

January 27 & 28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus teaches with authority.

When Jesus and the disciples come to Capernaum in today's Gospel, the people in the synagogue are astonished. His teaching is different from that of the scribes: Jesus taught as one having authority. The word authority comes from roots implying self-doing or even self-being. One acting with authority acts with his own power.

The rabbis, Pharisees, and scribes would have carefully and consistently explained that their teaching stood on the foundation of the word of God in the prophets. Their teaching had power only to exhort, and only because it pointed beyond themselves back to the very power of God. They had no authority themselves; they were not authors, only teachers pointing back to what God had already said.

But Jesus taught as one having authority – having power of his own. Not only is this different from the teaching of the scribes, but this is also different from the teaching of the prophets themselves. Moses, speaking for God, tells the people in the first reading: I will raise up for them a prophet ... and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. The prophets speak the words of God, not their own. Even to prophesy in this way was a great risk. Anyone who dared to speak in the name of the Lord something that God did not command risked death for blasphemy – a penalty imposed by God himself through Moses in today's first reading.

And so, Jesus teaching with authority is astonishing indeed! Everything changes with Jesus' entry into human history. When Jesus speaks, God acts. This is a reversal of the action from the era of the prophets. With the prophets, it was God who spoke first, and the prophet then acted on God's command – often speaking God's words to the people. But, in Jesus, we have God's word present in human flesh. And when he teaches, his words themselves have power to act. The command of Jesus to the unclean spirit is no mere exhortation, it is not a request or an appeal to some higher authority. The words of Jesus, Quiet! Come out of him! actually cause the spirit to come out.

This is true of all the words of Jesus. In other Gospel passages Jesus says, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be (Jn 14:3); and Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Mt 11:28). These are not empty promises; they have authority. Let us then put our trust in him – in the God who so loves us that he sent his only Son to speak and act on our behalf, on behalf of our salvation. We can then be free of anxieties about things of this world because when Jesus speaks, God acts. This is astonishing indeed.

Into the Deep: Pastorate 7 New Name

The Bishop asked that each pastorate submit three pastorate names for consideration by Ash Wednesday. **A consensus has been reached to submit the following three names: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, St. John Paul II Parish, and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish with an honorable mention of St. Isidore Parish.**

Father Paul is now requesting YOUR help... he would like to hear from our parishioners as to what their vote would be for a new pastorate name. If you haven't voted online through the Flocknote email sent out last Saturday, January 17, you can still vote there. If you do not have a computer you can call the office at 608-985-7558 and leave your ranked vote, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place choices of the names above in bold print.

We have just over a month before our submission deadline, so we keep the voting open until Friday, February 9th at 9:00 am.

If you would like to receive Flocknote emails, please contact the office at 608-985-7558 and we will put you on our email list.

(Flocknote is a system we use to email all our parishioners at once. It is free and your names and email addresses are never sold. You will get notification emails or texts about such things as closings, events, and announcements.)



February 14, 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Holy Family, LaValle	Pastorate 7
9:15 AM - Mass	
Sacred Heart, Reedsburg	
8:15 AM - School Mass 6:00 PM - Mass	
Saint Cecilia, Wisconsin Dells	+
8:15 AM - Mass 6:00 PM - Mass	
Saint Joseph, Baraboo	
8:15 AM - School Mass 6:00 PM - Mass	

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**Holy Angels Parish
Masses This Week**

- Tue 1/30 **Holy Family** 9:00 am Adoration
- Fri 2/2 **Holy Family** 9:15 am Mass-Duane Moseley
With Hospitality following Mass
Holy Family 10:00 am Confessions
- Sat 2/3 **Our Lady of Refuge Chapel, Sacred Heart Million of Monicas** 9:00 am-Reflection: Believing in God's Power
Holy Family 3:00 pm Confessions
Holy Family 4:00 pm Mass-For the Members of Holy Angels Parish and for all the Pastorate 7 Family of Faith

2024 Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal Begins, Please Make a Generous Pledge

Parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the ministries of the Diocese of Madison. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge payable over 6-months to the appeal. Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide for many ministries, education and services throughout the Diocese. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.

First Friday Hospitality, this Friday, February 2, 2024, following 9:15 am Mass, at Holy Angels. Upstairs in the kitchen area of Holy Angels, Holy Family worship site. All welcome!

Holy Habit: Reconciliation

Has it been a while since you celebrated the love and mercy of God through the sacrament of reconciliation?

Confession is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses against God and against your sisters and brothers. Confession brings reconciliation between God and the penitent, between the penitent and others, and to the individual penitent.

The penance the priest gives you, takes into account your personal situation and supports your spiritual good. It may be a prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service, or sacrifice; whatever the penance, the individual is joined in some way to Christ and the cross. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, will absolve you from your sins.

Come and feel God's love and mercy. Confession at Holy Angels is at 3:00 pm, before Saturday Mass and following 9:15 am mass on Fridays.

Parish Support 1/20/2024

Envelopes & EFT	1501.10
Offertory	224.00
Building Maint.	110.00
Initial Offering	4.00
The Word	10.00
Total	\$1849.10

Please pick up your 2023 Contribution Statements in your mailbox at Holy Family.

Thank you.

"Accumulating material goods is not enough to live well, because life does not depend on what we possess (cf. Lk 12:15). Life depends on good relationships: with God, with others, and also with those who have less."

~Pope Francis

"The basic message God wants to convey by a covenant, then, can be stated simply: 'I love you. I am committed to you. I swear that I will never forsake you. You are mine and I am yours. I am your father, and you are my family.' How astonishing that the Creator has such profound love for his creatures!"

Scott Hahn
*A Father Who Keeps His Promises
~Dynamic Catholic

Healing from Abortion

Whether recent or many years ago... Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer hope and peace for anyone, women or men who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain after abortion. Upcoming retreat: March 15-17. Confidential. Contact Mary: rachel@madisondiocese.org or 608-821-3177. Visit: www.madisondiocese.org/rachel

St. Luke Fish Fry Friday, February 2, 2024

Serving from 5:00—8:00 pm. Served Family style with Carry outs available. Bake Sale sponsored by Faith Formation. All welcome!

You will want to make plans to attend St. Joseph's, Baraboo Delicious Shrimp and Fish Fry, February 9, 2024, 4:00-7:00 pm or while supplies last! Dine in or carryout.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have called us to be Your one Church.

Make us one in our faith and hope, and one in our loving service.

Make us one in worship and daily living.

Send Your Spirit to make us one Body united by prayer and the Eucharist.

Grant us understanding, patience, and compassion, that we may be one as You and the Father are one.

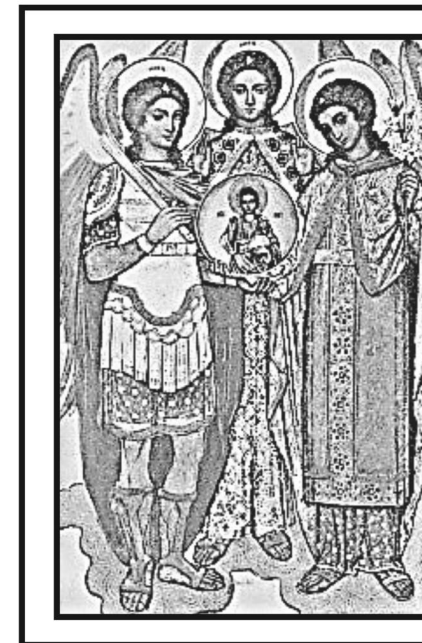
And give us each day the grace to carry out Your mission of building up the one Body of Christ.

Amen

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Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday
Confession 3:00 pm Holy Family, La Valle
Mass 4:00 pm Holy Family, La Valle

Weekday Mass Schedule
Friday
Confession 8:30 am Holy Family
Mass 9:15 am Holy Family, La Valle



Sacraments

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