



December 25, 2011
The Nativity of the Lord

Mass Intentions



The Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for the People of our Parish and for the special intention listed.

Saturday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Vigil

4:30 PM, Holy Trinity
4:30 PM, St. Anthony Mary Therese Gauthier Walske
7:00 PM, St. Patrick Elaine, Jim & Roger Kopke

Sunday, Dec. 25—Christmas

9:00 AM, St. Patrick Deceased Members of Lorraine Konkol
9:00 AM, St. Anthony Orville Rieth
10:45 AM, Holy Trinity

Tuesday, Dec. 27

8:30 AM, St. Anthony Anita Moynihan

Wednesday, Dec. 28

8:30 AM, Patrick LaVerne Sexton

Thursday, Dec. 29

8:00 AM, Holy Trinity

Friday, Dec. 30

8:00 AM, Holy Trinity

Saturday, Dec. 31

4:30 PM, Holy Trinity
4:30 PM, St. Anthony Red Brehmer

Sunday, Jan. 1

7:00 AM, St. Patrick For the People of the Parishes
9:00 AM, St. Anthony Al Larsen
10:45 AM, Holy Trinity

St. Anthony Sacrificial Giving

Weekly church support needed to meet expenses: \$3,672.00
Parishioners and guests shared: \$3,869.60
Immaculate Conception: \$56.00
Maintenance: \$77.00
Care Ministry: \$11.00
Retired Religious: \$175.00
Christmas: \$20.00
Scrip Sold: \$9,665.00 Profit: \$420.26

St. Patrick Sacrificial Giving

Weekly church support needed to meet expenses: \$1,214.00
Parishioners and guests shared: \$1,457.91
Immaculate Conception: \$50.00
Maintenance: \$10.00
Care Ministry: \$3.00
Retired Religious: \$10.00

Fr. Joel's homilies are available on the internet. Check out the web at www.brotherpriests.com or on iTunes - search for Holy Wordcast.

Calendar Schedule

Monday, Dec. 26

• Rosary, St. Anthony—6:30 PM

Monday, Jan. 9

• Home & School Meeting, St. Anthony—6:00 PM

Scheduled Changes

- ◆ There will be no Monday for Moms on Dec. 26. The next meal date will be Jan. 9 at the home of Martha Heid. God bless you all!
- ◆ There will be no Adoration Dec. 26 at St. Patrick's Church. It will resume Jan. 2, 2012, 4:30-7:30 P.M. God bless your prayers!
- ◆ There will be no Liturgy of the Word/Communion on Tuesday, December 27.

Holiday Office Hours

- ⇒ December 26—Closed
- ⇒ December 27 thru 30—Office hours will vary. Please call the office before you make a special trip in. Phone messages left on extension 201 will be checked daily. For bulletin announcements please e-mail admsec@plbb.us or mail to St. Anthony/St. Patrick, 253 N. Franklin St., Oconto Falls, WI 54154.
- ⇒ January 2—Closed

Readings for the week

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



Please offer prayers for
Kathryn Hobyan & Howard Marquardt Sr. and their families

Katie passed away on December 16
Howard passed away on December 18



May they rest in peace.

End of the Year Contributions

Thank you to everyone who has supported the parish with financial gifts throughout the year. May God bless you and your family for all your financial sacrifices. Please note the following guidelines that will be followed for the end of the year statements:

- Contributions given on Saturday, Dec. 31 weekend collection, will be recorded on your 2011 statement.
- Contributions given on Sunday, January 1 weekend collection, will be recorded on your 2012 statement.
- Mailed contributions received on Monday, but postmarked with a Dec. 31 or earlier date will be recorded on your 2011 statement.

These guidelines will be followed regardless of the date stated on your check. Contribution statements will be mailed to all parishioners even those with a zero balance by January 31, 2012.

Merry Christmas!



Jesus is born!

Koinonia Retreat

Part of the Christmas joy is trying to be closer to Jesus. Why not continue that joy and draw even closer to our Lord by attending a Koinonia retreat? Come for a weekend that will change your life forever. The next Koinonia weekend is from Friday, Jan.13 at 5:00 pm until Sunday, Jan. 15 at 5:00 PM at St Joseph, Oneida. For more information, please contact Connie Nedohon at 632-4615 or K97deLux@yahoo.com. The website is sites.google.com/site/greenbaykoinonia

Feeding from the Cow's Trough

By: Kristina M. DeNeve
Evangelization and Welcoming Director, Diocese of Green Bay

The image of Jesus in the manger has really struck me this Christmas season. A manger is a trough, a feeding bin for animals in the stable. From the beginning of Jesus' human life, his deepest desire is to feed us, to nourish us, to transform us.

A Bible Christian recently told me, "I don't think Catholics really believe Jesus is present in Communion like I believe about the Bible. Because if they did, they would be tripping over themselves to come to Mass every day!"

She makes a good point. Jesus wants to give himself to us. Fully and completely in all our life experiences and in all five senses, from nature to songs on the radio to rare moments of quiet. Our faith, however, teaches us that we are nourished most thoroughly when we gather with other Catholic Christians to let the Word of God AND the Body of Christ change us.

Unlike consuming a Big Mac, God's nourishment changes us, transforms us into our truest selves. We become ever more the person we eat. We don't consume, we become.

St. Anthony Cemetery Committee

St. Anthony Cemetery Committee is looking for another member to join their team. They meet approximately 2-4 times per year and oversee the management of the cemetery. If you are interested in joining the committee, please call Norman Kratz at 846-3417. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:30 PM at St. Anthony's.

Thank You!

Christmas Party—Thank you to everyone who donated to the youth Christmas party. The donations of food, soda, prizes and time made for a WONDERFUL evening. May you all be richly blessed for your generosity.

St. John's Shelter - A huge THANK YOU to everyone who cooked and served on Dec. 16. There was plenty of food and the people send their gratitude. The next meal date will be Fri., Feb. 17. Our servers are set and a menu will be posted later. God bless your time with family!

Year of the Eucharist

As our parish community focuses on the Year of the Eucharist. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered twice a week starting the first week in January.

- Monday at St. Patrick Church from 4:30 -7:30 PM
 - Thursday at Holy Trinity from 3:00-6:00 PM
- Come and spend time with Jesus in the new year.

St. Monica Sodality

Twenty people are now praying this sodality prayer. Look for copies in each parish. God bless your prayers!



Through your gifts the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christ to the hearts of the poor by serving 14 families (helping 39 people) from 11/10/11 to 12/14/11 by providing temporary assistance for rent, utilities, clothing and furniture totaling \$1128.25. Thank you for your prayers and generous gifts. Today we see not a Baby in a manger, but a saving God working through and among us. Merry Christmas!

St. Anthony School Calendar / Raffle

A twelve month calendar with pictures of St. Anthony Students is now available. For \$20 you can get a full size calendar and are entered into a raffle. You have 66 chances to win. Three chances per week (\$50, \$20, \$10) during the months of January through May. Calendars are available in the office.

Only 9 days before the 1st drawing.

St. Anthony School Newsflash

By: Kaitlyn St. Louis & Paul Langlay

In Mrs. Nall's 5K class the kids are learning about the birth of Jesus in religion class. They are really excited about reading class, because they have twenty vocabulary words; three of them are ran, I, and him. In science they are studying the properties of water. Remember those? Solid. Liquid. Gas. They've done experiments with liquid water, solid water, and things that sink and float. We wish you a great Christmas.

St. Anthony Renovation Q & A Corner

Q: Why are there white marks on the carpet by the sanctuary?

A: The size of the sanctuary is changing slightly to make more room for the baptismal font which will remain in one place after the renovation. Ralph's Hardwood Flooring has visited church to discuss specifics and can begin as soon as Christmas decorations come down.

Q: How is progress on the Pews coming?

A: Mr. Lundquist from Northland Furniture is ahead of schedule. He will have the flexible seating finished by mid January. The plan is coming together.

Total Pledged: \$46,591.55