

OUR LADY OF THE FALLS

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. BRIDGET

HOLY GHOST

NOTRE DAME



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 9, 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. John of God

Feast Day: March 8

John's early life was less than exemplary. At forty years of age, feeling remorse for his wild life, he resolved to devote himself to the ransom of the Christian slaves in Africa. On his return to Spain he sought to do good by selling holy pictures and books at low prices. At Granada a sermon by the celebrated John of Avila shook his soul to its depths. He began to collect homeless poor, and to support them by his work and by begging. The bishop became the Saint's patron and gave him the name of John of God. When his hospital was on fire, John was seen rushing about uninjured amidst the flames until he had rescued all his poor. After ten years spent in the service of the suffering, he died in 1550 at the age of fifty-five from an illness brought on by an attempt to save a drowning boy.



A COMMUNITY OF THREE PARISHES

MISSION:

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, Mar. 9

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13 (24) Pss I

Monday, Mar. 10

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 (224)

Tuesday, Mar. 11

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 (225)

Wednesday, Mar. 12

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 (226)

Thursday, Mar. 13

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 (227)

Friday, Mar. 14

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 (228)

Saturday, Mar. 15

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)

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

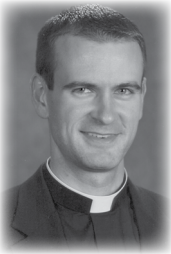
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Mar. 8	4:30 pm	✠ Eric Bowe	ND
Sunday, Mar. 9	7:30 am	For the parishes	HG
	8:00 am	✠ Lenny Goettl	ND
	9:15 am	✠ Deceased members of the White/Marko families	SB
	10:30 am	✠ Virginia Nyysti	ND
	11:00 am	✠ Lloyd Zwiefelhofer & Charles Hagen . .	HG
	7:00 pm	✠ Lawrence Yankee	ND
Monday, Mar. 10	8:00 am	Michael Jepson	ND
Tuesday, Mar. 11	5:30 pm	Living and deceased of the Rudy & Betty Amelse family	HG
Wednesday, Mar. 12	8:00 am	✠ Joseph Morris	ND
	8:30 am	✠ Tom Przybylski	HG
Thursday, Mar. 13	8:00 am	✠ Elaine Cosgrove	ND
	5:30 pm	✠ Corinne Hakes	HG
Friday, Mar. 14	8:00 am	✠ Charlie Armstrong	HG
Saturday, Mar. 15	8:00 am	✠ Josephine Mc Quillan	ND
	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

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.



From Fr. Jesse Burish

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Originally, Lent was a period that led to baptism being administered; the period, therefore, in which people became Christians. It was thought that this would be accomplished not in a short moment of time, but only over the course of a journey of transformation and conversion that the person made step by step. Later, as the whole Church began to observe this journey, it reflected the sense that this process of conversion is never a "one and done" deal, but rather that it is a lifelong journey on which we must set out repeatedly. The purpose of Lent, therefore, 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. For this season of Lent, I'd like us to consider that theme of becoming a disciple of Christ anew. I'll be drawing from our Sunday readings to answer the question each Sunday, "How am I being called to become a disciple of Christ anew?" This is essentially to renew the promise of my baptism. How am I being called to ever greater conversion and transformation?

On the first Sunday of Lent, while each year coming from a different Gospel writer, we always hear an account of Jesus being led into the desert for forty days and being tempted by the Devil. It's this event that essentially kicks off his whole ministry as the Messiah. A period of forty is significant in the Scriptures. The rains of the great flood with Noah in the ark last for 40 days and 40 nights. Israel journeyed in the desert for 40 years. Elijah walked for 40 days to Horeb, the mountain of God. Jesus fasted for 40 days. What is the point of this series of forties?

In the later period of Israel's history, people looked back to the 40 years of wandering in the desert as the time of first love between God and Israel, a time in which God revealed himself in profound and dramatic ways. God stood face to face with his people, spoke to them, and gave them instructions for their journey. In hindsight, it was like the honeymoon period after their deliverance from Egypt.

Of course, when we read the Old Testament more closely, it doesn't all exactly look or feel like a honeymoon period. Wandering out in the desert was also a time of great danger and temptation; a time when Israel complained against God, was dissatisfied with him, and wanted to return to paganism. It was a time in which they traveled in circles and fashioned other gods for themselves because God seemed to at the same time keep his distance from them.

Isn't this somewhat parallel to Jesus' experience in the desert described in our Gospel? After his baptism, he accepts his role as Messiah and suffering servant and goes into the desert, and at the same time being in the immediate presence of his Father, preparing himself to give of himself fully for his people. Does this pattern, this seemingly conflicting interpretation of the same event, sound at all familiar? If we are reflective enough about our own lives, this scriptural theme should describe our own life situations as well. How has your life been in the desert in the past, and how is it in the desert now? Might you be able to say that those times of greatest trial and temptation, of greatest danger, in which God seemed distant, may have been the times in which he was closest, in which God worked most dramatically, and in which you grew the most as his son or daughter? This kind of encounter with God happens most often when we are left with only the desert around us and sky above us, when we have no other worldly refuge, when there is nothing around of which to make a false god, but we only know emptiness and the unknown.

These forty days of Lent are a great time for us to become a disciple of Christ anew by embracing our deserts and seeing the way God's grace is at work in them (the honeymoon period within them, if you will). This is a time to examine anew how much I am really striving to grow as a disciple of Christ. Have I truly made him first or the center of my life? Have I made a commitment to better integrate the four elements of living as an intentional disciple: regular and consistent daily prayer, regular (perhaps monthly) confession and regular Mass attendance, building good Catholic relationships and friendships, especially in our parishes, and being intentional about trying to learn the Faith better through reading or listening to Catholic resources. All these things provide us with the tools of navigating the desert experiences (and the honeymoons) of our life. These are the practices we want to invite and encourage others in who have been away from the Church as we look toward the conclusion of the Eucharistic Revival this summer and enter this Jubilee Year of Hope.

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:

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

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. Bridget Support

Collection Received Feb. 23: \$1,044.00
March ACH \$555.00

Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received Feb. 23: \$4,824.00
March ACH \$4905.50

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 Mar. 2: \$11,266.62
March ACH \$18,007.17

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.allsaintscathcom.com/hall-bingo

Mar.13: The Chippewa Falls Area Catholic Women's Club will meet Thursday, Mar. 13 at Notre Dame Dining Hall. Social Hour begins at 11am & Lunch at Noon. Main dish will be scalloped potatoes and ham with assorted salads and desserts prepared by the ladies of Notre Dame. Cost is \$15. Members of Notre Dame who donate food do not have to pay for their meal. It would be appreciated if some of the Ladies of Notre Dame would contribute an item for the Ways and Means drawing. For reservations, call Lorraine Gardow at 715-723-0579. We invite new members to attend and join our Catholic organization to promote fellowship among women from local parishes who support McDonell Area Catholics Schools. Annual dues are \$15 beginning Oct. 1-Sept. 30.

Mar.14: 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 4-12 and Free for children 3 & Under. Dine in or carryout. Serving from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Everyone Welcome!

Mar.14, 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

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 beginning at 1pm in the St. Peter the Apostle Parish Hall at 11358 County Hwy Q, Chippewa Falls. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch.

Mar.1: You are cordially invited to join us for a celebration of Thanksgiving in honor of St. Joseph on Wed., 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

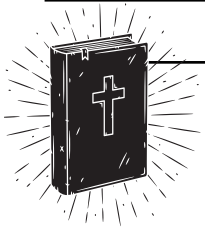
Mar.21, Mar.28: St. Olaf's Men's Club All-You-Can-Eat Friday Fish Fry | St. Olaf Parish 2407 North Lane, Eau Claire. Menu: Batter-fried or baked fish, French fries or baked potato, vegetables, salad bar & coleslaw. Prices: \$15 Adults, \$6 Children (5-12), Ages 4 & under eat free. Carryout 3-piece dinner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

Mar.23: Mass & Healing Service 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 and 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

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.

~ Lenten Regulations ~

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5. The Lenten regulations are as follows:

▶ Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

▶ In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

† Rita Guden (ND), † Cheryl Dejno (ND),

† Lynnann Smith (ND) † Lynette Swoboda (HG)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Congratulations

Abraham Giebel & Carrie Anders

who were married from Notre Dame.

THIS & THAT FROM SR. YVONNE

"TURNING POINTS" | In Luke's Gospel 4:1-13, the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert appears just after Jesus' baptism and before Jesus begins his public ministry. We can imagine this as a time of transition, a *turning point* in Jesus' life. Perhaps we can liken it to one of the important *turning points* in our own lives. The decision to marry or to follow the Lord as a priest or sister, accept a new job, make the decision to move, etc. All of these decisions are challenges for us. After the moment of decision, having reached the point of no return, we sometimes begin to wonder if we are prepared and ready for the task ahead of us. *Turning points* can become times of doubt and insecurity. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers us an example for responding in faith when our doubt and insecurities tempt us to distrust that God can/will help us. When tempted Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Scripture, showing his trust in God. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and alms give us invite to trust in God in small ways. They remind us that God is enough for us, and they prepare us to trust God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty. Jesus' first temptation was to use his power for his own benefit: "turn these stones into bread." Jesus must have been hungry from his time in the desert, but he did not give into the temptation .saying: "One does not live on bread alone" Next the devil told Jesus that all the earthly kingdom belonged to him, and he would turn it over to Jesus if Jesus would worship him. This promise is from the devil, the father of lies. Jesus responded that it was written, "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve." Now Jesus is at the top of the temple and the devil told him to jump and that nothing would happen to him if he really was the Son of God. It would be easy for Jesus to get a following if he would do something so radical. But Jesus tells him that "you shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Yah Jesus! Everyone is tested by temptation at some time. We may be tempted the most right after we make a decision to be a better person and to love and serve God more faithfully. Temptations don't always come from the devil. The world and the flesh provide temptations in our lives, too. No one is so holy that they will never be tempted. One temptation I face is to not be reflective about the use of my time, not spending enough time on important things. I am tempted to watch more TV or be on the computer too long. A little more prayer and less time with our electronics might be good for all of us. We all can do something special for Lent during these forty days that prepares us for the feast of Easter. Pope Francis gave us an invitation to "pause in the presence of God." Use the free Lenten booklets that are provided at each church to help you grow spiritually and as a result have a closer walk with the Lord, as the special song suggests. We pray that all of our *turning points* may bring us closer to the Lord and each other. Have a great Lent!

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 Temptation of Christ"
By: Ary Scheffer

OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Bridget

Mar.9-Mar.16 | Birthdays: Brian Knitter, Lisa O'Neill, Cheryl Petska, Steve Falch, Natalie Mielke, Weston Mielke. **News from Fr. Burish** is that he will be leaving Our Lady of the Falls Catholic Community on Apr. 27, if all goes well for him in regard to a visa, etc. After his nearly 8yrs presence in the Chippewa Valley and our pastor for four years, we have been able to appreciate the talents and spiritual leadership that he has shown. We pray for him as he accepts his special assignment to Rome. May God bless you Fr. Burish! May the Holy Spirit guide our bishop and his advisors as they discern a new pastor for us in the future.

Money matters – we need to have more weekly donations in our Sunday envelopes in order to meet our needs. We trust that our many visitors will help us out, as well as those who have envelopes from St. Bridget's. Please use your envelopes if possible. We need to have an amount over \$1,000. each week. If you are a member, and do not have envelopes or would like to have a monthly contribution deducted directly from your bank, please call Karin, our bookkeeper, at 715-705-2391. If you are from another church and you put your envelope in the basket, we will see that your donation gets to the right place.

Welcome back to Fr. Nowicki from his vacation. We look forward to you having Mass with us again.

Lenten devotions every Wednesday evening at 6pm. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Continue to pray for the sick, especially Pope Francis, Jim Olson and Doug Apland. Have a great week!

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 - 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.

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 rehearse with us in the *Notre Dame choir loft on Wednesday Mar. 12 from 5:30-6:30pm*. We are currently preparing to lead the music for Mass on Sunday Mar. 30 and for the Good Friday service on Apr. 18. If you have a changed male voice, please join us as we praise, reverence, and serve the LORD through song. Please contact Dave Van de Loo at 715-396-1895 with any questions. Thanks.

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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Mar. 9, 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 Apr. 17! Families can inquire by visiting McDonnellAreaCatholicSchools.org, calling 715.723.0538, or scanning the QR code.



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.



Employment Opportunities - Now Hiring Mission-Driven Individuals

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Scrip Update

Spring Break is just around the corner! Stock up on Metropolis and Micon cards to get your students out of the house during Spring Break. Kwik Trip is having an extra 5% rebate added onto their cards for the month of February. So that means the Grocery Only cards are at 20%. Only good on Scrip purchases made until Feb. 28, so get them before we run out! Visit McDonnellAreaCatholicSchools.org under the "Scrip" tab to see our most up to date scrip form.

MACS Alumni Giving Competition: Generation Showdown

The ultimate class battle returns Saturday, March 1st! From Mar. 1– Apr. 15, every donation with your class year counts toward your class total. Will your class take the crown this year?



- Last Year's Generation Champions: Boomers
- Top Class Participation: Class of 1995
- Top Givers: Class of 1978

Track your class's progress weekly on the Class Leader Board via the MACS Events Facebook Page & the Alumni Giving Competition web page. Live updates will be announced during Alumni Weekend Tournament – be there to witness the showdown! Final deadline: Apr. 15 at midnight – don't miss your chance to lead your class to victory! Give back. Get competitive. Make history. 5% of all money raised will go back to the Alumni Association!

Haven't heard from your Class Rep? No problem! Want to step up as a Class Ambassador? Reach out to the Advancement Office at advancement@macs.k12.wi.us.

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