



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, January 7**

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Paul Hundt  
 ~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Larry Silha  
 Lector: Kathy Leis  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, January 8**

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Donald Burns, Sr  
 Lector: Sally Miller  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, January 9**

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Therese Hess & Rob Dowiasch

**TUESDAY, January 10**

~ 5:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 ~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Madonna Bahr

**THURSDAY, January 12**

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Arnold & Jean Meyers

**SATURDAY, January 14**

~ 4:00 pm Mass ~ † Karen Nordstrom  
 Lector:  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, January 15**

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ Our Parish Family  
 Lector:  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Volunteers

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

Father Biju will be available for anointing of the sick after the first Saturday mass of each month. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive the sacrament.

**Confessions**

First Saturday after Morning Mass or  
 3:30—3:45 pm before 4:00 pm Mass  
 or by appointment

Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.



**MASS Intentions**

Please contact the Parish office if you would like to schedule mass intentions.

Parish office phone #788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com.  
 Also Mass Intentions envelopes are in the back of church.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **January 7** ~ Baptism of Arthur Gregory Mihalek
- **January 9** ~ 6:30 pm **Informational meeting** regarding the *“Inspired by the Spirit”* Campaign  
**Everyone is welcome to attend!**
- **January 11** ~ Religious Education Class
- **January 12** ~ 6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
- **January 18** ~ Religious Education Class
- **February 17** ~ Family Fun night



Every Tuesday evening at 5:00 until mass at 5:30 pm



**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Last Week in Giving—180 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes:	\$1,835.00
Offertory:	\$ 330.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 340.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 45.00
Christmas:	\$ 25.00

*Thank You!*

*Thank you Money Counters!*

**Donations:** Here are some ways to contribute:

- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/> (processing fees will be deducted from your contribution, which average 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH)
- **Drop off** a contribution in the church donation box
- **Mail in** your weekly/monthly offering to parish office (W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601)
- If you use online banking and would like make your contribution using **bill pay**, set up St. Joseph Ridge Parish as a payment and the bank will mail it directly to the parish.

FROM THE PASTOR



# Epiphany of the Lord

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*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:10-11

Happy Epiphany of the Lord! "Epiphany" means "Showing" or "Revelation". The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world. Mainly there are three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows. This year the feast of baptism of our Lord is going to be on the Monday after epiphany.

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2023 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 23. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "23" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

"Jesus, ich liebe dich!" Jesus, I love you. These were the final words that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI uttered before he died, a powerful final expression of love and faith. May his soul rest in peace.

This Monday I want to welcome all of you to the open session of the *Inspired by the Spirit* Campaign on Monday January 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the St Joseph School Hall. This meeting will be with Jeff McSweeney who is a representative from the Lynch company which is helping the diocese with the appeal. He will be able to clarify any questions about this campaign. Its open to everyone. Your presence is recommended.

*Have a blessed week!*

~ Live Jesus ~

Fr Biju MSFS



PARISH NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE — 2nd Annual Fundraiser! Fun Night — Friday, February 17th

We will be having a gun raffle and cash raffle included in this fundraising event. Gun Raffle tickets are available for pick up for those who want to sell them. They can be picked up after mass (see parish council member) or by contacting Fr. Biju.

**Cash raffle tickets are now available.  
Please pick up your envelope in back of church.**



#### Reminder for Food Donations:

Please bring any food donation to the back of church. These food items will be taken to a local food pantry to assist families in need.

*Our Parish welcomes  
Arthur Gregory Mihalek  
who will be receiving the  
Sacrament of Baptism on January 7th*



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~**A Minute with Jesus** ~ Wise men came to worship Jesus. Wise men from far away saw an incredibly bright star moving across the sky. They followed the star to see where it would take them. It led them to the Infant Jesus. The wise men gave precious gifts to the Savior, gifts for a king: gold, frankincense and myrrh. They knew that Jesus was a great king, even though He looked like a small Child. Jesus gives us the greatest Gift – the Gift of Himself in the Eucharist again and again in a life-giving encounter. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

*Jesus, the wise man brought You precious gifts.*

*But, thank You for giving us the most precious  
Gift of Yourself in the Eucharist.*

This week, read how the wise men came to worship Jesus and bring Him gifts in Matthew 2:1-12

~**CALIX** – For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective  
Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? Or, do you just need someone to talk with? You can reach out to a member of CALIX. CALIX (<https://www.calixsociety.org/>) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. You can make a confidential call to 612-383-8232 (Jim R.) or 651-587-4668 (Jim B.), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

~**Marriage Enrichment and Parenting Resources**

For Your Marriage Website – <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/>

This website from the USCCB helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God's plan for happy, holy marriages.

Teaching the Way of Love - <https://twl4parents.com/>

This website is full of encouragement and tips for parents to continue to be the primary educators of their children.

**Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all.  
You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours. Jesus, I trust in You.**

**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS cont'd**

**~Help Catholic Charities love our Neighbors in Need**

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst, to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth, to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Find out more, and how you can help, at <https://cclse.org/>

**~GIVEN Retreat - Sat., Jan. 28, 2023 (8:30 am—3:00 pm)—Boyd, WI**

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating or engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, and adoration, prayer and reconciliation.

GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church. Speakers will be Ted and Julie Imgrund and Michael and Jacqueline VanHemert. Cost: \$45 per couple

For more information, contact Chris Rogers at [crogers@dioc.org](mailto:crogers@dioc.org)

Register here: GIVEN Retreat for Couples - Boyd

<https://argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/>

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**~Bus Trip to Fireside Theatre, Ft. Atkinson—Saturday, March 4th**

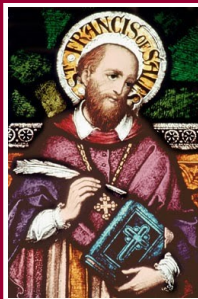
Beat the winter blahs, go on a bus trip to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson to see Music Man. Trip includes bus, lunch, and show. Cost is \$110. Profits to Holy Trinity Parish. Contact Arlene Young 608-788-3440.

**ACTIVITY CORNER**

**Epiphany: True or False?**

*How well do you know the story of the wise men?  
Which of these are true and which are false?*

1. Wise men came from the West to find the Baby Jesus. True or false?
2. The wise men went and asked King Caesar where the Messiah would be born. True or false?
3. The king told them to come back and tell him where the Baby was once they had found Him so that he could go and worship Him. True or false?
4. When the wise men found the Child and His mother they bowed down and gave Him gifts. True or false?
5. The gifts they gave were gold, frankincense and myrrh. True or false?
6. When they were going to go back and tell the king where the Baby was, they had a dream that told them not to. True or false?
7. The wise men went back to their land by the same road that they had come on. True or false?



**St Francis de Sales**

On 28th of December 2022 church celebrated the fourth centenary of the death of St Francis de Sales a man who was known for his gentleness, wisdom and holiness. To mark his death anniversary Pope Francis had the apostolic letter called 'TOTUM AMORISEST' which means "EVERYTHING PERTAINS TO LOVE". his feast day is celebrated on the 24th of January. Being a special year, I will have the part of my message extract taken from 'TOTUM AMORIS EST'.

As Missionaries of St Francis de Sales we follow the spiritual legacy left to us by Saint Francis de Sales, who died four centuries ago, on 28 December 1622, in Lyon. "Francis was born on 21 August 1567 in the Castle of Sales, near Thorens, the son of François deNouvelles, Lord of Boisy, and Françoise de Sionnaz. "His life spanned two centuries, the sixteenth and the seventeenth, and he embodied the best of the teachings and cultural achievements of the century then drawing to a close, reconciling the inheritance of humanism with the striving for the Absolute proper to the currents of mysticism".

"The Criterion of Love"

By experience, Francis had come to realize that desire is at the root of all true spiritual life, but also the cause of its debasement. Drawing abundantly from the spiritual tradition that had preceded him, he recognized the importance of constantly testing desire through the exercise of discernment. He found the ultimate criterion for this assessment in love. In that final conference in Lyon, on the feast of Saint Stephen, two days before his death, he had said: "It is love that grants perfection to our works. I will tell you much more. Take a person who suffers martyrdom for God with an ounce of love; that person merits much, since he could give nothing greater than his own life. Yet another person who has only suffered a scratch with two ounces of love will have much more merit, because it is charity and love that give value to our works".

To be continued in next week's bulletin...

**THE POWER OF PRAYER**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- All the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
- For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish.
- For children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- For all Religious in our Diocese, especially Matt Kotek.
- The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or  
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