

Welcome to the

# Tri-Parish

Catholic Community  
January 14th, 2024



*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - St. Mary's Ridge ~ St. Augustine of Hippo Parish - Norwalk  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish & School - Cashton*

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## *From the Administrator*

**Announcement!** This is a reminder that for the next four weekends (now until February 3-4), I will not be here on the weekends. Before receiving my added assignment, I committed to helping out while the priests from India took their vacation back home. Please be welcoming and friendly to Fr. Dale Grubba, a retired priest from the Diocese of Madison as he takes care of you during this time.

As I am writing this, Monroe County is under a winter storm warning, and the schools in the area are closed. I appreciate a snow day because it means a quiet day free to get some work done.

Of course, snowy days can be mixed with reactions and feelings. For people who like white winters, it is about time that we get snow halfway through meteorological winter. It is an exciting welcome. On the other hand, people still must drive for work in this mess. Caution, I hope, takes over, but accidents occur. Furthermore, families now must figure out what to do with the kids who are not at school today.

Then again, this area of Wisconsin is accustomed to receiving snow, which is helpful for agriculture and the ecosystem. When the snow melts slowly in the spring, it replenishes the water sources and prepares for the new growth of spring. Also, snow provides new sources of activities and fun like skiing, snowboarding, sledding, snowmen, snow forts, and the like. This is a wonderful blessing for keeping the beauty of the Wisconsin landscape.

However, this is not a blessing for everyone. With the snow and the upcoming winter's revenge of an arctic cold blast, people without stable housing are greatly affected by these harsh weather conditions. Without a doubt, warming shelters will be filled beyond capacity this weekend. People will suffer, and volunteers will generously offer their time to help. Say a prayer or two for all affected.

What, then, ought to be our response? Is it a blessing or a curse? While in the fiery furnace, Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael praise God by naming created things that bless the Lord - "Cold, chill, frost, ice, and snow, bless the Lord" (cf., Daniel 3). Our response should be like theirs. Recognize the reality that all is created by God, including the weather, and it does what it was created to do. By doing what it was created to do, it blesses the Lord. At the same time, recognize the reality that people are affected and that perhaps we are called to extend a helping hand. Then, we, too, will bless the Lord.

Winter blessings,

*Father Matthew*

## The Week at a Glance...

Tuesday, January 16th

—Mass 8am SH

Wednesday, January 17th

—CCD 3:30-4:45pm SH

—CCD 7:00-8:15pm SH

Grades 6-9

Friday January, 19th

—Adoration 2:30pm SH

## Sacramental Life

**Baptism:** Because we believe in the ordinary necessity of Baptism for salvation, it is customary that newborns be baptized as soon as is practical, usually within a month after birth. Parents need to attend baptism preparation with Deacon Sam prior to scheduling a baptism. Please contact the parish office for details or to register.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the Pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least eight months prior to the desired date of the wedding. In the case of a mixed marriage, the non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

### **Penance:**

Saint Augustine	Thursday after Mass
Sacred Heart	Friday 7:30am
Sacred Heart	Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Saint Mary's	Sunday 7:00 a.m.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Those who are seriously sick, have been ill for a long period or are to undergo surgery should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please contact the Pastor or the parish office.

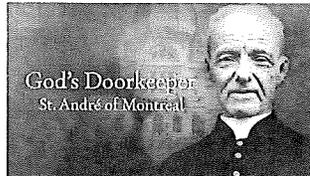
**Visitation of the Sick:** If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

**Catholic Education:** Sacred Heart School offers Christian formation to children in grades 4K through 8. Call the school, 654-7733, to visit or request an application for enrollment.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Please submit items for publication in the weekly bulletin before 8am Wednesday.

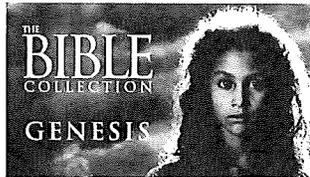
## THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 14, 2024



### God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



### The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



### Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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**Thank a Teacher!**

Catholic Schools Week is approaching and we began a new tradition last year of creating a "Thank-a-Teacher" Google form where families, parishioners, and fellow educators can submit an anonymous (or provide their name) "thank-you" to one of dedicated and compassionate Catholic Schools professionals from across our 19 counties. We package the comments for our Superintendent who then sends them to the referenced schools. We also share some of these comments on our social media platforms and these tend to be among the most engaging posts we publish. Simply scan the QR code with your phone camera and you will be taken directly to the site where you can leave your comment. Let's flood all teachers, admins, and staff with love!



**Grandparents Needed!**

Tuesday, January 23rd Sacred Heart School will be celebrating grandparents day for Catholic Schools Week. Several of our students have out of town grandparents or not enough grandparents for the whole family. If you would like to participate and help us make sure everyone has a friend for the morning please join us. We will start the day with Mass at 8am and then proceed to the basement for crafts and cookies. We also invite everyone to join us for a delicious lunch before we dismiss at 11:45am. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information.

**Needed:**

Sacred Heart is looking for someone to launder and mend the cassock and surplice vestments. If you are willing and able contact the parish office.

**Saint Mary's Day of Creation and Brunch**

Like to do crafts but hate doing them alone? Join your fellow crafters January 13th in the St. Mary's Ridge church basement for a day of creation. Simply bring your supplies and a light lunch and join us for some fellowship.

We are planning our monthly brunch after the 8am Mass on January 14th. Bring your favorite dish to pass and join other parishioners for a relaxing morning. All are welcome!

**Young Adult Retreat - January 27, 2024**

The world needs Jesus. Our souls need Jesus. Out of God's abundant love for us, He became man: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Jesus is the answer to the longings of our heart, and He is our way to eternal life. Knowing He would ascend into heaven, Jesus leaves us Himself - body, blood, soul, and divinity- under the guise of simple bread and simple wine. Why? So that our intimate love and union with Him (flesh to flesh) may continue in this life as we await the perfection of His love and union in the next. "Behold: God is With Us" or "Behold", for short, is an opportunity for you to retreat from the busyness and stresses of this world and find rest and consolation in Jesus and other young adults like you. All 18-35 year olds are welcome to join us for a day of enriching talks, silent prayer/reflection, small group discussion, adoration, confession, and Mass. Most importantly, learn how to remain connected post-retreat to a lively community of young adults striving for Saint-hood. This day-long retreat will occur at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse, WI. All of this and more for the low cost of \$20. Go to the diocesan website to register.

**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES**

**January 7th, 2024**

<u>SAINT AUGUSTINE</u>		<u>SAINT MARY'S</u>		<u>SACRED HEART</u>	
ADULT ENVELOPES	\$2,430.00	ADULT ENVELOPES	\$1,751.50	ADULT ENVELOPES	\$4,130
OFFERTORY	\$133.50	OFFERTORY	\$121.00	OFFERTORY	275.00
RENOVATION	\$5.00	FIRST OFFERING	\$110.00	CHRISTMAS	\$100.00
SOLEMNITY	\$25.00	SOLEMNITY	\$75.00	SOLEMNITY	\$69.00
FIRST OFFERING	\$25.00	TOTAL	\$2, 057	FRIST OFFERING	\$240.00
TOTAL	\$2,618.50			TOTAL	\$4,824.00

## For Youth and Young Adults

Our first saint in our study of gratitude is a saint who is usually pictured with animals. This may be a dead giveaway for many of you but for those who are still unsure of who our saint is, it is Saint Francis of Assisi.

Francis was born in 1181 in Italy to a wealthy family. And, as is common with most of our saints from wealthy families, Francis gave up all the wealth and everything else he had in order to follow God. This may bring to mind that passage from Scripture about passing through the eye of the needle and a rich person. If you don't know the passage, see if you can find it. I just might have a special something for the first to let me know what it is.

Continuing on, Francis is our saint for gratitude (seeing everything as a gift and being thankful) because he truly was thankful for everything. He made songs about the sun, moon, plants ani-

mals, everything in creation.

Francis also started the Franciscan Order. This order was created so the members could follow in the footsteps of Christ. Francis has become one of the most venerated saints and is also the first recorded person to have the stigmata, the wounds of Christ.



Looking through this little snippet of Francis's life, what parts could you also copy in your life? Are we always thankful? Or do we complain?

This time of year is a perfect time to look at whether we are truly thankful, especially when the weather is so cold, or when the sun doesn't shine for days or we have the after Christmas dreariness. How can we start to practice true gratitude? How will you start?

St. Francis, pray for us.

# Sacred Heart School News

## 4K & 5K with Mrs. Klinge

Jesus loves us so much! He is so good to us- What are some of the things that Jesus does for us that we need to remember to do for others?

- He is always there to help us.
- He gives us food and clothes.
- He Loves us no matter what!
- He always Forgives us...
- He helps us up when we are down.
- He teaches us what is important.
- He talks nicely to others, even when they are making bad choices.

## 1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

The 3 Wise Men have been on quite a journey! Have you ever been on a long journey? Where did you go? What did you pack? How did you feel about the journey?

- I went on a long trip from Michigan to Cashton. We had to pack everything. I had to pack my pillow and blanket, all my balls and my toys. I felt excited and kind of sad.
- I went on a trip to Chicago. I had to pack clothes. I'm excited when the dog doesn't come along because then we can stop at Culvers, if the dog comes along, we can't stop.
- I went to Kentucky. I packed stuffed animals, my pillow, my blanket and clothes. I rode in a car and then a plane and then a boat. I got sick on the boat. I was happy on the trip.
- We drove 12 hours to great grandma's house. I packed my stuffed Rudolph, my toy truck and a ball, some noodles, my family and myself. I was tired on the trip.
- I have never been on a long trip, but if I did go on one, I would be happy to go to the desert. I would go in an RV and would pack clothes and a ball and go with my family.
- I went on a long trip to the cabins with my family. I was happy to go. I packed pillows and 2 fans – a big one and a little one. We could walk right out the door and go in the pond.

## 3rd & 4th with Miss Santas

In third and fourth grade this week, we finished up our chapter on learning about matter, and started reading about energy and heat. We had a discussion about crystals, then a few of the kids used a crystal growing kit that we will be able to watch the progress over the next week. We have been busy this week doing our testing on the computers. In Spanish this week, we learned how to say different school subjects and seasons of the year.

## 5th-8th Math & Science with Mrs. Flock

This week in Science 5th and 6th graders are studying properties of light, while 7th and 8th graders continue to study organic compounds and the many different structures isomers can take. 5th grade Math is calculating volume of cuboids while 6th grade is solving one step algebraic equations. 7th grade continues to work on pattern sequences and 8th grade is calculating slope, and writing line equations using the slope-intercept form.

## 5th-8th Literature & Spelling with Mrs. Slattery

The 5th & 6th graders are working with adjectives, that bounty of words that describe nouns in so many ways and places in our sentences. A review unit in spelling means we get a spelling bee this week. Yay!

## Religion with Mrs. Steger

7/8 spent the week chatting about sacraments and learning about the form (the words) and the matter (the things) as well as the sacramental graces of each of the seven sacraments.

5/6 learned about the Beatitudes. Jesus gave us these exhortations (sayings) as a completion of the Old Law (the 10 Commandments). There is a common thread among both the 10 Commandments and the Beatitudes. If we love God and our neighbor, we are already working at both the Commandments and Beatitudes. Atrium students got settled back in after our Christmas break and learned various works like the visit of the Magi, the flight to Egypt and the Presentation in the Temple.

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading Reflections

“Speak, for your servant is listening.” With those few words, Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps, for many of us, challenges in those words. Initially, Samuel responds, “Here I am,” thinking Eli called him. Being a servant and being willing to serve may be a trial for us in how we live. Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, might be a problem for us. First, we need to be listening. Are we listening, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with “Here I am” is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are, but saying that can serve as a reminder that we are stewards and servants to Him, implying we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do. “Here I am” is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament, including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, “Come follow me,” as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more importantly, do we respond and follow? To do that properly, we must be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. Pope Francis said at a recent papal audience, “Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!”

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

All parishes continue to make great progress in the goals. Saint Mary's & Saint Augustine are under \$1000 each! Sacred Heart is at the point now where all the money sent in will come back to our parish tax free! This is an important income needed to sustain the budget. If you have not sent in your pledge yet, or can give a bit more, yes, there is still time. Simply make your check out to DAA and place it into the collection. We will make sure it is forwarded to the Diocese. Thank you to everyone's attention to this matter.

	Sacred Heart	St. Mary's	St. Augustine
Goal	\$37,070	\$17,465	\$10,050
Pledged	\$30,440	\$16,770	\$9,195
Donors	72	44	18
Over/Under	-\$6,630	-\$695	-\$855

### ATTENTION:

Our daily Mass schedule is subject to change at a moment's notice due to several factors. Therefore the bulletin may not be accurate. Any scheduled intentions that were scheduled will be rescheduled. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this uncertainty without a regular pastor.

### Girls Group

Calling all middle and high school girls! Girls group will be held every Tuesday at Sacred Heart from 4:30pm-7:30pm, starting in February. Call Beth Brown with questions or to join. (608) 633-6231.

### Celebrating 50 years of marriage this year?

The diocese would like a list of all parishioners who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2024. Please email Kari at [secretary@smash30.org](mailto:secretary@smash30.org) or call the parish office at 654-5654. The forms need to be sent in by the end of January.

### “the ANSWER” Eucharistic Rally | June 7

“the Answer” Eucharistic Rally will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the first day that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. “the Answer” Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse. It will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for middle and high school youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets will go on sale December 15, 2023. You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer> For such an important event, it would be amazing if every parish brought a bus full of parishioners.

### Eternal Rest Grant Her, O Lord

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Anna Mae Hemmersbach. Your prayers are asked for the repose of her soul. May perpetual light shine upon her.

## Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. Jan. 13th	4pm at Sacred Heart	† John Hauser
	6pm at St. Augustine	† Glen & Jenny Muehlenkamp
Sun. Jan. 14th	8am at St. Mary's	† Mary Marquardt
	10am at Sacred Heart	For the People
Tues. Jan. 16th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	Living & Deceased members of the Hansen Family
Sat. Jan. 20th	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Mike Demise
	6pm at St. Augustine	† Donna Passe
Sun. Jan. 21st	8:00am at Sacred Heart	Paul Klinkner Family
	10am at Sacred Heart	For the People

## Weekly Readings

<b>Sunday:</b>	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42 (65)
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22 (311)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28 (312)
<b>Wed.</b>	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313)
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12 (314)
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19 (315)
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21 (316)
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 (68)

## Lector/Serving/Usher Schedule January 20th & 21st

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
6pm Saturday	Patricia Doll		Volunteers Appreciated
<b>Sacred Heart</b>			
4pm Saturday	Thea Von Ruden		Volunteers Appreciated
10am Sunday	Enid Neubauer	Colton & Clayton Lee & Gerard Cummings	Volunteers Appreciated
<b>St. Mary's</b>			
8am Sunday's	Jeff Menn	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery	Volunteers Appreciated

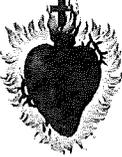
## Please pray for these Intentions

- Pope Francis
- Bishop Callahan
- Sheila Vukovich
- Ardella Leis
- Louis Zanon
- Jeanne Allen
- Ed Schreier
- Jerome & Margaret Leuck
- Glen Miller
- Lynn Peterson
- Wesley Clements
- Louise Melby
- Special Intention
- Gene Degenhardt
- Jeff Mullenberg
- Grace Fowler
- Margaret Jothan
- Nancy Karis
- David Schwarz
- Sandy Von Ruden
- Alice Schmitz
- Mary Leuck
- Bobbi Baker
- Dennis Hemmersbach
- Mike Metzler
- Joshua Mack
- For Vocations to Holy Orders and the Consecrated Life and all the seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse including our own seminarian Thomas Cummings.



### For the gift of diversity in the Church

During the month of January, Pope Francis has asked the faithful to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. He emphasized recognizing "the gift of different charisms within the Christian community."

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