

BRING ONE BACK THIS CHRISTMAS

- As Advent begins in preparation for Christmas, you are invited to consider how you can Bring One Back
- to Jesus and His Church. One simple way to do this is to take a postcard (or two!) from Church and write
- to a fallen-away Catholic friend, co-worker, or family member. These postcards will be available on the
- first weekend in Advent (Dec 1st), and an encouraging message from a practicing Catholic can go a long
- way in helping lapsed Catholics come home to Jesus.



Share the Joy: Bring One Back! Find Joy in Christ in the Eucharist! Share that Joy with others! Bring fellow Catholics away from the faith back to Mass! *How will you Share the Joy?* (1) Pray intentionally for 3 people away from Jesus and His Church. (2) Write a warm & thoughtful letter, encouraging the practice of faith. (3) Find a way to care for those at Mass with you.

GENERAL PARISH INFO

St. Bridget715-723-4890
412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Holy Ghost Office715-723-4890
412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Notre Dame Office715-723-7108
117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Bulletin Announcements:

Due on Mondays by noon. Submit to 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.

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

SB: Marilyn – 715-723-0514

HG: Donna at dark_dove@charter.net

COVER ART:

"Mary Visits Her Niece Elizabeth"

By: Ambrosius Francken II

OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Bridget

Dec.22-Dec.29 | Birthdays: Renee Pickering, Erich Bowe, Steve Smith, Brooklyn Askland, James Shong, Dr. John Snyder, Mike Konzen, Jr., Henry Wildenberg, Jennifer Steindl, Lexi Schmidt

Anniversary: John & Sandy Krumenauer.

Last call for Retirement Fund for Religious. Envelopes are on the back table. Thank you to those who have made a donation already! Your generosity is appreciated!

Mass intentions should now be submitted to the parish office. You can put them in an envelope labeled "St. Bridget Mass Intention" and either put in the collection basket or mail it to 412 S. Main St, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. *Reminder, that the donation for a Mass intention is now \$20.*

Christmas Day Mass at St. Bridget's is at 9:30am. We need a volunteer lector & ushers for that special day. Let me know if you can help. Thanks!

Thank you to those who have made a donation for Christmas flowers.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Holy Ghost

At our Fall Festival, everyone had a chance to bid on a Christmas Mass pew. The following front row pew (right side) is reserved for: Jen Willi for the 4:30pm *Christmas Eve Mass*.

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

Notre Dame Mixed Choir sings again! The Mixed Choir of men's and women's voices is starting up once again, preparing music for the Solemnity of Christ the King. All are invited to join the choir, especially new voices! Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 6:30pm in the choir loft. Email Mike Renneke, Music Director, (mrenneke@ourladyofthefalls.org) for more info and to say you will join us!

Christmas Mass Schedule

- Tuesday, Dec. 24 - 4:30pm Notre Dame
- Tuesday, Dec. 24 - 4:30pm Holy Ghost
- Tuesday, Dec. 24 - 8pm Holy Ghost
- Tuesday, Dec. 24 - Midnight Notre Dame
- Wednesday, Dec. 25 - 8am Holy Ghost
- Wednesday, Dec. 25 - 9:30am St. Bridget
- Wednesday, Dec. 25 - 10:30am Notre Dame

There will be no incense at the 4:30pm Notre Dame Mass & the 8pm Holy Ghost Mass on Christmas Eve.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

	Goal	Pledged	Remaining
Notre Dame	\$98,855	\$60,289.44	\$38,565.56
Holy Ghost	\$57,465	\$39,530	\$17,935
St. Bridget	\$14,915	\$6,520	\$8,395

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.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" signs

The Knights of Columbus are giving away "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs. Please pick one up at the church exits and display it in your front yard from Advent through the Baptism of the Lord. Thanks for participating and keeping Christ in your Christmas.

2024-2025 Bulletin Early Deadlines:

• Dec.24 — Jan.4/5

Due to printing deadlines, submissions for the holiday season bulletins are **due by noon on the deadline date**. As always, send submissions to bulletin@ourladyofthefalls.org.



News from . . .
MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Submitted by MACS. For more information call 715-723-0538. www.macs.k12.wi.us

Dec. 22, 2024

We Wish You a Merry Christmas from McDonnell Area Catholic Schools!

MACS wishes you and your family a very merry Christmas! We pray this Advent season has brought peace and joy to you and your family. May God continue to bless our community into the New Year!

Be the Hero for Our Students, Double Your Gift Today!

Double Your Impact! For every \$1 given it is matched by \$1 through Dec. 31 up to \$150,000. Did you know that tuition covers less than half the cost to educate a MACS student? In carrying on the vision of A.B. McDonell that "This school should provide no or low cost tuition to every family who wishes to obtain for their children a Catholic education," we ask You to join us. Each annual gift provides a silent scholarship to every MACS student. Will you make a gift today? Scan the QR code to the above, or visit McDonnellAreaCatholicSchools.org to give 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.



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, or call 715.723.0538 to inquire today!

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)
- \$10 (Ages 4–10, includes carnival ticket)
- Free (Ages 3 & under)

Carnival Wristbands: \$3/child or \$10/family (for children 10 & under; parents free). Visit our website for details or scan the QR code to the right. We hope to see you there!

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