

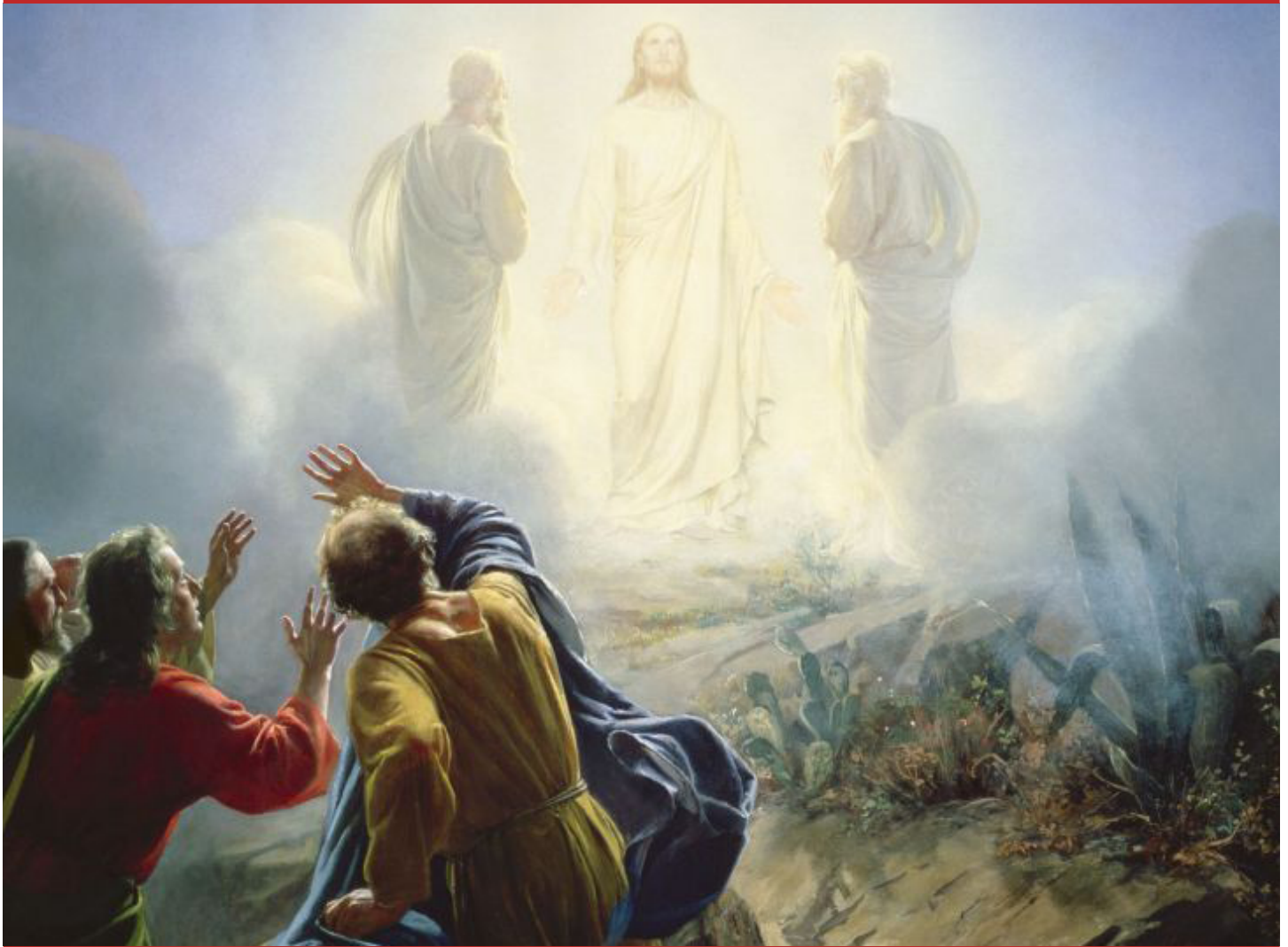
OUR LADY ^{OF THE} FALLS

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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HOLY GHOST

NOTRE DAME



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 16, 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 min 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 min before daily Mass (*except on Wednesday during the school year*).
Thursday: 3pm-4:50pm
Fridays beginning 5 min after Mass

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	10:30am	Notre Dame
Sun	11:00 am	Holy Ghost
Sun	7:00 pm	Notre Dame



St. Francesca of Rome

Feast Day: March 9 (1384 – 1440)

Francesca was born in the city of Rome in 1384 to a wealthy, noble family. She wanted to become a nun but was forced to marry. Although the marriage had been arranged, it was a happy one, lasting for forty years. Francesca visited the poor and took care of the sick, inspiring other wealthy women of the city to do the same. During a time of flood and famine, she turned part of the family's country estate into a hospital and distributed food and clothing to the poor. According to one account, her father-in-law was so angry that he took away from her the keys to the supply rooms; but gave them back when he saw that the corn bin and wine barrel were replenished after Francesca finished praying. She founded the Olivetan Oblates of Mary in 1421, a religious order for widowed women that cared for the poor and sick. St. Francesca was canonized by Pope Paul V on May 9, 1608.



A COMMUNITY OF THREE PARISHES

MISSION:

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, Mar. 16

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17–4:1 or 3:20–4:1/Lk
9:28b-36 (27) Pss II

Monday, Mar. 17

St. Patrick, Bishop

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)

Tuesday, Mar. 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)

Wednesday, Mar. 19

St. Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16,
18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (543) Pss Prop

Thursday, Mar. 20

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)

Friday, Mar. 21

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

Saturday, Mar. 22

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

Sunday, Mar. 23

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 (30)
or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28) Pss III



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Mar. 15 4:30 pm † John Schneider ND

Sunday, Mar. 16 7:30 am † Bruce Peloquin HG

8:00 am † Richard Marquie ND

9:15 am † Pete Olson SB

10:30 am † John Schneider ND

11:00 am † Shaun Schneider HG

7:00 pm For the parishes ND

Monday, Mar. 17 8:00 am † Fred Kuss ND

Tuesday, Mar. 18 5:30 pm † Lynette Swoboda HG

Wednesday, Mar. 19 8:00 am † Peter Dachel ND

8:30 am Living and deceased members of
the Joseph & Mary Turany family HG

Thursday, Mar. 20 8:00 am † Don Rubow ND

5:30 pm † Ellen Smith HG

Friday, Mar. 21 8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory HG

Saturday, Mar. 22 8:00 am † Bedelia & Otto Kalk family ND

4:30 pm † Judy Wik ND

Sunday, Mar. 23 7:30 am † Fr. Edmund Doerre HG

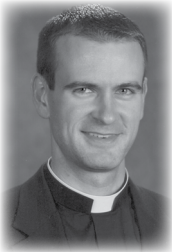
8:00 am Living and deceased members of
the Joseph & Mary Turany family ND

9:15 am For the parishes SB

10:30 am † Bill Siepel ND

11:00 am † Karen & Renee Klynk HG

7:00 pm † Elmer & Sylvia Boos ND



From Fr. Jesse Burish

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The purpose of Lent is to keep alive for us the fact that being a Christian disciple really means constantly striving to become a Christian ever anew; of growing in one's discipleship of Christ. It's not a "one and done," but a process of constant practice.

On the second Sunday of Lent, while each year coming from a different Gospel writer, we always hear an account of the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. Throughout the Scriptures, mountains are always special symbolic places of encounter with God. I'd like to propose that the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor represents for us the mountain of worship, and particularly the regular worship of the Mass. My reflection on this Sunday's Gospel is to help us ask, "How am I being called to become a Christian anew this Lent through my regular worship in the Mass?" How am I letting the Mass transform my Christian life?

Peter, James and John, the three apostles privileged to be there, had a startling experience as Jesus' face and clothes changed and Moses and Elijah flanked him. Then came the voice of the Father, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Those words of the Father are the heart of this moment. This experience will enter the deep memory of the apostles and will sustain them in the difficult times ahead because these same apostles will be with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. Here on Mount Tabor, they had an experience of Christ's glory that would sustain them through the passion and death of Jesus. They were told to listen to the words of Jesus about his own suffering and passage into glory because that will be their journey as well. They will know the suffering in their own life and this experience on the mountain will give them an assurance of glory.

Again, for us, Mount Tabor represents the mountain of worship. Here at the Mass, we rise into the very presence of God, as we journey on pilgrimage with the priest to where Christ is on Mount Calvary at the altar. In all our lives, we need the "mountain of worship" in the Mass to sustain us in the valley of our day-to-day life and work. All of us need to move back and forth between the mountain and the valley. It's like breathing. On the mountain of worship, the Mass, we inhale the power, grace, and truth of Christ. We are reminded that we are creatures and instruments of God, and our life comes from and will someday return to God. We offer our whole lives to him in this moment. In the valley of our daily life, we exhale the life and spirit of Christ to those with whom we live and work. On the mountain, at the source and summit, we draw in spiritual life and vitality. In the valley, we breathe out that life into all we do and to those around us.

There is always a tendency to emphasize one over the other. There is the desire of Peter to stay on the mountain and leave the problems of life and the world behind. We all have had spiritual highs in life, and for some people, their faith is exclusively that, or implicitly perceived that way – a mere escape from the reality of their lives. But then there is the valley where we all live and work and navigate our struggles. Many in society today have opted to take no time for the mountain and live a life desperately in need of the mountain's grace, spiritual power, and moral clarity, but don't even know what they're missing. Without the mountain of regular worship in the Mass, we lack spiritual resources and become spiritually impotent, easily burned out and depleted without a moral compass. Without the valley, we end up with a religion of escape or private religious experience that has no bearing on reality. We all need the mountain, and we all need the valley.

As we speak about our pilgrimage to the mountain of worship which is the Mass and consider those whom we want to bring back to the Church, the Jubilee Year this year is a great opportunity. The purpose of a Jubilee Year, usually observed in the Church every 25 years, is to encourage people to make a pilgrimage, either to Rome or to a specially designated church in our own diocese, and to repent of one's sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew one's spiritual life. For more information about the Jubilee, visit: <https://catholiclifedioc.org/2024/11/19/jubilee-2025-what-it-is-and-how-to-participate/>. More information on the Jubilee will also be forthcoming. I invite all of you, to take advantage of this Jubilee year by making a pilgrimage and/or inviting someone who is away from the Faith to do it with you.

Stay with Me Lenten Mission

Join us as the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal lead this 3-night Lenten Mission to help you deepen your relationship with the Eucharistic Lord. We meet from 7pm–8:30pm each night in Notre Dame Church.

March 31st: God's Love

April 1st: God's Mercy

April 2nd: God's Healing

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 9am

Tuesday Noon

Wednesday 11am

Wednesday Noon

Wednesday Midnight

Wednesday 1am

Friday Midnight

Friday 3am

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 2nd adorer.

Confession, Evening Prayer and Mass at Holy Ghost

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



Stations of the Cross during Lent Fridays

- Holy Ghost - Noon
- Notre Dame - 5:15pm

Wednesdays

- St. Bridget - 6pm

Mass Intention Pricing

A Mass intention is typically offered for person(s) living or dead. The suggested amount of a Mass offering is \$20. Mass intentions can be offered for daily or weekend Masses. Weekend Masses tend to fill up sooner. As a reminder, daily Masses at Notre Dame are at 8am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Daily Masses at Holy Ghost are at 8:30am on Wednesdays, at 8am on Fridays and at 5:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. *To schedule a Mass Intention at Notre Dame, Holy Ghost, or St. Bridget, stop by the Notre Dame rectory during office hours or call 715-723-7108.*

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. Brigid Support

Collection Received Mar. 2: \$1,459.00

Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received Mar. 2: \$4,266.00

How to give to either St. Brigid 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 Mar. 9: \$10,083.45

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

LOCAL & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

All Saints Bingo Every Tuesday starting Feb. 4-May 20. *All Saints Parish Hall* at 136 E Third Ave, Stanley. Doors open at 5pm. Concessions available. Bingo at 7pm. Must purchase a regular Bingo card to be eligible for Progressive Bingo. Must use a dauber to play. For more information, visit our website at www.allsaintscath.com/hall-bingo

Mar.16: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Holy Cross Catholic Church, Cornell from 9:30am-11:30am. For the Benefit of the Choices Health Network. *EAT IN or TAKE OUT.* Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, French Toast, Ham, Coffee, and Orange Juice. Adults: \$8 | Children 12 & Under: \$4 | Preschool: Free. \$25 Maximum for Family (Immediate). Sponsored by the Jean Brunet Council 4948 Knights of Columbus

Mar.16: Sheephead & Euchre Tournament Tilden Lions Club is hosting a tournament on Sunday, Mar. 16 starts at 1pm in the St. Peter the Apostle Parish Hall at 11358 County Hwy Q, Chippewa Falls. Cost is \$10 includes lunch.

Mar.19: You are cordially invited to join us for a celebration of Thanksgiving in honor of St. Joseph on Mar. 19. 8am Holy Mass at The Church of Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls | 9am Doors open | 9:15 Blessing of the Saint Joseph Altar at Lilydale followed by a breakfast feast | Specific details may be found at lilydalewi.com Public Events page

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 & coleslaw. Prices: \$15 Adults, \$6 Children (5-12), Ages 4 & under eat free. Carryout 3-piece dinner \$15. Serving from 4pm-7pm.

Mar.21: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Jim Falls will be serving their **Friday Night Fish Fry**. The meal will include potato soup, 3 pieces of deep-fried fish, potato, beans, coleslaw, homemade roll, beverage, and dessert. Cost of the meal is \$14/plate for adults | \$6/plate for children 4 to 12 | free for children 3 & under. Dine in or carryout. Serving from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Everyone Welcome!

Mar.23: Mass & Healing Service Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1712 Highland Ave, Eau Claire will be offering Mass and a healing service on Sunday, Mar. 23. Mass at 10:30am, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Noon with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available throughout the afternoon. Healing service begins at 1pm. Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, or emotional? Our clergy & prayer teams will pray over those who desire it. Exorcised and blessed oil, salt, & water are used.

Apr.6-8: Immaculate Conception Parish in Eau Claire invites you to join in our 2025 Lenten Mission: What Are You Searching For? Apr. 6, 7, & 8, from 6:30-8:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church in Eau Claire (1722 Highland Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701). Each evening you can plan for: worship music (led by Nate Reinhardt of "Sonar" Band); messages from our speaker, Chris Padgett (Catholic author, speaker, & comedian); time for Adoration, and fellowship. This is an event you do not want to miss! We are offering tickets at a discounted rate of \$10, which covers all three evenings. Youth ages 17 & Under are FREE. Childcare available for ages 11 & under at no cost (while registered). Provided with your registration is a packet for note-taking, a pen, and a magnet. Please visit our website to register, and to learn more about this amazing Mission! www.ic-ec.us/lenten-mission-2025

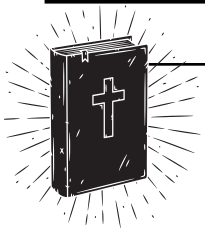
Apr.9: 27th Annual St. Peter Chicken Dinner Chicken & Dressing with all the Trimmings & Pie St. Peter's Catholic Church, Tilden from 4-6:30 pm or until gone. Adults: \$13, Children 6-12: \$8, Preschool: Free. Carry-outs available (no call-ins). Featuring 2 carry-out lines for faster service! Co-Sponsored By Catholic Financial Life Handicap Accessible

Apr.11: Immaculate Conception New England Style Fish Boil includes: Pollock, Red Potatoes, Onions, Carrots, Coleslaw, Mac & Cheese, Vienna Bread, Ice Cream/Sherbet, Hot Dogs & Sides for Kids, Beverages. Cost: Adults \$15 | Children 6-12 \$7 | Children 5 & Under FREE. All Carry-Out Meals \$15. Serving 4:30pm-6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Elementary School Cafeteria, 1703 Sherwin Ave, Eau Claire.

Apr.13: The Last Words St. Charles Borromeo Church at 810 Pearl St presents the play *The Last Words* on Apr. 13 at 2pm in the church. A Tenebrae drama based on the seven last words from the cross, by Ronald D. Vaughan, produced by special arrangement with Christian Publishers, and directed by parishioner Julia Jilek-Proue. Free & open to the public to attend.

Lent-Easter Signs

The Knights of Columbus will be giving away Lent/Easter yard signs starting Ash Wednesday. These signs remind us to follow the 3 pillars of Lent which are to Pray, Fast and Give. Please pick one up and display it in your yard during Lent through Easter. After Easter, please keep the signs to re-use next year, do not throw them away, and thanks for participating in the 40 days of Lent.



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.

■ Mar. 20 | St. Faustina & Divine Mercy

■ Apr. 24 | Purgatory

■ May 15 | Our Lady of Fatima

■ Jun. 19 | The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

■ Jul. 24 | Our Lady of Mount Carmel

■ Aug. 21 | St Michael the Archangel

■ Sept. 25 | Our Lady of Sorrows

■ Oct. 23 | Our Lady of Champion

■ Nov. 20 | Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

■ Dec. 18 | The Last Things

For questions contact Renee Zimmerman at rzimmerman@ourladyofthefalls.org or 608-697-0527.

Calling All Youth! Totus Tuus, Catholic Summer Camp, June 22-27, 2025

All deanery youth are welcome to attend the weeklong summer camp, Totus Tuus, this coming June! This energetic and robust program will be hosted by a team from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis, and this year's theme is Sacraments and the Joyful Mysteries. The *Day Program* is for students going into 1st-6th grade, and the *Evening Program* is for rising 7th-12th graders. Registration will be online, and we will communicate as soon as it is available. Parents interested in either volunteering supervision time during snacks, lunch, and recess, hosting some of the Totus Tuus Team, or supporting the program monetarily or cooking meals are most welcome and can reach out to Alexis Wislinsky (dre@stcharles-cf.com).

Steubenville Youth Conference in Joliet, Illinois, June 27-June 29, 2025

For rising 9th graders through recent high school graduates: Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of 19 Catholic conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. They aim to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. We have a limited number of tickets reserved, so please reach out to Alexis (dre@stcharles-cf.com) if you are interested or have questions! Fundraising opportunities will be shared as they are solidified; a scholarship to cover the ticket cost through Partnership for Youth is available and can be found by searching "*Partnership for Youth Scholarship*."

A Moment of a Mother's Hope

Join us on Apr. 5 at 9am in the Mary Room 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.

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 Meetings are held at 22 S. Prairie St. (the GREC) in the Mary Room.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

† Denise Dulian (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 faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mondays with St Monica

We are a group who meet to pray for our loved ones who have left the Catholic faith or who struggle with their belief in God. We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6 pm at St Mary's Parish, 1812 Lynn Ave, Altoona. An evening usually consists of a Scripture reading, St Monica Novena, and the Rosary. You are welcome to join us. Questions? Email mondayswithstmonica@gmail.com or text 715-838-0526.

THIS & THAT FROM SR. YVONNE

"SPIRITUAL HIGHS" | Have you ever had an experience where you felt really close to God and to others who were sharing the same experience with you? You may even have wished that the experience would never end. In the Gospel of Luke 9:28-36, we see Peter, James and John along with Jesus on the mountaintop. These apostles saw Jesus in his glory talking with Moses and Elijah. Peter wanted to stay on the mountaintop and build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah, but that was not to be. Faith has its high moments as well as its low moments. It is unrealistic to think that we can maintain some kind of spiritual high all of the time. The faith of those who only depend on mountaintop experiences often fizzles out. We have to learn what it means to live as a Christian down in the thick of life. Our faith is more than feelings. God's love and mercy do not depend on our ability to feel "warm fuzzies" even though it might be nice to feel that way. In a rare moment, when we are discouraged, we might deeply encounter the Lord in prayer, or we may meet a kind and understanding person who meets us with kindness, understanding and love. Such moments can keep us going for a long time and can help us light up the lives of others. Before Jesus set out on his way to his sufferings and death, a glimpse of his resurrection and glory shone in him, to strengthen him, and to encourage the disciples for what was to come. This yearly glimpse of glory in the story of the Transfiguration tells us again that God recognizes our need for signs and support on our journey of faith. Recall a special time in your life when you felt on top of the world. How was God present in that experience? What was God inviting you to do after it was over? Did you do it? When we come to Mass, we have an assurance and a preview of what is ahead, especially in Communion. Jesus changes bread and wine into his own body and blood. We are reminded of how Jesus died for us. In Communion he wants us to be more closely united with himself. Someday we will enjoy perfect union with Jesus. When we come to that stage, like the three apostles at the Transfiguration, we won't ever want to leave and we won't have to because we will feel as the apostles did when they said "Lord, it is good for us to be here." We will have made it!! As we turn to Jesus in our Lenten prayers and sacrifices, let's remember that the Lord is here to lighten our way as we pray, listen and share with others. Happy second week of Lent! Have a Blessed week and stay well. Let us continue to pray for our sick, especially for Pope Francis and the sick from our community.

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 donnad.meier@gmail.com

COVER ART:

"The Transfiguration of Christ"
By: Carl Bloch

OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Bridget

Mar.16-Mar.23 | Birthdays: Weston Mielke, Renee Jackson, Allie O'Neill, Sue Jacobson, Ken Johnson, Amanda Asmussen.

Lenten devotions at St. Bridget's every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm at St. Bridget's.

St. Patrick's Day (17th) St. Joseph's Day (19th) Spring Begins (20th) OH HAPPY DAYS!

Communal Penance Service at St. Charles on Apr. 3 at 7pm

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Apr. 12 when we will gather at the GREC for an appreciation and farewell party in honor of Fr. Burish who will be leaving on Apr. 27 for a new appointment in Rome.

Free Lent/Easter signs from the Knights of Columbus are at the back of church. Thanks KC's.

Diocesan Annual Appeal chart on the back door of church, shows that we still have a ways to go in order to meet our target goal. Envelopes are on the back table. Let's do it!

Holy Ghost

Usher Schedules | We will be going to be auto scheduling for the usher schedule. You will be notified through your email when you are scheduled to usher. If you can't usher that weekend, you can use the MSP (Ministry Scheduler Pro) app to request a sub or you can contact Matt Folczyk (matt79_2000@yahoo.com or 715-226-0997) or Dan Rislove (drislove@ourladyofthefalls.org or 715-723-7108) to let one of them know. To check that your contact information is up to date, please contact Matt or Dan.

Faith in Action I - Sojourner's House We are looking for new members for our Sojourner's teams.

You will be working with an experienced team of workers. It is just 3 days a year. It involves making food for the evening meal, working with your team to serve the meal and helping with intake at the Sojourner's House in Eau Claire run by Catholic Charities. If interested, email me at Jeanette7262@gmail.com

Faith in Action II - St. Francesca Resource Center is always in need of non perishable food. Please consider purchasing a few items for the pantry during your next grocery shopping trip. Place your items in our basket in the back of church. It is a great way to help the food insecure in our community. Thank you for your continued generosity. HG Social Concerns

Notre Dame

Notre Dame's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner April 5 - Notre Dame Volunteers, you are invited to our Appreciation Dinner! We want to celebrate all the amazing things that you have done and continue to do here at Notre Dame. Please consider attending for a fun night in your honor with fun activities, dinner, and fellowship. More Details coming soon!

The Men of Notre Dame invite you to join us for rehearsal at **5:30pm on Wednesday Mar. 19 in the Notre Dame choir loft**. We welcome all men with a changed voice to sing with us as we prepare to lead the music for the 10:30 Mass on Laetare Sunday, Mar. 30. Please join us whether you are a beginner, a seasoned singer, a soloist, an ensemble singer, or just want to try it out. Please contact Dave Van de Loo at 715-396-1895 with questions.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

	Goal	Pledged	Remaining	
Notre Dame	\$98,855	\$103,604.77	\$0	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.
Holy Ghost	\$57,465	\$62,350	\$0	
St. Bridget	\$14,915	\$9,375	\$5,540	

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation by Jeff Cavins (Bible Study)

What: The Bible Timeline study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Video presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the story woven through Scripture. You will learn the major people, places, & events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith.

When: Sundays from 4pm – 6pm | Weekly - Beginning Mar. 30 – Sept. 28

We will not meet on Easter (4/20), Memorial Day (5/25), & Labor Day Weekend (8/31)

Where: 22 S. Prairie St Chippewa Falls, Goldsmith Religious Education Center (GREC) Dining Hall across from Notre Dame Church | Childcare will be available in gym

How to Sign-up: Use the QR code below or visit ourladyofthefalls.org website.





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March 16, 2025

Now Enrolling for the 2025-26 School Year!

MACS is now accepting applications from the general public for the 2025-26 school year! Discover a future of excellence at St. Charles Preschool and Primary School with immediate openings in 3K, 4K, and kindergarten programs, including small class sizes, caring faculty, and Catholic liberal arts programming.

Thinking You Can't Afford a Catholic Liberal Arts Education? You Can!

Qualifying families can attend MACS tuition-free through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program when applied by April 17th! Families can inquire by visiting McDonnellAreaCatholicSchools.org, calling 715.723.0538, or scanning the QR code.



Calling all McDonell Alumni!

The Mack Messenger, our school magazine for alumni, parents and friends, is currently in the early stages of development which means it's time to update Class Notes for the Spring edition. From the womb to the tomb, we want to know what's new with you! Tell us about birthdays, Anniversaries, new job positions, Births, deceased loved ones, Graduations, moving to a new area, marriage announcements, Retirements and more! Your stories keep the Mack Messenger alive and can't do it without your help! Scan the QR code to the left to fill out the class notes form. As a reminder, life updates can be sent to mackmessenger@macs.k12.wi.us at any time throughout the year.



You're Invited to St. Charles Open House & Playdate, Mar. 22

Parishioner families with children entering 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year are invited to attend St. Charles Preschool and Primary School's Open House & Playdate on Mar. 22, from 9:30am-11am at St. Charles Preschool and Primary School. Meet current St. Charles families, students, faculty, and staff while engaging in crafts and snacks for the kids! We hope to see you there!

Spring Spectacular, Mar. 29

Get ready for an unforgettable night at McDonell Central Catholic High School! Enjoy a hilarious performance by comedian Dan Deibert, a silent auction, exciting raffles, a wine pull, and a delicious savory dinner—all in support of Catholic education! Don't wait—seats are limited! Get your tickets now by visiting McDonnellAreaCatholicSchools.org or scan the QR Code. Join us for a night of laughter, giving, and celebration! Get ready to win BIG with the Spring Spectacular Raffle! Over \$10,000 in prizes! You could take home one of SIX amazing prizes! Grand Prize: A Gravely ZTX 52" Zero Turn Mower! Tickets are just \$20 each—but hurry, they're going fast! Get yours now! Need not be present to win. Scan the QR Code.



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MACS Alumni Giving Competition: Generation Showdown

The ultimate class battle is on! From March 1 – April 15, every donation counts toward your class total. Will your class take the crown? Track progress weekly on the Class Leader Board via the MACS Events Facebook Page or the Alumni Giving web page. Final deadline: April 15 at midnight. 5% of all raised funds go back to the Alumni Association! Haven't heard from your Class Rep or want to become a Class Ambassador? Contact the Advancement Office at advancement@macs.k12.wi.us.



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