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**MISSION STATEMENT:** St. Anthony Parish is a community of diverse cultures. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and responding to the call of Jesus, we strive to proclaim the Good News, build a community of love, celebrate the Liturgy, and serve each other.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2023



Please contact the parish office or Fr. Maria Joseph Kodiganti to become a member or for any of the following:

**Sacraments:** Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Marriage, Confession and Anointing of the Sick.

**Homebound:** For anyone going to the hospital, wishing to receive communion, or home visits.

**Religious Education:** Classes begin at the pre-k level and go through High School and Confirmation.

**Marriage:** Six months advance notice is required.

**RCIA:** Classes are available for those who wish to become Catholic or adult Catholics who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation.

**Funerals:**

### Mass Schedules for the Cluster

Our Lady Queen of Peace—5610 S. Hwy 51, P.O. Box 325, Manitowish Waters 54545—Phone 715-543-8428

St. Isaac Jogues & Companions—5214 N Lakeview Ave, P.O. Box 373, Mercer 54547—Phone 715-476-2697

#### Reconciliation

St. Isaac Jogues – Tuesday 9 – 9:30 am

Our Lady Queen of Peace – Wednesday 4 – 4:30 pm

St. Anthony – Saturday 3 – 3:30 pm

#### Weekday Masses

St. Isaac Jogues – Tuesday 8:30 am

St. Anthony – Wednesday 8am

Our Lady Queen of Peace – Wednesday 4:30 pm

Our Lady Queen of Peace – Thursday 8:30 am

St. Anthony – Friday 8 am

#### Saturday Mass

St. Anthony – 4 pm

Our Lady Queen of Peace – 5:30 pm

#### Sunday Mass

Our Lady Queen of Peace – 8 am

St. Anthony – 9:30 am

St. Isaac Jogues – 11 am

#### 1st Friday Mass & Adoration

St. Anthony – 8 am Mass followed by Adoration

No First Friday until March



**Please pray for:** John & Marcia Bardos, Barb Borroughs, Gene Baumgartner, Gloria Benedict, Jackie Benson, Jesse Bouldin, Billie Brever, Kay Brossmer, Sue Budjac, Collyn Burgess, Russell David, James Titus David, Robert Deitrich, Jan Jensen Deizell, Dorothy Dowling, Gary Elskamp, Michael Firkus, Tracey Forquer, A. Gammon, Larry Gisiakowski, Andrea Hinkle, Trevor Horne, Diane Korinek, Marty Kramer, Bernie Kramer, Terry Mantor, J. Roche, David Hitztaler, Phillip Hemling, Sherry Hitztaler, Ann Hollrith, Paul Hollrith, Pat

Horter, Sandy Kusay, Dan Leonardi, Tom Meurett, Janet Peters, Ann Peterson, Debra Ramsey, Chris Stayer, Josh Stone, John Smigaj, L. Fischer, Geri Schwind, Easton Senovaske, Sr. Pat Sevcik, David & Julie Sharp, Michael Sharp, Eugene Vogel, Casey Wies, M. Wilson, Gary Zavada.

**Bulletin Deadline is Monday at 10 am**

### PARISH STAFF

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Office Hours: This Week: Mon & Wed 9:00-1:30

Tues & Thurs 9:00-1:00

**Debra Ramsey**, Coordinator of Religious Education

Phone: (715) 588-3148

**Darlene Machel**, Organist

**Ryan Lefeber**, Janitor

### PARISH MEETINGS SCHEDULED

**Women's Club:** Tues, April 2, 2024 @ 1:00pm

**Men's Club:** To Be Announced

**Knights of Columbus:** Wed, Jan 10, 2024 @ 7:00pm

**Parish Council:** Thurs, March 14, 2024 @ 6:30pm

**Finance Council:** Tues, April 23, 2024 @ 6:30pm

**Liturgy Committee:** To Be Announced

**Prayer Shawl:** Thurs, Jan 11, 2024 @ 1:00pm

### MASS SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Dec 20th:

8:00am Mass for +Joey Ogradnik by Joe & Betty Ogradnik

Friday, Dec 22nd:

8:00am Mass for +Rose Nemeth by Allen & Nancy Labecki

Saturday, Dec 23rd:

4:00pm Mass for +Hank & Mary Clare Doran by Frank & Deberah (Doran) Keogh

Sunday Dec 24th:

9:30am Mass for +Tom Miklautsch & Judd Sircy by Mimi Miklautsch

Many dates are still available next year for Masses to be offered for a particular intention. Mass intentions are allocated on a first come basis. If you require a particular date, submit a request as early as possible. Please contact the office to make arrangements. Thank you.

### KNOW YOUR COUNCILS

**Trustees:** Steve Jelinski and Kim Strasburg

#### FINANCE COUNCIL

Paul Kosin (Chair)

Kathleen Wieck

Sue Forbes, Barb Draeger

Mark Mehling

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Nancy Labecki (Chair)

Terry Lonnborg, Pam Smylie

Jim Strasburg, Ryan Lefeber

Sharon Mehling, Owen Phelps

### COLLECTIONS: Weeks of Dec 9 & Dec 10

Adults Envelopes	\$ 3,883.00
Loose	307.00
Candles & All Saints	56.25
Christmas Flowers & Offering	65.00
Immaculate Concept & Utility	1,565.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,876.25</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING GENEROSITY**

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2023-2024

Our Parish Goal	\$22,083.00
Received to Date	8,530.00
Sent Direct To Diocese	
Left to Raise	<b>\$13,553.00</b>

### MASS ATTENDANCE

**DEC 7, 2023**      **DEC 9, 2023**      **DEC 10, 2023**

**40**

**44**

**34**

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Please use the sign-up sheets in the back of church to mark all times you are available in December & January

### WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

	<b>Sat, December 23</b>	<b>Sun, December 24</b>
Eucharist Minister	Kathy Teska	Kathy Teska
Reader	DJ Lindsay	Jack S. & Barb D.
Server	Bob Teska	Bob T. & Jack S.
Money Counters (Mon. Dec. 18)	Carol Krummel, Mary & Terry Lonnborg	

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

#### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Bernard & Leann Szydlo**      **12/12/82**

**Owen & Jane Phelps**      **12/26/66**

**Dick & Sally Fitzpatrick**      **12/27/70**

### CSA

The 2023/2024 Catholic Services Appeal is now in progress. Our goal this year is \$22,083.00. Today we have received \$8,530.00 leaving a balance of \$13,553.00. The appeal is an opportunity for us, as a faith family, to join together to do the work of the Lord. We ask for your continued generosity as we kick off our 2023/2024 campaign. Let's meet our goal again this year.

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## WHY SHOULD WE CONFESS SINS TO A PRIEST?

When Catholics receive absolution from the priest for sins confessed, it is Jesus' forgiveness that is granted, not the priest's. Jesus made this clear in John 20:21–23: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Here Jesus emphasizes this essential part of the priestly ministry of the apostles—to forgive men's sins in the person of Christ. Hence Catholic Church teaches that Jesus, who alone has the power to forgive or retain sins (Mark 2:10; Luke 5:24), transmitted that power to the apostles and the apostles to their successors. How can a priest forgive sins in the name Jesus using the authority given by the Church unless people confess their sins? That is why confessing sins to a priest have been practiced in the Catholic Church from the early Christian period. In the fourth century, St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan (IV century), wrote: Sins are forgiven through the Holy Ghost. Certainly, but men lend him their ministry. . . . They forgive sin, not in their own name, but in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost." (De Spiritu Sancto iii, 137). God Bless!

**FR. MARIA JOSEPH KODIGANTI**

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### **VOLUNTEERS**

We are in need of volunteers to help with preparation & maintenance for the Sacristy before and after mass, and other small tasks. There is a list of duties & a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board on the back wall of the sacristy. We are looking for one person to cover for a full month at a time. If we could get 12 people to volunteer that would only mean one month out of a year. Any questions please call Kathy Teska: 715-356-3294

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you would like a loved one acknowledged please print their name(s) clearly on your donation envelope or include a written note with your intentions so they can be recognized at Christmas. This is a very special time of the year to remember our family members & friends.

### **PARISHIONERS – SAVE-THE-DATE**

Starting Tuesday, January 2, 2024; St. Anthony's is beginning a new program – a Senior Luncheon. Once a month, on the first Tuesday; you can enjoy a light luncheon, beginning at 12 noon, in the Parish Dining Hall. Please come to enjoy a meal and fellowship with other parishioners. Any questions, call Ron Magan at 715-892-3925.

### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

12/20/23 Wed, OLQP, Manitowish Waters, 4:00pm  
12/21/23 Thurs, St. Anthony LDF, 4:00pm  
12/22/23 Friday, St. Isaac Jogues, Mercer, 4:00pm

### **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT OBLIGATION MASS**

12/23/23 Sat, St. Anthony, LDF, 4:00pm  
12/23/23 Sat, OQP Manitowish Waters, 5:30pm  
12/23/23 Sat, St. Isaac Jogues, Mercer, 7:00pm  
12/24/23, Sun, S. Anthony, LDF 9:30am

### **CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY**

#### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

12/24/23 Sunday, St. Anthony, LDF, 4:00pm  
12/24/23 Sunday, OLQP, Manitowish Waters, 5:30pm  
12/24/23 Sunday, St. Isaac Jogues, Mercer, 7:00pm

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

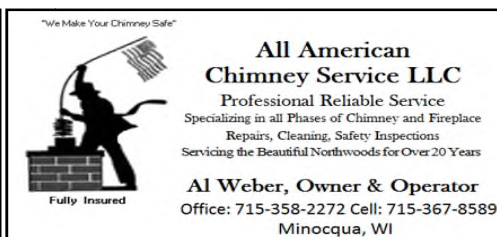
12/25/23 Monday, OLQP Manitowish Waters, 8:00am  
12/25/23 Monday, St. Anthony, LDF, 9:30am  
12/25/23 Monday, St. Isaac Jogues, Mercer, 11:00am

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for our Christmas Offering. This is a very joyous time of the year and we appreciate all you do in and for our church community.



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