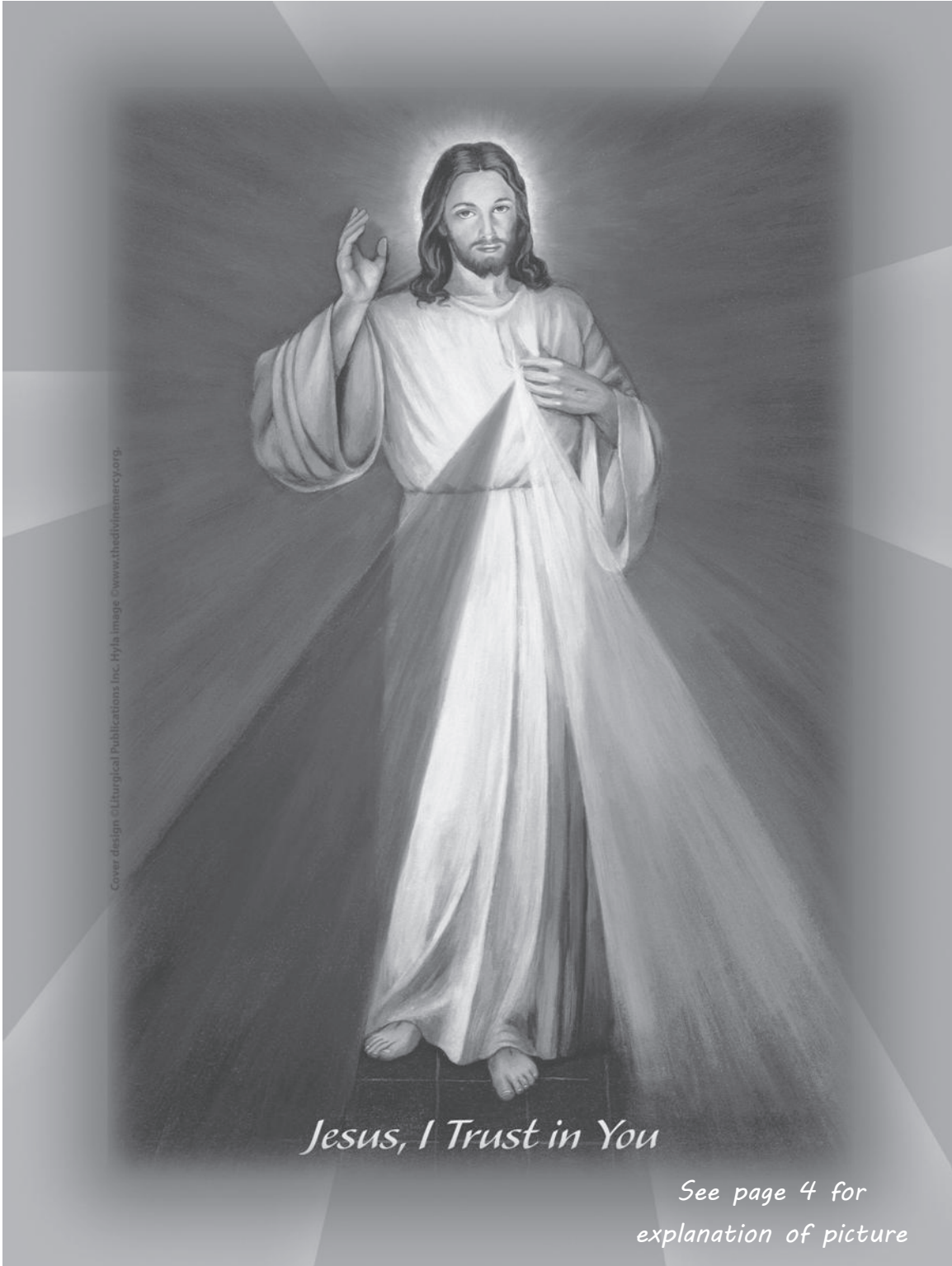


Saint
Francis of Assisi Parish *Welcome to...*



May 1, 2011 • Divine Mercy Sunday



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners & Friends of the Parish,

Easter greetings to you ... **the mystery of God's love is so deep that it will take us fifty days of Easter to embrace and embody that love!**

One of the many manifestations of that mystery of God's love is the **Sacrament of the Eucharist**. Beginning with this weekend, we will celebrate the First Holy Communion for 112 of our children over the next three weeks. A special thank you to all who have prepared our children for this Source and Summit of their lives. As we celebrate the Eucharist with these children, may it renew within each one of us a reverence for this real presence of Christ. Take a moment this week to recall the events and circumstances surrounding your First Holy Communion. Every time we approach the Eucharist it should be like our first or like the last time that we will celebrate the Sacrament.

Another expression of the mystery of God's love is the **Sacrament of Marriage**. With the Easter season upon us, we begin to celebrate the weddings of numerous couples from our parish community. Every wedding is an instrument and sign of God's love in our midst made real in the love between a husband and a wife. Please pray for all those who will be married in the coming months.

And finally, perhaps the greatest manifestation of the mystery of God's love is unfolding in these **early days of a Spring season**. The death and nakedness of winter gives way to the bounty of new life and the blooming of resurrection made real in nature.

For fifty days let us bask in the beauty of Easter and be reborn into the mystery of God's love!

St. Francis & St. Clare, pray for us!

Fr. Dan

GOD BLESS OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Jasmine Bertschy ~ Aydin Birr
 Tyler Bonin ~ Christine Brunner
 Devon Brusky ~ Emma Cooley
 Jada Cruz ~ Paige Ewen
 Krystal Franz ~ Jacob Gallagher
 Kiara Gallas ~ Austin Goessl
 Olivia Goonan ~ Hannah Goral
 Genevieve Howe ~ Landon Hubbartt
 Elliott Huske ~ Riley Hutterer
 Jayme Jirikowic ~ Zachary Karbon
 Elena Koss ~ Steffen Lipski
 Ethan Maloney ~ Christopher Marek
 Matthew Maser ~ Adaya McLinn
 Nicholas Neilson ~ Hannah Pajula
 Tristan Petersen ~ Matthew Reel
 Selena Renteria ~ David Simonar
 Daniel Simonar ~ Mason Simons
 Andre Sladky ~ Cole Sprang
 Elsie Steimle ~ Abby Stelzer
 Sarah Strauss ~ Spencer Streich
 Emily Strzyzewski ~ Jack Wagner
 Zachary Walesh ~ Lydia Winans
 Tyler Zdziarski

Celebrating at the
WALDO SITE
MAY 1, 2011

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 1st—

First Communion: 1:00 PM at Waldo

Divine Mercy Service: 3:00 PM at Marshall

Monday, May 2nd—

Grief Share Drop-In Group: 6:00—7:30 PM parish office

Daughters of Isabella Spring Fling: 11:30 AM—3:00 PM at Felician Village, Wisconsin Room

Tuesday, May 3rd—

Social Concerns Meeting: 9:30 AM parish office

Prayer Shawl Meeting: 7:00 PM parish office

Wednesday, May 4th—

Fatima Devotions: 6:00 PM at the Marshall site, weekly through November 2

Thursday, May 5th—

Rosary Makers Guild: 1:00—3:00 PM parish office

Friday, May 6th—

NOMADs (Nurturing Other Mothers As Disciples) - spiritual fellowship group for mothers; childcare provided: 9:00—11:00 AM, LifeTeen House

Saturday, May 7th—

Interpreted Mass for the Deaf: 4:30 PM at Waldo

Prayer for Peace

All ages are welcome to join in the Fatima devotions. They are held every **Wednesday** evening at **6:00 PM** at the Marshall site, lasting approximately a half hour. *The devotions will run through November 2nd.* Enter the church through the west door, off of the driveway. Please join us in praying the rosary.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, May 8th—Mother's Day

- Rosary Recital: 12:15 PM Knollwood Memorial Park
- Baptismal Preparation Class: 6:00 PM parish office
- Respect Life Rose Sale: following all Masses



Monday, May 9th—

- St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meetings:
1:30 PM—Marshall site rectory
1:15 PM—Waldo site at LifeTeen House
6:30 PM—Grand site Letz Center

Tuesday, May 10th—

- Bill Zimmer Forum: 8:00 AM Faith Formation Ctr
- Knights of Columbus: 7:00 PM Grand site
- St. Clare Society Spring Banquet: 5:30 PM social, 6:30 PM dinner at Silver Valley Supper Club

Wednesday, May 11th—

- Men's AM Bible Study: 5:30 AM parish office
- Finance Council Mtg: 6:30 PM parish office
- Care Ministry Mtg: 6:30 PM Waldo site school hall
- Respect Life Mtg: 7:00 PM parish office

Thursday, May 12th—

- Military Outreach Mtg: 7:00 PM parish office

Friday, May 13th—

- Serra Club: Noon at Holy Family Memorial

Saturday, May 14th—

- First Communion: 1:00 PM at Grand

First Saturday Mass

The next first Saturday Mass at Calvary Chapel Mausoleum will be on May 7, at 10:00 AM.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday:

EDGE—religious education, grades 6-8:

6:30—8:00 PM, LifeTeen house & Waldo site school hall

Monday-Friday:

Adoration Society—Adoration before the Tabernacle:

8:00 AM—8:00 PM at Holy Family Memorial chapel

Rosary Recital: 6:00 AM at Marshall, 6:45 AM at Waldo

Mondays & Wednesdays:

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

10:00 AM—10:00 PM, Faith Formation Center side chapel

Wednesdays:

Holy Hour for Life: 8:00 AM in the Eucharistic Chapel at the Waldo site

Women of Hope Bible Group: 9:30 AM parish office

Fatima Devotions: 6:00 PM Marshall site church. Every first and last Wednesday of the month Benediction is held.

Thursdays:

Bible Study: 9:00—10:30 AM, parish office

Holy Family Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group:

7:00 PM at the parish office, includes prayer for needs

Sunday:

Childcare Service: during the 9:30 AM Mass at Waldo

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 30th—Vigil, Second Sunday of Easter

- 4:00 PM G †Albert & Leona Zagrodnik; †Irene Kaufman
 4:00 PM M †Joseph Yanda; †Eleanor Peterik
 4:30 PM W †Blanche & Fabian Junion

Sunday May 1st—Second Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 AM W †Janet & Paul Klackner; †Daniel V. Jeske
 8:00 AM M †Austin Eichhorst; †Paul Kohlman
 8:30 AM G †Paul J. Eisner
 9:30 AM W For the Parish
 10:00 AM M †Andrew Knipp; †Anton Kubishka
 10:30 AM G †Kasey Herrmann and William & Florence Fritsch;
 †Patricia Luedtke & Kristeen Barbeau
 6:00 PM W †Aaron Klein

Monday May 2nd—St. Athanasius

- 6:30 AM M Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist
 7:15 AM W †Mary Jane Brull

Tuesday May 3rd—St. Philip & St. James

- 6:30 AM M †Frank & Anna Kowalski; †George Hardtke
 7:15 AM W †Marie Holly

Wednesday May 4th—Easter Weekday

- 6:30 AM M †Viola Hill
 7:15 AM W †Alice Schleis & Clarence Jerabek; †Roland Reindl

Thursday May 5th—Easter Weekday

- 6:30 AM M †Edward & Aaron Lopez
 7:15 AM W For the Parish

Friday May 6th—Easter Weekday

- 6:30 AM M †Ethel M. Walters
 7:15 AM W †Agnes Krajnek; †John & Ann Kaderabek

Saturday May 7th—Vigil, Third Sunday of Easter

- 4:00 PM G †Juanita, Edward & Dennis Gauthier;
 †Carl & Celia Schmeckel
 4:00 PM M †Wilfred & Evelyn Brilliant;
 †Marcella Brandl & Lillian Neumeyer
 4:30 PM W †Betty Schumacher; †Marcella Kohlbeck

Sunday May 8th—Third Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 AM W †Bernard Schermetzler; †Sam Huston
 8:00 AM M †Maryanne B. Kangas;
 †Christine Zunker & Agnes Decker
 8:30 AM G †Leo, LeRoy & Odelia Kattner; †Gladys Krowiorz
 9:30 AM W †Ruth & Cyril Zalewski
 10:00 AM M †Donald, Generose & Connie Bartels
 †Joseph, Bridget & Donald Oseseck
 10:30 AM G †Millie Mueller; †Mary Zywicke
 6:00 PM W †Milton Perron

2nd Sunday of Easter

Fr. Dick
Klingeisen



The Second Sunday of Easter is alive with beautiful images of the presence of Jesus after his resurrection. The appearance of Jesus to his apostles no doubt brought great surprise to them. What a wonderful way to be taken from the sadness of death to the joy of knowing that the one you love is alive and visibly present to you. This event on “that first day of the week” is the fulfillment of the prediction of Jesus that on the third day he would rise again. For the apostles this is an affirmation of Jesus’ love for them and an invitation to further hope and belief in life to come.

However, the gospel story does reveal that Thomas was not with the others when Jesus appeared. Thomas doubts the appearance of Jesus. He needed a visible presence. Do we find ourselves having doubts about Jesus too? This would not be unusual for any of us. In fact, when we choose to grow in our faith, doubt can lead us to a more intentional prayer relationship with Jesus. When Thomas did get to see Jesus, he proclaimed his faith in Jesus in words that many people say as they view the consecrated host and wine: “My Lord and my God.”

The conclusion of the gospel provides encouragement to us in our belief. It informs us that the gospels are written for us and that as we hear the words we will be led to faith and that faith will lead us to life through Jesus Christ. The joy of this Easter passage puts us into a special relationship with Jesus. Alleluia. He is risen indeed! Let us also rejoice with the First Communion children this Sunday and the following weekends. Pray that they and we will always know the love of Jesus as we receive the Lord.

"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:27b-29

Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service May 1st—Marshall site

The earliest element of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy revealed to St. Faustina was the Image. On February 22nd, 1931 Jesus appeared to her with rays radiating from His heart and said, “Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world. The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.”

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when “all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.” (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish invites all to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet either privately or at the Divine Mercy service on Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 PM.

For more information on praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visit:

www.catholicity.com/prayer/divinemercy.html

Eternal Rest to Our Loved Ones

We extend our sympathy to the families & friends of:

Barbara Bornemann

Theresa Firkus

Donna Goeke

Beatrice Moore

Patrick Schroeder

Jesse Trammell

Rosella Wellert

May all the faithful departed rest in peace.

PARISH SUPPORT

Received Week of 4/17/11

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Family</u>
Envelopes	\$ 31,301	\$ 9.87
Loose Offering	\$ 2,834	\$.89
ATP	\$ 11,283	\$ 3.56
Total	\$ 45,418	\$ 14.32
Support Budgeted/Week:	<u>\$ 45,962</u>	<u>\$ 14.49</u>
Difference this Week:	(\$ 544)	(\$.17)

Received Week of 4/24/11

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Family</u>
Envelopes	\$ 44,318	\$ 13.97
Loose Offering	\$ 5,952	\$ 1.88
Total	\$ 50,270	\$ 15.85
Support Budgeted/Week:	<u>\$ 45,962</u>	<u>\$ 14.49</u>
Difference this Week:	\$ 4,308	\$ 1.36

CHOIR SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 8

Waldo at 9:30 AM: *Gloria Dei*
Marshall at 10:00 AM: *Celebrators*
Grand at 10:30 AM: *Cecilia Choir*

All other Masses will have an organist/song leader.



– Bishops Appeal 2011 –



Assessment:
\$186,900

Current donations:
\$167,605

1,498 families
donating



*Thank you
for making
a gift to the
Bishop's Appeal.*

www.catholicfoundationgb.org

In Memory of...

For the week of May 1st
Sanctuary Lights are in memory of...

George Hardtke at the Grand site

Arnie Patynski at the Waldo site

Marcella Brandl at the Marshall site

Altar Candles are in memory of...

Lester & Tom Pech at the Grand site

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For the month of May, Hosts are ...

In Thanksgiving at the Grand site

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2011

- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/
Lk 24:13-35

SCRIP SCRIP SCRIP

Parish Office Scrip Sale Hours:

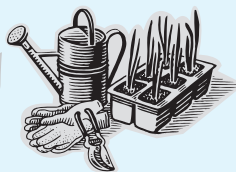
Monday: 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

Wednesday: 12:30 PM—4:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM—12:00 Noon

Scrip is also sold after all Masses at all sites!

Think Spring Think Scrip



Spring has arrived! Remember to get scrip for all your spring needs. From flowers to spring clean up and remodeling needs, scrip gift cards are here to help.



Visit → www.sfamanitowoc.org
For a complete list of all participating businesses!

**Sales for the week ending
April 24th were
\$2,330 and total profit was \$136.**

Thank You for your support of Scrip!

**Our SFA Scrip Coordinator is:
Cindi Verch
683-6880 or 684-3718**



EDGE for May 2nd:

Thirst for Change

Clean water is seen by many as a right, yet, in many parts of the world it is not even an option. Find out this Monday how a little “change” can make a big difference! See you Monday!



LifeNight for May 8th:

Catholics Love Sex

Does that title seem a bit odd to you? Well - our Church (contrary to belief) supports and cherishes human sexuality, in its proper context. This teaching isn't “restrictive,” its actually liberating. Want to find out about true freedom? See you at LifeTeen next week!

**Next week's LifeNight
is sponsored by:
St. Clare Society**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Each week we invite you to visit this space as we feature a group in our parish community that exemplifies our stewardship concepts of prayer, service & sharing.



Featured group: **DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**

Mission: To uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church, bringing spiritual benefits to our members and contributing to the common good of humanity.

Type of Stewardship: Prayer and sharing

Contacts: Jean Krupka, 684-5458



Daughters of Isabella is one of the largest Catholic women's organizations with a membership of over 60,000 women from the United States and Canada and has continued to prosper and establish bonds among Catholic women throughout the world. Members encourage each other's total development and foster growth of every aspect of life—spiritual, social and charitable—adding up to a more fulfilling life! Get more information at: www.daughtersofisabella.org

Locally, we are committed to fostering individual participation by way of mutual understanding, charitable activities and social interaction. Additionally, our bake sale and personal contributions help support: SFA schools, Christmas dinners for the needy, Domestic Violence Center and other charities.



Longing for the Holy!

Longing for the Holy Small Faith Sharing Groups have now completed the Lenten journey portion of the Longing for the Holy Book, Sessions 1-5. Some groups have decided to continue and complete sessions 6-12.

SFA understands that some small groups have decided not to continue, but a number of individuals want to finish and **new people** may want to join. For those individuals....COME JOIN US!

- Where: Marshall site school hall
- When: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM
- Dates: May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, September 21st, October 19th, November 16th
- Who: All that are interested

No registration is necessary, you may come to one or to all sessions.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRESENTS

“WATER’S EDGE BRASS”



WATER’S EDGE BRASS is proud to present a **SPRING CONCERT** on **FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011** at 7:00 p.m. at the Waldo site church in thanksgiving and appreciation for the prayers and generous sharing of time and talent of all our parishioners.

WATER’S EDGE BRASS consists of five local instrumentalists who have already enhanced specific liturgies at St. Francis of Assisi. This brass quintet will join forces to present an entertaining mix of liturgical, classical, patriotic and contemporary music.

All are welcome. Light snacks will be served after the concert.

Attendees are invited to make a donation to the St. Francis of Assisi Good Shepherd Fund.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to these children who through the sacrament of Baptism have become new members of our faith community.



Kendyl Deicher

Parents: Jayna & Duane

Owen Allie

Parents: Ashley & Peter

Alekzander Estrella

Parents: Carrie & José

Meredith Meissner

Parents: Tessa & Joshua

Lily Munsinger

Parents: Shannon & Aaron

Quinton Balzan-Bullocks

Parents: Lindsey & Lamart

Michael Lamers

Parents: Kristin & Richard

Cayden Strauss

Parents: Michelle & Christopher

Congratulations to the parents & Godparents!

CHANGE FOR LIFE

“Change for Life” baby bottles will be available after all Masses beginning this weekend, **April 30 - May 1**. Please take a baby bottle home, fill it with all your loose change, and return it to the baskets at the church entrances on Father’s Day weekend, June 18-19.



The Change for Life project is sponsored by the Manitowoc County Chapter of WI Right to Life. Proceeds are divided between a number of LIFE projects in Manitowoc County including The Crossing which is our local Pro-life pregnancy counseling and assistance center located on Washington Street across from the Manitowoc County Court House. The funds are also used to sponsor teens at LIFE camps during the summer, to help establish Pro-life groups on college campuses and to assist in other Pro-life projects and activities.

Sponsored by:
Wisconsin Right to Life—Manitowoc Chapter



Walk for Life

Saturday, May 14th, 9:30—11:00 AM

The Crossing, Manitowoc’s Pregnancy Support Center at 814 Washington Street, is holding a **Walk for Life** on **Saturday, May 14, to raise funds for its Pro-life ministry**. The Walk for Life will take place on the Mariners’ Trail from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m with registration at The Marina. Brochures explaining more about the Walk and the ministry of The Crossing will be available at the church entrances this weekend. The brochures also serve as registration and pledge forms for your participation in the Walk for Life. Please take one of these forms and ask your friends and family to sponsor you in The Walk with a monetary pledge. The funds raised will assist The Crossing in carrying out its important ministry for LIFE in our community.

Thank you.

Mother’s Day Rose Sale

Fresh long-stemmed red roses will be available after each Mass on Mother’s Day weekend, May 8 & 9.

Donation: \$2 for a single rose, \$10 for a half dozen



Sponsored by the St. Francis of Assisi Respect Life group, to honor all mothers & to help fund our teens’ participation in the Pilgrimage for Life to Washington DC, January 2011 and/or pro-life camps for teens.

Honor the special Mom, Grandma, or Godmother in your life with this beautiful symbol of love & life.

Remembering Blessed Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II will be beatified, declared “blessed”, on Sunday, May 1, 2011. He was the “Pope of Life.” His example and teachings, especially “Evangelium Vitae”, The Gospel of Life, provide a key foundation for the pro-life movement.



As John Paul receives the title “Blessed” at his May 1st beatification, we can capture the vision he had for the church, for the world, and for all of life as we pray:

Prayer in Honor of Blessed Pope John Paul II

Father of Love and Life,
in every age you inspire your people
through the teaching and example of leaders
who are living witnesses of your Kingdom.
We thank you for Blessed John Paul II,
whom you raised up to point the way
to a Culture of Life.

May we learn from his teachings
that the defense of the unborn
stands at the center of our moral priorities.
May we learn from his example
how to defend life with courage and joy.
May we echo his conviction
that the outcome of the battle for life
has already been decided,
because Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead.

May we, remembering Blessed John Paul II,
always proclaim, celebrate, and serve
the Gospel of Life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Victor and Gary Baumann	L/D Mbrs Mrozinski &
Ervin Novak	Sheraski Families
Denor Family	Novak Family Deceased
Terens/Rezachek Families	Members
Bob & Vivian Fricke	Tadych & Wallander
Eugene & Rosemary Budnik	Families
Elsie Eber	
Leo Burkart	



CONGRATULATIONS... to the newest parish members who have been prepared through RCIC *(Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)* and RCIA *(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)*

Children Who Were Baptized:

Karrie Mahloch

Children who were baptized and received the First Communion:

Kaitlin Mahloch ~ Justin Shane Mahloch

Matthew Lauer ~ Ethan Decker

Adult Catechumens:

Tracy Fillback ~ Greg Place

Adult Candidates:

Malcolm Haag ~ Daniel Peters

Stacy Peterson ~ Rita Tyeptanar

Shawn Grapentine ~ Melissa Mecca

Dan Kent ~ Howard Drews

Mark Bashaw

Adults who were confirmed are:

Kari Check ~ James Check

Claire Drews ~ Gudran Greetan

Michael Greetan ~ Kelly Motor

Carri Orth ~ Melanie Karstaedt

MASS PRESIDERS SCHEDULE:

For the month of May

Grand site—Fr. Viertel

Waldo site—Fr. Dick

Marshall site—Fr. Dan

(Changes may occur due to special events.)

St. Clare Corner

Congratulations to Helen Cichantek, who was recently installed as president of Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) for Vicariate V.

May 13—**Marian Day** at Sacred Heart Church in Shawano. The fee is \$10. Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 3rd.

May 10—**Spring Banquet**, Silver Valley Supper Club

- 5:30 PM Social, 6:30 PM Dinner
- Entertainment: Dare to Dream, award winning young theater group
- Reservations are still being accepted this week.
- Call Ruthanne Longmeyer (682-6676) to reserve your spot. Hope to see you there!

Bill Zimmer Forum



When: Tuesday, May 10
 Where: SFA Faith Formation Center
 Cost: Free will offering
 8:00 AM Registration/continental breakfast
 8:15 AM Presentation by: Fr. Bill Swichtenberg
 Pastor, St. Mary's Algoma & Holy Rosary, Kewaunee
 Book: In Due Season
 Author: Paul Wilkes

All are welcome—please join us!

Roncalli High School has a Custodial Position Open

Fulltime with benefits. Hours 3:30 PM to Midnight.
 Position begins July 1, 2011

Send resume and references to:

Mr. John Stelzer
 Roncalli High School
 2000 Mirro Drive
 Manitowoc, WI 54220-6799

Application Deadline – Saturday, May 7, 2011



Rosary Makers Guild

Are you interested in making rosaries for the missions? Let's keep Mary, the Mother of God, alive in our hearts and share her with others! The next rosary making guild will be held on Thursday, May 5, from 1:00 PM—3:00 PM at the parish office. For more information, contact Dawn Holsen at 682-2864.

Spring Fling Raffle

Say goodbye to winter and bask in the sunshine of a new Spring Fling! **Tickets are being sold now, for \$10 each or 3 for \$25.** The drawing for the winning tickets will take place on May 17th at 6:30 PM, at the May meeting of the St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council. Tickets were mailed to parishioners and are available at the parish office.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 631 N. 6th Street Manitowoc, Wisconsin
 "Spring Fling Raffle"

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Phone _____

Drawing will take place at the May meeting of the St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council on May 17, 2011
 Winners need not be present. Lic. No. R0001257A-00011

Cash Prizes:
 1st ~ \$1500
 2nd ~ \$700
 3rd ~ \$350
 4th ~ \$350
 5th-10th ~ \$100

Donation: \$15.00 each or 3 Tickets for \$25.00

Wedding Banns

Jane Huston & Brian Cvetezar—1st Bann
 Jessica Muchowski & Cody Richards—2nd Bann

- Craft Booth Chair Needed -

The SFA annual Fish Boil needs a volunteer to lead the craft booth. If you would like more information, please call Joe Debilzen at 682-2860.



GIVE THE GIFT OF A PRAYER SHAWL!



A prayer shawl would be a caring gift for someone you love. Graduations are coming. What a great gift! Do you know someone who is experiencing a difficult time and needs some comfort OR someone who is celebrating a big day? Prayer shawls are made by the members of the St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Shawl Ministry, who meet every month to bless completed shawls and to start new ones. If you would like a shawl to give to someone that you care about, just come to the parish office and take one. Ask at the desk. There is no charge. There is a nice selection and it is a gift which will offer comfort and blessing for years...maybe a lifetime!

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a time to renew your relationship, away from the everyday distractions of life. It's an opportunity to strengthen your communication and promote greater intimacy in your life together. You don't need a Marriage Encounter Weekend, but you deserve one. "Discover Each Other Again", more deeply, honestly and warmly.

The next weekend at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality in DePere, is May 14-15, 2011.

For more information contact Sue & Dennis Amtmann, 920-544-5166 or visit www.gbme.org

Lakeshore Grief Support Program

The Lakeshore Grief Support Program will be offering a six week grief support group for any adult who has experienced a loss through death.

Six session will be offered, the times are: 1:30—3:00 PM or 5:30—7:00 PM, **beginning Tuesday, May 17** and continuing each consecutive Tuesday through June 21. Pre-registration is required. A donation of \$5.00 per week is suggested. For more information or to register, please call Molly at 920-320-2735.

Understanding Alzheimer's

Tuesday, May 10th from 5:00—7:30 PM

The Gardens Independent Living at Felician Village held in the Village Hall, 1625 S. 21st Street

What is Alzheimer's disease? What happens to people who have Alzheimer's? What are the signs of Alzheimer's? Is there new research? Join Brandon Erkkila from the Alzheimer's Association to learn more. Call Loree at 684-7171 ext. 409 to RSVP.

Where is God in All This?

Consider coming to **Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center, Appleton, Wisconsin**—a sacred place where people find God in quiet and solitude, and leave with a sense of a loving God who desires them, who loves them, and, especially, likes them. Weekend and mid-week retreats on the theme of "*Where is God in All This? A Franciscan Suggestion*" are offered many times during the year. Private time for reflection can also be scheduled.

Contact Monte Alverno at 920-733-8526 or email montealverno@juno.com.

You may also visit their website:

www.montealverno.org.

God is always here for you.

"Where There Is Sharing, Healing Takes Place"

Grief Share Drop-In Group

This group is open to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group is non-denominational, providing the opportunity to find support, share memories, feelings and concerns, with others who have also experienced the loss of a loved one.

There is no fee; registration is appreciated but not necessary. Groups meet the first Monday of each month. The next meeting is **May 2nd from 6:00—7:30 PM at the SFA parish office, 601 North 8th Street, in the Heritage Room.** Please call Sally at 973-7402 with any questions or concerns.

Survivors of Suicide Meeting

The next Survivors of Suicide meeting will be held at St. Peter the Fisherman Parish, 3218 Tannery Road, Two Rivers, on **May 11th from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.** This non-denominational meeting will be held in the large conference room of the religious education center. All are welcome to attend these meetings, held every second Wednesday of the month. Enter through the middle door of the church, off of the west parking lot. For more information call Sister Pat at 794-7454 or Betty at 794-1572, or visit the website: www.afsp.org.

St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic School Garden Plant Sale

Buy your \$20 certificate from students, school or the SPFCS church office now through May 15. Call 793-4531 or 794-7622 for more information.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, please report it to Ms. Ann Fox, Diocesan Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese of Green Bay at 1-877-270-8174 or 920-272-8174.

If you prefer to report an incident to someone not employed by the Diocese, please call Mr. Bob Johnson, executive director of American Foundation of Counseling Services in Green Bay and a facilitator who can assist you in filing a report. Phone 920-437-8256. We also encourage you to report the incident to local civil authorities.



BRANCH FIRE & RESCUE—FISH BOIL

So you are making your projects for the craft sale at the SFA Fish Boil and you think...boy, could I go for a plate of that! The succulent fish and vegetables, melted butter, fresh rye bread, coleslaw, and milk or coffee; is your mouth watering?

Your are in luck. Branch Fire and Rescue is having their fish boil on **May 6th from 4:00—8:00 PM at the fire station.** It is only two miles west of I-43 on US Highway 10—just watch for the signs.

Tickets are \$9.00 at the door, or \$8.00 in advance from any Branch Firefighter or First Responder. Tickets may also be purchased at Popp's Harbortown Exxon, 310 Mobil Mart, and the Branch Town Mart. Hot dogs, homemade desserts, and other refreshments will also be available.

Sunday Mass Childcare Service

The 9:30 AM Sunday Mass Childcare Service (formerly Nursery) for children ages one through five years old (and older under special circumstances) is available at the Waldo site. **The Childcare will continue every Sunday until May 22, 2011.**

The Sunday Mass Childcare is in the mini-gym which is located directly under the altar in the church basement. If you have questions, please call Jean Willis at 684-7794.



The Holy Land Pilgrimage November 7-17, 2011

*Hosted by: Rev. Msgr. John Dewane
and Fr. Brian Belongia*

For full brochure contact:
Deacon Rick and Judy Simon
920-735-0575 (St. Pius X), 920-739-0636 (home)
Email: jsimon3@new.rr.com

St. Vincent de Paul Help Corner

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you donate food or money to St. Vincent de Paul you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.



HAMBURGER AND BRAT FRY

Catholic Financial Life Branch 2 will be holding a hamburger and brat fry on **Saturday, May 7th** at the **Piggly Wiggly** on North 8th Street. All proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The home office of Catholic Financial Life will match funds raised up to \$500. Please help us support our local SVDP. Catholic Financial Life is also supporting the Hope House fundraiser on May 13th & 14th and the parish Fish Boil in August.

Hope House Rummage & Plant Sale/ Brat Fry & Bake Sale

At Hamann Construction
4613 Custer St. / across from Fleet Farm

Friday, May 13th from 9:00 AM—6:00 PM
Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Proceeds benefit homeless families of Mtwc County

*Donate items (no clothing) by bringing to Hamann
Construction from Monday—Thursday,
May 10-13 from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM*

The mission of Hope House, (LIHN) is to mobilize volunteers and resources to help families at risk of homelessness to move toward self sufficiency.

Event sponsors:
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
and Catholic Knights

Encourage: Catholic Faith in Action

This support group is dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions. Faithful to the teaching of the Catholic Church, the members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer and fellowship. **The members strive to extend the love of Christ to persons with same-sex attractions, and help them to live chaste lives through their apostolate of prayer.**

Membership in the support group and the discussions are kept strictly confidential. For more information contact Father John Doerfler at 920-272-8180 (office)

What's happening at... *Saint Francis of Assisi School*



de Sales Campus

Xavier Campus



The fifth grade students at the de Sales and Xavier elementary campuses learned about the Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer in Music class. Some of the students have made their own "One-String Dulcimer" that they can play in class. They can then take these home, so they can continue to enjoy playing the dulcimer. In class the students worked in small cooperative groups to learn to play simple folk songs without the aid of written music. All of this is done aurally - by using their ears and listening! Through careful listening and discernment the students were able to figure out how to play these tunes. They had a great time learning to play this folk instrument!



Cabrini Campus

The 41st Annual Middle School Math Bowl was held at Roncalli High School. 18 teams and 72 students from Northeastern Wisconsin competed in the meet. SFA School was represented by two teams that placed first and second in the event. The team of Meghan Jacoby, Justin Bonin, Melaina Rapisarda, and Nick Moran had the highest point total of the 18 teams. The middle school campus team of Brady Boettcher, Samantha Blanke, Alicia Zewicki, Parker Ulness, and Zach Angst placed second in the Math Bowl.

Congratulations to all SFA students involved in the math meet. Your stellar effort and superlative achievement represented our school in a superb manner.



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Central Office: 601 North 8th Street, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220
Office Hours: Mon.—Thurs. 7:30 AM—5:00 PM; Fri. 7:30 AM—Noon
www.sfamanitowoc.com / parish email: info@sfamanitowoc.com

Parish Worship Sites

Grand Ave. & S. 14th St. ~ Marshall St. & S. 21st St. ~ Waldo Blvd. & N. 14th St.



Pastoral Leadership Team

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Dcn. Bob Beehner Fr. Daniel Viertel
Sr. Renee Delvaux, OSF

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Deacon Alan Boeldt Deacon Mike Dolezal
Deacon Bob Drobka Deacon Paul Kieffer
Deacon Kenn Nelesen

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Sr. Lynne Jagemann.....Director of Worship
Barbara Kratz.....Director of Faith Formation
Ann Lensmire.....Director of Music
Joel Stepanek.....Director of Youth Ministry
Candice Giesen.....Development
Connie Heinzen.....Development
Patrick Brandel.....Stewardship
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St. Francis de Sales (K thru 5).....683-6892
Jim Clark—Principal
St. Frances Cabrini (6, 7, 8).....683-6884
John Stelzer—President, Tim Olson—Principal
Roncalli High School.....682-8801

Faith Formation Center

1001 Marshall St., 683-3897

Want to become a Catholic?

There is a process to connect with the Spirit and the Church. Call the parish office and ask about RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

We Welcome You to St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community!

- Our most important involvement in the parish community is our presence at the Sunday Eucharist—“the source and summit of our life in Christ”.
Our parish Christian stewardship is based on prayer, service, and sharing. We are called to give back to God as generously as God has given to us.
If you wish to find out more about our parish community, please contact the parish office, or complete this form and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. You will be contacted by a member of the parish staff.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Mass Schedule

Saturday: Marshall site: 4:00 PM
Grand site: 4:00 PM
Waldo site: 4:30 PM
Sunday: Waldo site: 7:30 & 9:30 AM
6:00 PM LifeTeen Mass
Marshall site: 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Grand site: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Weekday: 6:30 AM at Marshall, 7:15 AM at Waldo

Radio Broadcast Mass: Sun. 9:30 AM, WCUB 980AM

Cablecast of Sunday Mass: Tues. & Wed. at 2:00 PM
Comcast Cable Channel 20

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Marshall site: Saturday, 9:30-10:30 AM
Grand site: Saturday, 3:00-3:30 PM
Waldo site: Saturday, 3:00-4:00 PM
Anytime by appointment.

Baptism & Marriage

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

A communal celebration is offered three times per year. Individual anointing is available upon request.

Pastoral Care of the Sick/Homebound

Please notify the parish office of family/friends who are homebound, in care facilities, or hospitalized.