

January 6 & 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

We are meant to reflect and shine the light of Christ to the world.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord – the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to the whole world. Isaiah had prophesied that nations would walk by God’s light, gathering under his radiance. He spoke of caravans from Midian and Ephah and Sheba coming to praise God, bringing gold and frankincense.

We are the new Jerusalem of which Isaiah speaks – our light has come and the glory of the Lord shines upon us, manifested in the infant Jesus. There is great joy in these words: Our Redeemer has come. The long-awaited Messiah is revealed to us, bringing salvation and peace.

But there is also a challenge in Isaiah’s words, and in the revelation of Jesus Christ. If nations shall walk by your light, as Isaiah says, that means we must be lit up. We must be strikingly different from the darkness [that] covers the earth. Our very lives should offer a contrast to the norms of our culture.

As members of the Church, we are called to bear light into the darkness of all the earth. To bring light to the widow across the street who is lonely. To bring light to our child’s teacher who is bearing the weight of personal struggles on top of the work of education. To bring light to our brother who is struggling in his marriage. Whatever the darkness around us, we are called to rise up in splendor!

But how can we answer such a call, when we might be struggling with darkness of our own?

The Lord tells us: Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. Jesus Christ has come to earth to dwell with us. The Light of the World was born in Bethlehem and has united himself with our humanity: Upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.

We do not have to produce this light. We must receive Jesus, the Light of the World. Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be a light to others.

Jesus our Light is speaking to us in this liturgy, giving himself to us in this Eucharistic feast. We are, like the moon, simply called to reflect the light that is poured out on us so lavishly. Let us offer this King of Light our treasures today, and prepare our hearts to receive all the gifts he pours out on us in this Blessed Sacrament.

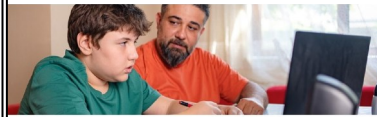
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Holy Angels has a new website where you can find the bulletins, announcements, and many other things. Please visit it at: holyangelslavalley.org



Diocese of Madison Safe Haven Sunday
 Every year our Diocese observes “Safe Haven Sunday,” when we focus on the dangers of unrestricted internet use and the abundance of problematic content. Last week’s QR codes did not take people to the correct site. Use these QR codes:



Safe Haven Sunday
 *Equipping Families
 *Safeguarding Children

Keep Your Kids Safe

Parents bear the primary responsibility for educating and safeguarding their children. Scan this QR code for more information and tips on how to protect your kids:



Reach Out for Help

If you desire additional support, including referrals to local counselors, please visit the Office of Marriage & Family website, where you can also contact us directly:



Overcome Temptation

Many adult men and women face temptation on a daily basis. If you need help with that struggle, scan this QR code:



Heal Your Marriage

Most married couples need healing in one way or another. If you need that for your marriage, scan this QR code:



Millions of Monicas runs every Saturday from 9:00-10:00 am in Our Lady of Refuge Chapel at Sacred Heart. It is a beautiful time of prayer and reflection where, as St. Monica did, we lift our children, husbands, friends up in prayer. Those who are not practicing their faith, we pray for them to return to their faith and return to the Church.

Reflection for this Saturday, January 13:
 Worshiping Christ
 For more information please visit www.millionsofmonicas.com and/or feel free to email rbrenner@shcreedsburg.org.

Sauk Co. Chapter Right to Life: Please join us for our annual “Rally for Life” at the Sauk County Courthouse, east grounds, from 3:00-3:30 pm, on Friday, January 19, 2024. Rose Bingham, of the Sauk County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life, will give a short talk and then we will peacefully march around the square in support of life from conception until natural death.

Epiphany Meditation: In our highly specialized culture, decision making is often based on one source or the perspective of one set of experts. The next time you need to decide something, borrow the magi’s spirit and seek information from multiple sources and disciplines. Avoid rushing to judgement and allow yourself time and space for the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

Prayer: God of wisdom, when I must make a judgment in my personal, professional, or spiritual life, give me the courage to investigate widely and the confidence to listen for your voice.

Holy Angels Parish Masses This Week

Tue 1/9 **Holy Family** 9:00 am Adoration
 Fri 1/12 **Holy Family** 9:15 am Mass-Phil Kinsman
Holy Family 10:00 am Confessions
 Sat 1/13 **Holy Family** 3:00 pm Confessions
Holy Family 4:00 pm Mass-Mary Quigley



The Epiphany of the Lord

In many Nativity Scenes the Three Wise Men symbolize the three ages and three races of mankind.

Youth – Prime of Life – Old Age
 Caspar – From Africa – Myrrh – Youth
 Melchior - From Europe - Gold – Old Age
 Balthazar – From Asia – Frankincense – Prime of Life

Our Tradition of the Epiphany Blessing of the Home

This is an old custom of marking a house blessing that occurs each year on the feast of the Epiphany. It is a way of recalling the visit of the Magi to the Christ child; it is a symbol of the manifestation that salvation is for all the nations. The traditional method for blessing homes this day using chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made) and “Jordan water.”

Epiphany Door Blessing:
Say the blessing while marking your door
20 + C + M + B + 24

“In this year of our Lord, 2024,
(Write the 20 and 24 above the door at each end of the door.
So there is enough space to write the rest of the blessing)
May all who come through this door
from the North, South, East, and West
(add in the four crosses)
walk in the footsteps of the Wise men,
Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
(Write in the C, M, and B)
May they seek the Lord, and find Him here.
Christus Mansionum Benedicat! Christ Bless This House!”

Parish Support 12/30/2023

Envelopes & EFT	2065.00
Offertory	278.00
Building Maint.	15.00
New Years	90.00
Bless Our Priests	25.00
Total	\$2473.00

Thank you.

Save the Date! Pastorate 7 Youth Fundraiser, Saturday, January 27. Get your team together!

“We entrust the new year to the Mother of God. May we consecrate our lives to her. In her tenderness, she knows how to reveal its fullness, because she will lead us to Jesus, the fullness of time, of all ages. May this year be filled with the Lord’s consolation.

~Pope Francis

Sacred Heart Mobile Food Pantry
Thursday, January 18
VFW 200 Veterans Drive, Parking lot
Pickup Time: 4:00 pm until food is gone.

This will be drive-through. All persons in need of food are welcome. Food will be placed in vehicle trunks. Sponsored and Serviced by:



St. Joseph, Baraboo
Fish fry Friday,
 January 12, 2024, 4:00-7:00 pm or while supplies last! Dine in or carryout.



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January 20, 2024 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Sample many different varieties of chili and soup. Vote on your favorites. Hot dogs will also be served.

Adults: \$8.00
Children (5-10): \$5.00
Children 4 and under are free.
Family Rate for Families with 3 or more students under 16: \$30

There will also be a silent auction filled with many great baskets and items to bid on!

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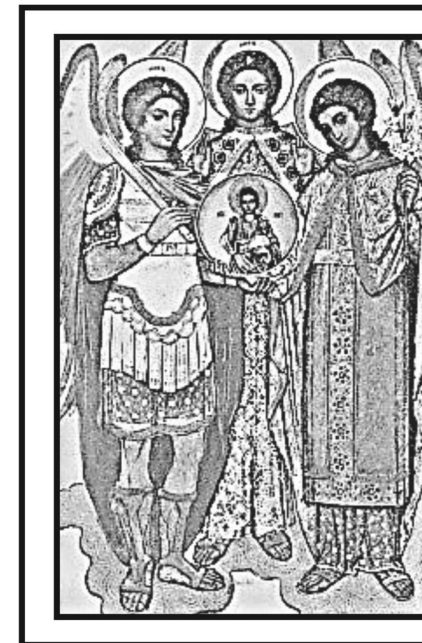
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Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday
Confession 3:00 pm Holy Family, La Valle
Mass 4:00 pm Holy Family, La Valle

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



Sacraments

In need of Baptism, Holy Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick, or any of the sacraments, please call the parish office at (608-985-7558) or email holyangels7558@gmail.com

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