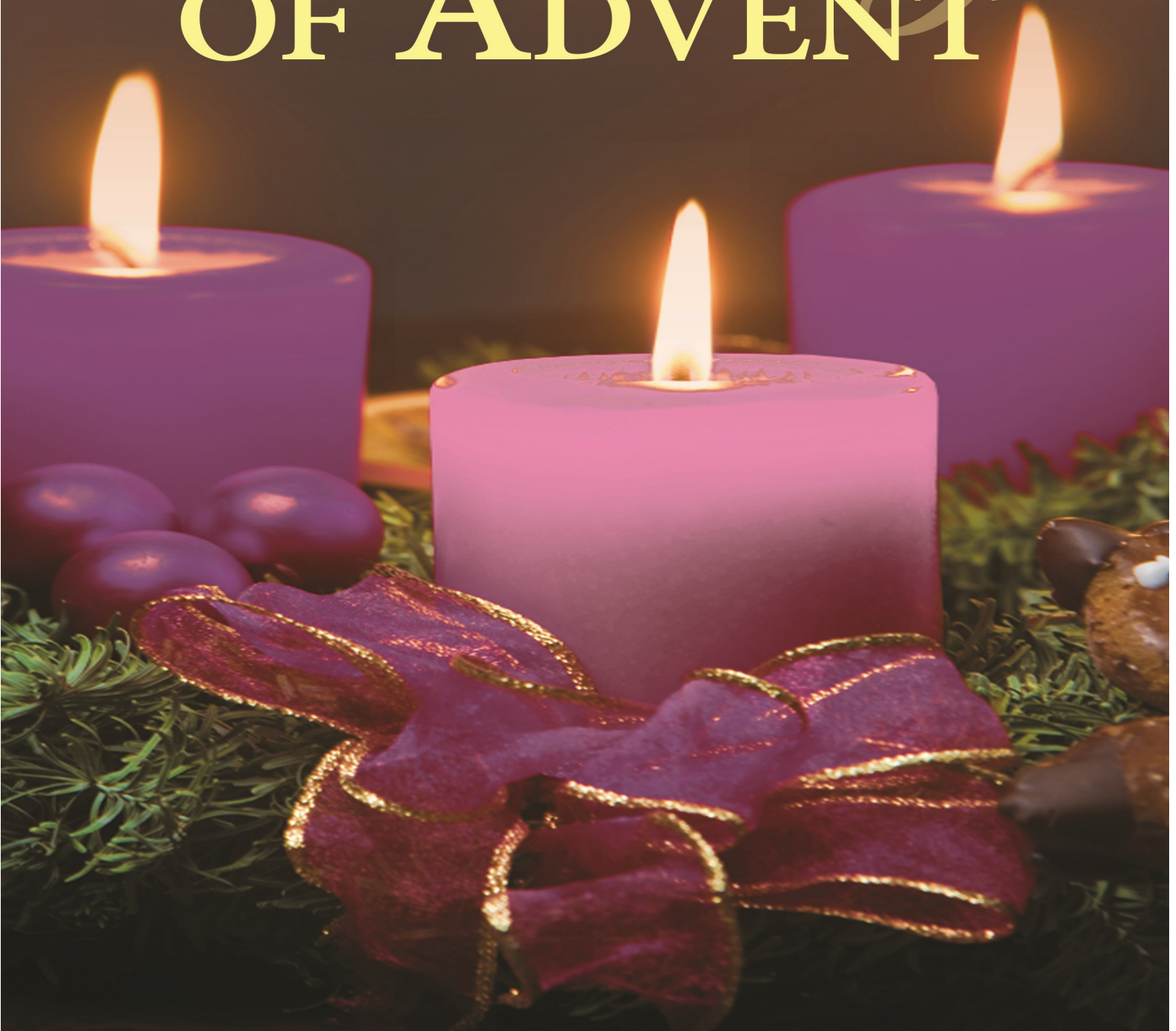


3<sup>rd</sup>

*Sunday*  
OF ADVENT



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Saturday, December 16**(Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17 9a, 10-13)

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Gerry Moseler by the Family

**Sunday, December 17**(Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—People with Special Needs by The Knights of Columbus

10:15 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

**Baptism of Jaxson Martin Jensen, son of Justin & Kristyn Jensen**

**11:15 AM—Church Decorating for Christmas**

**Monday, December 18**(Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25)

**No Services**

**Tuesday, December 19**(Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25)

7:00 AM-2:00 PM—Adoration (Church)

8:00 AM Mass—Kathy Jacobson by Angie Prince

5:00-6:00 PM—Tuesday's Table Meal (Charles Hall)

6:00-7:00 PM—Advent Eucharistic Adoration

7:15 PM—Parish Counsel Meeting (Friendship House)

**Wednesday, December 20**(Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)

8:00 AM Mass—Living & Deceased Members of the Kettner Family  
by Joe & Joyce Kettner

5:30 PM—Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Parish Center CR)

5:30-6:30 PM—Religious Education Grades 1-5 (Parish Center)

6:00-7:30 PM—Religious Education Middle School (Parish Center)

**Thursday, December 21**(Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)

2:00 PM—Mass at The Neighbors (Green Building)

Bernard Lehmann by Eric & Rebecca Reuter

**Friday, December 22**(1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)

**No School**

9:00 AM Mass—Lori Ann Larson by Dale & Lorelee Binkowski

**Saturday, December 23**(Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Sharon Register by Nick & Nina Neeman

**Sunday, December 24**(2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38)

**4th Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

9:00 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

**Christmas Masses:**

4:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass

8:00 PM Christmas Mass

**Monday December 25**

12:00 AM Midnight Christmas Mass

9:30 AM Christmas Mass

## SACRAMENTS

# Congratulations on your Baptism

## Jaxson Martin Jensen

son of Justin and Kristyn

## ADVENT EVENTS

Let Every Heart  
Prepare Him Room



ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH  
MUSIC, SCRIPTURE, REFLECTION,  
AND BENEDICTION

DECEMBER 19TH  
6 PM - 7 PM

## WE ARE HIRING!

DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS  
AND

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please visit our website for more details.

[www.menomoniecatholic.org/employment](http://www.menomoniecatholic.org/employment)



Thank you Pleasant Valley Tree Farm and the Scharlau Family  
for again donating the Christmas trees and greenery that  
make our church beautiful for Christmas!

## WEEKLY REFLECTION BY FR. MANO

I think I forgot to tell you all that I will be going home to visit my family after Christmas. Yes, I went home in May for my nephew's wedding, so I thought I didn't have to go home this winter. But my mom insists that I should come home. I may not be obedient to my Bishop in India, but I am always obedient to my parents. So, I will be leaving right after Christmas and planning to come back at the end of January. May I request your prayers for my travel and for my family. I haven't started my shopping though. My nieces won't be happy if I don't go shopping.

One of the most common & natural styles of engaging in a conversation with a stranger is getting to 'know more' about the person. It includes getting to know their name, occupations, and their interests and likings. Some Priests and Levites came to John the Baptist to ask, "Who are you?" John the Baptist was quite clear and convinced of the answer to this question. He admitted that he was not the Messiah. He admitted that he was not Elijah. He admitted that he was not the Prophet. He testified that he was the voice crying in the desert. He testified that the One coming after him was ranking ahead of him. A deep conviction of 'who he was' guided all the actions of John the Baptist.

Do we possess such kind of a deep and anchored conviction in our Christian Life? Life often throws this question to us – Who are you? When we face emotional crises in our relationships and social interactions, we are encountered with this question, deep within us. When things in life do not go the way we wished or expected and somehow the future appears bleak, we are encountered with this question, deep within us. Failing to find an answer to this question can sometimes plunge us into a deep struggle, make us fear life and people, and crush our hopes and aspirations.

Yes, life will at many times, throw this question at us. St. John the Baptist challenges us not to get disturbed when we are faced with this provoking question in life. Our faith, hope, courage, and strength ought to be Jesus. We ought to say that 'I am God's Child' and in this is my true identity. I am the witness to the True Light and in this is my true role in life. I am a Voice in the wilderness and in this is my Christian duty and obligation.

With St. Paul, let us also exult, as he exhorts us: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit!" (1 Thess 5:16-19)

## SPIRITUAL NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

THE PERFECT  
NEW YEAR  
RESOLUTION

ALL ARE WELCOME,  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

### Bible Study

Come study the Gospel of Mark!

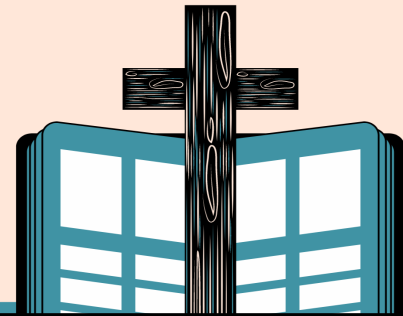
BEGINS JANUARY 9TH

MONDAYS AT 6 PM  
OR TUESDAYS AT 10 AM

RSVP TODAY

NICKI.WELSCH@MENOMONIECATHOLIC.ORG

Meet new people and gain a deeper understanding of God's word to help apply scriptural truth to your everyday life!



## FORMED

THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**

Week of December 17, 2023



Agape/Love | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.



Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About | Brother Francis

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

## PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW)

### THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

The 30th annual Cookie Walk was a great success. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talent to create the beautiful array of homemade goodies.

Big thanks to all of the volunteers who helped in the kitchen arranging the platters for sale, the cashiers, and our greeters. The smiles, laughter, and reminiscing was contagious and it all moved like a well choreographed dance.

We welcome your comments and/or suggestions so we can keep the cookie Walk a continuing success.

Linda Young, Chair 715-505-3777 or

[linda.lu.young@gmail.com](mailto:linda.lu.young@gmail.com)

Liz Robinson, previous Chair

The Cookie Walk Committee: Karen Brunner, Marianne Canon, Dixie Chermack, Fran Frank, Roxie Lamb, Cindy Marach, Pat Preston, Rita Ulesich, and Maria Varsho




### Women of faith transforming the world through prayer and action.

As we come to the end of 2023, I would like to remind All ladies of St. Joseph Parish that you are a member of St. Joseph PCCW whether or not you attend meetings or pay dues. Our vision of Hope is that we may all share our talents for the Greater Honor and Glory of God. All women of our parish are invited to participate as their time and abilities allow. The parish would like to reserve the last Saturday of the month for the PCCW to be Eucharistic Ministers for the 4pm mass each month. Please help us fill the cup and plate positions on Dec. 30th, and for each last Saturday mass in the coming months of 2024. Contact Linda Young at 715-505-3777 or email [linda.lu.young@gmail.com](mailto:linda.lu.young@gmail.com) to volunteer and identify the position you'd like to participate in.


Blessings to you all,  
Karen Brunner  
PCCW President




## SAVE THE DATE



**save the date**  
**06.07.24**

 **EUCCHARISTIC RALLY**  
**LA CROSSE CENTER**

Registration Opens December 15



**THE ANSWER IS THE EUCHARIST.**  
**THE EUCHARIST IS JESUS.**

Eucharistic Procession with **BISHOP CALLAHAN & BISHOP BARRON**

Inspiring speakers: **CHRIS STEFANICK, IMMACULÉE ILLIBAGIZA** and more

Music by the **LUKE SPEHAR BAND**

Join Us! **DIOLC.ORG/THE-ANSWER**

St Joe's is working on funding to provide a bus to transport parishioners to this event. Stay tuned for more information in future bulletins.

## WISH LIST

### PARISH & SCHOOL WISH LIST

Contact the parish center for information about an item, or to donate toward a purchase. **THANK YOU!**

School:

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Adjustable Height Student Desk- (2) \$ 158.00

Parish:

Transportation to Eucharistic Rally \$1,100.00

## STEWARDSHIP

### FINANCE REPORT

July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024

#### OFFERTORY for December 10—Week 24

<b>Adult Envelope Donations</b>	<b>\$ 15,102.75</b>
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$ 11,731.00</b>
<b>Over Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$ 3,371.75</b>

<b>Plate</b>	<b>\$ 790.76</b>
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<b>Year-to-Date Total</b>	<b>\$258,098.16</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Goal</b>	<b>\$281,544.00</b>
<b>Under Yearly Goal</b>	<b>\$(23,445.84)</b>

#### **Diocesan Annual Appeal:**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$ 67,860.00</b>
<b>Pledged/Received</b>	<b>\$ 21,655.00</b>

—THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING—

# Eucharistic Miracle of DAROCA

SPAIN, 1239



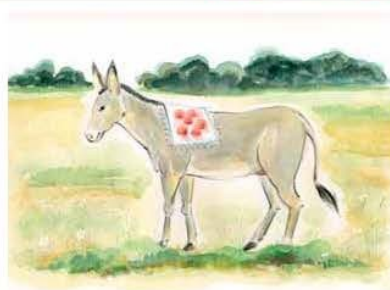
The Eucharistic miracle of Daroca was verified shortly before one of the numerous battles sustained by the Spanish against the Moors. The Christian commanders asked the priest in the field to celebrate Mass, but a few minutes after the consecration, an improvised enemy attack obliged the priest to suspend the Mass and hide the consecrated Hosts amid the lines of the celebration. The Spanish left the battle victorious and the commanders asked the priest to communicate the Hosts previously consecrated. However, they were found completely covered in Blood. Even today, it is possible to venerate the blood-stained linens.



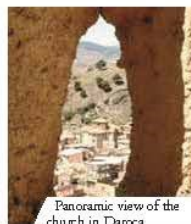
Relic of one of the two blood-stained corporals preserved in the church of Daroca



Carta de Chiva document describing the miracle, preserved at the collegiate church



Frescoes in the Chapel of Santa Hijuela, Carboneras



Panoramic view of the church in Daroca



The Holy Hijuela (Pall) is one of the corporals of the miracle and is preserved at Carboneras



Ancient reproductions of the miracle from the 16th Century



In 1239, the Christian cities of Daroca, Teruel and Calatayud (in Aragon) allied themselves to reconquer the walls of the castle of Chio Luchente. The chaplain Don Mateo Martínez, of Daroca, celebrated the Holy Mass before the first battle, during which having consecrated six Hosts designated for Communion for the six captains that led the troops: Don Jiménez Pérez, Don Fernando Sánchez, Don Pedro, Don Raimundo, Don Guillermo and Don Simone Carroz. An improvised attack of the enemy obliged the chaplain to immediately suspend the Mass, and coil the six consecrated Hosts in the corporal and to hide them under a rock. The enemy troops had been forced back and the commanders begged the priest to be able to receive Communion in thanksgiving for the obtained victory. Don Mateo brought them to

the place where he had hidden the corporal and they found the Hosts drenched in Blood. The commanders interpreted this event as a great sign of predilection on the part of God and of good auspices. They received Communion and tied the blood-stained corporal to a spear to make a banner. Like this, they brought the banner in battle against the walls and with this banner they reconquered the Castle of Chio obtaining a miraculous victory.

*This triumph* was attributed to the Eucharistic miracle. The six commanders went to all the different regions of Spain and each of them began to maintain that the corporal must go into each city. This began an open discussion. Three times, the city of Daroca was chosen to be the custodial place of the miracle. They arrived

at a compromise. They decided to place the corporal on the back of a mule to be left to wander freely: the city where the mule would stop would be the place chosen by the Divine Will to be custodian of the corporal. The mule traveled for 12 days, walking about 200 miles, until, exhausted. It collapsed in front of the Church of Saint Mark in Daroca. Following this, a church dedicated to Our Lady was constructed along with a precious reliquary where, even today, it is possible to venerate the blood-stained corporal.

# Eucharistic Miracle of DAROCA

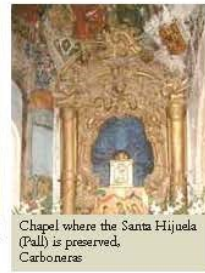
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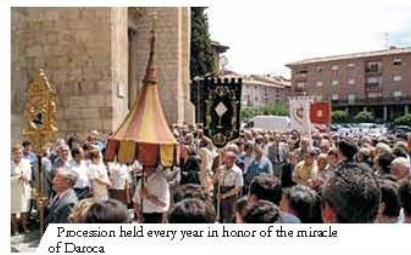
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Main altar of the church of Daroca



Chapel where the Santa Hijuela (Pall) is preserved, Carboneras



Procession held every year in honor of the miracle of Daroca



Santa Maria Basilica, Daroca



Interior of the church



Chapel of Los Corporales



Ancient pictures depicting the miracle



Wall paintings in the Chapel of Los Corporales describing the miracle

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**St. Joseph Parish | 910 Wilson Ave. | Menomonie, WI**

**Parish Center Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

**Phone:** 715.232.4922 | **Fax:** 715.232.4923 | **After hours for Anointing of the Sick or emergencies call Fr. Mano** 608.780.8237  
**Mass:** Sat 4:00 PM; Sun 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM; Tues & Wed 8:00 AM; Fri 9 AM | **Pastor:** John S. Muthu Vijayan (Fr. Mano)  
**Adoration in Church:** Tuesdays 7:00 AM-3:00 PM | **Private Confession in Church:** Sat 3:00 PM, Sun 5:15 PM

**Pastor:** Fr. Mano, [fr.mano@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:fr.mano@menomoniecatholic.org)

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**Choice Program:** Maribeth Hartung, [maribeth.hartung@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:maribeth.hartung@menomoniecatholic.org)

### Join Our Parish Community:

Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on "Join Our Parish" at : [MenomonieCatholic.org](http://MenomonieCatholic.org).

### St. Joseph Grade School:

Serving children 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We are a 4K program site and a Wisconsin Parental Choice Program school. Registration for the school year is ongoing. Contact Principal Mary Kiefer with questions or to set up a tour.

### Baptisms:

Contact Nicki Welsch for information and to schedule a baptism.

### Weddings:

Contact the Parish Center at least 6 months before your wedding to set up a meeting with Fr. Mano and begin preparation.

The **Parish Finance Council** consists of appointed members who work with the pastor and act justly and prudently in formation and administration of the parish's financial policies, budget and long range planning.

#### Finance Council Members

Fr. Mano  
 Karen Adams  
 Tammy Christianson  
 Larry Feiler  
 John Heike  
 Jeff Krumenauer *Chairperson*  
 Shirley Riedmann

The **Parish Pastoral Council** is a consultative body to the pastor with elected and appointed members to help define, plan, prioritize, and carry out the mission of our parish.

#### Pastoral Council Members

Debra Berends  
 John Heike  
 Jason Horzewski *Chairperson*  
 Laura Knudsen  
 Shirley Riedmann  
 Linda Young  
 Duane Zweber

### Knights of Columbus:

Catholic men age 17 ½ and older are invited to join the Knights. Scan this QR code with a smartphone/tablet. Enter your info and you will be contacted by a local member. Or contact Michael Kasten, Grand Knight at [KC2055GK@gmail.com](mailto:KC2055GK@gmail.com).



## PARISH PRAYER REQUEST

### Remembering Our Faithful Departed:

As a parish family we remember in our prayers those who have died most recently, their families, and loved ones. May those who have died in Christ now share in His Resurrection:

**Agnes Stipetich**  
**Jim Swanson**  
**Ron Jordan**  
**Robert Heagle**  
**Margaret Walsh**  
**Margaret Fuchs (mother of Anita Hendrickson)**  
**Jan Jordan**  
**Jim Gauvin**  
**Robert Bendel (father of Chris Bendel)**  
**Norman Yaeger**  
**Sonja Doughty**  
**Lucas Varsho (son of Paul and Nancy)**

Contact the Parish Center to have someone from outside the parish remembered on this list.

### Parish Prayer Requests:

We pray for all in our community and in the world who are in need of comfort.

**THE MOST RECENT REQUESTS ARE LISTED BELOW.**

VISIT [MenomonieCatholic.org/prayer-list](http://MenomonieCatholic.org/prayer-list) FOR THE COMPLETE LIST.

**Mike Reid/**  
 (Friend of Jim Brandenburg)  
**Karen Dorow**  
**Arnie Bauer Jr.**  
**Kinleigh Richartz/**  
 (daughter of Corbin & Becky)  
**Mike Kasten**  
**Carolyn Krieger**  
**Alice Evenson**  
**Stevie**

**Ben Ramaeker/**  
 (son of Mike & Janice)  
**Vada Husby**  
**Nina Obradovich**  
**Ardis Ames/**  
 (sister of Joyce Kettner)  
**Darrell Berg/**  
 (friend of Wayne)  
**Ingeborg Von Eschen**  
**Susan Scott**  
**Al Klink**

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you love, contact the Parish Center.