

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF:



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PASTORAL CARE

Sacrament of Baptism Parents wishing to have their children baptized are to contact the office to set up a meeting with Father.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: **SJA** 9:45-10:15 am **SSPP** 3:45-4:15 pm

Sacrament of Marriage Couples planning to be married must contact the Parish Priest at least 6 months prior to the intended wedding date and participate in the prescribed marriage preparation process of the Diocese of La Crosse.

Sacrament of Anointing Those who are seriously ill or scheduled for surgery are asked to contact the office and Father.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pray4me@tcc.coop, this is an email that our parish is sponsoring through S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic Community. We will put the prayer intentions of anyone who sends them in our weekly prayers of the faithful at our weekend Masses.

OFFICE HOURS/
BULLETIN INFORMATION

SSPP	SJA
Tue. & Thurs.	Mon. & Wed.
9:00 am—2:30 pm	

If you are away from the parish, you can access our bulletin at www.4apostles.org/wp/home/weekly-bulletins. Please submit anything you wish published or inserted to the bulletin by Wednesday at 12:00 pm for that weekend's publication. Early deadlines will be announced in the bulletin. **MEMBERS OF BOTH PARISHES — PLEASE NOTE: ALL** bulletin announcements should be submitted to Laura in the parish office. Please call 715-985-2227 (SSPP) or 715-538-4607 (SJA). Announcements may also be emailed to: parishinfo@tcc.coop. Thank you.

THE PASTORS' CAPRICE

Just around the corner are many activities for the parish and school. So it has come time to do another "announcements and save the dates" style bulletin letter. Each activity is an opportunity for us to come together for good faithful conversation and joy. The secondary benefit is, of course, the financial support given to each on the programs. So I do thank you for considering the following dates and setting them aside for the good of all who are touched by your generosity of time and support.

Saturday, January 13 from 5 - 7 pm: Taste of Italy. The annual Italian Bistro is returning to the church basement. Come and enjoy the great ambiance as well as the wonderful spaghetti supper made by members of our youth ministry team from St. John the Apostle and SS Peter and Paul Parishes. This year members of the Home and School Association are joining in the service for the benefit of the school as well.

Friday, February 2 at 10:00 am: 50th Anniversary Mass with Bishop William Callahan. The conclusion of Catholic Schools Week will honor the 50th Anniversary of our new school building with a special Mass. All are invited to join us for the Mass and the gathering in the school afterward. Please let us know in the school office if you are planning to attend the Mass and meal.

Saturday, February 17 from 5:30 - 10:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Valentine's Gala. Join the Knights for an evening of wonderful food, good camaraderie and, of course, the ice cream drinks. This is a good way to shake off the winter cold in a warm setting.

Friday, February 23 from 7 - 9 pm: The annual Trivia contest gathers us in mind and heart. Challenge your knowledge and strengthen your heart for the mission of the church. Our Lady of Guadalupe High School in Uganda will receive the next group of pilgrims this June. The Trivia Night proceeds will go to support the ongoing work of education in the village of Busolo.

— **Fr. Woody**

The Greek word Epiphany means *appearance* or *manifestation*. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the feast is the commemoration of the baptism of Christ where the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah, and at Cana he revealed his Divinity by transforming water into wine. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany. (a) The first gift might be friendship with God. After all, the whole point of Christmas is that God's Son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God wants our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion. (b) A second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The good news, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings. (c) A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience. (d) The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God. It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from the heart our gifts of worship, prayer, singing, possessions, and time. As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them! Like the Magi offering their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we offer what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us - Himself.

— **Fr. Kennedy**

ROME PILGRIMAGE

Join us for a 10-day pilgrimage to Rome (September 19-29, 2018) to witness the Deacon Ordination of Brandon Guenther (SS Peter and Paul Parish, Independence) and Ethan Hokamp (Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, Wisconsin Rapids). The Mass of Ordination will take place September 27, 2018 at St. Peter's Basilica. Pilgrims will also visit the House of Loretto from the childhood of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, the site of the Eucharistic Miracle at Lanciano, and places important in the lives of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare and St. (Padre) Pio. The cost of the pilgrimage, \$3,399.00 (plus \$512.00 for single occupancy hotel rooms), includes Roundtrip airfare, hotel, two meals per day, and many other tour services including professional sightseeing guides. Detailed brochures are available in church through the parish office. If you have further questions or would like to register, please contact SS Peter and Paul Parish office at 715 985-2227, ext. 2 or e-mail us at parishinfo@4apostles.org

FYI—If you previously indicated that you want to go on the Rome trip—the brochures and registration forms are in the mail. If you don't receive yours by Tues. or Wed., please contact the SSPP rectory office at 985-2227.